

STARLAND COUNTY

COUNCIL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 9th, 2020

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held at the Administration Office in Morrin, Alberta on Wednesday, September 9th, 2020, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance Present: Reeve: Steve Wannstrom
Deputy Reeve: Bob Sargent
Councillors: Murray Marshall, John Rew and Jackie Watts
Staff: CAO Shirley Bremer
Assistant CAO Matthew Kreke

C20-187
Approval of Minutes

[C20-187] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the minutes of the August 19th, 2020 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Accounts

Councillor Marshall and Councillor Watts checked accounts with Administrative Assistant Laya Montgomery.

C20-188
Accounts

[C20-188] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that accounts (cheque no. 51158 to 51236 inclusive) totalling \$1,125,243.27 be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Financial Statements

Council was presented with the monthly financial statement for the month of August 2020.

C20-189
Financial Statements

[C20-189] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that the month end financial statement for the month of August 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CAO Report

Chief Administrative Officer Shirley Bremer reviewed the CAO Report with Council. Highlights of the report included the following:

- A water leak was experienced at the new building on August 30th with water trickling out of the ceiling tiles and onto the floor in the printer/reception area. Civic Plumbing was on-site the next day to fix the pipes and Chad from Eagle Builders also attended and made note of several deficiencies.
- Shirley attended a meeting with the new Minister of Municipal Affairs, Hon. Tracy Allard on Friday September 4th at the Stettler Community Hall. The message was more positive than has been given until now however there were no promises given and it is still likely that the assessment system is going to be changed though we don't know what form that might take.
- We are still working on many finishing touches on the new building such as signage, re-framing the old pictures and hanging some pictures from the new set taken by Cody earlier this year.

Attendance and PW Report

At 9:30 a.m. PW Supervisor Ken Menage attended the meeting and reviewed the PW Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- The PW Crew has been hauling and placing pit run, dam removal, helping with the inventory move and completing the new road on the east side of the new building.
- The Shop Crew have been working on approximately 25 pieces of equipment and driving trucks and helping with labour projects.
- Graders have been blading roads and working the re-gravel program as well as checking crowns and signs on rain days.
- Ken has been working on the new building parking, moving from the old shop and working on deficiencies in the new building.

Morton Pit Update PW Supervisor Ken Menage updated Council on the progress on the historical resources report that is a pre-requisite to the development of the Morton Pit. The final report has been received from Stantec Consulting and the results have been sent to the Provincial Government. We now have a scope of work required to complete a full historical resource mitigation study on the Morton Pit area. The area is broken down into 5 areas and prices are listed for each area. Ken advised that the vast majority of the gravel resource can be mined if area 5 is mitigated which would cost \$30,000.00 for Stantec to perform the study. This amount will be included in the 2021 capital budget.

Generator Hook-up Pricing Ken got pricing from four different companies to hook-up the new back-up generator to the new building. All prices came in over the original quote received from Phase 3 Electrical out of Red Deer.

**C20-190
Generator
Hook-up**

[C20-190] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that Starland County Contract with Phase 3 Electrical of Red Deer, Alberta to hook-up the new back-up generator to the new building for a maximum price of \$10,704.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Attendance At 10:20 a.m. MS Manager Glen Riep attended the meeting.

Municipal Stimulus Program Glen reviewed with Council a summary of the estimated costs for projects associated with the CLV water system which could be used for MSP funding. The first project is for the modification and relocation of the valley pump station to an above-ground location and the second project is for the replacement of the waterline coming out of the valley. Costs for the first project is estimated at \$539,000.00 and the second was estimated at \$296,000.00. Both projects are over Starland County's \$245,000.00 in allocated funding.

**C20-191
MSP Project
Tender and
Application**

[C20-191] MOVED BY REEVE WANNSTROM

that Starland County tender out the work associated with the replacement of the waterline flowing out of the Drumheller valley on the CLV regional system and apply for Alberta Municipal Stimulus Program funding for the project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Departure At 10:45 a.m. Ken departed from the meeting.

MS Report MS Manager Glen Riep reviewed the MS report with Council. Highlights of the report included:

- Rural water services have been installed to the Art Candy residence and the Willy Greenslade property. Both projects were completed using live tapping of the lines which allows the system to remain online and have no interruptions.
- The chlorine injection pump at the Midland Pump Station had to be

replaced as it had gone into complete failure. The replacement pump is now maintaining sufficient levels throughout the Starland system.

- The installation of the Haul-AI bin for the Rumsey transfer station is now ready to be installed after they made some alterations to the site by expanding the width of the area below the Transtor bin to allow the contractor enough room to place the bin during installation. The work will now allow for better drainage along the driveway.
- Glen is looking at changing our fire status to “Advisory Level” to restrict all controlled burning until after the crop is mostly completed. Our potential for wildfire is fairly high given the amount of available fuel at this time.

Aura Power Solar Project

An update was received from Aura Power on changes to their proposed Fox Coulee Solar Park. The changes will reduce the overall height of development with some solar modules now tracking the sun.

Handhills Wind AUC Update

An Alberta Utilities Commission hearing will be held virtually on September 17th, 2020 to review amendments to the BluEarth Hand Hills Wind Project. Individuals wishing to listen in can follow the distributed protocols for the virtual hearing.

Attendance and AFRRCS Radio Discussion

At 11:10 a.m. Peace Officer Gareth Thomas attended the meeting and reviewed with Council the key benefits for him to have a AFRRCS compatible radio and connection to the local officers also utilizing the system. The radio would give access to channels that are constantly being monitored by local officers and would also enable one button communication with no dead zones. Overall the system is far more robust than the current cell phone Gareth is using to contact support although the cost per radio is significant.

C20-192
AFRRCS Radio
And Installation

[C20-192] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that Starland County purchase a Tait Portable 762-870 MHz, 4-Key Scan Radio, complete with transition programming, from WCI Fleet Services in Edmonton for \$3,634.50 plus GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Departure

At 11:30 a.m. Glen departed from the meeting.

Peace Officer Report

Officer Thomas updated Council on his activities within the County over the last month. The main issue continues to be speeding and Gareth has spent more time on provincial highways looking for violations. Gareth also reviewed changes to the Administrative Penalties Act and changes to the Commercial Vehicle Weights and Dimension Regulation. Starland County will have to purchase a machine to facilitate e-ticketing based on the changes proposed.

Departure

At 11:50 a.m. Gareth departed from the meeting.

Attendance and Discussion on Ethelo Decisions

At 1:10 p.m. Finance Manager Judy Fazekas attended the meeting and discussed options for a public engagement process to be facilitated by Ethelo Decisions. She is proposing a public survey to gain feedback on potential changes to service levels and tax rates.

Departure

At 1:45 p.m. Judy departed from the meeting.

Assessment Model Review

The RMA has submitted several more documents rebutting claims that municipal taxes and spending are too high in rural Alberta. Starland County will also be issuing a letter to the new minister outlining Starland specific concerns.

CRMA District 2 Zone Meeting

The next CRMA District 2 Zone Meeting will be held via Zoom videoconference on Friday, October 2nd, at 10:00 a.m.

DDSF Proposal Councillor Sargent updated Council on the Drumheller and District Seniors Foundation proposal to pay for the demolition of the old hospital and reclamation of the site for future senior’s housing expansion. Council is concerned that the costs will lead to an uncertain benefit in the future and right now money is tight.

Council Committees All councillors present reported briefly on the committees to which they are appointed.

Council Communications Council Communications:
i) Prairie Land Public School Division re: board Highlights
ii) Message from RMA President Al Kemmere
iii) RMA re: Paul McLauchlin running for President of RMA
iv) Wheatland County Counselling Inc. re: Quarter 2 Reporting for 2020
v) Rural Municipalities of Alberta
 • Contact Newsletter (3 Issues)

C20-193 **[C20-193] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS**
Motion to
Proceed
In-Camera **that under the exemption granted by Section 16, Division 2, Part 1 and 2 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Personal Privacy Act Reeve Wannstrom, Deputy Reeve Sargent and Councillors Watts, Rew and Marshall along with Staff Bremer and Kreke proceed with the meeting In-Camera at 1:59 p.m.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Attendance At 2:01 p.m. Stuart Gibson and Brad Likuski of Prairie Provident Resources attended the meeting.

Departure At 2:30 p.m. the delegation from Prairie Provident Resource departed from the meeting.

Attendance At 2:31 p.m. Rob Matiko of Taqa North attended the meeting.

Departure At 3:20 p.m. the delegation from Taqa North departed from the meeting.

Departure At 3:25 p.m. staff Bremer and Kreke departed from the meeting.

Attendance At 3:50 p.m. staff Bremer and Kreke attended the meeting.

C20-194 **[C20-194] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW**
Motion to
Proceed Out of
In-Camera **that the meeting proceed out of In-Camera at 3:51 p.m.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Accounts Accounts - see prior motion.

EAST CENTRAL GAS CO-OP LTD.	CK# 51158	151.67
SHIPPERS SUPPLY	CK# 51159	2,651.25
Sub-Total:	\$	2,802.92
LAPP	CK# 51160	20,441.20
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 51161	42,692.70
Sub-Total:	\$	63,133.90
A.H. GRADER SERVICE LTD.	CK# 51162	14,553.00
A.P.I. ALARM INC.	CK# 51163	220.50
ABACUS DATAGRAPHICS	CK# 51164	1,260.00

ACKLANDS-GRAINER INC.	CK# 51165	141.55
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.	CK# 51166	2,868.86
AIR LIQUIDE CANADA INC.	CK# 51167	402.98
ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF CPOS	CK# 51168	350.00
ALTA-WEST	CK# 51169	2,698.50
ALTAGAS UTILITIES INC.	CK# 51170	734.24
ARN'S EQUIPMENT LTD.	CK# 51171	417.30
ATCO STRUCTURES & LOGISTICS LTD.	CK# 51172	4,076.38
AUTO VALUE PARTS – DRUMHELLER	CK# 51173	591.66
BARRON, FRANCIS	CK# 51174	1,013.63
BEARCOM CANADA CORP.	CK# 51175	2,218.50
BROWNLEE LLP	CK# 51176	14,945.38
CHINOOK PUMPS LTD.	CK# 51177	3,845.40
CINTAS CANADA LIMITED	CK# 51178	1,456.05
DIGITAL CONNECTION INC.	CK# 51179	300.71
DIGITEX CANADA INC.	CK# 51180	400.40
DRUMHELLER SOLID WASTE	CK# 51181	7,108.79
DRUMHELLER CHRYSLER	CK# 51182	68.41
DRUMHELLER EQUIPMENT SALES	CK# 51183	214.33
EAGLE BUILDERS LP	CK# 51184	645,543.15
ENMAX	CK# 51185	9,982.90
FRESON BROS DRUMHELLER	CK# 51186	131.13
GANGSTER ENTERPRISES	CK# 51187	1,555.65
GFL ENVIRONMENTAL INC.	CK# 51188	504.00
INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICE, INC.	CK# 51189	648.21
GREATWEST KENWORTH LTD.	CK# 51190	1,067.99
HENRY KROEGER REGIONAL WATER	CK# 51191	19,547.95
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 51192	719.17
HODGE BROTHERS TRUCKING LTD.	CK# 51193	2,254.09
HODGE, ROGER	CK# 51194	1,172.13
HYDRODIG CANADA INC.	CK# 51195	3,131.63
IMAGE CRAFTER SIGNS INC.	CK# 51196	821.10
O/A J.C. INDUSTRIES LTD.	CK# 51197	20,790.00
JERRY'S LOCK & KEY SERVICE	CK# 51198	457.14
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 51199	297.04
MARSHALL, RAMSAY & LINDA	CK# 51200	500.00
MORRIN FOODS	CK# 51201	227.58
NETAGO	CK# 51202	320.00
PIONEER RESEARCH CORPORATION	CK# 51203	4,277.86
PRAIRIE LAND REGIONAL DIVISION	CK# 51204	90,000.00
PRIMROSE, BRAD	CK# 51205	1,081.96
PRONGHORN CONTROLS	CK# 51206	283.50
RAPTOR OVERHEAD DOORS LTD.	CK# 51207	157.50
RMA FUEL	CK# 51208	31,324.68
ROADATA SERVICES LTD.	CK# 51209	189.01
SAMUEL PLUMBING & HEATING LTD.	CK# 51210	99.75
SCHATZ, CODY J	CK# 51211	295.50
SPARTAN CONTROLS LTD.	CK# 51212	337.37
STANTEC CONSULTING LTD.	CK# 51213	840.00
STARLAND REGIONAL WATER	CK# 51214	16,981.39
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY	CK# 51215	18,348.12
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY	CK# 51216	151.20
TANTEC ELECTRONICS LTD.	CK# 51217	10,754.47
THE DRUMHELLER MAIL	CK# 51218	5,544.69
TROCHU MOTORS LTD.	CK# 51219	64.58
ULINE	CK# 51220	2,466.65
UNIFIED ALLOYS	CK# 51221	1,062.19
UNITED RENTALS OF CANADA INC.	CK# 51222	1,353.45
VILLAGE OF MORRIN	CK# 51223	250.10
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 51224	2,571.18
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF CANADA	CK# 51225	278.72
WATER PURE & SIMPLE	CK# 51226	117.00
WATTS, JACKIE	CK# 51227	466.34
WESTBOW SYSTEMS LTD.	CK# 51228	71,300.01
WESTERGARD MOTORS DRUMHELLER	CK# 51229	105.35

WESTVIEW CO-OPERATIVE ASSN LTD.	CK# 51230	1,403.10
WIART DIRTWORK LTD.	CK# 51231	10,484.26
WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICE	CK# 51232	9,537.50
WOLF, TRACY & MONTGOMERY, CINDY	CK# 51233	2,686.70
WOLSELEY WATERWORKS	CK# 51234	2,111.88
ZEEBEST PLASTICS OF CANADA INC.	CK# 51235	990.78
4IMPRINT INC.	CK# 51236	1,886.23

Sub-Total: \$ 1,059,306.45

TOTAL: \$ 1,125,243.27

**C20-195
Adjournment**

[C20-195] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that the meeting be adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020, at the Starland County Administration Building in Morrin, Alberta, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Reeve:
Steve Wannstrom

Chief Administrative Officer:
Shirley Bremer