

# STARLAND COUNTY

## COUNCIL MEETING, AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

### Attendance

Present: Reeve: Barrie Hoover  
Deputy Reeve: Allen Avramenko  
Councillors: Bob Sargent, Steve Wannstrom and Murray Marshall  
Staff: CAO R. Rawlusyk  
Special Projects Manager M. Kreke

### C14-140 Approval of Minutes

#### [C14-140] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the minutes of the August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### Accounts Checked

Councillors Avramenko and Wannstrom checked accounts with Administrative Assistant Laya Montgomery.

### C14-141 Approval of the Accounts

#### [C14-141] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that accounts (cheque no. 39209 to 39296 inclusive) totalling \$429,331.87, be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### CAO Report

Chief Administrative Officer Ross Rawlusyk reviewed his CAO Report with Council. Highlights of the report included the following:

- Over the week of the August 18<sup>th</sup> we hosted Tammi Nygaard and Reg Bennet from the Town of Drumheller who were performing our external audit for our CORE Certification. Early indications are that it went well and the full report will be available sometime prior to October 2<sup>nd</sup>;
- The Assessment Services Branch of Alberta Municipal Affairs has completed a province wide detailed assessment audit of mid-sized oil and gas properties located in rural municipalities. Overall our industrial assessor IMAC received very few recommendations. One overall recommendation raised by assessors was that oil and gas sites should now be assessed at market values;
- He attended an AUC information session on the proposed Hand Hills Wind Power Project. Overall the meeting was poorly attended and currently there are 3 interveners registered which means an AUC hearing will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> in Drumheller. Any statements must be filed by August 29<sup>th</sup>;
- Staff is currently working on an application filed in partnership with the Alberta Community and Cooperative Association to the Climate Change Emissions Management Corporation for support funding in setting up a 1 Megawatt community owned solar installation in the county. Formal support from Council will be required if and when the project is accepted for funding;
- He received notice from Infrastructure Canada that they are reviewing the Building Canada Fund Program hopefully with the purpose of creating a new program;
- Dorothy is currently working to identify and provide histories for all Starland County school sites with the intention of eventually applying for funding from the Historical Resources Foundation to provide markers for all of the sites;

- Complaints have been received about the condition of the rail crossing just east of Morrin's access road. The site is CN's responsibility and hopefully they respond soon;
- Special Project's Manager Kreke has been working on two resolutions for the fall session. The first concerns inequities in the power market for solar power micro-generation. The second, which is still under development, concerns the long term liability for oil and gas pipelines as it affects landowners.

**C14-142**  
**Solar Resolution**

**[C14-142] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER**

that Council forward to the AAMDC the following resolution for support:

**Whereas the emerging solar micro-power generation industry has the potential to provide a hedge against rising energy costs and produce a more sustainable agricultural sector in rural Alberta and,**

**Whereas the price of solar panels has dropped dramatically in recent years and has now become a much more attractive investment over longer term time horizons and,**

**Whereas the current method for reimbursing solar micro-generators for the energy they produce does not take into account time of generation or allow them to access the Alberta Carbon Offset Market and,**

**Whereas the current Alberta regulatory environment discourages investment in small scale solar power in the way it reimburses producers,**

**Therefore be it resolved that the AAMDC lobby the Government of Alberta to implement a system for reimbursing solar power micro-generators that is based on a detailed analysis of its time of production, and carbon offset benefits, and that this system be included in its upcoming Renewable and Alternative Energy Framework.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Municipal  
Government Act  
Review

A report from KPMG was received summarizing the results of Municipal Affairs Municipal Government Act Review. CAO Rawlusyk briefly reviewed the report with Council.

Attendance of  
Behn Morris and  
MS Manager Riep

At 11:00 a.m., Behn Morris from the Alberta Energy Regulator and Municipal Services Manager Riep attended the meeting. Behn Morris presented on activities and structure of the newly formed AER.

Departure of Behn  
Morris

At 12:10 p.m., Behn Morris and MS Manager Riep Departed from the Meeting.

2013 MSI  
Expenditures

Confirmation and acceptance from Municipal Affairs was received regarding Starland County's submitted 2013 Statement of Financial Expenditures.

Stantec Flood  
Mitigation Study

Ross reviewed the results of the Red Deer River Basin Flood Mitigation Study with Council. The report provides a detailed look at the current state of flood and water infrastructure along the Red Deer River. The report makes a series of recommendations for upgrades to the system with the total estimated cost of approximately \$81,580,000.00.

Attendance of  
Theo Owel, Chris  
Watson and MS  
Manager Riep

At 2:00 p.m. Theo Owel and Chris Watson of MPE Engineering and Municipal Services Manager Riep attended the meeting. The representatives from MPE presented on the current options for the proposed expansion of the Delia area water line.

Departure of  
Councillor  
Wannstrom

At 3:00 p.m., Councillor Wannstrom departed the meeting.

Departure of Theo  
Owel

At 3:15 p.m., Theo Owel departed the meeting.

Municipal  
Services Report

MS Manager Riep reviewed his Municipal Services Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- The building for the Craigmyle sewage Lift Station has been completed. The building will be used to house the genset back up power unit and control panel. The next step is bringing utility service to the site;
- A regional fire training exercise was held in Munson last week. The event was hindered when a fire call required many of the attendees to leave to respond. The event focused on proper connection to fire hydrants;
- The Recreation crew has been busy mowing all the cemeteries and recreation sites as well as doing some contract mowing on unsightly hamlet properties;
- He was approached about a rural water service to a property adjacent to an existing water line on the Morrin North line east and is working on putting together a cost estimate;
- He met with Ken Trudel of Westcan Wireless regarding the Phase 1 system upgrade identified in their report;
- The emergency Management Grant is still available with an application deadline this September 30<sup>th</sup>. The grant is most exclusively directed for funding of training opportunities;
- He participated in the external safety audit process and is still waiting for the completion of some site inspections at water and waste water facilities.

Departure of MS  
Manager Riep

At 3:35 p.m., MS Manager Riep departed the meeting.

TRAVIS Permitting  
Fee Remittance  
Agreement

An Amending Agreement was received from the Government of Alberta outlining a change in the way fee collections of under \$25.00 would be remitted to the county. The amendment proposes to roll over all fees under \$25.00 to the next month.

**C14-143**  
**Travis Amending  
Agreement**

**[C14-143] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL**

**that Starland County enter into an amending agreement dated May 6<sup>th</sup> 2014 with the Government of Alberta regarding the Travis permitting system altering the way total fee collections under \$25.00 would be remitted to the County. The change makes it so that if the total fees collected are under \$25.00 they would be rolled over to the next month until the total reaches \$25.00 at which time they would be remitted to Starland County.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

CAAMDC Zone  
Meeting

Council was presented with a summary of the recent CAAMDC zone director's meeting along with a copy of a resolution from the M.D. of Bonnyville concerning municipal viability and amalgamation.

Tough Mudder  
Event

A request was received from Trevor Gough representing the Drumheller Tough Mudder event requesting the use of Starland County equipment for the upcoming 2014 Tough Mudder event.

**C14-144**  
**Tough Mudder  
Event**

**[C14-144] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO**

**that Starland County provide the Tough Mudder Event with the following items and services depending on their availability:**

- A 40,000 litre water truck and driver for September 5-7<sup>th</sup>
- A Skid steer with track for 1 week near the time of the event
- Barricades (80-100) September 5-7<sup>th</sup>
- Cones (100) September 5-7<sup>th</sup>
- Message Boards for several dates near and during the event

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C14-145  
Meeting  
Cancellation

[C14-145] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that the regularly scheduled Council meeting scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 be cancelled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Organizational  
Review

CAO Rawlusk presented council with a draft RFP for management consulting services related to conducting an organizational review

C14-146  
Organizational  
Review RFP

[C14-146] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that Starland County advertise a request for proposals for the provision of management consulting services in conducting an organizational review of Starland County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Committee  
Reports

Each of the Councillors present briefly reported on the various committees to which they are appointed.

Council  
Communications

Council Communications:

- i) RoaData re: The Roadata Focus (newsletter)
- ii) RDRMUG re: Water License and Allocation on the Red Deer River
- iii) Delia and District Dawson Historical Society re: Delia Centennial Display
- iv) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties re:
  - Member Bulletin re: AAMDC Candidates for Premier Forum Recap
  - Member Bulletin re: Upcoming Event: Alberta Municipal Governance Symposium
  - Contact Newsletter (2 Issues)

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

AAMDC	CK# 39209	91,700.94
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<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>91,700.94</b>
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A&D HARPER TIRE	CK# 39210	2,139.67
AAGAARD'S UPHOLSTERY	CK# 39211	357.00
ABACUS DATAGRAPHICS	CK# 39212	1,260.00
ABSOLUTE GEMINI	CK# 39213	745.50
ACKLANDS-GRAINGER	CK# 39214	1,825.96
ACTIVE GLASS	CK# 39215	309.17
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES	CK# 39216	604.92
AIR LIQUIDE CANADA	CK# 39217	307.05
ALBERTA ASSOC OF FAMILY SCH LIAS	CK# 39218	300.00
AAMDC	CK# 39219	33,685.21
ATCO ELECTRIC	CK# 39220	37.94
AVRAMENKO, ALLEN	CK# 39221	438.24
BARRON, FRACIS	CK# 39222	1,192.00
BORDER PAVING	CK# 39223	2,274.09

CALON, DARA	CK# 39224	50.03
CANADA REVENUE AGENCY	CK# 39225	400.00
CASCADE PROCESS CONTROLS	CK# 39226	1,398.37
CERVUS	CK# 39227	4,100.00
DEVALERIOLA, CHERYL	CK# 39228	2,344.21
DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERV	CK# 39229	47.75
DROTOS, LESLIE A. & CAROL C.	CK# 39230	25.00
DRUM AND DIST SOLID WASTE MANA	CK# 39231	328.50
DRUMHELLER CO-OP	CK# 39232	7,698.73
DRUM EQUIP SALES AND RENTALS	CK# 39233	22,549.77
EAST CENTRAL GAS CO-OP	CK# 39234	166.75
ELLIS BIRD FARM	CK# 39235	196.00
ENMAX	CK# 39236	9,214.55
FRONTIER CONSTRUCTION PROD	CK# 39237	1,575.00
GANE VACUUM SERVICE	CK# 39238	1,443.75
GANGSTER ENTERPIRSES	CK# 39239	5,147.10
GERLINGER, SHELBY	CK# 39240	54.40
GREYHOUND COURIER EXPRESS	CK# 39241	98.66
H & H HUXTED STRATHMORE	CK# 39242	194.25
HENRY KROEGER	CK# 39243	166.79
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS	CK# 39244	261.57
HOOVER, BARRIE	CK# 39245	297.78
HUSKY OIL MARKETING	CK# 39246	18,734.70
I.G.A. DRUMHELLER	CK# 39247	1,169.93
JERRY'S LOCK AND KEY	CK# 39248	172.62
KLEINSCHROTH, TERENA	CK# 39249	77.35
KMA CUSTOM SHEET METAL	CK# 39250	170.75
KORTECH CALCIUM SERVICES	CK# 39251	19,738.46
LAPP	CK# 39252	23,014.07
LOOMIS EXPRESS	CK# 39253	136.83
MACANE, CARL	CK# 39254	315.00
MARKES EXPEDITING	CK# 39255	527.10
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 39256	285.04
MARSHALL, RAMSAY	CK# 39257	68.25
MINISTER OF FINANCE	CK# 39258	54.60
NAPA AUTO PARTS DRUM	CK# 39259	3,500.09
NEU MUEHL HUTTERIAN BRETH	CK# 39260	375.00
NEWCASTLE TOWING	CK# 39261	255.26
NIELSEN, ERIC	CK# 39262	170.00
OLIVER IRRIGATION	CK# 39263	2,925.24
PEGASUS CHARTER TOURS	CK# 39264	708.75
PETERSON AUTO BODY	CK# 39265	257.88
PETTY CASH	CK# 39266	90.23
PRATT, AL	CK# 39267	150.00
QUADROCK TRUCKING	CK# 39268	3,780.00
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 39269	59,141.16
ROUGH MEADOW MANAGEMENT	CK# 39270	5,880.00
ROWE, DIANA	CK# 39271	268.40
ROWLEY, COMMUNITY HALL ASSOC	CK# 39272	200.00
SAMUEL PLUMBING & HEATING	CK# 39273	10.50
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 39274	266.14
SHAW GMC	CK# 39275	4,247.46
SHRED-IT CALGARY	CK# 39276	171.99
STANTEC CONSULTING	CK# 39277	15,680.39
STONE BLUE ENTERPRISES	CK# 39278	412.61
STRONGCO	CK# 39279	893.15
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS	CK# 39280	390.77
TELUS MOBILITY	CK# 39281	836.48
TRI-AG IMPREMENTS	CK# 39282	368.34
TRINUS TECHNOLOGIES	CK# 39283	9,263.63
TROCHU MOTORS	CK# 39284	376.90
UFA CO-OPERATIVE	CK# 39285	3,836.67
UNIVAR CANADA	CK# 39286	9,260.74
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 39287	412.76
WARWICK PRINTING	CK# 39288	379.05
WATER PURE AND SIMPLE	CK# 39289	64.00

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WEARPRO EQUIPMENT AND SUPP	CK# 39290	850.89
WOLF, SANDY	CK# 39291	720.00
WOLSELEY WATERWORKS	CK# 39292	771.53
WOODCHUCKERS	CK# 39293	1,050.00
XYLEM CANADA	CK# 39294	7,175.91
ZIPPER, ALOIS A.	CK# 39295	86.10
1121113 ALBERTA LTD	CK# 39296	34,702.50

**Sub-Total: \$ 337,630.93**

**TOTAL: \$ 429,331.87**

**C14-147  
Adjournment**

**[C14-147] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014, in the Starland County Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, commencing at 9:00 a.m.*

  
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Reeve:  
J. Barrie Hoover

  
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Chief Administrative Officer:  
Ross D. Rawlusyk