

STARLAND COUNTY

COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 12TH, 2014

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, March 12th, 2014, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance

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

C14-036 Approval of Minutes

[C14-036] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the minutes of the March 12th, 2014 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Accounts Checked

Councillors Marshall and Sargent checked accounts with Administrative Assistant Laya Montgomery.

C14-037 Approval of Accounts

[C14-037] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that accounts (cheque no. 38257 to 38337 inclusive) totalling \$422,828.26, be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CAO Report

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

- Ross reviewed the highlights of the 2014 Provincial Budget. He noted that our MSI Capital Grant and the Basic Municipal Transportation Grant (BMTG) have been consolidated as MSI Capital, and while we increased \$40,371 in total capital funding, our MSI Operating grant decreased to \$121,174, a reduction of \$85,166. There is more funding available for the new Alberta Community Partnership Program, however the new program guidelines are not available yet. There is still no funding for bridge files or green energy and no mention of an energy plan. The first responders radio communication system looks like it will be funded over the next three years for close to \$200 million.
- Suncor Energy provided an update on the status of the Handhills wind energy project. They have responded to the initial questions that were raised by the AESO in the review of their application. They just recently got a second round of questions from AESO and these issues will be addressed by Suncor over the next couple of months.
- The Province announced that they have established a MLA task force to examine new ways to leverage current programs and services for the continued growth and development of a strong rural economy. Hopefully the County will have the opportunity to participate in their consultation process.
- An update on the Legislative Assembly noted there has been very little legislation introduced. Probably the most important to us is Bill 201, a proposed amendment to the Agricultural Pests Amendment Act for Fusarium Head Blight. The amendment notes that fusarium head blight shall not be deemed to be a pest or nuisance unless it is found at a concentration of greater than 0.5% in any plant, seed, crop, vegetation or other matter.

- With the warmer weather arriving, the spring melt has caused some issues in the Administration Office. The roof drainage caused more leakage in the Council Chambers. Flynn Roofing responded to fix this problem on Tuesday. In addition, there is some leakage in the lower office area on the south side. Gino and Jason worked to get the water moving away from the entrance foundation and also found a problem with the sump pump that's under the stairs of the front entrance. Heartland Glass will also be doing a couple of window repairs.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held on Thursday, March 13th at 10:00 a.m. for the CLV Mechanical tender. The Tender Opening is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25th at 2:00 p.m.
- The Starland Regional Water Authorities annual audit has now been completed and we received their financial statement for 2013. The Authority posted a \$30,519.00 surplus, with \$20,000.00 of this amount being transferred to a capital replacement fund.
- Tenders are out for the Craigmyle Lift Station Replacement. The site visit for this tender will be held in Craigmyle on March 26th at 10:00 a.m. and tenders have to be submitted by April 9th, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.
- Ross attended a meeting in Delia on March 11th to discuss the historical status and future of the Delia Anglican Church. The Delia and District Historical Society is trying to develop a plan for maintaining and upgrading the facilities they have under their Society's ownership.
- There is a small geophysical program being carried out on the NW 1/4 12-29-17-W4M, which is owned by the County.

Attendance of
PWS Pratt &
PW Report

At 10:15 a.m., Public Works Supervisor Pratt attended the meeting and reviewed his Public Works Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- Public Works Crews repaired the gate at the Rumsey Transfer Station Site.
- They sanded the streets in Morrin and in the hamlets.
- They thawed a sewer line for a ratepayer as well as fixed some other water issues at another site.
- Crews completed some additional brushing as well as cutting and splitting firewood in the county yard.
- Snow removal continues as needed as well as pushing back snow in various areas, including the hamlets.
- Buck has been doing the regular maintenance on the light duty fleet, as well as welded the gate for the Rumsey Transfer Site.
- Tom and Thomas have been doing regular maintenance on the heavy duty fleet as well as CVIP's as needed.
- Thomas has also been running the spare grader when needed.
- Thomas and Kevin have started working on services and repairs on the road equipment.
- The new Unit 702 Dodge 5500 was delivered to Fort Garry Industries in Calgary to have a new MVP plow installed.
- Brenda has been working with the oil companies to complete their moves during the early morning while the roads are still frozen.
- Al has been busy meeting with salesmen, meetings with staff, working on invoices, PO's, timesheets and GPS and other regular duties.

Roadata Services
re: Revenue
Sharing - TRAVIS

Correspondence was received from Roadata Services Ltd. with regards to revenue sharing for permitting that is to be made available to all municipalities participating in TRAVIS on April 1st, 2014. Based on 2013 TRAVIS and RDS permit approval numbers they estimate that Starland County's share will be approximately \$5,495.00.

Roadata Services
re: Amendment
to Service Fee
Bylaw

Further correspondence from Roadata Services Ltd. noted that we will need to amend our fees bylaw to include the collection of the fixed administrative fee in TRAVIS MJ by Alberta Transportation. The amendment will need to include the defined value of the fixed fee and be completed prior to signing the Memorandum of Agreement.

Departure of
PWS Pratt

At 10:50 a.m., Public Works Supervisor Pratt departed from the meeting.

AAMDC Spring
Convention

Correspondence was received from the AAMDC with regards to the upcoming Spring Convention. A copy of the final agenda was provided to Council for their review, as well as the confirmed accommodations. CAO Rawlusyk reviewed the resolutions which will be presented at the convention with his recommendations for same.

Munson
Community
Association re:
New Facility Project

At 1:10 p.m. a delegation from the Munson Community Association attended the meeting. This delegation updated Council on the Community Association's plans to build a new facility. They have scaled down this project from their initial plans, based on the funding availability. They are estimating approximately \$1 million dollars to build this facility and hope to commence construction in the spring of 2014. They would like to confirm Starland County's support prior to commencing this project.

Departure of
Munson Delegation

The Munson delegation departed from the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Munson
Community Assoc.
Proposal

Council further discussed information with regards to the Munson Community Association's proposal. The down-scaling of this project was discussed, with the general feeling that they should build a facility that has an increased capacity.

C14-038
**Motion to approve
funding to
Munson
Community
Association**

[C14-038] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that Starland County will contribute \$200,000 towards the Munson Community Association's New Facility Project along with in-kind donated equipment, labour and materials estimated to be worth \$110,000 subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The other major contributor, the Village of Munson, confirm in writing that they are committing \$300,000 towards the construction of the community centre.**
- 2. The cash funds will be made available in advance of progress payments based on estimates. To access the funds, the community association would be required to provide a summary of expenditures monthly. The County will pay progress amounts within 2 weeks of being presented with a summary of the expenditures.**
- 3. The Community Association will recognize the contribution of the County in the facility.**
- 4. Starland County funding will be allocated from M.S.I. Grant funds to be applied for in 2014.**
- 5. Site preparation will be arranged in the spring of 2014, and the County will prepare an in-kind contribution summary.**
- 6. If the Community Association decides to add an additional 10 feet (in length), the County will provide an additional \$56,000 from the County's 2015 M.S.I. Capital allocation.**

MOTION CARRIED.

2014 M.S.I. Grant Allocations

CAO Rawlusk provided Council with a summary of the 2014 M.S.I. Grant Allocations for all municipalities. In addition, correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs, informing us that the projects identified qualified under the capital funding guidelines. The projects approved included Range road 19-3 Bridge Replacement (\$150,000) and Culvert Upgrade (\$150,000).

2014 Provincial Budget

With regards to the 2014 Provincial Budget, the Alberta Government forwarded two News Releases, the first being *Alberta Balances Budget, Focuses on Albertans' Priorities in Budget 2014*; and the second being *Budget 2014 by the Numbers*. The AAMDC also forwarded a Member Bulletin with regards to their perspectives on Budget 2014.

Brownlee LLP re: Recoverability of fire suppression costs

Brownlee LLP provided their legal opinion with regards to the recoverability of fire suppression costs. The request for these recommendations arose out of various fires within the County that have been caused indirectly by utility lines or other infrastructure, which run over private lands. These fires are not caused by the negligence of the utility service companies but rather by a natural occurrence. They noted that the County is within its rights to invoice the utility service companies for fire suppression, however, if they refuse to pay, the only recourse is a debt action in civil court and cannot be added to the tax roll for the lands if unpaid.

2014 Education Property Tax Requisition & Information Brochure

CAO Rawlusk reviewed the preliminary 2014 Education Property Tax Requisition for Starland County. This requisition is in the amount of \$2,113,984.24. In addition, Alberta Education forwarded a brochure which provides facts and information with regards to the 2014 Education Property Tax.

CPAA 2014 Planning Conference

The Alberta Planning Exchange forwarded information on the upcoming CPAA 2014 Planning Conference and Education Session. This Conference will be held from April 14th to 16th, 2014 at the Black Knight Inn in Red Deer, Alberta.

Amateur Team Grant Request

A request for Amateur Team Grant funding was received from the Rumsey Junior Curling Club. They have 30 participants in their Junior Curling program this year.

C14-039
Approval of Amateur Team Grant Funding

[C14-039] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that Starland County provide Amateur Team Grant funding to the Rumsey Junior Curling Program in the amount of \$1,500.00 (30 participants x \$50.00 per participant).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Emerald Award Nomination

CAO Rawlusk noted that Goose Creek Renewable Energy Inc. nominated Starland County for a 2014 Emerald Award in the Government Institution Category. This is a very prestigious award, recognizing the County's leadership and innovation in solar technology.

SRWA 2013 Financial Statement

CAO Rawlusk provided copies of the Starland Regional Water Authority Financial Statement as of December 31, 2013 to Council for their review. He noted that each year, the Authority is committed to transferring \$20,000.00 to capital reserves for future capital replacement costs.

AMHSA re: PIR Requirements & External Audit Requirements

Correspondence was received from the Alberta Municipal Health and Safety Association with regards to the 2014 Municipal Partnerships in Injury Reduction (PIR) Program Requirements. In addition, we are required to do an external audit in 2014 to attain our new COR, and in exchange, Sharon will be required to perform an external audit at an outside location.

Michichi Reservoir Dam Safety Inspection

Correspondence was received from Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development with regards to the Dam Safety Inspection completed at the Michichi Reservoir (SW 19-30-18-W4M). This inspection identified no visible dam safety deficiencies.

Travel Alberta Road Show

Travel Alberta 2014 Travel Alberta Road Show will be in Drumheller on April 9th, 2014, commencing at 8:30 a.m. As this is a Council Meeting day, Council members will not be able to attend.

Joint Meeting with Stettler & Paintearth Counties

CAO Rawlusk noted that Stettler County invited Starland County and County of Paintearth to attend a joint meeting on April 8th, 2014 at the Byemoor Community Centre, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Committee Reports

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

Council Communications

Council Communications:

- i) Special Areas Board re: 2014 Special Areas Advisory Council Spring Meeting, March 21, 2014 in Hanna
- ii) Drumheller & District Chamber of Commerce re: Notice of Annual General Meeting, March 26, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m., Badlands Community Facility
- iii) Alberta Safety Codes - "News on Fire" Newsletter
- iv) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties:
 - Contact Newsletter (1 issue)
 - Member Bulletin - MGA Review Workbook - Chapters 1 through 5

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

SYLOGIST LTD.	CK# 38257	\$	7,357.72
Sub-Total:		\$	7,357.72
SYLOGIST LTD.	CK# 38258	\$	3,758.18
Sub-Total:		\$	3,758.18
AAMDC	CK# 38259	\$	34,727.71
SMS EQUIPMENT INC.	CK# 38260		159.05
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 38261		503.78
Sub-Total:		\$	35,390.54
MUNSON FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC.	CK# 38262	\$	9,126.00
Sub-Total:		\$	9,126.00

ABACUS DATAGRAPHICS	CK# 38263	\$	626.06
ACKLANDS-GRAINER INC.	CK# 38264		338.39
ACTIVE GLASS	CK# 38265		254.36
ALBERTA ANIMAL SERVICES	CK# 38266		1,155.00
AAMDC	CK# 38267		23,021.53
ALBERTA GOVERNMENT SERVICES	CK# 38268		12.00
ALBERTA ONE-CALL CORPORATION	CK# 38269		6.30
ALBERTA ROADBUILDERS ASSOC.	CK# 38270		63.00
ALBERTA WATER AND WASTEWATER	CK# 38271		236.25
ALTAGAS UTILITIES INC.	CK# 38272		3,222.06
ATB FINANCIAL MASTERCARD	CK# 38273		299.44
ATCO ELECTRIC	CK# 38274		39,153.45
AVRAMENKO, ALLEN	CK# 38275		272.30
BIG COUNTRY GAS CO-OP	CK# 38276		872.66
BIG SKY CALL CENTERS INC.	CK# 38277		337.47
BRIDGEMEN SERVICES LTD.	CK# 38278		123,795.00
BURT, EDWIN L.	CK# 38279		150.00
CALON, DANIEL P.	CK# 38280		7,000.00
CALON, DARA	CK# 38281		672.75
CASE RECEIVABLE MANAGEMENT	CK# 38282		113.52
CHRIST THE REDEEMER CSR#3	CK# 38283		3,736.37
COMMUNITY FUTURES BIG COUNTRY	CK# 38284		3,000.00
CONTACT SAFETY SERVICE LTD.	CK# 38285		2,301.02
DRUMHELLER SOLID WASTE	CK# 38286		15.00
DRUMHELLER CHRYSLER LTD.	CK# 38287		1,555.07
DRUMHELLER CO-OP LTD.	CK# 38288		509.49
ENMAX	CK# 38289		10,672.10
EVERGREEN EQUIPMENT LTD.	CK# 38290		1,736.85
FREEFORM PLASTIC PRODUCTS	CK# 38291		240.72
GALLAGHER, BRENDA	CK# 38292		100.00
GLENTEL INC.	CK# 38293		270.22
GREYHOUND COURIER EXPRESS	CK# 38294		114.21
GSR PAINTING & RENOVATING	CK# 38295		2,440.20
HKRWS	CK# 38296		5,236.08
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 38297		482.70
HOOVER, BARRIE	CK# 38298		509.48
I.D. APPAREL	CK# 38299		542.33
I.G.A. DRUMHELLER	CK# 38300		47.52
JUBILEE INSURANCE AGENCIES	CK# 38301		6,604.36
KELTECH COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 38302		1,365.00
LAPP	CK# 38303		20,998.51
LOOMIS EXPRESS	CK# 38304		155.25
M&M ELECTRIC	CK# 38305		1,609.98
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 38306		480.64
MCDUGALD, ELSON	CK# 38307		5,000.00
NELSON, TRACY	CK# 38308		140.45
NEW WEST GEOMATICS	CK# 38309		1,541.75
OASIS CARWASH	CK# 38310		60.63
OSPREY SCIENTIFIC INC.	CK# 38311		692.25
PETTY CASH	CK# 38312		112.90
PIONEER RESEARCH CORPORATION	CK# 38313		4,235.21
RAWLUSYK, ROSS D.	CK# 38314		5,745.05
RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 38315		2,370.00
RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 38316		35,394.76
RED DEER RIVER MUNICIPAL USERS	CK# 38317		517.75
REES, BRUCE	CK# 38318		3,500.00
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 38319		268.92

SEED CHECK TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 38320	235.20
SLGM	CK# 38321	1,647.00
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY	CK# 38322	14,161.63
TAQA NORTH	CK# 38323	42.00
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 38324	1,191.07
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 38325	2,541.68
TOWN OF DRUMHELLER	CK# 38326	1,729.94
TRINUS TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 38327	1,590.75
TROUT, RAY	CK# 38328	176.50
VILLAGE OF MORRIN	CK# 38329	230.10
VILLAGE OF MUNSON	CK# 38330	650.00
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 38331	2,666.79
WARWICK PRINTING CO. LTD.	CK# 38332	57.75
WATER PURE & SIMPLE	CK# 38333	32.00
WESTERN CHEVROLET	CK# 38334	292.86
WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICE	CK# 38335	8,026.38
WOLF, SANDY	CK# 38336	480.00
WORKER'S COMPENSATION BOARD	CK# 38337	5,539.86

Sub-Total: \$ 367,195.82

TOTAL: \$ 422,828.26

C14-040
Adjournment

[C14-040] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that the meeting be adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held in the Starland County Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, April 9th, 2014, commencing at 9:00 a.m.



Reeve:
J. Barrie Hoover



Chief Administrative Officer:
Ross D. Rawlusyk