

STARLAND COUNTY

COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 25TH, 2012

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, April 25th, 2012, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance

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

C12-074
Motion to cancel penalty on Invoice #13324

[C12-074] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STANGER

that Starland County Council cancel any penalties accrued on Invoice No. 13324 up to April 11, 2012, for Duane Olson, Drumheller, Alberta.

MOTION CARRIED.

Departure of Councillor Stanger

At 9:50 a.m., Councillor Stanger temporarily departed from the meeting.

Accounts Checked

Deputy Reeve Avramenko and Councillor Sargent checked accounts with Administrative Assistant Laya Montgomery.

C12-075
Approval of Accounts

[C12-075] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that accounts (cheque no. 34550 to 34611 inclusive) totalling \$210,263.17, be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C12-076
Approval of Minutes

[C12-076] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that the minutes of the April 11th, 2012 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Return of Stanger

At 9:54 a.m., Councillor Stanger returned to the meeting.

CAO Report

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

- He provided a summary of the 2012 Provincial Election results for Council's review. Drumheller-Stettler area has a new MLA, Rick Strankman, from the Wildrose Party. The PC Party has a strong majority government, however, mainly in the urban areas.
- Our 2011 Audited Financial Review has now been completed, and Jeff Faupel, from Endeavor will be officially presenting it to Council today;
- Alberta Environment submitted a review report on most of our regional water operations;
- A Notice of Motion on Waste Energy was received. This project will be using gasification technology and will likely be located in or near Vulcan;
- He has had some initial discussions with Suncor and they are planning a new wind energy project for the Handhills. They will be making a presentation on this project at the ASB meeting on May 1st, 2012;
- The old archive of records has now been purged and organized

in the lower level vault. Thank you to all the staff involved in this huge clean-up project;

- Brenda Gallagher has now achieved her Community Peace Officer appointment from the Solicitor General and Public Security Department;
- Office construction update noted that the furniture ordered for the office has arrived; new Council room chairs will be ordered soon; signs for the front entrance as well as interior signage is ordered; the old Council Meeting table has been re-finished for the "Historical" meeting room downstairs; and we are hoping to set a date for the grand opening sometime in June or July.

C12-077
Authorization to take Water / Wastewater Level 1 Operator's Training

[C12-077] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STANGER

that Starland County authorize Jason Cosens and Gino Marshall to take the Water / Wastewater Level I Operator's course; and that registration and expenses be paid.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C12-078
Motion to support Notice of Motion for Waste Energy

[C12-078] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER

that Starland County support the *Notice of Motion for Waste Energy* in regards to the Drumheller and District Solid Waste Management Association.

MOTION CARRIED.

Attendance of Pratt & Gallagher

At 10:30 a.m., Acting Public Works Supervisor Pratt and Peace Officer Gallagher attended the meeting.

Attendance of Finance Auditor & Auditor's Report

At 10:30 a.m., Jeff Faupel, Endeavor Chartered Accountants, attended the meeting to present the *Independent Auditor's Report* to members of Council. Noted, was that in their opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Starland County as at December 31, 2011, the results of its operations, change in its net financial assets (debt) and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. Mr. Faupel reviewed the various consolidated statements of operations, deferred revenues, debt limits and equity in Tangible Capital Assets with Council, who are also the Audit Committee. In conclusion, he discussed the audit findings letter and the specific internal control matters that they wish to bring to the Committee's attention.

C12-079
Resolution adopting the 2011 Starland County Audited Financial Statement

[C12-079] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that Starland County's Audit Committee accept the 2011 Starland County Audited Financial Statement as reviewed, and authorize the release of the information found therein.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SRWA 2011 Audited Financial Statement

CAO Rawlusk also provided Council with copies of the Starland Regional Water Authority 2011 Financial Statements for their review. Final approval will be required by the Starland Regional Water Authority Board.

Departure of Jeff Faupel

At 11:00 a.m., Jeff Faupel, from Endeavor Chartered Accountants, departed from the meeting.

Public Works Report

Acting Public Works Supervisor Pratt presented his Public Works Report to Council. Highlights of his report noted the following:

- Regular maintenance operations are ongoing;
- Clean-up around County yard;

- Patching light oil roads with cold mix;
- Helping the office dispose of paper to be shredded, cardboard, etc.;
- Reorganizing sign and culvert shed and using sea can;
- L & T Mix moved into L & T Pit, late on April 13th. Stantec hasn't completed the survey of the land that the gravel will be stockpiled on yet, so pictures were taken to see the lay of the land. Mixcor did send a surveyor down on the 18th to survey where the 3/4" crushed is going to be stockpiled.

Official Peace Officer Appointment for Brenda Gallagher

The office of the Solicitor General and Public Security forwarded the official Peace Officer Appointment for Brenda A. Gallagher. The appointee was required to swear an Official Oath in accordance with Section 7(4) of the Peace Officer Act, and same was duly sworn and put on file. Council congratulated Ms. Gallagher on this accomplishment.

Departure of Acting Public Works Supervisor Pratt & CPO Gallagher

At 11:30 a.m., Peace Officer, Brenda Gallagher, and Acting Public Works Supervisor Pratt, departed from the meeting.

2012 FCM Annual Conference Info

CAO Rawlusk provided Council with the Program Agenda and accommodations confirmation for the upcoming 2012 FCM Annual Conference in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, from May 31st to June 4th, 2012.

Attendance of Manager Riep & Municipal Services Report

At 11:35 a.m., Manager Riep attended the meeting and reviewed his Municipal Services Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- Bi-weekly inspections and water quality testing on the Morning Glory system has commenced. Water quality has shown to be good at this time;
- In order to identify any possible water expansion opportunity south of Delia, he investigated the possible location of existing unidentified waterlines situated within the road allowance south of town. One line was located and could be used to serve the two additional users south of Delia at this time. The other line has yet to be located;
- Powerline activities are in full swing on the Rowley power line expansion north of Morrin. He noted that the new apparatus will certainly impact our future development of roads adjacent to these facilities;
- He provided a proposed policy for the amendment to our existing Water Supply Agreement Terms. This policy is to allow rural service connections to be refitted to provide increased flows to accommodate agricultural operations including spring and fall spraying applications, and farm hook-ups to be modified based on individual merit for a single year term.

C12-080
Amendment to Annual Water Service Policy

[C12-080] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STANGER

that the Annual Water Service Policy for Rural Water Connections to establish provisions for alterations to the rural water service connections to accommodate increased flows for agricultural operations and increased daily water demands during those peak periods, allowing the daily or monthly maximum quantities to be increased to a maximum of 4 gallons per minute be approved as reviewed and amended; and that the Annual Water Service Agreement be amended to include the provision of amending the agreement to allow the occupants to revise the daily flow rates to be increased from .5 gallons per minute to 4 gallons per minute maximum for farming operations, where an engineering review confirms there is available capacity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AAMDC Annual Golf Tournament

An invitation was received from the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties to attend the 2012 Aggregated Business Services Golf Tournament and Trade Forum in Canmore, Alberta on June 5th and 6th, 2012. In addition, the CAAMDC extended an invitation to attend the CAAMDC 2012 Zone Golf Tournament, hosted by the County of Paintearth at the Castor Golf Course on Friday, June 22, 2012.

Suncor Energy Products Inc. Re: Handhills Wind Power Project

Correspondence was received from Suncor Energy Products Inc., extending an invitation to attend their information Open House on their proposed Hand Hills Wind Power Project. The Open House will be held on Wednesday, May 2nd, 2012 at the Delia & District Community Centre, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Suncor Representatives will also be in attendance at the Agricultural Service Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 1st, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. They will be discussing their proposed Suncor Energy Hand Hills Wind Power Project, which is proposed to be located in the Hand Hills region of Starland County and Special Area Board Area No. 2.

Attendance of Supervisors/Staff re: Road Program

At 1:00 p.m., Acting Public Works Supervisor Pratt, Road Foreman Hampton, Peace Officer Gallagher, Deanne Griffith and Dorothy Gwynn attended the meeting for discussions on the 2012 Road Program.

Tenders for graders & tractor

Council reviewed at length the tenders received for the purchase of two new graders and a new tractor.

C12-081
Motion to purchase 2 John Deere Graders

[C12-081] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Starland County purchase two (2) new 2012 872G John Deere Motor Graders from Brandt Tractor Ltd. for a purchase price of \$361,460.00 each including snow equipment, a 60 month/7500 hour warranty and no guaranteed buy-back price, for a total purchase amount of \$722,920.00 plus GST.

MOTION CARRIED.

C12-082
Motion to purchase 1 John Deere Tractor

[C12-082] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER

that Starland County purchase a new 2012 John Deere 7215R tractor for a total purchase amount of \$172,000.00 plus GST.

MOTION CARRIED.

2012 Road Program Discussions & Information

Various items were discussed with regards to the 2012 Road Program Planning issues. CAO Rawlusyk reviewed the historical gravelling program from 2008 - 2011; the 2012 gravelling program; the 2012 - 2019 proposed construction projects; the 2011 road construction cost review; and the back road program. Council also reviewed all the transportation policies and CAO Rawlusyk recommended various amendments to same. In addition, copies of the Gravel Cost Summary and Hauling Rates for 2012 were provided to Council.

Policy No. 310-2-4 Contracting Out Of Municipal Equipment

Council reviewed Policy No. 310-2-4, Contracting Out of Municipal Equipment (Private Work Policy). As requested by Council at a prior meeting, this policy was reviewed and recommendations were made for amendments to same. After a lengthy discussion, the Reeve called for a motion on the amendments to this policy, and Deputy Reeve Avramenko requested a recorded vote on same.

C12-083
Defeated Motion
to Amend Policy
No. 310-2-4

[C12-083] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STANGER

that Policy No. 310-2-4, Contracting Out of Municipal Equipment (Private Work Policy), be amended as reviewed.

Voting For This Motion:

Councillor Stanger

Councillor Sargent

Voting Against This Motion:

Councillor Marshall

Deputy Reeve Avramenko

Reeve Hoover

MOTION DEFEATED.

Policy No. 320-3,
Road Inspection

CAO Rawlusyk reviewed Policy No. 320-3, Road Inspection Policy, and recommended amendments to same.

C12-084
Motion to amend
Policy No. 320-3,
Road Inspection
Policy

[C12-084] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER

that Policy No. 320-3, Road Inspection Policy, be amended by including "County" to precede "Staff" on procedures 1 & 2; to update procedure 5 to read "Chief Administrative Officer"; to update procedure 6 to note the enforcement services of the "Community Peace Officer" to enforce this provision; and the addition of procedure 8 stating: "The Public Works Supervisor will review the vehicle tracking system information for areas where incidents are reported to ensure that ongoing road maintenance is being carried out and further to ensure that hazardous road conditions are being reported."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Policy No. 320-5,
Gravel Sales

CAO Rawlusyk reviewed Policy No. 320-5, Gravel Sales to Ratepayers and Non-Ratepayers, and recommended amendments to same.

C12-085
Motion to amend
Policy No. 320-5,
Gravel Sales to
Ratepayers and
Non-Ratepayers

[C12-085] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that Policy No. 320-5, Gravel Sales to Ratepayers and Non-Ratepayers, be amended by deleting the words "excepting on Farmer's Day" from Item No. 4.

MOTION CARRIED.

Policy No. 320-14
Annual Overweight
Permit (Ag)

CAO Rawlusyk reviewed Policy No. 320-14, Annual Overweight Permit (Agricultural). It was noted that our Community Peace Officer should have access to review hauling records such that the County can ensure policy compliance.

C12-086
Motion to amend
Policy No. 320-14,
Annual
Overweight
Permit
(Agricultural)

[C12-086] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STANGER

that Policy No. 320-14, Annual overweight Permit (Agricultural), be amended with the addition of Item No. 6, which is to read as follows:

6. The applicant must authorize the Community Peace Officer access to review hauling records such that the County can ensure policy compliance; and

also amending Policy No. 320-14 with the addition of the Community Peace Officer having authorization to issue this permit.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Policy No. 320-36
Crop Damages

CAO Rawlusyk reviewed Policy No. 320-36, Crop Damages, with Council. They noted that the crop damage rate should be revised to reflect the present grain prices.

C12-087
Amendment to
Policy No. 320-36
Crop Damages

[C12-087] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that Policy No. 320-36, Crop Damages, be amended with an increase in the rate of crop damage payments as follows:

“The Municipality will pay a sum of \$600.00 per acre for ^{Crop} crop damages for all cereal crops and pulse crops (wheat, canola, peas, etc.) for the current year, and \$400.00 per acre for damages for the second year;

“The Municipality will pay a sum of \$350.00 per acre for damages to tame hay and pasture for the current year and \$225.00 per acre for damages for the second year.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Policy No. 320-15
Dust Control Policy

Council reviewed Policy No. 320-15, the Dust Control Policy.

C12-088
Amendment to
Policy No. 320-15
Dust Control
Policy

[C12-088] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STANGER

that Policy No. 320-15, the Dust Control Policy, be amended by deleting two of the dust control products offered, namely:

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| Calcium Chloride | \$ 820.00 (plus GST) |
| Lignosulphonate | \$1,150.00 (Plus GST) |

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Attendance of
Staff for Road
Program Info

At 4:10 p.m, Dorothy Gwynn, Deanne Griffith, Brenda Gallagher, Stan Hampton, Glen Riep and Al Pratt departed from the meeting.

Badlands
Ambulance Info

Starland County Badlands Ambulance Representative, Bob Sargent, discussed issues with regards to the Badlands Ambulance Society.

Departure of
D.R. Avramenko

At 4:40 p.m., Deputy Reeve Avramenko, departed from the meeting.

Committee
Reports

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

Council
Communications

Council Communications:

- i) Canadian Badlands re: Tourism Development Conference
- ii) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties:
 - Member Bulletin - AAMDC meets with Non-Political Organizations
 - AAMDC Resolutions Expiring
 - Contact Newsletter - April 18, 2012

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

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| PIONEER RESEARCH CORPORATION | CK# 34550 | \$ | 2,454.43 |
| TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC. | CK# 34551 | | 1,123.51 |
| Sub-Total: | | \$ | 3,577.94 |
| ACKLANDS-GRAINGER | CK# 34552 | \$ | 238.58 |
| ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC. | CK# 34553 | | 94.21 |
| AIR LIQUIDE CANADA INC. | CK# 34554 | | 299.38 |
| AAMDC | CK# 34555 | | 641.82 |
| ALLIED DISTRIBUTORS DRUM LTD. | CK# 34556 | | 1,161.32 |

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| AVRAMENKO, ALLEN | CK# 34557 | 1,410.00 |
| BRYANT'S AUTO BODY | CK# 34558 | 3,051.32 |
| CLEARTECH INDUSTRIES INC. | CK# 34559 | 947.33 |
| COMMUNICATIONS GROUP | CK# 34560 | 4,700.22 |
| CREDIT UNION MASTERCARD | CK# 34561 | 5,664.33 |
| DG FRAMES STORE | CK# 34562 | 2,379.41 |
| DRUMHELLER CHAMBER | CK# 34563 | 6,300.00 |
| DRUMHELLER CO-OP LTD. | CK# 34564 | 1,320.89 |
| ENMAX | CK# 34565 | 7,850.12 |
| GREYHOUND COURIER EXPRESS | CK# 34566 | 231.73 |
| GRIFFITH, DEANNE | CK# 34567 | 62.91 |
| GWYNN, DOROTHY | CK# 34568 | 170.00 |
| HAMPTON, ALAN W. | CK# 34569 | 150.00 |
| HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD. | CK# 34570 | 549.75 |
| HOOVER, BARRIE | CK# 34571 | 687.26 |
| JERRY'S LOCK & KEY SERVICE | CK# 34572 | 15.75 |
| KAIZEN LAB | CK# 34573 | 2,677.50 |
| KELTECH COMMUNICATIONS INC. | CK# 34574 | 1,264.20 |
| LAPP | CK# 34575 | 15,974.21 |
| LOOMIS EXPRESS | CK# 34576 | 190.33 |
| MARSHALL, MURRAY | CK# 34577 | 467.12 |
| MINISTER OF FINANCE | CK# 34578 | 31.45 |
| MOBILE MINI CANADA ULC | CK# 34579 | 131.25 |
| MPE ENGINEERING LTD. | CK# 34580 | 3,920.28 |
| NELSON, TRACY | CK# 34581 | 129.85 |
| OASIS CARWASH | CK# 34582 | 183.05 |
| OLMSTEAD, RICHARD | CK# 34583 | 250.00 |
| PAPER CUTS LTD. | CK# 34584 | 1,761.90 |
| PETTY CASH | CK# 34585 | 151.11 |
| PICKERING, WILLIAM R. | CK# 34586 | 75.00 |
| PRONGHORN CONTROLS | CK# 34587 | 507.15 |
| RAWLUSYK, ROSS D. | CK# 34588 | 914.13 |
| RECEIVER GENERAL | CK# 34589 | 32,559.72 |
| ROYSONS TRUCKING | CK# 34590 | 472.50 |
| RUMSEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY | CK# 34591 | 576.45 |
| SARGENT, ROBERT | CK# 34592 | 583.91 |
| SEED CHECK TECHNOLOGIES INC. | CK# 34593 | 89.25 |
| SSCR CORPORATE SOLUTIONS LTD. | CK# 34594 | 6,867.00 |
| STANGER, NORMAN | CK# 34595 | 1,520.82 |
| STANTEC CONSULTING LTD. | CK# 34596 | 22,832.40 |
| SYLOGIST LTD. | CK# 34597 | 409.50 |
| TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC. | CK# 34598 | 224.04 |
| TELUS MOBILITY INC. | CK# 34599 | 4,378.25 |
| TOWN OF DRUMHELLER | CK# 34600 | 2,045.14 |
| TRINUS TECHNOLOGIES INC. | CK# 34601 | 2,327.44 |
| TROUT, RAY | CK# 34602 | 164.50 |
| VILLAGE OF MORRIN | CK# 34603 | 220.00 |
| VILLAGE OF MUNSON | CK# 34604 | 1,600.00 |
| WOLF, SANDY | CK# 34605 | 720.00 |
| WSH LABS LTD. | CK# 34606 | 2,441.25 |
| Sub-Total: | | \$ 146,587.03 |
| AVRAMENKO, ALLEN | CK# 34607 | \$ 6,717.13 |
| HOOVER, BARRIE | CK# 34608 | 7,906.13 |
| MARSHALL, MURRAY | CK# 34609 | 4,561.63 |
| STANGER, NORMAN | CK# 34610 | 3,859.13 |
| Sub-Total: | | \$ 23,044.02 |
| AAMDC | CK# 34611 | \$ 37,054.18 |
| Sub-Total: | | \$ 37,054.18 |
| TOTAL: | | \$ 210,263.17 |

C12-089
Adjournment

[C12-089] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the meeting be adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Tuesday, May 29th, 2012, in the Starland County Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, commencing at 9:00 a.m.



Reeve:
J. Barrie Hoover



Chief Administrative Officer:
Ross D. Rawlusyk

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