

STARLAND COUNTY

COUNCIL MEETING, AUGUST 28TH, 2012

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Tuesday, August 28th, 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

C12-162 Approval of Minutes

[C12-162] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STANGER

that the minutes of the August 14th, 2012 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Accounts Checked

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

C12-163 Approval of Accounts

[C12-163] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that accounts (cheque no. 35179 to 35250 inclusive) totalling \$452,320.23 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:

- The Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development and Stewardship announced the approval of the Lower Athabasca Regional Plan. This Plan is set to guide growth and maintain a healthy environment within the lower Athabasca region for the next 50 years. It becomes effective on September 1st, 2012 and includes regional environmental limits for air, surface and water quality and a regional groundwater management framework with interim triggers.
- The County is presently working with the AAMDC and their partner, 8760 Cellular, for a cellular expense management program. They are to provide a detailed assessment of current cellular arrangements, add clarity to cellular carrier invoices, provide summary statements, an online dashboard report that outlines usage trends, cost breakdowns and extraneous usage.
- The tax deadline for payment of Starland County property taxes is September 30th. However, as the 30th is a Sunday, payment will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on October 1st.
- Palliser Regional Municipal Services is working on a new Land Use Bylaw for the County. The new draft will feature additional definitions to add clarity, some additional land use districts to allow for some new uses following re-designation, and some new general land use regulations for newer developments like wind energy and on-farm energy general projects.
- The Starland Regional Water Authority met on August 22nd, 2012 to review operations of the Authority. Financially the Authority is in excellent shape and now has a total of \$148,641.00 in accumulated unrestricted assets.
- The Fire Departments have experienced some issues with billing Alberta Transportation for fire call incidents on the highways.

Transportation is trying to get the billing changed to 15 minute intervals, utilizing 911 dispatch log or call out sheets. CAO Rawlusk will follow-up with Alberta Transportation on this issue to discuss our concerns.

- Thanks to Dorothy for coordinating our recent technology update in the Office and Public Works. She worked the full weekend with Bindu from Trinus to get everything up and running.
- Thanks also, to Sharon, for the diligent work she did on completing our interim Safety Audit. This process is very time consuming and the report preparation is very extensive as well.
- ATCO has offered us about 200,000 cubic metres of fill material that we could use on the Russel slide project.
- Ross attended the Suncor presentation in Delia on the 15th of August. Suncor will be submitting a development permit application sometime in September for this project.
- Playground construction has started in the Michichi campground and they will commence the playground at the Starland Recreation Area after the long weekend.

Attendance of
PWS Pratt &
Safety Coordinator
White

At 9:50 a.m., Public Works Supervisor Al Pratt and Safety Coordinator, Sharon White, attended the meeting.

2012 Health &
Safety Audit Report

Sharon discussed her Executive Report on the Health and Safety Audit which she recently conducted. She noted that overall the County has shown a good commitment to Safety and obtained an overall score of 89%, passing our Audit and maintaining our COR status. Sharon also noted areas to focus on for improvement. At 10:30 a.m., Sharon departed from the meeting.

Public Works
Report

Public Works Supervisor Pratt reviewed his Public Works Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- Crews have been brushing out trees on back roads for movement of farm equipment;
- Work was completed on the bleachers, etc. at the Starland Recreation Area;
- Hearing tests were done on August 15th, 2012;
- The road crew is nearing completion of the Princeton Road, with finishing work to be done on the last 2 miles. They will be moving to the Munson Transfer Station Road at the end of the week;
- 99 miles of the 2012 gravel program has been completed, being over half of the total program;
- Al met with Corner Stone and Stantec in Red Deer for a pre-startup meeting in regards to BF13425;
- The new Kenworth T800 truck arrived last week and will be getting decals and wet kit installed this week;
- He contracted John Rew to grade 11 miles of roadway for the County after the rain on Friday, to try to cut some washboard out;
- Special Areas have been using calcium chloride on some intersections that are usually washboard. Al checked these sites out and suggested that the County try this method on some of the trouble spots.

C12-164
**Motion to apply
test areas of
Calcium Chloride
on roadways**

[C12-164] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that Starland County apply calcium chloride to several test areas throughout the County to test its effectiveness in preventing wash board at the intersections.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C12-165
Motion to go
in-camera

[C12-165] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that Council go in-camera at 10:55 a.m. to discuss personnel issues.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C12-166
Motion to resume
regular meeting

[C12-166] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that the regular meeting of Council be resumed at 11:05 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Departure of
PWS Pratt

At 11:05 a.m., Public Works Supervisor Pratt departed from the meeting.

Temporary
Departure of
Councillor Stanger

At 11:08 a.m., Councillor Stanger temporarily departed from the meeting.

C12-167
Motion for Formal
Employment
Contract with
PWS Al Pratt

[C12-167] MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER

that Starland County enter into an employment contract with Al Pratt as recommended by CAO Rawlusk; that the contract be effective as of January 1st, 2012; and that Al Pratt be appointed as Public Works Supervisor as of that date.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Return of
Councillor Stanger

At 11:10 a.m., Councillor Stanger returned to the meeting.

Attendance of 4-H
Members &
Presentation

At 11:10 a.m., Michelle Hoover and William Hoover, representatives from the Drumheller & District 4-H Council, attended the meeting. They gave a very interesting presentation on the exchange trip between the Drumheller & District 4-H Clubs and Oxford County, Ontario 4-H Clubs. This exchange took place this summer with Ontario members visiting Alberta for 10 days in July and Alberta members visiting Ontario for 10 days in August. All the participants thoroughly enjoyed this exchange program and the representatives extended their thanks to Starland County for the support received from the County. At 11:35 a.m., the 4-H Representatives departed from the meeting.

AAMDC Fall 2012
Convention
Program

CAO Rawlusk provided Council with a draft copy of the AAMDC Fall 2012 Convention Program. He noted that the AAMDC Mayors and Reeves Meeting will be held on November 12th, 2012 from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. at the Shaw Conference Centre.

CAAMDC Fall Zone
Meeting

The CAAMDC Fall Zone Meeting is being hosted by Wheatland County and will be held in Rosebud on Friday, October 12th, 2012, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Lease Agreement
between Morrin
Foods & County
Administration
Office

CAO Rawlusk discussed the area between the County Administration Office and Morrin Foods. The County leased this area during the construction period of the office and now that construction is complete, the area has been landscaped. CAO Rawlusk suggested that we lease this area for a further five year period, to maintain the landscaping in good repair and appearance.

C12-168

Motion to enter into Commercial Lease Tenancy Agreement

[C12-168] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that Starland County renew the Commercial Lease Agreement Monthly Tenancy with 1589220 Alberta Ltd. (Morrin Foods) for a further five year term; that the terms and conditions be as stated therein; and that the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign this lease agreement on behalf of the County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AB Municipal Affairs re: Regional Collaboration Grant Approval

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs, advising that the Town of Hanna's 2012/13 Regional Collaboration Program grant application submitted was approved for a grant of \$250,000 in support of the *Phase 1 - Regional Web Based Geographic Information System Development*. This grant application was submitted in partnership with a large area, including Town of Hanna, Special Areas, M.D. of Acadia, County of Paintearth, Starland County, and several villages located in these areas.

Approval of Lower Athabasca Regional Plan

Correspondence was received from the Alberta Government advising that the *Lower Athabasca Regional Plan* has now been approved. This is Alberta's first of seven regional plans committed to under Alberta's Land-use Framework and takes effect September 1st, 2012.

C12-169

September 11th Council Meeting Cancelled

[C12-169] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that the regular meeting of Council scheduled for Tuesday, September 11th, 2012 be cancelled due to harvest.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C12-170

September 4th ASB Meeting Cancelled

[C12-170] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the Agricultural Service Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 4th, 2012 be cancelled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C12-171

September 25th Council Meeting Changed to September 26th

[C12-171] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that the regular meeting of Council scheduled for Tuesday, September 25th, 2012 be changed to Wednesday, September 26th, 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C12-172

Authorization to attend MCCAC Climate Change Workshop

[C12-172] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that CAO Ross Rawlusk be authorized to attend the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC) *Community Action on Climate Change Workshop* on Monday, September 24th, 2012 in Edmonton, Alberta; and that registration and expenses be paid.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Committee Reports

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

Attendance of Manager Riep & Municipal Services Report

At 12:05 p.m., Manager Riep attended the meeting and reviewed his Municipal Services Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- The Recreation Crew were busy preparing for a couple of large events this last week at both the Starland and Michichi Campgrounds. The Red Eye Ball Tournament was held at the Starland Recreation Area and the Ryan Savory Annual Fishing

Derby was held at Michichi.

- Other general maintenance was also completed by the Recreation Crew including mowing, hamlet lot clean-up work, staining and painting, irrigation and watering trees;
- The Rumsey Lift Station was repaired;
- The bleachers and benches at the ball diamonds at the river were repaired;
- Internments and clean-up operations at the cemeteries;
- Further discussions were held with Ken Trudel from Westcan Wireless with regards to our current communications status to determine where and how our service area might be enhanced. This information will be included in the Fire Protection Master Plan documents which he is presently working on;
- He recently attended the Starland Regional Water Authority meeting; and
- Due to several recent vehicle roll-overs and hazardous material spills, he has been looking into more effective spill-kits which could be utilized by the County and/or Fire Departments for these mishaps.

Council Communications

Council Communications:

- i) Municipal Climate Change Action Centre - Workshop, Monday, September 24, 2012, Edmonton
- ii) Olds College and Red Deer College - Campus Alberta Central, September 27th, 2012 at 3:00 p.m., Red Deer
- iii) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties:
 - Member Bulletin - Looking for Examples of Bylaws or Policies
 - Member Bulletin - AAMDC Finds Value in Creating Rural Connections Conference
 - Member Bulletin - Federal Government Invests in Flood Mitigation
 - Minister Meeting Summary - Honourable Verlyn Olson, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development
 - Minister Meeting Summary - Honourable Diana McQueen, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development
 - Contact Newsletter (2 issues)

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

GREATWEST KENWORTH LTD.	CK# 35179	\$	138,759.86
Sub-Total:		\$	138,759.86
A & D HARPER TIRE (1979) LTD.	CK# 35180	\$	1,264.24
ACKLANDS- GRAINGER	CK# 35181		1,426.09
ACTIVE GLASS	CK# 35182		186.16
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.	CK# 35183		1,164.32
AIR LIQUIDE CANADA INC.	CK# 35184		283.11
AAMDC	CK# 35185		79,188.34
ALBERTA ASSOC. FAMILY SCHOOL	CK# 35186		175.00
ALBERTA COLLEGE SOCIAL WORKERS	CK# 35187		350.00
ALBERTA MOTOR VEHICLE COUNCIL	CK# 35188		250.00
AVRAMENKO, ALLEN	CK# 35189		5,433.88
BENOIT, PELAGIOUS P.	CK# 35190		632.96
BROOKS INDUSTRIAL METALS LTD.	CK# 35191		849.07
BUTLER SURVEY SUPPLIES LTD.	CK# 35192		498.75
CREDIT UNION MASTERCARD	CK# 35193		332.17
DG FRAMES STORE	CK# 35194		1,721.69
DRUM WIRELESS LTD.	CK# 35195		528.16
DRUMHELLER SOLID WASTE	CK# 35196		413.60
DRUMHELLER CO-OP LTD.	CK# 35197		7,180.42
ENMAX	CK# 35198		6,569.12
FINNING (CANADA)	CK# 35199		16,422.00

FRANK FLAMAN SALES	CK# 35200	596.03
FREIGHTLINER OF RED DEER INC.	CK# 35201	347.56
GANE VACUUM SERVICE	CK# 35202	1,312.50
GERLINGER BROS. OILFIELD	CK# 35203	2,252.25
GLENTEL INC.	CK# 35204	259.83
GLOVER INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS	CK# 35205	3,751.09
GREYHOUND COURIER EXPRESS	CK# 35206	62.64
HB INDUSTRIES LTD.	CK# 35207	1,798.59
HEALTH & SAFETY CONFERENCE	CK# 35208	498.75
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 35209	550.52
HOOVER, BARRIE	CK# 35210	497.16
I.D. APPAREL	CK# 35211	1,157.63
I.G.A. DRUMHELLER	CK# 35212	283.53
O/A J.C. INDUSTRIES LTD.	CK# 35213	1,651.07
JERRY'S LOCK & KEY SERVICE	CK# 35214	73.45
KAIZEN LAB	CK# 35215	1,275.75
KELLOUGH ENTERPRISES INC.	CK# 35216	638.82
KELTECH COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 35217	1,995.00
LAPP	CK# 35218	19,753.05
LOOMIS EXPRESS	CK# 35219	281.73
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 35220	289.44
MCASPHALT INDUSTRIES LIMITED	CK# 35221	17,404.86
MINISTER OF FINANCE	CK# 35222	241.50
MRC	CK# 35223	193.86
PEEVEY ELECTRIC LTD.	CK# 35224	649.88
PETTY CASH	CK# 35225	168.42
PITNEY BOWES	CK# 35226	269.58
PRINTER WORLD INTERNATIONAL	CK# 35227	583.80
RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 35228	59,226.30
ROWE, DIANA	CK# 35229	420.05
ROWLEY COMMUNITY HALL ASSOC.	CK# 35230	9,821.00
SAMUEL PLUMBING & HEATING LTD.	CK# 35231	10.50
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 35232	6,538.70
STAGECOACH INN	CK# 35233	179.85
STANGER, NORMAN	CK# 35234	263.18
STARLAND REGIONAL WATER	CK# 35235	8,120.73
STONE BLUE ENTERPRISES INC.	CK# 35236	191.58
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 35237	377.54
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 35238	9,934.33
TOWN OF DRUMHELLER	CK# 35239	1,212.59
VILLAGE OF DELIA	CK# 35240	675.00
VILLAGE OF MORRIN	CK# 35241	5,020.00
VOLKART, MICHELLE	CK# 35242	53.93
WEST-CAN SEAL COATING INC.	CK# 35243	24,822.90
WESTERGARD MOTORS DRUMHELLER	CK# 35244	91.69
WFR WHOLESALE FIRE & RESCUE	CK# 35245	508.79
WOLF, SANDY	CK# 35246	720.00
WURTH CANADA LIMITED	CK# 35247	1,100.81
1325856 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 35248	84.45
1589220 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 35249	450.00
911 SUPPLY	CK# 35250	29.08

Sub-Total: \$ 313,560.37

TOTAL: \$ 452,320.23

C12-173
Adjournment

[C12-173] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that the meeting be adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held in the Starland County Administration Office, on Wednesday, September 26th, 2012, commencing at 9:00 a.m.



Reeve:
J. Barrie Hoover



Chief Administrative Officer:
Ross D. Rawlusyk

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