

STARLAND COUNTY

COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 8th, 2017

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Wednesday, February 8th, 2017, 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 Ross Rawlusyk
Special Projects Manager M. Kreke

C17-018 Approval of Minutes

[C17-018] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the minutes of the January 11th, 2017 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CAO Report

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

- The new Land Use Bylaw is ready for review by Council and will be presented at the next Council meeting. Over the course of the next two years Starland County will have to engage in a number of mandatory planning processes and this represents a good first step.
- The spring AAMDC Convention is being held in Edmonton from March 20th to 22nd. The draft agenda has been included in the Council Meeting package.
- The Government has released the final report from the Energy Efficiency Advisory Panel and held a number of recommendations for Energy Efficiency Initiatives in Alberta.
- The Government has completed a small Cabinet shuffle removing Danielle Larivee from Municipal Affairs and placing Shaye Anderson into that post.
- Ross has completed a report for the Palliser Regional Municipal Services funding committee on possible options for the distribution of requisition funding. This report will be presented at an upcoming meeting.
- Population and dwelling counts have been released for the 2016 national census. The initial numbers show Starland County's population holding steady.
- Matthew presented a brief to the Electoral Boundaries Commission in Drumheller in January.
- Prairie Land School Division has advised that a new Delia School is on the horizon. It is expected that another handful of new school construction projects will be announced in conjunction with the Provincial Budget.

Emerging Trends Seminar

A draft agenda for the upcoming Brownlee Law Emerging Trends Legal Seminar was distributed to Council.

Attendance of PW Supervisor Pratt and PW Report

At 10:00 a.m. Public Works Supervisor Al Pratt attended the meeting and reviewed his Public Works Report with Council. Highlights of his report included the following:

- The Public Works crew has been busy with a number of activities including cutting trees and firewood, plowing and sanding, and helping at the Munson Hall by putting up and taking down construction fence.
- Grader Operators have been plowing their divisions and helping

with the Munson Hall demolition.

- Gary and Kevin have been doing regular maintenance and minor repairs on the heavy duty equipment. Unit #601 broke down with transmission problems and has just come back from Brandt with a rebuilt transmission.
- Buck continues with regular maintenance on the county light duty fleet and some minor repairs.
- Brenda has been doing permits for service rigs.
- Al has been meeting with salesmen, checking roads and bridges, doing safety inspections and going on job tours with Doug.

STIP Grants

Special Projects Manager Kreke presented Council with two grant submissions for the 2017 Local Road Bridge Program. The program offers 75% funding for bridges deemed priorities through its application process. Starland County is applying for Bridge File 71779 with a total estimated cost of \$344,415.00 and Bridge File 8593 with a total estimated cost of \$820,400.00.

Unit #707
Extended Warranty

Council was presented with options for the purchase of an extended warranty for the new Water Truck.

C17-019
**Purchase of
Extended
Warranty**

[C17-019] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that Starland County purchase the 7 year/644,000km extended warranty for Unit #707 from Freightliner of Red Deer, Alberta for \$6,955.00 USD plus GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Departure

At 11:00 a.m. Public Works Supervisor Pratt departed from the meeting.

Attendance of MS
Manager Riep and
MS Report

At 11:02 a.m. Municipal Services Manager Riep attended the meeting and presented the Municipal Services Report. Highlights of his report included the following:

- Glen is working with Theo from MPE on the design of a couple of water projects for the spring including a CLV pipeline upgrade and new service for the Munson Fire Hall. Additionally he is planning upgrades for the Morrin and Munson water stations for backup emergency power. Upgrades to the Rumsey water station have encountered a problem which will result in a 6-8 week delay.
- All of the Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses with our fire departments were recertified.
- Suncor was in the office on February 7th to give an update on the Hand Hills Wind project and to discuss their approved development permits for the tower locations from 2013. They have received more information from the Provincial Government on the upcoming call for renewable generation that they will be bidding into. As such they are looking to align their permits with the government's new process.

Departure

At 11:45 a.m. Glen departed from the meeting.

Electoral
Boundaries
Commission

Ross reviewed with Council a draft of a submission to the Electoral Boundaries Commission on behalf of Starland County. The document recommends leaving the current electoral boundaries as they are even though the population of our district is now significantly under the provincial average.

AAMDC Spring
Convention

Council was presented with a draft copy of the AAMDC Spring Convention agenda. Major speakers have not yet been announced.

C17-020
Council Meeting
Date

[C17-020] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that the March 22nd meeting of the Council of Starland County be moved to March 29th.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ALARIE
Distribution

The wind up of the Alberta Local Authorities Reciprocal Insurance Exchange (ALARIE) continues with a Court Hearing scheduled from February 10th to March 3rd. It is anticipated that a judge will make a final distribution ruling by March 15th.

Marigold Report

A copy of the Marigold Library update report was received along with the approved per capita requisition rates for 2017 and 2018. Starland County's requisition should be received in February.

Bill C-323

MP Peter Van Loan has introduced a private member's bill in Parliament which aims to create a tax credit for the restoration of historic place and is asking for the public to contact their local MP to support the Bill.

Oil and Gas
Awareness Day

The Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors has submitted a letter asking for municipal support for Oil and Gas Awareness Day in Alberta. The organization proposes that February 13th be used to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Leduc No. 1 oil discovery.

FCM Budget
Submission

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities has recently released Seizing the Moment for Rural Canada, a companion budget submission focused on the priorities of rural communities across the country. The report provides a number of recommendations focused on support infrastructure funding in rural areas.

Energy Efficiency
Report

CAO Rawlusyk reviewed with Council a copy of the Getting it Right: A more Energy Efficient Alberta Report issued by the Alberta Energy Efficiency Advisory Panel. The report is meant to provide a long-term vision for the goals and outcomes for Energy Efficiency Alberta while also providing recommendations on first stage energy efficiency programs.

Alberta Surface
Rights Federation

The Alberta Surface Rights Federation will be hosting its annual meeting on Friday, February 24th in the Norsemen Inn in Camrose.

Pembina Institute
Workshops

Solar Energy Society of Alberta and MCCAC are hosting Solar Toolkit Workshops scheduled for various locations throughout Alberta in the months of February and March.

Referee
and Coaching
Grants

A funding request was received from the Nova Volleyball club in Starland County for the operation of a coaching and refereeing clinic. Council determined that this fell out of the scope of current Starland County grant programs.

Canadian
Badlands

The Canadian Badlands requisition was received for the 2017 calendar year. Based on \$0.525/per capita Starland's contribution would be \$1,087.28.

C17-021
Badlands
Requisition

[C17-021] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that Starland County pay a requisition of \$1,087.28 to Canadian Badlands Ltd. for the 2017 calendar year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Amateur Team
Grants

Amateur Team Grant funding requests were received from the Delia Mites Penguins and the Rumsey and District Agricultural Society Junior Curling Club. The Delia Mites are only requesting small prizes to give out during their annual home tournament which Starland County can provide in the way of Starland County merchandize. The Rumsey and District

Agricultural Society Junior Curling Club is requesting \$1,500.00 based on ~~39~~ participants.
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C17-022
**Amateur Team
Grant Funding**

[C17-022] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that Starland County provide Amateur Team Grant funding to the Rumsey and District Agricultural Society Junior Curling Club in the amount of \$1,500.00.

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) Government of Alberta re: Alternative Solutions Guide for Small System Reclaimed Water Reuse
- ii) Morrin Community Association re: Thank you
- iii) Hanna and District Medical Corporation re: Open House, Hanna Medical Clinic – February 27th, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- iv) Red Deer River Watershed Alliance re: Re-imagining Municipal Water in the 21st Century, February 24th, 2017 River Bend Golf Course
- v) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties re:
 - Member Bulletin: AAMDC Climate Change Advisory
 - Member Bulletin: Alberta Broadband Toolkit Released
 - Contact Newsletter (3 Issues)

C17-023
Adjournment

[C17-023] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANNSTROM

that the meeting be adjourned at 2:20 p.m.


CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Wednesday, February 22ND, 2017, in the Starland County Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, commencing at 9:00 a.m



Reeve:

J. Barrie Hoover



Assistant Chief Administrative
Officer:

Shirley Bremer