

STARLAND COUNTY

COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 12TH, 2013

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Tuesday, March 12th, 2013, 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

C13-031 Approval of Minutes

[C13-031] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STANGER

that the minutes of the February 26th, 2013 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Accounts Checked

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

C13-032 Approval of Accounts

[C13-032] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that accounts (cheque no. 36242 to 36310 inclusive) totalling \$256,467.93, 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:

- He outlined the highlights of the recently announced 2013 provincial budget.
 - ▶ The demise of the Local Road Bridge funding will impact the County significantly. Starland County's bridge assets are worth over \$10 million, and the County will now be solely responsible for scheduling, maintenance and engineering costs.
 - ▶ The MSI grants were not increased as previously committed, but did remain at last years level. However, it will be distributed on the populations from the last census, and Starland County's population decreased, resulting in \$83,503.00 less in MSI funding than last year.
 - ▶ On the school side, the province eliminated the former funding formula and the County will now be paying \$37,646.19 more in total school tax.
 - ▶ Other broad cuts were made to the water and wastewater grant programs (so Craigmyle's low priority lift station and water storage in the Villages are gone), as well as the Water for Life Grant.
 - ▶ Overall, these budget cuts result in Starland County picking up at least \$300,000 additional annual burden.
- The FCM announced that they have developed a new protocol for the location of antenna systems. The purpose of the protocol is to ensure that there is notification and meaningful local consultation on the location and visual aesthetics of antenna systems before they are installed.
- Wild Rose Assessment Services Inc. have now completed their first assessment cycle and the information download worked flawlessly, allowing us to quickly balance to their totals. The 2013

- taxable assessment is up 3.42% to a new total of 780,642,770.
- The plan for the Rumsey Natural Area Management Plan is scheduled for review this year. An initial information meeting is set up at the County Office on March 28th, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Terry Krause, a Regional Planner with Tourism, Parks and Recreation will be providing an update on the review process.
- A hearing with regards to an intensive livestock appeal is being held in Drumheller today. Sunterra submitted an application to amend their existing approval by removing 14 conditions that had originally been placed by the Special Areas. The conditions Sunterra hope to remove are all conditions associated with manure disposal.
- A Starland County Road Planning Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th, 2013, commencing at 9:00 a.m.
- The SRWA financial statement for 2012 is now complete and the Authority posted a \$33,993.00 surplus.
- Alberta Transportation advised that they are waiting for the Federal approval for the CLV Water Co-op upgrading and expansion project and once received, this project can proceed.
- Ross met with Wayne Hove and Jon Ohlhauser to get an update on Hope College and the course offerings they are hoping to have available for their launch.

Attendance of
PWS Pratt and
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:

- Crews have been busy with regular maintenance items such as sanding and plowing, cutting trees and firewood, getting the steamer and trash pumps ready, snow removal in the hamlets, etc.;
- Several of the employees recently completed their First Aid Training;
- Someone illegally dumped a load of old floor tiles in the ditch at the intersection Twp. Rd. 30-0 and Rng. Rd. 20-4. Crews have now removed this garbage out of the ditch;
- The McLaren Dam Bridge was damaged, resulting in a broken railing, wind wall railing and one post that needs replacing;
- AI is collecting information with regards to the various products available for dust control;
- AI advised Council that Todd Wright from Stettler will provide training for people interested in upgrading their driver's licenses. He requested Council's consideration of paying for the training costs for Milton and Colby to upgrade their Class 3 licenses to a Class 1 driver's license.

C13-033
Authorization to
pay for driver's
license upgrade
training

C13-033 MOVED BY REEVE HOOVER

that Starland County cover the training costs involved for Milton Wong and Colby Black to upgrade their Class 3 driver's license to Class 1 license's.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E.C.S. Safety
Services Ltd.
Re: Drug & Alcohol
Testing

At 10:45 a.m., Ed Secondiak from E.C.S. Safety Services Ltd. attended the meeting and gave a presentation to Council on drug and alcohol testing, "*Managing Workplace Substance Abuse*". Mr. Secondiak outlined the reasons for drug testing, with some of the more important reasons being to provide a safer work environment, reduce costs and due diligence on behalf of the County. Council discussed the goals and testing standards of this program, as well as the steps involved for program implementation.

Departure of
PWS Pratt &
Mr. Secondiak

At 12:45 p.m., Mr. Secondiak and Public Works Supervisor Pratt departed from the meeting.

Municipal Services
Report

In the absence of Manager Riep, CAO Rawlusyk reviewed the Municipal Services Report with Council. Highlights of his report noted the following:

- Glen attended a training course in Vermillion to “*Train the Trainer in Fire Extinguishers*”. This training provided various course materials and he found it very informative with many in-house applications.
- A Fire Protection Master Plan meeting of the working committee is scheduled for March 27th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Starland County Administration Office.
- Glen is in the process of getting quotation packages together for the purpose of pricing out turnout gear. Much of the present gear is outdated and he is striving to maintain minimum requirements for fire protection. Depending on pricing, he hopes to purchase between 20 to 30 sets of complete gear.
- He met with Atco Electric to review the County’s 2013 road program and go over any issues there may be that may affect the road work.
- Atco is very anxious to demonstrate their portable electrical hazards display for our staff. Their presentation will be made in conjunction with our safety awareness day on May 10th, 2013. This is a good opportunity to review safety procedures and general safety while working around power lines.

2013 AAMDC
Spring Convention

CAO Rawlusyk provided Council with information in regards to the upcoming 2013 Spring Convention. In addition, he noted that he has arranged for an appointment at the Environmental Law Centre on Monday, March 18th, 2013, to discuss various environmental concerns.

MSI Status Reports

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs with regards to two status reports summarizing Starland County’s annual Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funding allocations and payments, Statement of Funding and Expenditures (SFE) status, and capital and operating project and spending plan commitments, as of February 28, 2013.

FGTF Program

Correspondence was received from Alberta Transportation, noting that 2013 is the last year of allocations available under the current Federal Gas Tax Fund (FGTF). Under the current terms and conditions of the program, the deadline to spend all FGTF funds is March 31, 2014. This deadline has now been extended to December 31, 2014 in order to give municipalities an additional construction season to complete any outstanding projects. The County is required to sign an Amending Agreement for the extension of this program.

C13-034
FGTF Amending
Agreement

[C13-034] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that Starland County enter into an Amending Agreement with Alberta Transportation for the extension of the deadline for the Federal Gas Tax Fund (FGTF) from March 31, 2014 to December 31, 2014; and that CAO Rawlusyk be authorized to endorse this Amending Agreement on behalf of Starland County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FGTF Signage
Requirements

Alberta Transportation also sent a reminder of the signage obligation of each municipality for FGTF projects. At least one sign must be installed in compliance with the FGTF Agreement.

Provincial Budget
2013 Highlights

The Provincial Budget 2013 Highlights were outlined by the AAMDC, noting "Budget 2013 Disappoints AAMDC and reduces support for rural municipalities". The AAMDC also provided a budget analysis and a rural perspective on the budget announcements.

2013 Education
Requisition

Correspondence was received from the Municipal Services Branch, advising that each municipality's 2013 education requisition is now available on MERO (Municipal Education Requisition Online) through the milenet portal. In addition, information can also be obtained at this site regarding property tax assistance for seniors.

Community
Planning Assoc.
Newsletter

Copies of the Community Planning Association of Alberta newsletter were distributed to Council. CAO Rawlusyk noted that the Alberta Planning Exchange is hosting the 2013 CPAA Conference in Red Deer, Alberta, from April 15th - 17th, 2013.

Health Quality
Council of Alberta
Report

The Health Quality Council of Alberta provided a copy of their review paper which examined the implications for quality and patient safety with respect to ground emergency medical services in Alberta. Several recommendations and required actions were outlined within this report.

Wetlands
Discussion Guide
and Workbook

CAO Rawlusyk discussed the *Wetlands Discussion Guide and Workbook* prepared by the AUMA. In addition, a webinar to learn more about wetlands will be held on April 4th, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. and features Environment and Sustainable Resource Development Policy Analyst, Thorsten Hebben. The topic of wetlands, their contribution to Alberta's economic and environmental sustainability and the government's efforts to better manage them through a new provincial policy initiative will be discussed during this webinar.

Committee
Reports

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

AAMDC
Member Visit

At 3:45 p.m., representatives from the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties attended the meeting to discuss various items of mutual interest. Representatives included: President Bob Barss, Zone 2 Director Al Kenmere and Gerald Rhodes, Executive Director.

The delegation departed from the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Council
Communications

Council Communications:

- i) Trail of the Buffalo re: Trail of the Buffalo Spring Meeting, Stettler Recreation Centre, March 21st, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
- ii) Alberta Animal Services re: Appointment of Officer Andrew Penton
- iii) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties:
 - Contact Newsletter (3 issues)

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

GREATWEST KENWORTH LTD.	CK# 36242	\$	43.06
WURTH CANADA LIMITED	CK# 36243		1,855.54

Sub-Total:		\$	1,898.60
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AAMDC	CK# 36244	\$	32,199.31
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Sub-Total:		\$	32,199.31
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ALTAGAS UTILITIES INC.	CK# 36245	\$	1,873.59
ENMAX	CK# 36246		11,619.23
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 36247		1,468.51

Sub-Total:		\$	14,961.33
AAMDC	CK# 36248	\$	20,068.83
Sub-Total:		\$	20,068.83
ACKLANDS-GRAINGER	CK# 36249	\$	570.70
ACTIVE GLASS	CK# 36250		315.00
ALBERTA ANIMAL SERVICES	CK# 36251		1,050.00
AAMDC	CK# 36252		3,476.70
ALBERTA GOVERNMENT SERVICES	CK# 36253		50.00
ALBERTA ONE-CALL CORPORATION	CK# 36254		12.60
ALLIED DISTRIBUTORS DRUM LTD.	CK# 36255		819.36
AVRAMENKO, ALLEN	CK# 36256		442.26
BIG COUNTRY GAS CO-OP	CK# 36257		479.39
BIG SKY CALL CENTRES LTD.	CK# 36258		258.30
BURT, EDWIN L.	CK# 36259		150.00
CALON, DARA	CK# 36260		130.62
CONTACT SAFETY SERVICE LTD.	CK# 36261		2,307.59
COSENS, JASON	CK# 36262		94.33
DRUMHELLER CHAMBER	CK# 36263		5,250.00
DRUMHELLER SOLID WASTE	CK# 36264		54.30
DRUMHELLER CHRYSLER	CK# 36265		1,036.16
DRUMHELLER CO-OP LTD.	CK# 36266		971.10
DRUMHELLER EQUIPMENT SALES	CK# 36267		112.10
EAST CENTRAL GAS CO-OP LTD.	CK# 36268		205.72
FOX ENERGY SYSTEMS INC.	CK# 36269		833.91
GLENTEL INC.	CK# 36270		259.83
GREYHOUND COURIER EXPRESS	CK# 36271		63.48
HENRY KROEGER REGIONAL WATER	CK# 36272		4,861.97
HENRY KROEGER REGIONAL WATER	CK# 36273		1,420.00
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 36274		123.21
HOOVER, BARRIE	CK# 36275		508.32
I.D. APPAREL	CK# 36276		771.70
I.G.A. DRUMHELLER	CK# 36277		243.99
KAIZEN LAB	CK# 36278		2,814.00
LAPP	CK# 36279		20,864.11
MARSHALL, GINO	CK# 36280		100.00
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 36281		479.76
MORRIN FIGURE SKATING CLUB	CK# 36282		1,200.00
MORRIN FOODS	CK# 36283		299.76
NAPA AUTO PARTS DRUMHELLER	CK# 36284		298.31
PETTY CASH	CK# 36285		36.23
PIONEER RESEARCH CORPORATION	CK# 36286		4,177.71
RECEIVER GENERAL	CK# 36287		32,673.49
RED DEER RIVER WATERSHED	CK# 36288		1,028.50
RICOH CANADA INC.	CK# 36289		4,431.38
RIEP, GLEN	CK# 36290		1,312.76
RONCIN, BONNIE	CK# 36291		255.00
SAM'S TRUCK & CAR WASH	CK# 36292		11.03
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 36293		437.34
SEED CHECK TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 36294		100.80
SPROUSE FIRE AND SAFETY CORP.	CK# 36295		128.98
STANGER, NORMAN	CK# 36296		426.72
STANTEC CONSULTING LTD.	CK# 36297		54,900.10
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY	CK# 36298		15,816.29
TAQA NORTH	CK# 36299		21.00
THE DRUMHELLER MAIL	CK# 36300		19.90
TRINUS TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 36301		1,345.84
TROUT, RAY	CK# 36302		176.00
WATER PURE & SIMPLE	CK# 36303		45.00
WESTERN CANADA WATER	CK# 36304		60.00
WILD ROSE ASSESSMENT SERVICE	CK# 36305		7,704.38
WOLF, SANDY	CK# 36306		480.00
WORKER'S COMPENSATION BOARD	CK# 36307		5,605.03

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WSH LABS (1992) LTD.	CK# 36308	2,352.00
ZEE MEDICAL CANADA CORPORATION	CK# 36309	VOID
Sub-Total:		\$ 186,474.06
ZEE MEDICAL CANADA CORPORATION	CK# 36310	\$ 865.80
Sub-Total:		\$ 865.80
TOTAL:		\$ 256,467.93

C13-035
Adjournment

[C13-035] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARSHALL

that the meeting be adjourned at 5:00 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 Tuesday, March 26th, 2013, commencing at 9:00 a.m.



Reeve:
J. Barrie Hoover



Chief Administrative Officer:
Ross D. Rawlusyk

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