

STARLAND COUNTY

COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 13TH, 2012

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held in the Administration Office, Morrin, Alberta, on Tuesday, March 13th, 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

C12-047 Approval of Minutes

[C12-047] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STANGER

that the minutes of the February 28th, 2012 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Accounts Checked

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

C12-048 Approval of Accounts

[C12-048] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that accounts (cheque no. 34334 to 34413 inclusive) totalling \$531,625.15, 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 yearend audit preparation process is still ongoing. Endeavour Accountants are scheduled to complete the 2011 Audit requirements from April 2nd to 5th, 2012;
- The contractors are working at correcting items noted on the deficiency list for the Administration Office construction. The sea cans have now been emptied, however, most of the contents are temporarily stored in spare rooms in the Administration building and need to be filed away;
- Stantec has now completed and submitted our bridge file inspections for 2011. We were fortunate to receive late March funding approval for BF 9665 to do an Engineering proposal for bridge file repairs (NW 3-32-16-W4M);
- Progress is ongoing with the new WebGIS/Vehicle Tracking system that has been in development for the last year and a half. We are at the point of substantial completion of the WebGIS module outlined in our original scope of work and thus far it seems to be meeting expectations. Progress has been slower on the Vehicle Tracking system where some unanticipated problems have surfaced. Further work is required to recreate a database and software package;
- Munson Fire Department will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary this year and they have requested funding assistance from the County for the purchase of drink mugs with the Munson Fire Department logo and Starland County logo on them;
- The Road Tour will be held on March 23rd, 2012;
- CAO Rawlusyk noted that on September 20th, 1912, the original Star Land No. 307 was created. It included Townships 31, 32, 33 in Ranges 19 & 20; part east of the Red Deer River of Townships 31, 32 and 33 in Range 21 and the part east of the Red Deer River

of Township 33 in Range 22, all west of the fourth meridian. This will be the 100th Anniversary this year. He is planning to tie this long history in with our eventual grand opening for the new office.

Attendance of
Acting PWS Pratt
& PW Report

At 10:05 a.m., Acting Public Works Supervisor Pratt attended the meeting and reviewed his Public Works Report with Council.

Gartley Road
Repair Tender
Package

Council reviewed the tender packages for the Gartley road repairs as well as Bridge File 13425 (S.SE 18-32-18-W4M). These tender requests will be advertized on the Alberta Purchasing Connection (APC) and tenders will be accepted until April 4, 2012.

Departure of
Acting PWS Pratt

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

2012 AAMDC
Spring Convention

CAO Rawlusyk provided Council members with their convention binders for the upcoming 2012 AAMDC Spring Convention. He noted that they are also enrolled in the Alberta Elected Official's Training Program, which will run from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 19th, 2012.

Ambulance
Services Issues

Chief Administrative Officer Rawlusyk discussed issues regarding the Badlands Ambulance Services Society Board and also provided copies of their bylaws for Council's review. He also noted that the Hanna Ambulance Society will be dissolving, as their workers voted to form a union and will now be under Alberta Health Services.

HKRWSC re:
Grant Application

CAO Rawlusyk advised that the Project Proposal submitted by the Henry Kroeger Regional Water Services Commission to the Natural Resources Canada ecoENERGY Innovation Initiative Demonstration Component for a Utility Stabilization Project (HKRUSP) was not approved. They will however, maintain this proposal in a stand-by list, should funds become available at a later date.

Land Acquisition
Policy No. 320-2

Council reviewed Starland County's Land Acquisition Policy No. 320-2. Assistant CAO Bremer prepared a summary of land sales within Starland County and noted that the present rate of payment for acquisition of land appears to be much lower than the actual rates that land is selling for. Council reviewed this information, noting that the County should increase this rate together with the minimum payment per acre in this policy.

C12-049
Amendment to
Rates for Land
Acquisition Policy
No. 320-2

[C12-049] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STANGER

that Land Acquisition Policy No. 320-2 be amended, effective January 1st, 2012; that Part 1 be changed noting that the rate of payment to purchase land for right-of-way be increased to 10.60 times the total land assessment value of the quarter section; and that Part 2 be changed, noting that a minimum payment of \$1,150.00 per acre would be paid to a landowner if the land assessment calculation is less than \$1,150.00; and that the rate paid in Part 3 for small areas acquired be increased to \$770.00 per quarter section affected.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Drumheller &
District Senior's
Foundation re:
2012 Requisition

Correspondence was received from the Drumheller and District Senior's Foundation, requesting payment of their 2012 Requisition in the amount of \$255,990.00.

C12-050
Approval of
Senior's 2012
Requisition

[C12-050] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that Starland County approve payment of the Drumheller and District Senior's Foundation 2012 Requisition in the amount of \$255,990.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Munson Fire
Department re:
Request to attend
Fire Chief's Assoc.
Annual Conference

C12-051

**Authorization to
attend Fire Chief's
Assoc. Annual
Conference**

FCM 2012 Annual
Conference

NRCB re:
Application to
Amend
Development
Permit No. 1/99
(Duane Olson)

Request to review
water billing re:
N/M Chambers

C12-052

**Motion to reduce
water billing re:
N/M Chambers**

Committee
Reports

Departure of
Ass't CAO Bremer

Return of Ass't
CAO Bremer

Council
Communications

Correspondence was received from the Munson Fire Department, requesting Council's approval to send their Fire Chief to the Alberta Fire Chief's Association 2012 Annual Conference, from June 9th to 11th, 2012, in Edmonton, Alberta.

[C12-051] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE AVRAMENKO

that as per the Starland Regional Fire Agreement, that Starland County authorize payment of 70% of the registration and expenses for Steve Wannstrom, Fire Chief for the Village of Munson, to attend the Alberta Fire Chief's Association 2012 Annual Conference.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CAO Rawlusyk provided Council with the booking confirmations and program agenda for the upcoming FCM 2012 Annual Conference and Trade Show.

Correspondence was received from the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) with regards to an application for an amendment to Starland County Development Permit #1/99 received from Duane Olson. They are requesting written comments and concerns in regard to this application. Due to the time restrictions, CAO Rawlusyk will request a time extension in order to address the specific items noted.

CAO Rawlusyk discussed an issue brought forward by Norman and Margaret Chambers with regards to their water billing. Their February water billing was extraordinarily high due to a valve not being turned off for their livestock. They acknowledged that this was their error, however, requested Council's consideration to review same.

[C12-052] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that Starland County Council agree to reduce the February 2012 water billing for Norman and Margaret Chambers by 50%, from \$651.50 to \$325.75.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

At 2:00 p.m., Assistant CAO Bremer was asked to temporarily depart from the meeting.

At 3:30 p.m., Assistant CAO Bremer returned to the meeting.

Council Communications:

- i) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties:
- Meeting Summary: Honourable Ray Danyluk, Minister of Transportation
 - Meeting Summary: Honourable Diana McQueen, Minister of Environment and Water
 - AAMDC District 3 Highlights
 - AAMDC District 4 Highlights
 - Member Bulletin re: New Peer Network Website
 - Member Bulletin re: Ensuring Compliance When Releasing Wastewater Effluent
 - Member Bulletin re: AAMDC Submits Position to the CRTC on Municipal Access Agreements
 - Member Bulletin re: Government to Review Surface Rights and Expropriation Act
 - Member Bulletin re: Proposed Seniors Property Tax Deferral Act

- (includes Government of Alberta News Release)
- Contact Newsletter (2 issues)

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

ACKLANDS-GRAINGER	CK# 34334	\$	1,558.40
ENMAX	CK# 34335		12,900.85
Sub-Total:		\$	14,459.25
A&D HARPER TIRE (1979) LTD.	CK# 34336	\$	961.84
ACKLANDS-GRAINGER	CK# 34337		671.26
AIR LIQUIDE CANADA INC.	CK# 34338		196.10
ALBERTA ANIMAL SERVICES	CK# 34339		1,050.00
AAMDC	CK# 34340		240.86
ALBERTA GOVERNMENT SERVICES	CK# 34341		7.00
ALBERTA MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT	CK# 34342		425.00
ALBERTA ONE-CALL CORPORATION	CK# 34343		56.70
ALLIED DISTRIBUTORS DRUM LTD.	CK# 34344		1,835.23
ALTAGAS UTILITIES INC.	CK# 34345		1,290.94
ARN'S EQUIPMENT LTD.	CK# 34346		126.34
AVRAMENKO, ALLEN	CK# 34347		270.25
BENOIT, PELAGIOUS	CK# 34348		728.75
BIG COUNTRY GAS CO-OP	CK# 34349		332.62
BLACK PRESS GROUP LTD.	CK# 34350		209.53
BROOKS INDUSTRIAL METALS LTD.	CK# 34351		780.26
BURT, EDWIN L.	CK# 34352		150.00
CKDQ-AM (Q91 COUNTRY)	CK# 34353		601.65
CLEARTECH INDUSTRIES INC.	CK# 34354		760.87
CONTACT SAFETY SERVICE LTD.	CK# 34355		2,042.14
DRUM WIRELESS LTD.	CK# 34356		147.00
DRUMHELLER SOLID WASTE	CK# 34357		70.95
DRUMHELLER SENIOR'S FOUNDATION	CK# 34358		255,990.00
DRUMHELLER EQUIPMENT SALES	CK# 34359		632.04
EAGLE ALLOYS LTD.	CK# 34360		5,106.80
EAST CENTRAL ALBERTA REGIONAL	CK# 34361		368.93
EAST CENTRAL GAS CO-OP LTD.	CK# 34362		193.93
GALLAGHER, BRENDA	CK# 34363		1,061.00
GLENTEL INC.	CK# 34364		259.83
GLOVER INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS	CK# 34365		1,467.46
HANNA HERALD	CK# 34366		210.00
HEAVY METAL AUTO WRECKERS	CK# 34367		794.11
HI SIGNS	CK# 34368		3,672.25
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 34369		147.30
HOOVER, BARRIE	CK# 34370		303.00
JERRY'S LOCK & KEY SERVICE	CK# 34371		150.09
KELTECH COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 34372		735.00
KREKE, MATTHEW	CK# 34373		912.00
LAPP	CK# 34374		16,097.75
MALANSKY, JARED	CK# 34375		138.56
MARIGOLD LIBRARY SYSTEM	CK# 34376		17,877.34
MARSHALL, MURRAY	CK# 34377		289.00
MINISTER OF FINANCE	CK# 34378		18.85
MORRIN FOODS	CK# 34379		314.03
NAPA AUTO PARTS DRUMHELLER	CK# 34380		1,126.23
OASIS CARWASH	CK# 34381		52.15
PETTY CASH	CK# 34382		197.49
PRINTER WORLD INTERNATIONAL	CK# 34383		1,750.35
PUROLATOR COURIER LTD.	CK# 34384		31.65
RECEIVER GENERAL FOR CANADA	CK# 34385		2,264.00
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 34386		31,591.66
REGIONAL ASSESSMENT	CK# 34387		3,237.49
RICOH CANADA INC.	CK# 34388		829.46
ROWE, DIANA	CK# 34389		541.00
SAM'S TRUCK & CAR WASH	CK# 34390		58.54

SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 34391	429.20
SEED CHECK TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 34392	100.80
SHADDY'S CAR WASH	CK# 34393	13.97
SHRED-IT CALGARY	CK# 34394	130.07
STANGER, NORMAN	CK# 34395	263.00
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY	CK# 34396	13,465.11
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	CK# 34397	1,605.45
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 34398	4,774.27
THE CITY OF RED DEER	CK# 34399	5,114.80
THE PHONE EXPERTS	CK# 34400	16,156.75
THE SOURCE	CK# 34401	100.76
TOBER, DILVIA	CK# 34402	300.00
TRENTHAM, ALFRED & MARGARET	CK# 34403	1,363.65
TRINUS TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 34404	35.44
TROCHU MOTORS LTD.	CK# 34405	387.23
VICKERS-PENTELESCU, CAMILLE	CK# 34406	195.00
WOLF, SANDY	CK# 34407	480.00
WORKER'S COMPENSATION BOARD	CK# 34408	11,102.84
WURTH CANADA LIMITED	CK# 34409	771.08
1325856 ALBERTA LTD.	CK# 34410	213.80

Sub-Total: \$ 418,377.80

AAMDC CK# 34411 \$ 98,181.34

Sub-Total: \$ 98,181.34

HENRY KROEGER REGIONAL WATER CK# 34412 \$ 427.24
PEDERSEN TRANSPORT LTD. CK# 34413 179.52

Sub-Total: \$ 606.76

TOTAL: \$ 531,625.15

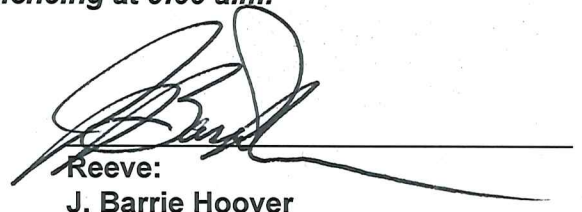
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Adjournment**

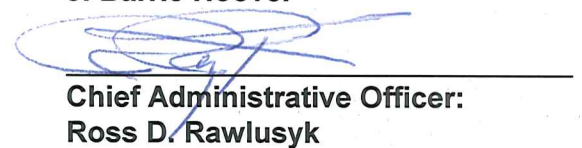
[C12-053] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SARGENT

that the meeting be adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Wednesday, April 11th, 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