

STARLAND COUNTY

COUNCIL MEETING, February 23rd, 2022

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held at the Starland County Administration Building in Morrin, Alberta on Wednesday, February 23rd, 2022, commencing at 9:03 a.m.

Attendance

Present: Reeve: Steve Wannstrom
 Deputy Reeve: Bob Sargent
 Councillors: Mark Landry, John Rew and Jackie Watts
 Staff: CAO Shirley Bremer
 Corporate Services Director (CSD)
 Judy Fazekas
 Legislative Services Director (LSD)
 Jason Carlson

C22-039 Agenda Approval

[C22-039] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that the agenda for the February 23rd, 2022 meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved as presented with the following addition: Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C22-040 Approval of Minutes

[C22-040] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that the minutes of the February 9th, 2022 regular meeting of the Council of Starland County be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Accounts

Councillor Rew and Deputy Reeve Sargent checked accounts with Administrative Assistant Laya Montgomery on February 23rd, 2022.

C22-041 Accounts

[C22-041] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that accounts (cheque numbers 53506 to 53568) totalling \$168,696.43 be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Tax Sale

CAO Bremer advised Council that a reserve bid and any conditions for the tax sale on property (S ½ Lot 22 and Lot 23, Block 1, Plan 2975AH, Rumsey) must be established by Council in advance of the sale. The assessed value of the property is \$6,530 and CAO Bremer recommended setting the reserve bid at \$7,000 to allow for any additional administrative costs borne by the County.

C22-042 Tax Sale

[C22-042] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR LANDRY

that the reserve bid for Legal 2975AH 1 22-23 be set at \$7,000.00 (seven thousand dollars), cash sale only, with the condition that the property is cleaned up by June 30, 2022; and if the house is not demolished, the exterior of the house must be in a finished state by June 30, 2022. Upon inspection of the property and to Council's satisfaction, title of the property will be transferred to the successful bidder. Terms of the sale are final with no refund if conditions of sale are not met.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C22-043 Auctioneer for Tax Sale

[C22-043] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that Reeve Wannstrom be appointed the official auctioneer for the tax

sale to be held February 23rd, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the Starland County Administration Office in Morrin, AB.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Starland Seed
Cleaning Plant
Proposal

CAO Bremer reviewed a proposal from the Starland Seed Cleaning Plant asking for a deferral of their first loan payment to September 15th, 2022 as they are experiencing significant delays in getting the subdivision and subsequent purchase of land finalized.

C22-044
Starland Seed
Cleaning Plant
Proposal

[C22-044] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that Starland County Administration get an amendment to the Starland Seed Cleaning Plant Loan Agreement drawn up by legal counsel deferring the first loan payment to no later than September 15th, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Starland County
Scholarship
Program

Councillor Landry reviewed the Ag Services Scholarship application and criteria with Council. He also advised that qualifying applicants for the Leaders of Tomorrow and Ag Services scholarships are to be residents of Starland County and villages within Starland County's borders. Councillor Watts suggested that rather than have different applications for the Leaders of Tomorrow and Ag Services scholarships, that the application be reformatted to have a field that identifies what type of scholarship the student is applying for: Ag Services, Leaders of Tomorrow (academic field), or Trades. Then judging criteria could be established for each stream. CAO Bremer suggested that Administration could help design the form in pdf fillable format.

Marigold Library
System

Lillian Morrison attended the meeting at 9:50 a.m. She reviewed with Council 2 videos: one about the Marigold Library System, and the second was a virtual tour of their new building that they have recently constructed and moved into. Council discussed the possibility of improving the library facility in Rumsey by moving the old Public Works Office to Rumsey, renovating the interior, and moving the Supernet to the new site. Ms. Morrison advised Council that the Marigold Master Agreement has been updated and passed by the Marigold Board. The new agreement will be sent out to Councils in 2022. Marigold needs 60% of Councils to approve the new agreement before it goes into effect. Schedule C will contain the new levies for 2023 and 2024. Ms. Morrison departed the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

CAO Report

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

- CAO Bremer reported that several staff and Councillors attended the Brownlee LLP Emerging Trends in Municipal Law sessions on either February 10th or 17th, 2022.
- All Councillors and staff approved to attend the RMA Spring convention March 13th to 16th, 2022 in Edmonton have now been registered.
- Registration for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference and Trade Show has not opened to date. CAO Bremer requested that Councillors advise her which Study Tours they wish to attend so that she is ready to register those activities as well.
- Staff Sergeant Bourque noted he was happy with the way the RCMP Town Hall at Starland County was conducted and pleased that there were 15 attendees.
- CAO Bremer recently attended an Alberta Emergency Alert (AEA) webinar regarding the transition to the National Public Alerting System (NAADS). Expiry of the AEA is scheduled for March 31st, 2023, but Alberta intends to maintain an app for ease of access.
- Starland County will be working with Palliser Regional Municipal Services (PRMS) to review and update our Land Use Bylaw. LUB 1125 was adopted in April 2017 and is now due for its five-year

review. The Public Participation Bylaw is also due for review this year.

Tax Deadline Date

CAO Bremer reported that since September 30th has now been declared a Federal Statutory Holiday and all banking institutions, as well as Canada Post, are recognizing this holiday, this now creates a conflict with our tax deadline of September 30th. With the banks now closed on this date, it has been suggested that the tax deadline date be changed to September 29th, or October 1st, or another date altogether. This date needs to be determined very soon so that new tax notices can be ordered with the correct date.

C22-045
Tax Deadline Date Change

[C22-045] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Starland County's tax deadline date be changed from September 30th to September 29th commencing in tax year 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Drumheller RCMP Update

Staff Sargeant Eddie Bourque attended the meeting at 11:03 a.m. He expressed how pleased he was with how the town hall went and thanked Council for hosting it at Starland County. The Town Hall was well received by all attendees, and he is looking forward to having face-to-face town halls again once the Covid restrictions are lifted. Staff Sgt. Bourque provided Council with an overview of the different police operations out of the Drumheller detachment (crime reduction, plain clothes, and community engagement) and has asked for feedback from Council regarding their top three policing priorities for the upcoming year. He is also exploring the possibility of forming a Police Advisory Committee for Starland County.

Departure

Councillor Watts departed the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Departure

Staff Sgt. Bourque departed the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Hamlet Sewer Operations

Council reviewed the 2020 and 2021 costs to operate the sewer systems in the hamlets of Rumsey, Craigmyle and Michichi. Council also reviewed the fees charged by our neighbouring municipalities for sewer. Starland County's sewer charge is \$9.00 per month and has not been increased for many years.

Attend Meeting

Councillor Watts attended the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Tax Sale

The regular meeting of Starland County Council was recessed at 1:59 p.m. As no bidders were present for the tax sale of S ½ Lot 22 and Lot 23, Block 1, Plan 2975AH, Rumsey, the auctioneer called the sale over at 2:02 p.m.

Departure

Deputy Reeve Sargent departed the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

C22-046
Notification of Municipal Acquisition

[C22-046] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Starland County Administration proceed with the Notification of Municipal Acquisition of S ½ Lot 22 and Lot 23, Block 1, Plan 2975AH, Rumsey, as per Section 424 of the Municipal Government Act.

CARRIED.

Attend Meeting

Deputy Reeve Sargent attended the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

C22-047
Hamlet Sewer Fees

[C22-047] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR LANDRY

that effective May 1, 2022, the hamlet sewer fees for the hamlets of Rumsey and Craigmyle will increase to \$13.00 per month, and an annual sewer fee of \$50.00 will be implemented for the hamlet of Michichi, and that these fees will be reviewed by Council annually.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Hamlet Sewer
Utility Bylaw

Bylaw 1182 is a bylaw to authorize Starland County to repeal Bylaw 1063, originally the Water and Sewer Utility Bylaw, and replace it with a new Hamlet Sewer Utility Bylaw. This new bylaw is being established to provide for the regulation, operation, and maintenance of a sewer system in the Hamlets, and the levying of rates and charges thereof. The original bylaw, Bylaw 1063, included both water and sewer, but the water portions were all repealed when replaced with the Bylaw 1137. This left a large portion of this bylaw irrelevant and repealed, making it hard to read and interpret. This new bylaw will provide information only relevant to the hamlet sewer systems and will be easier to interpret and apply.

C22-048
Bylaw 1182
Hamlet Sewer
Utility Bylaw

[C22-048] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Bylaw 1182, a bylaw to authorize Starland County to repeal Bylaw 1063, originally the *Water and Sewer Utility Bylaw*, and replace it with a new *Hamlet Sewer Utility Bylaw*, be established.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C22-049
Bylaw 1182
1st Reading

[C22-049] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that Bylaw 1182, a bylaw to authorize Starland County to repeal Bylaw 1063, originally the *Water and Sewer Utility Bylaw*, and replace it with a new *Hamlet Sewer Utility Bylaw*, be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C22-050
Bylaw 1182
2nd Reading

[C22-050] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that Bylaw 1182, a bylaw to authorize Starland County to repeal Bylaw 1063, originally the *Water and Sewer Utility Bylaw*, and replace it with a new *Hamlet Sewer Utility Bylaw*, be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C22-051
Bylaw 1182
Motion to Have
3rd Reading

[C22-051] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR LANDRY

that Bylaw 1182, a bylaw to authorize Starland County to repeal Bylaw 1063, originally the *Water and Sewer Utility Bylaw*, and replace it with a new *Hamlet Sewer Utility Bylaw*, be presented for third and final reading at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C22-052
Bylaw 1182
3rd and Final
Reading

[C22-052] MOVED BY REEVE WANNSTROM

that Bylaw 1182, a bylaw to authorize Starland County to repeal Bylaw 1063, originally the *Water and Sewer Utility Bylaw*, and replace it with a new *Hamlet Sewer Utility Bylaw*, be given third and final reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Delia Library
Operational
Grant Request

Council reviewed correspondence from the Delia Library outlining their programs and associated expenses regarding their application for the 2021 Operational Grant.

C22-053
Delia Library
Donation

[C22-053] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that the Delia Library be granted a one-time donation of \$800.00 (eight hundred dollars) from 2021 funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C22-054
Donations to
Community
Libraries

[C22-054] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Starland County Administration change the Operational Grant Policy in 2022 to remove \$3,000.00 from the Operational Grants to Community Groups to be allocated evenly among the three community libraries operating within Starland County's borders – namely Delia Library, Morrin Library, and Rumsey Library.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Amateur Team
Grant – Delia
Penguins
Hockey

The Delia Penguins hockey teams (U-7 and U-9) operating under the Morrin Minor Hockey League have applied for the 2022 Amateur Team Grant for 15 players 18-years of age or under at \$50.00 each.

C22-055
Amateur Team
Grant – Delia
Penguins
Hockey

[C22-055] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that Starland County donate \$750.00 to the Delia Penguins Hockey teams through the Amateur Team Grant Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Morrin Fire
Department
Centennial

The Morrin Fire Department will be recognizing their 100th year of service on March 13, 2022. Administration will further discuss with Municipal Services Director Glen Riep and Morrin Fire Chief Darcy Davidson the possibility of Starland County sponsoring a centennial celebration event for the firefighters later in the spring.

RMA 2022
Member Visit

RMA schedules council member visits with all member councils on a three-year rotation and would like to meet with Starland County Council in 2022. Administration will schedule a meeting with RMA on a regular Council meeting day.

2021 Council
Compensation

CAO Bremer reviewed the council compensation spreadsheet with Council which forms the basis for information contained on Council T4 slips.

SLGM Mountain
Refresher
Training

The Society of Local Government Managers (SLGM) is hosting the Mountain Refresher training at the Kananaskis Mountain Lodge May 10-12th, 2022.

C22-056
SLGM Mountain
Refresher
Training

[C22-056] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WATTS

that Council authorize the attendance of CAO Bremer, CSD Fazekas and LSD Carlson at the SLGM Mountain Refresher training at the Kananaskis Mountain Lodge from May 10-12th, 2022, and that registration and expenses be paid.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council
Committees

All councillors present reported briefly on the committees to which they are appointed.

Council
Communications

Council Communications:
i. National Police Federation re: Keep Alberta RCMP Community Engagement Tour
ii. Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) re:
• Contact Newsletter – 2 Issues.

C22-057
Motion to
Proceed in
Closed Session

[C22-057] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that under the exemption granted by Section 17, Division 4 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Personal Privacy Reeve Wannstrom, Deputy Reeve Sargent, and Councillors Rew, Watts and Landry proceed with the meeting in Closed Session at 3:40 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C22-058
Motion to
Proceed Out of
Closed Session

[C22-058] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE SARGENT

that the meeting proceed out of Closed Session at 4:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Accounts

Accounts - see prior motion.

ACKLANDS-GRAINGER INC.	CK# 53506	183.48
ACTIVE GLASS	CK# 53507	755.78
ADAMS INDUSTRIAL	CK# 53508	6,873.43
ADVANCED COOLANT TECHNOLOGIES	CK# 53509	1,160.53
ALBERTA INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL	CK# 53510	100.00
ARIES AIRFLO	CK# 53511	1,375.95
ATB FINANCIAL MASTERCARD	CK# 53512	2,426.69
AUTO VALUE PARTS – DRUMHELLER	CK# 53513	862.46
CALGARY PETERBILT LTD.	CK# 53514	202.36
CAMPUS ENERGY PARTNERS LP	CK# 53515	18,009.55
DIGITEX CANADA INC.	CK# 53516	12.52
DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES	CK# 53517	132.97
EAST CENTRAL ALBERTA REVIEW	CK# 53518	123.80
ECS SAFETY SERVICES LTD.	CK# 53519	106.58
FRESON BROS DRUMHELLER	CK# 53520	133.91
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 53521	64.50
HYDRO-VAC'S UNLIMITED SALES	CK# 53522	91.35
KRYWCUN, DEREK J.	CK# 53523	378.67
KUDRAS, DARA	CK# 53524	172.99
LAPP	CK# 53525	21,563.57
MARIGOLD LIBRARY SYSTEM	CK# 53526	22,253.28
NEXTGEN AUTOMATION	CK# 53527	138.27
PHASE 3 ELECTRIC PONOKA	CK# 53528	433.13
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 53529	48,638.10
ROCKY MOUNTAIN PHOENIX	CK# 53530	1,187.29
TELUS	CK# 53531	251.99
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 53532	302.26
WANNSTROM, STEVE	CK# 53533	339.02
WATER PURE & SIMPLE MINILAKE DIST LTD.	CK# 53534	45.00
WATTS, JACKIE	CK# 53535	240.31
WESTERGARD MOTORS DRUMHELLER	CK# 53536	92.17
WESTVIEW COOP	CK# 53537	433.11

Sub-Total: \$ 129,085.02

A.H. GRADER SERVICE LTD.	CK# 53538	9,996.00
AUTO VALUE PARTS – DRUMHELLER	CK# 53539	936.22
BIG COUNTRY GAS CO-OP	CK# 53540	857.59
BURT, EDWIN L.	CK# 53541	150.00
CALGARY PETERBILT LTD.	CK# 53542	294.65
CARLSON, JASON J	CK# 53543	940.51
DRUMHELLER CHRYSLER	CK# 53544	183.38
EAST CENTRAL GAS CO-OP LTD.	CK# 53545	600.22
EMBER RESOURCES INC.	CK# 53546	5,016.58
HENRY KROEGER REGIONAL WATER SERVICE	CK# 53547	534.21
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	CK# 53548	174.20
HOTSY WATER BLAST MANUFACTURING LP	CK# 53549	800.04
KEATLEY, JONATHAN	CK# 53550	75.00
KNEEHILL COUNTY	CK# 53551	191.75
KRYWCUN, DEREK J.	CK# 53552	118.00
LARSEN, MARTIN	CK# 53553	1,375.95
LOOMIS EXPRESS	CK# 53554	61.81

NETAGO	CK# 53555	320.00
PITNEYWORKS	CK# 53556	4,000.00
PUROLATOR INC.	CK# 53557	220.15
REW, JOHN	CK# 53558	1,397.00
ROADATA SERVICES LTD.	CK# 53559	1,840.65
SARGENT, ROBERT	CK# 53560	1,407.30
SEED CHECK TECHNOLOGIES INC.	CK# 53561	605.85
TELUS	CK# 53562	245.82
TELUS MOBILITY INC.	CK# 53563	612.82
THE CITY OF RED DEER	CK# 53564	1,000.00
TURNING POINT	CK# 53565	200.00
WESTVIEW CO-OPERATIVE ASSN LTD.	CK# 53566	142.71
WOLF, TRACY	CK# 53567	2,163.00
3D PATCH WORK LTD.	CK# 53568	3,150.00
Sub-Total:	\$	39,611.41
TOTAL:	\$	168,696.43

C22-059
Adjournment

[C22-059] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that the meeting be adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next meeting of the Council of Starland County is to be held on Wednesday, March 9th, 2022 at the Starland County Administration Building, commencing at 9:00 a.m.



Reeve:
Steve Wannstrom



Chief Administrative Officer:
Shirley Bremer