



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS APRIL 24, 2017

MNP LLP – 2016 Audited Financial Statements

Benji Wasser and Madisyn Achtymichuk of MNP LLP presented the Audited Financial Statements for 2016.

Council later accepted the 2016 audited financial statement as presented by MNP LLP.

Public Hearing – Bylaw 17-1046 – Application to Amend MDP and LUB

A Public Hearing was held to hear arguments for or against Bylaw 17-1046. The purpose of the Bylaw is to amend the Municipal Development Plan 98-800 and the Land Use Bylaw 98-801 to allow one additional parcel to be subdivided (for a total of seven (7) parcels) in Plan 3808 TR, Block 1, Lot 5 in the SW 15-51-19-W4.

Three written submissions were received and they formed part of Public Hearing package.

The applicant attended the Public Hearing and addressed Council to present evidence to support his application. One member of the public attended the Public Hearing.

No one wished to make a presentation or to speak regarding Bylaw 17-1046.

Council later defeated second reading to the Bylaw.

Alberta Transportation

Russel Watts, Regional Director, Alberta Transportation, Central Region, attended the meeting and discussed maintenance, repairs, construction and other concerns regarding area secondary highways.

Beaver Hills Initiative

Brenda Wispinski, Executive Director, and Glen Lawrence, Chairman, Beaver Hills Initiative (BHI), attended the meeting and provided Council with an update on the recent activities and the future goals and objectives of the BHI.

2017 Municipal Budget and Mill Rate Bylaw 17-1048

Council approved the 2017 Municipal Budget as presented with total expenditures of \$21,700,434 and passed the Mill Rate Bylaw 17-1048.

Administration will now prepare the tax roll and print assessment and tax notices. Tax notices will be mailed out to taxpayers in mid-May.

Katchemut Creek Family Horse Club 2017

Council approved the redirection of Capital funding request of \$5000 that was approved for a three-point hitch arena groomer to Katchemut Creek Family Horse Club. This will allow the Club to contribute to the arena groomer the Town of Tofield purchased in 2017.

2017 Public Works Construction Schedule

Council approved the following construction schedule for all County road projects:

- Twp Rd 492 between SH 834 and Range Road 181 (Terracem and Chip Seal);
- Twp Rd 480 from Highway 36 to Range Road 130 (Terracem and Chip Seal);
- Range Road 203 from Twp Rd 510 to Twp Rd 504 (Terracem and Chip Seal);
- Re-Oiling 6 miles of Road (to be determined);
- Intersection Construction of Range Road 154 at Highway 14, subject to confirmation of cost sharing with Alberta Transportation.

Shoulder Pulls 2017

Council approved the shoulder pull roadwork as per the 2017 Shoulder Pull List.

Water Truck Tender

Council approved the purchase of one new Water Truck from Peterbilt for a cost of \$201,500 plus GST, to be delivered in May 2017.

Roads – Councillor Collison

Councillor Collison requested that culverts be replaced on Range Road 135 north of Twp Rd. 500.

Councillor Collison requested that the road be repaired for one mile at Range Road 141 and Township Road 490 and one mile at Range Road 144 and Township Road 480.

Public Works Week

Council proclaimed the week of May 21 – 27, 2017, Public Works Week in Beaver County.

Bylaw 17-1047 – LUB Amendment – Re: Recreational Vehicle Uses

Council gave First Reading to Bylaw 17-1047 to amend the Land Use Bylaw 98-801 to establish regulations for Recreational Vehicles uses for temporary accommodation (longer than six (6) months), beyond a recreational or seasonal use, clarify the definition of recreational vehicles, and its intended purpose. A Public Hearing will be held at the May 17th Council meeting.

2017 Herbicide Purchase

Council accepted the tender received from Univar Environmental Science in the amount of \$125,241.48 for the supply of herbicide for roadside spraying operations.

Bruce Stampede Association Sponsorship 2017

Council approved a Platinum Sponsorship of \$2,500 to the Bruce Sports & Stampede Association.

FCM – Legal Defense Fund

Council approved an annual contribution of 2 cents per capita (\$137.39) to the FCM Legal Defense Fund.

2017 Election Agreement with Battle River School Division

Council authorized administration to execute an agreement between Beaver County and the Battle River School Division #31 for election services for the 2017 school board election.

Town of Viking Annexation

Council agreed to the annexation of Plan 062 2660, Block 3, Lot 2 and Plan 132 5131, Block 3, Lot 5 in NE 35-47-13-W4 as described in the Negotiation Report dated April 12, 2017.

Business Incentive Grant Policy

Council approved the *Business Incentive Grant Policy* and *Administrative Procedure* with the following amendments to eligibility:

- a) Include renovation to an existing building at an assessed value of a minimum of \$50,000;
- b) Adjustments to assessments due to market value adjustments etc. will not be included in the minimum assessment value for purposes of determining eligibility.

Regional Waterline Strategy Contract

Council authorize administration to finalize a work program and contract with ISL Engineering and Land Services to prepare a Regional Water Strategy for a maximum value of \$100,000.

The next Committee of the Whole meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, 2017, starting at 9:30 am.

The next Regular Council meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2017, starting at 9:30 am.

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