



## **COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

### **August 16, 2017**

#### **STARS Foundation**

Glenda Farnden, Municipal Relations Liaison, STARS Foundation attended the meeting and provided an overview of the mandate of the STARS Foundation and the service that is provided to rural Alberta.

#### **Energy Audits**

Council accepted the Energy Audits for Ryley Grader Shed, Transportation Shop and Paragon Theatre for information; and directed administration to make application under the TAME+ program for recommended first phase upgrades for all three facilities.

Subject to approval of the TAME+ grant, Council further directed administration to request quotes for upgrades to all facilities including the previously deferred upgrades to Ryley Grader Shed.

As well Council provided direction regarding the recommendation to apply under the Alberta Municipal Solar Program for solar panel installation on the roof of the Paragon Theatre.

#### **Graders – Cr. Collison**

Cr. Collison advised that Mr. Don Young would like to meet with Bob Beck, Chief Administrative Officer, and discuss the option of extending the use of County graders from 7500 hours to 8500 hours.

#### **Beaver Control –Cr. Collison**

Cr. Collison expressed concern regarding beavers on Range Road 135 north to Township Road 500. He advised that the beavers have been a problem all summer and should have been removed. Administration will check on the situation and provide a report to Council at a subsequent meeting.

#### **Agricultural Services Board Appeal Committee**

Municipalities are required to have Committees in place to hear appeals against notices issued under Acts administered by Agricultural Service Boards. In previous years, the rural members of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board who have indicated their willingness to serve were appointed to the Agricultural Notice Appeal Committee to hear and determine appeals for notices issued under the Agricultural Pests Act and the Weed Control Act. Council approved that the structure for the Agricultural Notice of Appeal Committees remain unchanged for 2017.

#### **Notice of Proposed Conservation Easement**

Ducks Unlimited is proposing to register a conservation easement on the NE 14-46-12-W4. This parcel contains 67.09 hectares (158.49 acres) of land and is located approximately 11 miles southeast of Viking.

Council passed a motion to acknowledge the Notice of Proposed Conservation Easement from Ducks Unlimited.

### **Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month**

Council passed a resolution declaring the month of September Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month in Beaver County.

### **Alberta Rural Municipal Administrators Association Sponsorship Request**

Council approved a sponsorship request of \$500 to the Alberta Rural Municipal Administrators Association to help fund their annual conference.

### **Policies for Various Tax and Cash Processes**

Council approved the following policies:

- Tax Certificates and Verbal Tax Searches Policy,
- Property Tax Penalty Waiver Requests Policy and Administrative Procedure,
- Property Tax Statements Policy,
- Tax Recovery Proceedings Policy.

Highlights of the various Policies are as follows:

*Tax Certificates and Verbal Tax Searches Policy* – Clarification of turn-around time for tax certificates (2 business days).

*Property Tax Penalty Waiver Requests Policy* – All requests for penalty waiver requests will be referred to Council.

*Property Tax Statements Policy* – Statements will only be issued for outstanding or credit tax balances of greater than \$20.

*Tax Recovery Proceedings Policy* – Council will be involved in the determination of tax recovery acquisitions for sensitive properties

### **Tofield and Area Health Foundation Fall BBQ Supper**

Council will sponsor a table at the Tofield and Area Health Foundation Fall BBQ Supper on September 22, 2017 for a cost of \$96.

### **Parrish & Heimbecker**

Jim McKerchar, Director, Western Division, Parrish Heimbecker, attended the Council meeting to review the proposed development near Viking and confirm the County development permit time frames and the County Business Incentive Grant Policy.

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The next Committee of the Whole meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, 2017, starting at 9:30 am.

The next Regular Council meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2017, starting at 9:30 am.

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