



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS April 18, 2018

2018 Herbicide Purchase

Council accepted the tender received from Univar Environmental Science in the amount of \$109,204.60 for the supply of herbicide.

Dust Control Application for Recreation Business

Administration received a letter from a landowner that operates a recreational business (Tofield Golf Course) within the county. The landowner has asked administration to bring forward to Council a request to subsidize the full cost of dust control application that provides access to their recreational business, as it provides recreation to the area, as well as the ratepayers in the area.

Council denied the request and passed a motion to adhere to the current Dust Control policy.

Request for Access – SW 35-49-14-W4

The owner of SW 35-49-14-W4 currently accesses the property through SE 35-49-14-W4. There is no direct access to the parcel making it difficult to facilitate a land sale. The landowner has requested that the County construct a machinery road on the undeveloped road allowance.

Council directed Administration to advise the landowner to work with an adjacent landowner to purchase a portion of his property to build an access road. If the landowner cannot reach an agreement with the adjacent landowner the landowner may discuss the problem with Council at future Council meeting.

Extension of Lease – Plan 1670TR; Lot R1

A public hearing was held to hear arguments for or against the proposed lease extension. No members of the public were in attendance for the public hearing and no written concerns for the extension had been received.

After the public hearing Council approved extending the lease of Plan 1670 TR, Lot R1, to December 31, 2019.

2017 Financial Statements

Benji Waser and Madisyn Achtymichuk, MNP, presented the Beaver County 2017 Audited Financial Statements and the Audit Findings. County Council adopted the 2017 Audited Financial Statements.

2018 Strategic Priorities

In February 2018, Council, the CAO, and the Leadership Team held a Strategic Planning Workshop with Gordon McIntosh. At the conclusion of the Workshop, a number of strategic priorities were identified. Council approved the 2018 Strategic Priorities Chart and Report.

Tofield Mercury Day

The Tofield Mercury will be celebrating its 100th birthday on August 22, 2018. Council proclaimed August 24, 2018, Tofield Mercury Day in Beaver County.

Clean Harbors

The Village of Ryley has referred two Development Permit applications to Beaver County for review/comment:

2018-03-27-396: For construction of new landfill cell on the SE 9-50-17-4 (developed quarter section). This cell was included in an Alberta Environment Approval received by Clean Harbors in 2017.

2018-03-27-401: For construction of container storage, laydown area, shop, parking holding pond and temporary storage of waste. This is on NE 9-50-17-4, which was annexed from the County in 2015. These developments are addressed by the proposed Alberta Environment applications which were reviewed by Council at a previous meeting.

Council provided the following comments:

2018-03-27-396: A condition of approval should be relocation of access and construction of a turning lane off Secondary Highway 854, to be completed by December 31, 2018 or concurrent with the highway improvements being completed by Beaver Municipal Solutions.

2018-03-27-401: It was not clear which Alberta Environment application approval this Development Permit is authorized by; the 2017 Approval already granted or the proposed 2018 Approval (NE 9).

If the Development Permit is authorized by the already approved 2017 application, Council asks that a condition of approval should be relocation of access and construction of a turning lane off Secondary Highway 854, to be completed by December 31, 2018 or concurrent with the highway improvements being completed by Beaver Municipal Solutions.

If the Development Permit application is contingent on the 2018 environmental application, Council recommends it be held in abeyance until a decision is issued by Alberta Environment.

The Village of Ryley requested that County Council consider cost sharing the Due Diligence Study (Third Party Review) for Clean Harbors Cell Expansion to be conducted by Thurber Engineering Ltd. for a cost of \$22,140. Council declined cost sharing for this review.

Landflood Contract

Council appointed 2086391 AB Ltd. as the contractor for 2018 Landflood Control Services.

Flooding in the Hamlet of Bruce

Council directed Administration to include funds for a drainage study for the Hamlet of Bruce in the Final Municipal Budget.

Carillion

Council directed administration to contact Alberta Transportation to discuss if the current contractor situation has opened up any opportunities for Secondary Highway improvement.

Drainage Improvements: Range Road 202

Council reviewed correspondence from the owner of 50312 RR 202 to improve drainage of his land adjacent to Range Road 202. Council directed that improvements to drainage should be limited to the road allowance and not on the private property.

Beaver Hills Initiative (BHI)

Council indicated support for a change to the structure of the BHI, but had some concerns that should be addressed by all parties: ensuring continued substantive involvement of all current partners beyond the four lead municipalities, and development of a sustainable 5 year business plan and budget to ensure a stable funding environment for the new structure. Lastly, Beaver County Council respectfully requests that Strathcona and Beaver County establish annual or semi-annual Council-Council meetings to continue to foster our excellent inter-municipal relationship.

A Special County Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 30, 2018, starting at 8:30 am.

The next Committee of the Whole meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2018, starting at 8:30 am.

The next Regular Meeting of Council has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 2018, starting at 8:30 am.

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