



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 18, 2017

Public Hearing – Bylaw 16-1044 – Amendment to Land Use Bylaw

A Public Hearing was held to hear arguments for or against Bylaw 16-1044. The purpose of the Bylaw 16-1044, is to amend the Beaver County Land Use Bylaw 98-801 to allow for the installation and use of solar collectors, solar farms, and renewable and alternate energy facility; and to include a new land use district, as follows:

- a) Solar collectors that are mounted to the roof, wall, and/or ground (floor area of 10m² (107 ft²) or less) to generate energy for personal use is permitted in all districts; no development permit is required.
- b) Solar collectors mounted to the ground (floor area greater than 10m² (107 ft²)) is a permitted use in the Rural Industrial, Landfill and Composting, and Low Impact Eco-Friendly District. Use is discretionary in the Agricultural, Country Residential, and Urban General District. Development permit is required.
- c) A solar farm with panels to collect solar energy covering an area of 1 acre or more is a permitted use in the Rural Industrial, Landfill and Composting, and Low Impact Eco-Friendly District. Development permit is required.
- d) A facility that generates energy using natural or renewable resources such as wind, geothermal, or bio-fuels to reduce harmful emissions is a permitted use in the Rural Industrial and Landfill and Composting District. Use is discretionary in the Agricultural and Low Impact Eco-Friendly District. Development permit is required.
- e) The creation of a new land use district called the Low Impact Eco-Friendly Industrial District for conserving wetlands and allowing the generation of renewable energy.
- f) Associated development regulations shall apply to the land uses and land use district above.

One written submission was received and it formed part of Public Hearing package.

One member of the public attended the Public Hearing.

No one wished to make a presentation or to speak regarding Bylaw 16-1044, and Council later gave second and third and final reading to the Bylaw.

Division 4 Concerns – 2016 Road Work

The following concerns regarding 2016 Road Work were discussed with Councillor Collision:

1. The cost for the shoulder pull on Range Road 140 (one mile).
2. The hours that the equipment operated on September 2, 2016.

3. The reason that 5 miles of Township Road 494, east of Secondary Highway 857, was not constructed with Terracem in 2016.

Administration completed the road projects as directed by Council motion. Township Road 494 was not completed as Council had not directed this road to be completed. There is no Council motion for this project.

Landflood Contract

Council approved Animal Damage Control as the contractor for the Landflood Control Program in 2017 and further that administration gather public input from affected landowners to assist with possible changes to the *Level of Service Pest Control Policy*.

Council directed administration to continue with a status quo level of service for beaver management in 2017 and to begin creating an awareness/education campaign about beaver management.

Beaver Emergency Services Commission – Request for Capital Funding

Council authorized the payment of all outstanding capital requisitions (2014-2016) to the Beaver Emergency Services Commission.

2017 Capital Funding

Council approved the following 2017 capital items:

- Administration plotter,
- Public Works trailer-mounted water pump,
- Agricultural truck and skid steer sod mulching equipment.

Viking Carena Funding

Council approved a grant of \$43,287.88 for Beaver County's share of the 2015 operating deficit of the Viking Carena. Council also passed a motion to advise the Town of Viking that it will not accept the draft budget of \$340,723 for the 2017 Carena operating deficit.

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission

The Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission is tasked by Provincial legislation to review the Provincial electoral boundaries to ensure electors are fairly represented in the Legislative Assembly.

Beaver County consists of three electoral divisions, Fort Saskatchewan/Vegreville, Battle River/Wainwright, and Vermilion/Lloydminster. Following the last Provincial election, Beaver County is represented by each of the Progressive Conservative, Wildrose, and New Democratic Parties. The Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission recommended that each municipality within Beaver County review the boundaries and provide input with respect to a change to one electoral division boundary for the entire region.

Beaver County Council representatives will attend a public hearing in January 2017 to obtain more information about the Alberta Electoral Boundaries review.

Tofield and Area Health Foundation – Valentine's Day Gala

Beaver County will sponsor a table at the Tofield and Area Health Foundation Valentine's Day Gala on February 11, 2017 at the Tofield Community Hall.

Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties - Board Governance

In order to operate effectively and remain accountable to members, the AAMDC has committed to undertaking a review of the association's governance structure every four years. Council completed a survey from the AAMDC regarding Board Governance.

Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties - Climate Change Committee

The Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties is forming a Climate Change Advisory Committee. The purpose of this committee is to provide a rural municipal perspective on the positive and negative impacts of provincial and federal legislation, policies and programming related to climate change.

County Council nominated Councillor Hanson to serve on the Climate Change Advisory Committee.

The next Committee of the Whole meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2017 starting at 9:30 am.

The next Regular Council meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2017 starting at 9:30 am.

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