



## **COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

### **July 19, 2017**

#### **Beaver Emergency Services Commission Five Year Apparatus Business Plan**

Council acknowledged the Beaver Emergency Service Commission's five-year apparatus replacement plan. The apparatus replacement plan projects the short-term capital requirements for emergency services vehicles and reserve requirements for equipment and buildings. The capital contribution for the region is increasing from \$145,500 in 2017 to \$445,000. Beaver County's share is approximately 58%, so would increase from \$84,390 to \$258,100. In addition to the capital contribution, the County pays an operating requisition each year.

#### **Corporal Powell – Tofield RCMP Detachment**

Corporal Powell of the Tofield RCMP Detachment attended the meeting and reviewed the January to June 2013 – 2017 Crime Statistical Comparison Report.

#### **Beaver Municipal Solutions' Good Neighbour Grant**

Council approved the amended Beaver Municipal Solutions' Surplus Revenue Policy, effective September 1, 2017, to allow for changes to the Good Neighbour Grant. The Good Neighbour Grant will be directed towards payment of the monthly garbage bin tipping fee for residential properties within a defined Ryley benefit area.

#### **Purchasing Policy**

Council approved changes to the *Purchasing Policy*. The changes to Policy were made to reflect the recent enactment of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) which replaced the Agreement on Internal Trade.

#### **Bylaw 17-1049 – Municipal Development Plan Consolidation Bylaw**

Council passed Bylaw 17-1049. Bylaw 17-1049 consolidated all amendments made to Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 98-800 since its last consolidation in 2013, including changes in the Landfill and Composting District, site-specific redistricting, and subdivision regulations in accordance with the West End Growth Management Plan.

#### **Bylaw 17-1050 – Land Use Bylaw Consolidation**

Council passed Bylaw 17-1050. Bylaw 17-1050 consolidated all amendments made to Land Use Bylaw 98-801 since its last consolidation in 2013. These include changes in the Landfill and Composting District, site-specific redistricting, changes to the subdivision regulations as per the West End Growth Management Plan, and new regulations for accessory buildings, fences, renewable energy, and recreational vehicle uses.

### **Councillor Telecommunication Policy**

Council approved the following amendments to the *Councillor Telecommunication Policy*:

- a) Deletion of the fax machine, as this is old technology and has been replaced with smartphones and email.
- b) Substitution of laptop computer for an iPad. The iPad has replaced the laptop computer as it works well with meeting software, email and does not keep information on a hard drive, making it more secure.

### **National Health and Fitness Day**

Council passed a motion proclaiming the first Saturday in June National Health and Fitness Day in Beaver County.

### **Records Destruction**

Council concurred with the Record of Disposition #34 that provides a statement in writing attesting to the time and location of the destruction of the records, together with a list of the records destroyed and also the names of the persons who witnessed the destruction.

### **Amendment to Bylaw 99-809 – Records Retention & Disposition**

Council approved the following amendments to Schedule A of Bylaw 99-809 – Records Retention & Disposition:

- a) Tax Certificates – Destroy after 2 years (previously 5 years)
- b) Health and Safety Records to be included under general records and to be kept for 3 audit periods – 9 years.
- c) Health and Safety Audits – Permanent

### **Edward and Marie Stelmach Scholarship Award**

Council awarded the 2017 Edward & Marie Stelmach Scholarship of \$1000 to Leah Wilkins of Viking School, and divided the 2017 Edward & Marie Stelmach Scholarship of \$1000 between Shalyn Roth and Sarah Hrabec, of Ryley School awarding them each \$500.

### **Distribution of Funds Received from Tofield Promenade and Holden Cattlemen Show**

Council approved the donation of funds raised at the Tofield Promenade and Holden Cattlemen Show equally between Tofield-Ryley and Viking-Holden Food Banks.

### **Beaver County Seed Cleaning Cooperative – Request for Gravel**

Council approved the supply of a couple tandem loads of gravel and a grader to fix front and rear drive areas of the Beaver County Seed Cleaning Plant property.

### **Request for Temporary Road Closure**

Council approved a request from Nova Gas Transmission Limited (NGTL) for the temporary closure of Township Road 500, between Range Road 152 and Range Road 153.

### **Construction Schedule Update**

Council approved the amended construction schedule for all County road projects. As a result of poor weather conditions this spring changes had to be made to the scheduling on some projects.

Council approved the application of calcium on Township Road 490 from Highway 36 to Secondary Highway 870 for residences only and not a complete application of the roadway.

Council approved the application Terracem and Chip Seal on Township Road 480 adjacent to the Town of Viking, at no cost to the Town of Viking. The approval is conditional upon the Town of Viking having no objection to the upgrade of this road.

### **Road Repairs – Councillor Collison**

Councillor Collison advised that conditions on the following roads were not acceptable and in need of repair:

- Township Road 480 adjacent to Secondary Highway 857.
- Range Road 144 north of Township Road 480.
- Range Road 141 north of Township Road 490.
- Range Road 135 north of Township Road 500 (Beaver issues).
- Township Road 494 east of Secondary Highway 857 has soft spots and needs a packer.

### **Animal Damage Control Contract**

Council allocated additional funding to the contract held by Animal Damage Control (ADC) for the provision of Landflood Control Services in 2017.

### **Industrial Assessment Administrative Change**

The Alberta Government is assuming responsibility for preparation of property assessment for certain industrial properties, commencing January 1, 2018. The Government has inquired whether Beaver County is interested in partnering in the preparation of the assessments using County staff (who have prepared these assessments in the past). Council agreed to express an interest in exploring a partnership.

### **FCSS Agreement Amendment**

Council amended the Tofield/Ryley/Beaver FCSS agreement to require all Council representatives to attend meetings to establish quorum. In the past, quorum required attendance by all Council representatives and at least one public-at-large member. The FCSS Board does not have all public-at-large member positions filled so to ensure business can proceed, the quorum requirement was amended.

### **Request to Waive Tax Penalty**

Council denied a request to waive tax penalty, however agreed to enter into a 3-year agreement to pay outstanding taxes and penalties.

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The next Committee of the Whole meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, 2017, starting at 9:30 am.

A Special Council meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, 2017, starting at 2:00 pm.

The next Regular Council meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 16, 2017, starting at 9:30 am.

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