



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

September 20, 2017

Bridge Construction

Council awarded the contract for the replacement of Bridge File 73209 (Rge Rd 163 north of HWY 626) with a 2400mm diameter bridge culvert to S & K Structures Ltd. in the amount of \$187,050.00.

Transport Canada's Grade Crossing Improvement Program

Council deferred the matter of Transport Canada's Grade Crossing Improvement Program and requested that administration invite a representative from CN Railway to attend a Council meeting to discuss agreements for the installation of a crossing warning system under Transport Canada's Grade Crossing Improvement Program (GCIP) for the following rail crossings:

- Township Road 492
- Range Road 175
- Range Road 183.

Ryley Waste Bin Benefit Program

Council approved a change in the name of the benefit program from Ryley Waste Bin Benefit Program to the BMS Waste Bin Benefit Program. Council also approved the Agreement with Beaver Municipal Solutions for the BMS Waste Bin program.

Bylaw 17-1051 – Monthly Tax Payment Plan

Council passed Bylaw 17-1051 – Monthly Tax Payment Plan Bylaw. The Bylaw will permit enrolment at any time of the year into the monthly tax payment plan, enable cancellation of enrolment when two payments are missed, and to charge NSF fees on missed payments.

Alberta Development Officers Week Proclamation

Council proclaimed September 24 to September 30, 2017, Alberta Development Officers Week in Beaver County. The purpose of Alberta Development Officers Week is to increase public knowledge of the contribution Development Officers make to the quality of development within our communities and environment and to recognize their commitment to public service.

Uncollectable Education & Seniors Housing Tax

Council extended its support to the County of Stettler in its request for amendments to the proposed Modernized Municipal Government Act and other Provincial legislation to improve municipalities' ability to recover unpaid school and seniors housing taxes levied against oil and gas companies with respect to machinery and equipment and linear property assessment.

Tofield/Ryley/Beaver Family Community Support Services Agreement

Council approved the following amendments to the Tofield/Ryley/Beaver West FCSS inter-municipal agreement:

- a) Add to Article 1 Definitions and Interpretations:
“Active Membership” shall mean members who are actively participating and officially appointed by the member municipality;
- b) Amend Article 4.02 Quorum:
A quorum shall consist of 51% of Active Membership.

Agricultural Societies Funding

Agricultural Societies usually receive an annual grant in June from the provincial government that allows rural communities to operate things like local arenas, county fairs and community halls; however, no grant money has arrived so far this year.

Council directed Administration to forward a letter to MLA Jessica Littlewood, MLA Wes Taylor, MLA Dr. Richard Starke, and the Honourable Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, expressing their concern over the delay in funding to the Agricultural Societies.

Policies for Various Tax and Cash Processes

Council approved the following policies:

- *Methods of Payment Policy,*
- *Cash Control Policy and Administrative Procedure*

Highlights of the various Policies are as follows:

Methods of Payment Policy – All methods of payment will accepted (credit card not accepted for tax payments) provided payments are made in Canadian funds and the payer pays all service charges (if applicable).

Cash Control Policy and Administrative Procedure – guidelines have been established for the segregation of duties, amount of cash left in the Office overnight, balancing and reconciliation procedures.

Safety Incentive Policy

Council approved an amendment to Safety Incentive Policy. The amendment changed the Annual Award for Participation on Health and Safety Committee, or Volunteering to be Safety Auditor from a \$50 gift card to a \$50 Beaver County promotional item.

Long Service Recognition Policy

Council approved an amendment to the Long Service Recognition Policy. The amendment will replace the lapel pin with award of a Beaver County promotional item.

The next Committee of the Whole meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, 2017, starting at 9:30 am.

A **Special** Council meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, **October 10**, 2017, starting at 9:30 am.

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