



## **COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS December 20, 2017**

### **Tofield RCMP Detachment – Sgt. Powell**

Sergeant John Powell, Tofield RCMP Detachment, attended the meeting and reviewed the 2017 Crime Statistical Comparison Report.

### **2018 Interim Budget**

Council approved the 2018 Interim Budget with total expenditures of \$25,109,001.

### **Bylaw 17-1052 – Borrowing Bylaw**

ATB Financial, the County's financial institution, requires that a bylaw be passed each year to authorize the temporary borrowing of funds (revolving loan). Borrowing will only occur when cash flow cannot meet actual expenditures and then only on a revolving basis (i.e. funds are advanced in increments and repaid as deposits are made to the account). Council passed all three readings of Borrowing Bylaw 17-1052.

### **Bylaw 10-964 – Procedural Bylaw**

County Council reviewed Bylaw 10-964 – Procedural Bylaw. Council passed a motion at their Organizational meeting to commence their Council and Committee of the Whole meetings at 8:30 am. This requires an amendment to the Procedural Bylaw that regulates the proceedings of County Council meetings and its Committees. Council rescinded Bylaw 10-964 and passed all three readings of Bylaw 17-1053 – Procedural Bylaw; that will reflect Regular and Committee Meetings of Council commencing at 8:30 a.m. and adjourning no later than 3:00 pm, unless there is a unanimous motion of Council to proceed past that time.

### **Accounting Software Maintenance Contract**

Council approved the execution of a one-year contract for accounting software support and maintenance with Serenic Software for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018, and authorized administration to issue a Request for Proposals for municipal accounting software.

### **Grade Crossing Improvement Program Projects**

Council authorized administration to enter into an agreement 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;

And Council authorized administration to include the cost for construction in the 2018 Budget.

**Requests to Waive Tax Penalty**

Council approved the requests to waive the tax penalties for:

- Roll # 168243011 in the amount of \$3.24;
- Roll # 182171009 in the amount of \$52.12;
- Roll # 191184023 in the amount of \$21.84;
- Roll #s 129082008, 129101005, 129153002, and 129201004 in the amount of \$229.99.

**Safety Codes Permit Services Contract**

Council awarded the contract to administer the safety codes permit process, including inspections and compliance monitoring, to The Inspections Group for a three (3) year period expiring December 31, 2020, with the option to renew for additional one (1) year terms, for a total of 10 years, subject to approval of the Towns of Tofield and Viking and the Villages of Ryley and Holden.

**Road Closure – Plan 5140 CL in NW 2-46-12-W4**

Council passed a motion to close Road Plan 5140 CL in NW 2-46-12-W4. The landowners in NW 2-46-12-W4 had submitted a request to close the road plan. The closure of the road plan will provide legal access to a proposed subdivision submitted by the landowners.

**Extension to Subdivision Approval – NE 17-50-20-W4**

Mr. Ron Lafayette, the developer, attended the meeting, to request that Council consider registering the subdivision before all conditions were met.

Council approved a further (and final) extension to the approval of Subdivision Application 12S05 to June 30, 2018. Council also directed administration to meet with the developer to discuss possible solutions regarding registration of the subdivision before all conditions of the application are met in order to relieve financial stress and finish the process.

**2018 Gravel Haul**

Council selected Mixcor Aggregates’ tender for one year gravel haul and authorized entering into a contract for one year gravel haul with the option to renew for an additional year.

**Cab 7 Chassis – Service**

Council approved the purchase of one new Durastar 4300 Cab and Chassis from Diamond International for a cost of \$99,590.25 plus GST. Delivery 3 – 4 weeks from order date.

**Dust Control Contractor**

Council accepted the bid received from Kortech Calcium Services in the amount of \$0.191/L (plus GST) for Supply and Application of Dust Control Suppressant for both 2018 & 2019.

### **Councillor Remuneration Policy**

Council deferred the matter of Councillor Remuneration Policy to the February 17, 2018, Council meeting to allow for strategic discussion and research of other policies.

### **Road Side Mowing Policy**

Council deleted the matter of Road Side Mowing Policy from the December Council Agenda to allow for discussion of the matter at the December 20, 2017, Agricultural Services Board meeting. The matter will be considered at the January Council meeting.

### **Pest Control Policy**

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### **Future Dates**

Council rescheduled the January Committee of Whole meeting from January 3, 2018 to January 5, 2018, commencing at 8:30 am.

Council rescheduled the January Council Meeting from January 17, 2018 to January 24, 2018, commencing at 8:30 am.

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The next Committee of the Whole meeting has been scheduled for January 5, 2018, starting at 8:30 am.

The next Regular Meeting of Council has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, 2018, starting at 8:30 am.

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