



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS January 24, 2018

MNP LLP – Auditors

Benji Waser and Madisyn Achtymichuk, MNP, presented Council with MNP's Audit Service Plan for Beaver County for the year ending December 31, 2017.

2018 Road Program

Council approved completing the following roads with soil cement and chip seal in 2018:

- Township Road 492 (3miles) from Secondary Highway 854 – Range Road 181
- Range Road 191 (1/2 mile) south of Township Road 512 to our County Boundary, and north of the Twp Rd. 512 intersection to achieve a transition back to gravel surface.
- Township Road 510 (1mile) from Secondary Highway 833 – County Boundary
- Range Road 201 (1/2mile) from Highway 14 – Township 510
- Township Road 512 (1 mile) from Secondary Highway 834 – Range Road 191, plus west of the Intersection to achieve a transition to the oiled road surface.

Beaver County Seed Cleaning Cooperative – Memorandum of Understanding

The Seed Cleaning Cooperative (Coop) requested an extension of the previous agreement to provide an annual operating grant of \$30, 000. Council approved the Memorandum of Understanding and grant for a one-year term.

Agricultural Services Board Scholarship

Council approved awarded the 2017 Agricultural Services Board Scholarship to Bradley Russnak, Tori Lynne Carrington, Mykaela Gara, Dalton Zemanek, Tim O'Shea, and Montana Magnuson as per the criteria determined in the Agricultural Services Board Scholarship Policy.

2018 Provincial Agricultural Services Board Tour Sponsorship

In 2018 Strathcona County will be the hosting region for the Provincial ASB Tour and have requested sponsorship from neighboring municipalities in order to host a first-class event for the nearly 450 participants that will be attending. Council approved sponsorship in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Cancellation of Taxes – RJV Net

Council approve the cancellation of taxes and penalties as follows:

- Roll # 139362017 in the amount of \$61.11;
- Roll # 128184025 in the amount of \$89.80;
- Roll # 161201025 in the amount of \$89.80.

Tofield Gun Club Tax Exemption

Council approve a partial tax exemption for the Tofield Gun Club and Beaverhill Rangers under the Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulation (COPTER).

Camp Lake – Operations 2018

Council approved administration posting a Request for Proposals for Campground Operators/Hosts for the 2018 season.

Events

Council reviewed the Beaver County area events for 2018. It was the consensus of Council that the Councillor would attend the event in which was in their area, with the exception of the Bruce Stampede that would be attended by all of Council.

AAMDC District 5 Press Release

Council approved the District 5 Press Release, announcing the recent election results from the District 5 regional organizational meeting and general meeting of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) held at Moscow Hall on January 11, 2018.

Senior's Housing Resolution

Council approved the Senior's Housing Resolution regarding Carbon Levy Impact on Housing Management Bodies. The resolution will be forwarded to Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Board for presentation at the Spring 2018 convention.

Minburn County Meeting – Agenda Items

Council discussed items for the upcoming meeting with Minburn County as follows:

- Rural Crime Strategy.
- Joint Public Works Projects and Border Roads
- FCM Support - Steve Upham

Beaverhill Rural Crime Watch Association

Council discussed some of the challenges that the Beaverhill Rural Crime Watch Association is dealing with at the present time, such as dwindling membership and vacant executive board positions. An Annual General Meeting will be held at the Viking Carena on February 5, 2018, at 7:00 pm.

Rail Crossing Issue – Township Road 492

Council discussed concerns regarding rail crossing arms that were being installed at the crossing on Township Road 492. Council requested that CN Railways be requested to put the project on hold for two weeks to allow time for the area Councillor to have discussion with the affected landowners.

Dust Control Policy

Council approved the amended *Dust Control Policy*. Beaver County accepts payments in different forms, the amendments to the Policy defines when a Dust Control Application with payment shall be deemed received. If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday when the County office is closed, the deadline is automatically extended to the end of next business day.

Pest Control Policy

Council approved the amended *Pest Control Policy*. The amended policy introduces a Beaver Bounty program within the municipality, and stipulates that the County will no longer take active beaver control measures nor dam removals of private lands unless directly adjacent infrastructure is threatened.

Road Side Mowing Policy

Council approved the amended *Road Side Mowing Policy*. Roadside mowing is now reduced to mowing all roads west of Secondary Highway 834 and only hard-surfaced roads east of Secondary Highway 834.

Future Dates

Council scheduled a Special Council meeting on February 2, 2018, commencing at 9:00 am, at the Bittern Lodge in Camrose. The meeting will be held in camera.

Council rescheduled the March Council meeting from March 21, 2018 to March 22, 2018, commencing at 8:30 am.

The next Committee of the Whole meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2018, starting at 8:30 am.

The next Regular Meeting of Council has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2018, starting at 8:30 am.

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