



## **COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS February 21, 2018**

### **Go East of Edmonton**

Kevin Kisilevich, Marketing and Development Consultant, Go East of Edmonton, attended the meeting and provided Council with an update on the recent activities of the organization.

### **Dr. Richard Starke, MLA – Vermilion-Lloydminster**

Dr. Richard Starke, MLA – Vermilion-Lloydminster, attended the meeting to discuss issues and concerns with Council as follows:

- Municipal Government Act Changes
- Assessment Changes
- Seniors' Housing
- Infrastructure
- Electoral Boundary Changes

### **Supernet Alberta, Alberta First Responders Radio Communications System and Telecommunications**

Stephen Bull, Assistant Deputy Minister, Service Alberta attended the meeting. S. Bull provided updates on the Provincial Governments initiatives regarding the Telecommunications, Alberta First Responders Radio Communications System program and the Supernet.

### **Ryley Grader Shed Addition and Upgrades**

Council awarded the contract for the building addition, replacement of exterior siding and energy efficiency upgrades to CRS Interiors, for \$68,500. The ceiling will be tested for asbestos-containing vermiculite insulation, if it is a positive confirmation of asbestos, removal will not be undertaken.

### **Transportation Shop and Paragon Theatre Upgrades**

Council awarded the contract for the energy efficiency upgrades to the Transportation and Paragon Theatre to Ploc Electric, for \$29,386.29.

### **Culverts – Cr. Hrabec**

Council directed Administration to amend or develop a policy that would allow for the sale of culverts to landowners who are building road approaches in Beaver County.

### **CN Crossings – Cr. Bruce**

Cr. Bruce provided an update on the armed crossing at Township Road 492.

### **Hybrid Designated Industrial Property (DIP) Contract and Assessor Delegation**

Following the passage of the *Modernized Municipal Government Act* in Spring of 2017, municipalities in Alberta were advised that the Alberta Government would become responsible for the implementation and

undertaking of the assessment of Designated Industrial Property (DIP). These properties were previously assessed by the municipality through in-house or contract assessors. Given the short time frame to implement the assessment of DI properties, the government authorized the implementation of a transitional hybrid model assessment whereby the municipal property assessors or contract assessors would prepare the DIP assessment for a three (3) year period.

Council approved the execution of a contract for the transitional hybrid assessment of centralized industrial property with the Province of Alberta, and Council authorized the Reeve to forward a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding and expressing concerns with the contract, its restrictive clauses, and the lack of reciprocal rights within the contract.

**C Group Energy Inc. – Request to Waive Tax Penalty**

Council denied the request from C Group Energy Inc. to waive late payment penalties on outstanding taxes

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

Council denied the developer's request to waive the following deposits:

- a) Road maintenance bond of \$15,000;
- b) Dust control (calcium chloride) security deposit of \$2,380;
- c) Topsoil security deposit of \$5000.

**Camp Lake Campground Improvements**

Council approved the addition of 13 non-serviced sites and the split of one group site to 3 single sites at Camp Lake Campground.

**Response from Minister Phillips**

Council reviewed a letter from Minister Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks, regarding a recent request from Council for meeting to discuss Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area, Ministik Lake Game Bird Sanctuary and Beaver Hill Heritage Rangeland Natural Area. Council directed Administration to arrange for Mr. Philipp Hofer, Regional Director, Mr. Cody Nahirniak, Land Management Specialist, and Mike Hoffman, Beaver Emergency Services Commission to attend the March 22, 2018 Council meeting.

**Inter-Municipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) & Inter-Municipal Development Plans (IDP) Projects 2018**

Council reviewed the information regarding the ICF and IDP Projects for 2018.

**Feedback on Amended Pest Control Policy**

Council reviewed a letter from a County resident regarding the recent amendments to the Pest Control Policy and the introduction of a Bounty program within Beaver County.

**Application for Minister of Excellence Awards**

Each year municipalities, whether individually or in partnership with other organizations, have highlighted practices including new and unique approaches to issues, streamlined processes for existing practices, and creative community partnerships. An Outstanding Achievement Award is given to recognize a municipality or municipal partnership that has helped to inspire action and change that has benefited local government practice in Alberta. This award, chosen by the awards review committee, recognizes the best submission from all categories.

The Youth Engagement Strategy was and is a joint project initiated in 2014 by the region (County, Towns and Villages) and U of A Augustana. The project was 100% funded by a grant from Municipal Affairs.

Council authorized administration to submit a nomination for a Minister's Award of Excellence for the Youth Engagement Strategy.

**Councillor Remuneration Policy**

To enhance transparency and accountability, details of Councillor remuneration will be posted on the County's website. Remuneration related to Committee duties will be included. The Councillor Remuneration Policy has been amended to reflect the posting of details of Councillor remuneration on the County's website. Council approved the amended policy, effective October 25, 2017.

In December 2017, correspondence was sent to the Beaver Emergency Services Commission, Beaver Foundation, the Highway 14 Water Services Commission, and Beaver Municipal Solutions, requesting that each board adopt/amend a policy to require complete transparency of Board Directors' remuneration and expenses. Council referred this to a Beaver Regional Partnership Meeting.

**Fiscal Responsibility**

Council approved a decrease of 5% to Reeve's Per Diem Meeting Rate for 2018, effective February 21, 2018.

Council also approved an *optional* decrease of 5% for Councillors' Per Diem Meeting Rate for 2018, effective February 2018.

**Future Dates**

Council scheduled a Special Council for Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, commencing at 8:30 am to deal with the 2018 Municipal Budget.

**Land – Lease Agreements – NE 3-50-W47 and NW/Pt. of S ½ 3-50-17-W4**

Council approved lease agreements for NE 3-50-17-W4 and NW/Pt. of S ½ 3-50-17-W4 to be renewed to December 31, 2018, subject to an amendment to the agreements granting right-of-access to the County for surveying and engineering.

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

The next Regular Meeting of Council has been scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2018, starting at 8:30 am.

Special County Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 30, 2018, starting at 8:30 am.

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