



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS June 20, 2018

Public Hearing – Road Closure Bylaw 18-1055

A Public Hearing was held to arguments for against the road closure of Township Road 480, located south of the Parrish & Heimbecker (P & H) lands on SE 3-48-13-W4. There were no members of the public present for the Public Hearing or any written objections received regarding the road closure. The Bylaw will be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation for approval before Council passes second and third reading.

Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd.

Lloyd Heimbecker and Jim McKerchar, Director, Western Division, Parrish & Heimbecker attended to the meeting to update Council on the progress of the construction their new facility near Viking. J. McKerchar advised that facility will be complete in early 2019 and that the existing access roads –Township Roads 480 and 482 and Range Road 132 need to be upgraded to accommodate the increased traffic and heavier trucks that the facility will generate. Parrish & Heimbecker requested the County's support in moving forward in upgrading the roads.

Travis Kreamer Re: Plan Cancellation Bylaw 19-1057

Travis Kreamer attended the meeting and requested that Council consider cancelling Plan 032 3414, Block 1, Lot 26. Mr. Kreamer consolidated the two lots into one: Lot 22 (3.43 acres) and Lot 23 (3.41 acres) forming Lot 26 (6.84 acres) in 2003.

Administration advised Council that a recommendation from legal counsel suggests that the plan cancellation would be contrary to the County Municipal Development Plan. According to the County's MDP, Lot 26 is located in the Moraine Residential Area. The density of development is limited to a maximum of eight (8) lots per quarter section. Larger subdivisions existing at the date of the MDP amendment are allowed to remain, however no further lots shall be created or subdivided. Also it is not certain whether the plan cancellation will not cause non-compliance with the development and septic setback regulations.

Council directed Administration to bring back a written legal opinion and confirmation of the septic setback to the July 18, 2018, Council meeting for further consideration of Plan Cancellation Bylaw 19-1057.

Camp Lake Boat Launch

The boat launch at Camp Lake is in need of replacement, as it has deteriorated and cracked beyond repair. Administration has worked with staff at Beaver Municipal Solutions to design a replacement structure. Council had also requested administration to investigate the use of recycled tire matting through the Alberta Recycling Management Authority's Municipal Demonstration Grant Program (MDG Program). Applications under this program closed on November 23rd, 2017 for the 2018 construction season, and applications are not currently being accepted for the 2019 construction season.

Council passed a motion to proceed with the current design.

Range Road 130 and Highway 14 Intersection Improvement

Council would like to increase the safety at the intersection of Highway 14 and Range Road 130, specifically for southbound traffic turning west onto the highway and is willing to cost share the improvements with Alberta Transportation. Council passed the following motions:

That administration to work with Alberta Transportation to improve the turning radius in the NW and NE Quadrants at Range Road 130 and Highway 14 and to cost share with Alberta Transportation, up to 50 percent including engineering.

Request Alberta Transportation extend the current 80 km/hr zone to the east side of Range Road 130 on Highway 14.

That, due to the safety issues at Range Road 130 and Highway 14, Council request that CN Railways cost share 1/3 in the Intersection Improvement project.

Bridge Tenders

Council awarded the contract for the replacement of Bridge File 01519 (Rge Rd 184 south of TWP 500) to PSA Construction Inc. in the amount of \$923,308.75 plus 10% contingency (\$92,330.80); and awarded the contract for the replacement of Bridge File 13923 (Rge Rd 142 north of HWY 26) to Inline Contracting Partnership in the amount of \$247,950 plus 10% contingency (\$24,795).

Oil Bases Dust Suppressant (Road Oil)

Council awarded the contract to the lowest bidder which was received from Read on Roads in the amount of \$0.608/L (plus GST) for supply and delivery of Oil Based Dust Suppressant for 2018, for a total amount of \$204,288.00.

Range Road 125 Road Repair

Council considered options for permanent repair to Range Road 125 to permit safe travel of heavy vehicles to the south of Township Road 500. Council passed a motion that a proposal be prepared for repair with Geotextile or Geogrid and fill of Range Road 125 and that Range Road 164 North of Secondary Highway 626 be repaired with soil cement (terracem) for comparison of the products and cost.

Council Code of Conduct – Bylaw 18-1060

The Council Code of Conduct Bylaw establishes a Code of Conduct for Elected Officials to uphold certain principles governing the conduct of Councillors. Council passed first and second of the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw. The vote to have third reading of bylaw was not unanimous and was defeated. The Bylaw will be given further consideration at the July 18, 2018, Council meeting.

LUB Amendment – NE 2-51-19-W4 – Bylaw 18-1059

The Landowners of Plan 092 4685, Block 1, Lot 3 have submitted an Application For Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw with respect to redistricting approximately 50.16 acres from Rural Industrial District to Country Residential District . They are requesting this amendment to accommodate the development of a cabin for residential use, since this use is not allowed in the current district.

Council passed first reading of Bylaw 18-1059 and will hold a public hearing at the July 18, 2018, Council meeting.

Youth Outstanding Achievement Applications

The Youth Outstanding Achievement Policy recognizes the youth who participate in provincial, national, and/or international competitions attend on behalf of their province or country, and also represent Beaver County. The Policy allows for the provision of financial support to offset expenses associated with accommodations and travel to competition.

Council passed a motion awarding financial support of \$300 each to Quinten Albrecht, Shelby Copeland Stevenson, Avery Stevenson and Jasleen Kaur. Council also passed a motion that the Youth Outstanding Achievement Policy be referred to subsequent Council meeting for further discussion.

Accounting Software

Council approved a three-year (2019-2021) hosting contract with Serenic Software for accounting software services at a cost of \$70,611 per year, plus the cost of conversion.

AVL GIS Contract

Council approved a three-year contract with MRF Geosystems Corporation to provide AVL and GIS systems.

Bylaw 18-1056 - Fee for Services

That Council passed all three readings of Fees for Services Bylaw 18-1056. The County's Fees for Services Bylaw authorizes fees and charges for various services that the County provides. The following is summary of the changes to the bylaw.

Service Item	Current Fee	New Fee
Laminating	N/A	\$1 per foot (minimum \$1)
Municipal Address Signs		
Properties accessed from internal subdivision road	\$15	\$20
Properties accessed from grid road	\$53	\$70
Lease of County-owned land and road allowances (excluding land in industrial parks)	As tendered, subject to minimum of \$10 per acre or \$25, whichever is greater	N/A (MGA specifies market value)
Subdivision Approval Extension	N/A	
No referral required		\$100 for the 2 nd and each subsequent extension request
Referral required		\$150 for each extension request
Culverts		
New	N/A	Most recent unit price paid by the County
Used	N/A	50% of most recent unit price paid by the County
Driveway Maintenance (includes grading and Snow and Ice Control)	\$60 per hour to a maximum of one hour, charged in 5-minute increments	\$150 per hour (minimum ½ hour = \$75) plus \$25 for each 10 minute increment after first ½ hour
Beaver Dam Removal (private land – no threat to County infrastructure)	\$100 for first dam \$50 each additional dam	N/A

FCM – Special Advocacy Fund

The FCM established the Special Advocacy fund in March of 2018. The Fund will help the FCM advocate key issues for municipalities in the upcoming 2019 Federal election. This fund is supported by FCM members, using a fee structure similar to how membership fees are determined. Council passed a motion to contribute \$400 plus GST into the FCM Special Advocacy Fund for 2018 and 2019.

Procedural Bylaw 18-1058

That Council passed all three readings of Procedural Bylaw 18-1058. The Procedural Bylaw establishes rules and provisions to regulate the conduct of business in Council Meetings and in Committee Meetings.

The Bylaw has been updated to reflect the use of the wording “Closed Session” replacing the outdated word “In Camera”. Including an addition to Section **34 (2)** After the Closed Session discussions are complete a brief recess shall be held to allow time for the members of the public to return to the meeting before the regular meeting continues.

Public Participation Policy

Council approved the *Public Participation Policy*. The *Public Participation Policy* has been developed to recognize the value of public participation and create opportunities for meaningful public participation in decisions that directly impact the public.

Operating & Capital Reserves Policy

Council approved the amended *Operating & Capital Reserves Policy*. Schedules A, B, C and D of the Policy have been amended to reflect the book value of the reserves to the actual cash available.

Respectful Workplace and Violence Prevention Policy

Council approved the amended *Respectful Workplace and Violence Prevention Policy*. In November 2017 the Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Act was revised with the changes coming into effect on June 1, 2018. The amendments to *Respectful Workplace and Violence Prevention Policy* reflect the following changes:

1. The inclusion of psychological injury and domestic violence as hazards in the workplace.
2. Updating the sections of the Act in the policy to reflect the new legislation.
3. Renaming of the Policy to *Respectful Workplace and Violence Prevention Policy*.
4. Adding a requirement for policy review of every three years.

Safety Incentive Policy

Council approved the amended *Safety Incentive Policy*. The Monthly Award for Holding Onsite Work Site Hazard Assessment (WSHA)/ Onsite Toolbox meetings, pointing out hazards during WSHA, mentoring or training new workers on H&S matters, reporting an unsafe condition or act, assisting with any H&S investigation and making suggestions for improvement, and similar activities (at the discretion of the Supervisor) from a \$25 gift card to a \$25 Beaver County promotional item was made.

Village of Ryley – Recreation Shared Services Grants

The County will pay the Village of Ryley a grant of \$22,991 for the 2017 recreation shared services invoice.

Personnel

The current vacant Community Development Assistant position will be eliminated and staffed with summer positions.

Special Council Meeting

Council scheduled a Special Council meeting for July 4, 2018, commencing at 7:30 am. The meeting will be conducted as a Closed Session to deal with Public Works issues. The July 4, 2018, Committee of the Whole meeting will commence at 9:30 am.

A Special Council Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 4, 2018, starting at 7:30 am.

The next Committee of the Whole meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 4, 2018, starting at 9:30 am.

The next Regular Meeting of Council has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 18, 2018, starting at 8:30 am.

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