



**COUNCIL
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
REGULAR MEETING
November 28, 2018**

Viking RCMP – Brad Mouland

Cpl. Brad Mouland, Viking RCMP Detachment attended the meeting and reviewed the January – June 2018 CompStat Report for the Viking Detachment.

Viking Flagstaff Early Childhood Coalition

Kari Cameron, Program Director, and Jody Bergseth, Coordinator, Viking Flagstaff Early Childhood Coalition attended the meeting and provided Council with an outline on the mandate of Coalition.

The purpose and vision of the Flagstaff Beaver Early Childhood Coalition is to gather and engage the community in order to promote the healthy development of children 0-5 years of age, facilitate early childhood development education and learning opportunities, promote and create awareness of early childhood development programs and services, share results of educational development initiatives within our community, create networking opportunities, and build partnerships that are able to respond to gaps and address needs in our communities.

2019 – 2020 Gravel Crush Tender

Council awarded the contract to Mixcor Aggregates, in the amount of \$4,747,687.15 for a two year gravel supply, with the option to renew for an additional two years.

Bylaw 18-1061 – Amendment to Ryley Inter-Municipal Development Plan

Bylaw 18-1062 – Amendment to Bylaw 98-800 Municipal Development Plan

Bylaw 18-1063 – Equity Industrial Park Area Structure Plan

Bylaw 18-1064 – Amendment to Bylaw 98-801 Land Use Bylaw

Beaver County is proceeding with a series of statutory plan amendments including adopting the new Equity Industrial Park (EIP) Area Structure Plan (ASP) amending the Ryley/Beaver Intermunicipal Plan (IDP), the County Municipal Development Plan (MDP), and the County Land Use Bylaw (LUB).

Prior to the adoption of the new EIP ASP, the Municipal Government Act (Sections 632, 633) requires all statutory plans to be consistent with the hierarchy of planning documents. The highest level of municipal land use planning document is the IDP, followed by the MDP. Prior to the adoption of the EIP ASP, the Ryley/Beaver IDP and MDP shall be amended concurrently to ensure consistency.

A Public Hearing was held on November 13, 2018 where interested stakeholders were invited to hear arguments for and against the proposed bylaws. No arguments for or against were raised by interested stakeholders.

Council passed second and third reading of Bylaw 18-1061 – Amendment to Ryley Inter-Municipal Development Plan, Bylaw 18-1062, Amendment to Bylaw 98-800 Municipal Development Plan, Bylaw 18-1063 – Equity Industrial Park Area Structure Plan and Bylaw 18-1064 – Amendment to Bylaw 98-801 Land Use Bylaw.

Councillor Remuneration Review

Elected officials are compensated for time spent on Council and Committee-related responsibilities according to the Councillor Remuneration Policy.

Since 1953, Federal legislation permitted an income tax exemption on 1/3 of the remuneration to compensate elected officials for expenses that were not otherwise being reimbursed. Effective January 1, 2019, the one-third exemption will be eliminated. The Federal Government views the exemption as a special allowance and because no receipts are required to receive the allowance, the amount is a taxable benefit. This is in line with non-accountable allowances received by other employees. Since the full amount of the remuneration will be taxable, this will result in a significant change to the after-tax compensation for elected officials (i.e. take-home pay will be less).

To address the change in the Federal tax law Council amended the Councillor Remuneration Policy to increase the Per Meeting Rate to \$255.19, the Reeve's Allowance (monthly) to \$575, and the Deputy Reeve's Allowance (monthly) to \$345, effective January 1, 2019.

Non Union Staff Salary Review

Non-union staff salary ranges are structured to fairly compensate staff and attract and retain competent and qualified employees. The County's Employee Compensation Policy requires a review of salary ranges every three years. The last review was conducted in 2015 and is now due.

Council authorized administration conduct a review of non-union staff salary ranges internally; taking into consideration remuneration paid to municipal staff in similar-sized rural municipalities, for Council to consider.

Beaver Foundation Request for Chronicle Space

The County recently received a request from the Beaver Foundation for Chronicle space to inform residents of seniors' wellness and support issues that could/should be addressed to Provincial election candidates.

Council directed administration to develop a policy regarding advertising in the Beaver County Chronicle for non-profit groups, and further declined the current request from the Foundation.

Northern Lights Library System Request for Levy Increase

Northern Lights Library System (NLLS) is one of seven regional library systems across Alberta, helping deliver comprehensive, efficient library services to all Albertans, regardless of where they live.

The NLLS source of operation funding is from Municipal and Library levies as well as grant funding. The proposed NLLS 2019 levy will increase from \$10.14 to \$10.30 per capita, the increase amounts to \$944.80.

Council deferred a decision on the levy increase until after a meeting with the NLLS Director at the January 16, 2019, Council meeting.

STARS Air Ambulance Funding

Council approved a pledge of \$2 per capita (\$11,810) for the next three years, (2019, 2020, 2021) to STARS Air Ambulance.

Viking Request to Build Road In Viking Beaver Business Park

The Viking Beaver Business Park is the subject of a development partnership agreement and the costs to develop the park are to be shared equally, along with the future taxes generated from development. The Town of Viking would like the road built for customers to access the water bulk sales on a private property in the Town, and also as another route into the current business park and the Town's future development.

Council agreed to construction of the road through Viking Beaver Business Park, subject to confirmation from the Town that they agree to pay 50% of all costs, and that this amount be included in the draft 2019 County budget.

Clean Harbors Response to County Concerns re: Landfill Expansion

In early 2018, Clean Harbors applied for an amendment to its environmental approval of the existing Class I and II landfill to permit expansion onto NE 9-50-17-W4. County Council submitted a statement of concern to Alberta Environment and Parks. Clean Harbors has responded to the County's statement.

Council directed administration to advertise that a response was received from Clean Harbors regarding County's Statement of Concern re: Landfill Expansion and is available on the Beaver County website.

Viking Beaver Family Community Support Services Public at Large Appointments

The Viking/Beaver Family and Community Support Services Agreement provides for three rural public-at-large members to represent the interests of Beaver County. The Viking/Beaver Family and Community Support Services Board has recommended that Tricia Chrystian, Carole Shippy and Erin Hollar, be reappointed as the County's public-at-large member.

Council approved the appointments of Tricia Chrystian, Carole Shippy and Erin Hollar as Beaver County Public-at-Large member to the Viking/Beaver Family and Community Support Services Board, effective October 31, 2018 to October 31, 2021.

Asset Management Capacity Building Cohort

Rural Municipalities Association, in collaboration with Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and Infrastructure Asset Management Alberta, has received funding under the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program to develop and deliver a group learning cohort in which participants will work together to build their asset management capacity.

Council passed the required motions to meet the application requirements to participate in an asset management capacity-building cohort program.

Beaverhill Crime Watch Association Fundraiser

Council approved a donation of \$500 to pay for to cost of a public speaker at the Beaverhill Rural Crime Watch Fundraiser; subject to receiving written request from the Association.

Future Dates

Council rescheduled the December 5, 2018, Committee of the Whole meeting to Monday, December 10, 2018, commencing at 8:30 am.

Council scheduled an Agricultural Services Board meeting for January 16, 2019, commencing at 3:00 pm.

The next Committee of the Whole meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, December 10, 2018, commencing at 8:30 am.

The next Regular Council Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 19, 2018, commencing at 8:30 am.

For more information, contact Beaver County toll free at 1-866-663-1333 or 780-663-3730.
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