



**COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 16, 2021
via WEBCONFERENCE - ZOOM**

Public Hearing – Bylaw 21-1107 – Amendment to Land Use Bylaw – 98-801

A Public Hearing was held to hear arguments for or against the proposed amendment to Land Use Bylaw 98-801 in SE 24-50-20-W4. Bylaw 21-1107 proposes to redistrict a portion of the SE 24-50-20-W4 (20 acres) from Agricultural District to Country Residential District.

The applicant would like to subdivide a 20-acre lot. However, this quarter section has already previously been subdivided, so currently there are three titled parcels within this quarter section. This quarter section is located in the Moraine Residential Area, therefore, according to Section 2.11 of the Municipal Development Plan, the creation of four or more titled parcels in a quarter section will result in a multi-lot country residential subdivision. This will require the title parcel directly affected by the subdivision to be rezoned from Agricultural to Country Residential. However, the applicant has requested that Council consider redistricting only the area that is the subject of the subdivision application (20 acres).

There were no members of the public present for the Public Hearing or any written objections received regarding the land use bylaw amendment. After the Public Hearing closed, Council passed second and third reading of Bylaw 21-1107.

Closed Session

Division 2, Section 17 of Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy (Personnel)

Following a recorded vote, Council passed a motion that Council hire an Interim CAO until September 30, 2021.

Range Road 124 and Surrounding Roads

At the May 19, 2021, Regular Council meeting, Council passed a motion to remove the 75% weight restriction on Range Road 124 from Township Road 490 – 492 allowing for 100% axle weight.

At the June 2, 2021, Regular Council meeting, Muriel Hill, Beaver County resident, attended the meeting and discussed the removal of the 75% weight restriction.

Council revisited the decision and passed a motion to reinstate the 75% weight restriction on Range Road 124 from Township Road 490 – 492.

Council also passed a motion that future repairs to the oiled surfaced road on Range Road 124 from Township Road 490 to Township Road 492 be replaced with gravel rather than oil or cold mix.

2020 - 2022 New Tandem Snow Plow Stand Truck

Council passed a motion approving the purchase of one new 2020 International HX613 6x4 Tandem Plow Truck/Sander for the cost of \$286,095.53 plus GST from Diamond International Trucks Ltd with the additional \$11,095.53 over budget funded from the equipment reserve.

Fee for Services Bylaw 21-1111

Council passed three readings of the Fees for Services Bylaw 21-1111. The Fee for Services Bylaw authorizes the County to provide various services and establish fees for the provision of services.

Clean Energy Improvement Program

The Clean Energy Improvement Program had been discussed at the June 2, 2021, Regular Council meeting and Council directed Administration to bring back more information on the program to a subsequent Council meeting.

Accessing affordable financing is one of the biggest barriers property owners face when deciding to invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades.

The Clean Energy Improvement Program is a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)-style program that helps people make energy efficient upgrades to their properties without having to pay upfront. The cost of the upgrade is recovered through the owner's property taxes.

Property owners who choose to make improvements would help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, create jobs, stimulate local economies and save money on their energy bills.

Council directed Administration to attend an information session with Alberta Municipal Services Corporation (AMSC).

Joint Subdivision and Development Appeal Board and Assessment Review Board Re-appointments

Beaver County is a member of the region's Joint Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) and Joint Assessment Review Board (ARB). Each Board consists of the same members. The terms of appointment are staggered to maintain experience on the Board from year to year.

A maximum of ten public-at-large members may be appointed to the Boards. There are currently seven members, which is sufficient at this time given the minimal number of hearings required throughout the region. The terms of three of the members have expired.

Council passed a motion approving the following re-appointments to the Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board and the Intermunicipal Assessment Review Board:

- Jennifer Goertzen - March 31, 2024
- Cathy McRae - March 31, 2024
- A. Reynolds - March 31, 2024.

Amendment to Operating and Capital Reserves Policy

Council passed a motion approving the following:

- a) Amendments to the *Operating and Capital Reserves Policy* and related Schedules,
- b) Re-allocation of \$85,000 from the Administration Operating Reserve to the Contingency Reserve,
- c) Re-allocation of \$70,000 from the Administration Capital Reserve to the Contingency Reserve.

Whistle Cessation Requirements and Support Letter

Council passed a motion agreeing to fund the necessary improvements to enable train whistle cessation at the following crossings:

- Mile 196.7 Bruce Main Street, in the amount of \$26,384
- Mile 197.16 SH 857, in the amount of \$17,984
- Mile 232.39 SH 630 (Lindbrook) in the amount of \$20,295

And further that Council withdraw the whistle cessation request for Mile 205.14 RR 161.

Council also passed a motion that Council support the letter regarding the CN merger with KCS Rail.

Drainage

Council passed a motion that Council and administration arrange for a public meeting with the landowners along Township Road 500 and Range Road 163 to discuss drainage issues on Waskwei Creek.

Future Dates

Council scheduled the October 2021, Regular Council meeting for Wednesday, October 27, 2021, following the Organizational Meeting. The Organizational Meeting will commence at 8:30 am.

Closed Session

Division 2, Section 17 of Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy (Personnel)

After a recorded vote, Council passed a motion that Council consult with Rick McDonald with respect to an employment contract as Interim CAO until September 30, 2021, as discussed in Closed Session.

Division 2, Section 17 of Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy (Personnel) – 2021 Farm Family Award

Council passed a motion directing that the Agricultural Fieldman contact the 2021 Farm Family Award nominee as per Council's direction in Closed Session.

Section 16 of Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act – Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party - STARS Calendar Campaign

Council passed a motion agreeing to participate in the STARS Foundation Calendar Campaign as follows:

- a) Displaying a poster in the County Office during July - December
- b) Advertising of STARS calendar availability on the County website
- c) County Office tracking calendar sales
- d) County issuing a cheque to STARS at the end of the campaign for the total amount of sales

And further that Council participate in the STARS Foundation Holiday Hamper Campaign and commit to the purchase of 100 calendars.

Future Dates

The next Regular Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 7, 2021, commencing at 8:30 am, to be conducted via Zoom.

Live Streaming of the meeting is available on the day of the meeting via YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJelgBlzpUup4GDeMECLHcQ>

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