



**COUNCIL MEETING  
HIGHLIGHTS  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

**Public Hearing Bylaw 21-1110 – Surface Drainage Bylaw**

Previously a public hearing was opened on August 18, 2021 to allow input from the public in a virtual format. No one registered to participate in the hearing and the public hearing was recessed to September 1.

Council reconvened the public hearing to allow input from the public in person. There were approximately ten persons in attendance at the hearing.

A written comment had been received and was accepted into the public hearing. The comment was a request for Council to consider the Federal Government's Interim Code of Practice: Beaver Dam Removal in the Surface Drainage Bylaw.

Council heard comments from members of the Global Foundation for Social Harmony, Sustainability and Development as follows:

- Support the Bylaw,
- Concerned that the Bylaw is complaint driven which may be a barrier,
- Would like to see positive education of the Bylaw,
- Concerned about the deterioration of the watershed and wetland.

Mr. Johnston commented on drainage issues on his property and cautioned Council to contact Alberta Environment regarding the legality of the Bylaw as well as the issue on his property.

Dale Collison commented on trespassing concerns and liability issues if County employees are hurt while on private property.

Mr. P. Hanna commented on drainage issues on his property.

Mr. K. Giebelhaus commented on drainage issues on his property due to road construction that was completed in the 1960s.

Later in the meeting, Council deliberated the Bylaw and passed second and third readings of Bylaw 21-1110.

**Tofield Agricultural Society – Tofield Arena Improvements**

Dave Berrecloth, Lionel Williams, and Daryl Lindberg, Tofield Agricultural Society, attended the meeting and provided an overview of the Tofield Arena Improvement Project.

The project will entail the replacement of the Arena floor and the Zamboni room. The estimated cost of the Arena floor replacement is \$1,200,000 and the estimated cost to relocate the Zamboni room is \$360,000. The Society will be applying for grants and holding other fundraising events, and requested funding of a minimum of \$100,000 to a maximum of \$500,000 from the County.

Later in the meeting, Council passed a motion to provide a letter of support to the Tofield Agricultural Society to accompany their grant applications for the Arena Floor and the Zamboni Room Replacement Projects, and that the amount of the County's financial support be referred to the 2022 budget process.

### **Clean Energy Improvement Program**

The *Municipal Government Act* authorizes municipalities to establish a Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) and borrow funds on behalf of participating landowners so that these taxpayers can initiate projects on their property that will increase energy efficiency or the use of renewable energy. CEIP is a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) style program, meaning that project costs are tied to the property rather than the individual and that these costs are collected through property taxes over an extended period of time.

AMSC (Alberta Municipal Services Corporation) is expecting to launch the first three CEIP programs early in the fall of 2021. Administration attended an information session on August 17, which provided a greater depth of information. If Council decides to pursue the program, the County will require Council approval to become part of the next cohort group to work with AMSC to develop a program. Due to the high level of interest, this cohort group will not meet until early 2022. In the meantime, AMSC will provide a checklist and example bylaws in order to help guide the bylaw process. AMSC will provide no formal support on bylaw adoption and CEF application until early 2022 when the cohort is able to meet.

Council passed a motion directing administration to continue with the implementation of the Clean Energy Improvement Program, and participate in a cohort.

### **Grader-Mounted Mower**

Council passed a motion at the August 4, 2021 that Division 4 receive 3-inch crushed gravel in lieu of mowing wherever there are black boils with grader operators to use their discretion on spreading the crush.

Councillor Bruce has subsequently discussed the mowing program with Division 4 residents and residents would like to participate in the mowing program.

Council passed a motion that the mowing program be expanded into Division 4.

### **2021 Extra Chip Seal Repairs**

In 2018, approximately 3 miles of road in the west end of the County were cemented by the County and chip sealed by a contractor. The finished product was not done to the County's satisfaction and the County negotiated a reduction in the contract price so that the County could repair the road in the future. These roads are now seeing wear and tear on the top chip layer that is outside the normal range expected. The cement base is holding up well, however without proper protection over top, the roads will soon start to deteriorate.

The County has an opportunity now to rectify this issue with 2021 chip seal contractor, Ant Construction. Their contract provides for a modification to the scope of services, however due to the amount of the increased cost, the County's *Purchasing Policy* requires that this additional work be tendered.

Council passed a motion that Council waive the *Purchasing Policy* and approve an amendment to Ant Construction Ltd's 2021 Chip Seal contract in the amount of \$105,000.00 (plus GST) for the supply and application of Graded Aggregate Seal Coat (Chip Seal) on the following roads:

- Range Road 201 from Township Road 510 to Highway 14 (approx. 0.3 miles)

- Township Road 510 from Secondary Highway 833 to the western County border (approx. 1.5 miles)
- Township Road 512 from Secondary Highway 630 to Range Road 195 (approx. 1 mile).

### **Corporate Review Update**

Rick McDonald – JR McDonald & Associates Inc provided an update on the Beaver County Corporate Review in Closed Session. The base consulting fee for the review is \$49,500 plus expenses and GST.

### **Secondary Highway 834 South Entrance**

Council relayed a concern from a resident regarding the design of the service road to his residence south of the intersection of SH 834 with Highway 14. Alberta Transportation has advised that the design has not changed. Administration will attempt to facilitate a discussion between the landowner and Alberta Transportation.

### **Closed Session**

Following the Closed Session, Council passed the following motions:

### **Lindbrook Drainage Issue**

That Council authorize administration to engage Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions to prepare a water management plan for the drainage course through Lindbrook Estates from Plan 792 0020, Block 2, Lot 4 MSR to the outfall in NW 8-51-19-W4, subject to the Approving Authority limits in the *Purchasing Policy*.

That Council direct administration to explore the solution for the drainage issue in Lindbrook Estates that was proposed by the landowner of Plan 792 0020, Block 2, Lot 5 in conjunction with preparation of the water management plan.

### **Lafayette Development Agreement**

That Council direct administration to prepare a Development Agreement with the landowner of SE 29-50-20-W4 for the construction of an approach from Township Road 504 and construction of a private driveway sufficient to accommodate emergency vehicles, with security to be provided at the signing of the Development Agreement.

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The next Regular Council Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2021, commencing at 8:30 am.

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