



**COUNCIL MEETING  
HIGHLIGHTS  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

**2021 Backsloping Program**

Council passed a motion approving the backsloping projects on the NE 20-47-16-W4M and NW 06-49-15-W4M for completion in the fall of 2021.

**Track Hoe Mulching Attachment**

At the August 4, 2021 Council meeting, Council authorized administration to purchase one track-hoe mulching attachment subject to the County's Purchasing Policy. Administration posted an RFP on Alberta Purchasing Connection for the purchase and installation of the track-hoe mulching attachment on August 10, 2021. Interested proponents were able to submit proposals until August 27, 2021.

Administration received two proposals for the purchase and install of the mulching head. Both proposals were from Edge Equipment. Administration has reviewed the proposals and has determined the BL3/EX/VT is most suitable for the County's brushing requirements. Administration has reviewed the installation requirements with Edge Equipment to ensure proper integration with the County's existing track-hoe.

Council passed a motion approving the purchase and installation of one (1) new FAE BL3/EX/VT track-hoe mulching attachment for \$78,040.11 from Edge Equipment.

**Mowing Program Update**

Administration advised that the 2021 Mowing Program is complete.

**Request for 2021 Tax Payment Agreement**

Pine Cliff Energy is a natural gas producer and the County's largest taxpayer. It is starting to recover from the financial challenges it faced when the natural gas market was struggling, but will still find it difficult to pay the full amount of the 2021 taxes by October 31, 2021.

Council agreed to a tax payment agreement in 2020, and under that agreement, Pine Cliff Energy will have paid the 2020 levy by the end of September 2021. Pine Cliff is not able to raise the funds for the 2021 tax levy (\$1,737,291.88) in the following month and will incur a 6% penalty if not paid by October 31, 2021.

Pine Cliff Energy is proposing payment of the 2021 taxes in six equal installments, which would result in full payment by March 31, 2022, however they have requested that the County waive the 6% penalty in November 2021 and the 3% penalty in January 2022.

The company has indicated that the 2022 taxes will be paid by October 31, 2022.

Council passed a motion that Council enter into an agreement with Taxpayer # 6524, 15135, and 21419 for payment of the 2021 property taxes over six (6) months and waive the November 2021 and January 2022 late payment penalties.

### **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

The Federal Government recently passed legislation to create September 30 as a federal statutory holiday - the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This was one of the 94 recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's report.

Federal legislation deems September 30 to be a federal statutory holiday, which means that unless the Alberta Government designates it as a Provincial holiday under the Employment Standards Code, Provincial government departments, municipalities, and private businesses are not required to recognize it (but they may do so if they wish).

The Alberta Government has indicated that it will not recognize the holiday in 2021.

Council passed a motion applauding the Government of Canada for the creation of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and deferred a decision regarding the creation of a holiday for County employees until 2022.

### **Holden Ryley Correspondence BESC**

The County received the following correspondence signed by the Mayors of Ryley and Holden:

- a) Letter dated August 26, 2021 requesting that BESC update its long-term capital funding and expenditure plan. No action is required.
- b) Letter dated September 7, 2021 requesting that County representation on the BESC board be reduced.
- c) Letter dated September 7, 2021 requesting that the member municipalities hold their share of the capital grants until needed by BESC.

The Joint Holden/Ryley Council requested that correspondence b) and c) above be discussed by each Council.

It is common practice for requests of this nature to be discussed at Beaver Regional Partnership meetings.

Council passed a motion that Council refer the Joint Holden/Ryley Council requests for a Beaver Emergency Services Commission membership review, and retention of capital contributions, to a Beaver Regional Partnership meeting.

### **Closed Session**

Following the Closed Session, Council passed the following motion:

### **Camp Lake Contract**

That Council authorize administration to negotiate an extension of the contract with 827410 Alberta Ltd for operation and maintenance of Camp Lake campground for the 2022 and 2023 camping seasons at the 2021 base rate of pay plus up to \$400 per week if additional COVID-19 pandemic sanitization is required.

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The next Regular Council Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 6,  
2021, commencing at 8:30 am.

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