



**COUNCIL MEETING
HIGHLIGHTS
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2021**

Road Closure Bylaw 21-1113

Beaver County has received an application for the closure and consolidation of the surveyed road plan 3808TR located in the SW-15-51-19-W4 off of Range Road 193, which is approximately 0.51 acres.

The surveyed road plan 3808TR (street) is currently being used as the applicant's driveway and is the sole access to their property. The applicants have occupied and maintained the street for many years and would like to include this in their titled parcel. An existing gate was placed across the street by the previous owners as the road ends at the applicant's home. The gate was placed to prevent the public from trespassing onto their private property.

Council passed a motion approving 1st reading of Bylaw 21-1113 and to conduct a Public Hearing to hear arguments for and against the proposed road closure.

Road Closure Bylaw 21-1114

Beaver County has received an application for the closure and consolidation of the road allowance North of NE 12-50-18-W4 (Township Road 502), which is approximately 2.76 acres.

The road allowance currently dead ends at the applicant's driveway and is the sole access to their property. The applicants would like to include this in their titled parcel as there is no through access for the general public and they are the only residents located off this portion of Township Road 502. Furthermore, the road closure would help to prevent the public from trespassing onto their private property.

Council passed a motion approving 1st reading of Bylaw 21-1114 and to conduct a Public Hearing to hear arguments for and against the proposed road closure.

Family and Community Support Services – Beaver County Public at Large Member Appointments

The Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Act authorizes municipalities to enter into agreements to provide for the establishment, administration, and operation of joint family and community support services programs.

Beaver County partners with the Towns of Tofield and Viking to provide FCSS services to residents in their service areas. Between the two programs, all County residents have access to support services.

The terms of the County public-at-large members expire in 2021. Each FCSS Board has recommended the re-appointment of current members:

- a) Zsuzsanna Hemperger to the Tofield/Beaver FCSS Board,

b) Tricia Chrystian, Erin Hollar, and Debbie Oracheski to the Viking/Beaver FCSS Board.

Council passed a motion to re-appoint Zsuzsanna Hemperger as the Beaver County public-at-large member on the Tofield/Beaver Family and Community Support Services Board, with term of office to expire on December 31, 2022, and that Council re-appoint Tricia Chrystian, Erin Hollar, and Debbie Oracheski as the Beaver County public-at-large members on the Viking/Beaver Family and Community Support Services Board, with terms of office to expire on October 31, 2024.

COVID Grants to Agricultural Societies

The agricultural societies in Beaver County are important in establishing and maintaining a sense of belonging in the community for our residents. The societies provide recreation opportunities and community events that bring together the residents of the County as well as attracting visitors from outside.

On February 24, 2021, administration received a request from the Tofield Agricultural Society for \$7,500 in the form of a Community Support Grant. This grant was requested to help cover costs usually offset by event revenue that was lost due to COVID. On March 18th, this grant request was presented and subsequently approved by Council.

Given that the pandemic would have affected other agricultural societies in the Beaver Region in a similar way, and in an effort to maintain fair distribution of funds, Council included in the 2021 budget a matching \$7,500 payment to the five other agriculture societies for a total of \$37,500. These additional payments have not been expressly approved by Council beyond the passing of the budget and since they are outside of the Shared Services Funding grants, they require approval from Council before they are paid.

Council passed a motion approving payment of \$7,500 COVID-19 related supplemental funding to the Ryley, Holden, Bruce, Viking, and Kinsella agricultural societies to match the payment made to Tofield Agricultural Society.

RMA FALL 2021 Submitted Resolutions

The Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) represents rural municipalities in meetings with government and ensures that Provincial and Federal decision-makers, as well as industry and other relevant stakeholders, understand and incorporate the best interests of rural Alberta in their policies. Resolutions are the primary method by which the membership directs RMA's advocacy efforts.

To facilitate participation at the Convention, Council reviews each resolution in advance.

Whistle Cessation Project

The whistle cessation project has been on-going for several months. Council passed a motion for administration to research the withholding of crossing fees to CN Railway until confirmation of the whistle cessation project is completed.

Future Dates

Council scheduled a Special Council/Road Construction Priorities Meeting for Wednesday, December 8, 2021, commencing at 9:30 am.

The next Regular Council Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday,
December 1, 2021, commencing at 9:30 am.

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