



**COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 19 2021
via WEBCONFERENCE - ZOOM**

MPN Auditors

Benji Waser, Auditor, MNP, attended the meeting and provided Council with information on the Financial Statement Allowance for Doubtful Accounts.

Agricultural Services Board – Public at Large Members - Drainage Fee for Services

Bernie Klammer, Agricultural Services Board – Public at Large Member, attended the meeting to provide input on the Drainage – Fee for Services issue.

Tofield Agricultural Society – Tofield Arena Improvements

Dave Berrecloth, President, Lionel Williams and Darryl Lindberg, Tofield Agricultural Society, attended the meeting. D. Berrecloth provided an overview and history of the Tofield Agricultural Society and provided Council with preliminary information on the Society's future project; the Tofield Arena. The Arena floor and header/return system needs to be replaced. The Society is seeking a \$300,000 contribution towards the project from Beaver County.

Dust Control

Administration requested that Council provide direction which roads are to receive free dust control annually. Over the last few years, Council has amended the Dust Control policy numerous times and has passed many motions regarding other roads to receive Dust Control (Calcium Chloride) without payment from property owners.

Council passed a motion that Administration forward the dust control application letter to the residents on Range Road 200 to give them the same opportunity to receive dust control; cost as per the Dust Control policy.

Range Road 124 and Township Road 490

Council passed a motion to approve the removal of the 75% weight restriction on Range Road 124 from Township Road 490 – 492 allowing for 100% axle weight and approving the change of shoulder pull location 4B (Range Road 130 from Township Road 490 – 482) to Township Road 490 from Range Road 130 to Range Road 123.

Council also passed a motion that Range Road 124 from Township Road 490 to Township Road 492 be considered in the future 5-year road plan.

2021 Grader Tender

Council approved the purchase of one new John Deere 872G without a new wing, with the 6YR/90000HR warranty from Brandt for a cost of \$435,700 plus GST, and one new CAT 160 AWD Joystick Unit with ripper and the 6YR/90000HR warranty but no wing, from Finning for a cost of \$506,700 plus GST.

Drainage – Fee for Services

At the May 5, 2021, Council meeting, Council directed administration to bring forward the County's water management policies for review and fee for service discussion. Council advised of residents in the County willing to cost-share beaver dam removal on private lands which are part of County licensed drainage projects. Further, Council requested input from administration on a fee for service structure.

Council passed a motion directing administration to provide Council a snapshot of the what the Drainage Fee for Service Program would look like at a subsequent meeting.

Appointment of Pest and Weed Inspectors

The *Agricultural Pest Control Act* and the *Weed Control Act* state that "A local authority shall appoint a sufficient number of inspectors to carry out this Act within the municipality".

Council passed a motion appointing Robert Young, Jonathan Culbert, Mykaela Gara, and Kyle Prest as pest inspectors under the *Agricultural Pests Act* and weed inspectors under the *Weed Control Act*.

2021 Budget Highlights

Council reviewed the draft 2021 budget highlights document. Council directed administration to bring back another draft to the June 2, 2021, Council meeting.

Bylaw 21-1107 – Redistricting Application

An application has been received for an Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw with respect to redistricting a portion of the SE 24-50-20-W4 (20 acres) from Agricultural District to Country Residential District. The remnant of the quarter section will remain zoned as Agricultural.

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 the quarter section. This quarter section is located in the Moraine Residential Area. 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 titled parcel directly affected by the subdivision to be rezoned from Agricultural to Country Residential. The applicant has requested that Council consider redistricting only the area that is the subject of the subdivision application (20 acres).

Council passed a motion allowing the redistricting of a portion of SE 24-50-20-W4, and Council passed first reading of Bylaw 21-1107. A public hearing, will allow all who wish to participate the opportunity to hear all discussions and speak for or against the proposed Bylaw amendment.

Intersection Improvement – Range Road 194 and Township Road 512

At the May 5, 2021 Council meeting, administration was directed to discuss the need for improvements at the intersections of Range Road 194/Highway 14 and Township Road 512/Secondary Highway 630 with both Alberta Transportation and the applicant of a proposed development near these intersections.

Alberta Transportation has advised that regardless of the traffic generated by the proposed development, both intersections warrant upgrades. Alberta Transportation will not be requiring the County to undertake the improvements immediately, however at some point in the future, action may be required. Alberta Transportation has not included intersection improvements at either of these locations in their 3-year road construction program, however if a nearby highway project was announced, the County could request the upgrades be included. The County may be asked to share the cost of the improvements.

Council accepted the report for information.

Claystone Waste Property Assessment

At a previous Council meeting, Council had requested that administration report the change to property tax assessments after Beaver Municipal Solutions' structure changed from a regional services Commission to the municipally-controlled corporation of Claystone Waste.

Council reviewed the assessment and accepted the report for information.

Motion to Amend Minutes

Council passed a motion to approve amending the meeting minutes of February 17, 2021, Regular Council meeting.

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

Council passed a motion that Council authorize the Reeve to pursue the option of a third-party review for the CAO evaluation for the fourth year of Council, to include the person conducting review, cost of review and the timing of review.

Council passed a motion that the Reeve investigate banked time for the CAO and report back to Council and further that Vacation Leave be brought back to Council for review.

Future Dates

The next Regular Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 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>

Please note that Council will be meeting via electronic means until the COVID-19 physical distancing requirement has been lifted.

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

Did you know...our website is a useful way to get the information you need.

www.beaver.ab.ca