



**COUNCIL MEETING
HIGHLIGHTS
REGULAR MEETING
May 4, 2022**

Council/Chief Administrative Officer Covenant

A key issue for the County is to have an effectively operated Corporate Municipality which requires a solid working relationship between the Council and its Chief Administrative Officer. One of the ways by which the relationship can be strengthened is through establishing a Council-Chief Administrative Officer covenant, which commits both parties to seeking clarity in the relationship and seriously undertaking to conduct their respective roles appropriately. The Covenant is approved, signed, and included as an appendix to the Chief Administrative Officer's bylaw and/or contract.

Council approved the Council/Chief Administrative Officer Covenant and will sign the Covenant with Ms. Kayleena Spiess.

Appointment of Pest Inspectors

The *Agricultural Pests Act* states that: 'The local authority of a municipality shall appoint a sufficient number of inspectors to carry out this Act and the regulation within the municipality.'

Council passed a motion appointing Robert Young, Kyle Prest, and Cameron Schoff as inspectors under the *Agricultural Pests Act*.

Appointment of Weed Inspectors

The *Weed Control Act* states that: 'The local authority of a municipality shall appoint a sufficient number of inspectors to carry out this Act and the regulation within the municipality.'

Council passed a motion appointing Robert Young, Kyle Prest, and Cameron Schoff as inspectors under the *Weed Control Act*.

ASB Appeal Committee

Municipalities are required to have committees in place to hear appeals against Notices issued under Acts administered by Agricultural Service Boards.

Council passed a motion approving the structure of the Agricultural Notice of Appeal Committee with members of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board who will let their names stand for this committee.

Surface Water Management Project in Beaver Hills Biosphere

Water is essential to life, however its location on the landscape can be seen as both beneficial and challenging, depending on the types of land uses that it often intersects.

Beaver County has been a contributing partner since the beginning of the Beaver Hills Initiative (BHI) which is now referred to as the Beaver Hills Biosphere (BHB) and its Association.

On April 12, 2022, Beaver County's Executive Leadership Team met with Brian Illnicki, the Executive Director of the BHB, to discuss potential options for a water management project within the BHB. After the discussion, the project scope was further defined as a need for the development of a surface water management plan/framework for the biosphere. Such a project would build on the BHB's natural asset inventory, LiDAR, and the drained wetland inventory which is already in place for the BHB.

As the County and the BHB have both completed Climate Resiliency Plans, there is a source of potential funding for a water management project through the Climate Resilience Capacity Building Program. The program is designed to enable communities to better understand and respond to the impacts of climate change and might be aligned to support steps moving forward.

The Biosphere has established precedent for municipalities to access funding (serving as the administrator on behalf of the Biosphere) that can support work the BHB undertakes on behalf of the partners.

Council passed a motion directing administration to engage with the Beaver Hills Biosphere (BHB) with respect to options for a surface water management plan/framework and further, that Brian Illnicki, Executive Director, be invited to attend a future Governance and Priorities Committee meeting.

Sponsorship Request – Wild Oats & Notes Music Festival

Beaver County received an application for an Event Sponsorship Request from the Wild Oats & Notes Music Festival, scheduled to run June 30 – July 2, 2022. The Festival is a celebration of live music, agriculture, and all things rural. It is a non-profit venture that invests net proceeds into the local community in a number of ways.

Council approved an Event Sponsorship grant to the Wild Oats & Notes Music Festival in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Request for Proclamation – Longest Day of SMILES

The Longest Day of SMILES encourages communities to raise awareness and funds to help children born with cleft conditions, smile and change their lives with free, safe, cleft surgery and comprehensive care. From sun-up to sun-down, from coast to coast to coast, Canadians are dedicating June 19th, 2022, and the time leading up to it, to helping children smile.

Council passed a motion proclaiming June 19, 2022, as the Longest of Day of SMILES Day in Beaver County. The resolution will remain in effect for five years to coincide with the Longest Day of SMILES Day set for each year.

Request for Proclamation – National AccessAbility Week

Every year, starting on the last Sunday in May, Canadians celebrate National AccessAbility Week (NAAW). Founded as 'National Access Awareness Week' in 1988 and inspired by Rick Hansen's Man In Motion World Tour, this week is an opportunity to celebrate Canadians with disabilities and raise awareness of the critical need for accessibility and inclusion for all in communities and workplaces.

Council passed a motion proclaiming May 29 – June 4, 2022, as National AccessAbility Week in Beaver County. The resolution will remain in effect for five years to coincide with the National AccessAbility Week set for each year.

Request for Proclamation – Seniors' Week

The Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta recognizes the first week in June as Seniors' Week. Albertans are encouraged to show appreciation for seniors and recognize the important contributions seniors make to our province.

Council passed a motion proclaiming June 6-12, 2022, as Seniors' Week in Beaver County. The resolution will remain in effect for five years to coincide with the Seniors' Week set for each year.

Information Regarding Avian Influenza

Administration provided Council with information regarding Avian Influenza in Beaver County. Council passed a motion to accept the information regarding the Avian Influenza.

Proclamation – Economic Development Week

Economic Developers Alberta (EDA) has invited municipalities to amplify the Provincial Government's efforts to encourage economic development, especially as the Province recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council passed a motion proclaiming May 9-13, 2022, Economic Development Week in Beaver County. The resolution will remain in effect for five years to coincide with the Economic Developers Alberta (EDA), Economic Development Week, set for each year.

Battle River Watershed Alliance

Carson Hvenegaard and Sarah Skinner, Battle River Watershed Alliance, attended the meeting to provide an overview of Battle River Watershed Alliance activities.

The next Regular Council Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday,
May 18, commencing at 9:30 am.

The next Regular Governance & Priorities Committee meeting has been scheduled for
Wednesday, May 25, 2022, commencing at 1:00 pm

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
