



**COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2022**

2022 Shoulder Pull Locations

A “shoulder pull” involves bringing material up from along the side of a road, and recompact it to reshape and recontour the crown. This will return the road to its proper side slope and width, and lengthen the life of the road.

Council approved the following shoulder pull locations for 2022:

- a) Twp Rd 504 from Rge Rd 190 to Hwy 14 (1.5 miles)
- b) Twp Rd 490 from Rge Rd 182 to 190 (4 miles)
- c) Rge Rd 145 from Twp Rd 485 to 490 (1 mile)
- d) Twp Rd 494 from Rge Rd 124 to 131 (3 miles)
- e) Twp Rd 490 from Rge Rd 120 to 122 (2 miles)
- f) Rge Rd 120 from Twp Rd 490 to Colony entrance at NW 6-49-11-W4 (0.5 miles)
- g) Rge Rd 110 from Twp Rd 473 to 480 (3 miles).

Landflood Control Contract

The County has a contract with a private company (2086391 Alberta Ltd – Shawn O'Shea) to control beaver activity. Due to increased moisture in the Spring, beaver activity is busier than expected, and the original \$40,000 budget for 2022 will not be sufficient to maintain the program for the balance of the year.

Council agreed to provide additional funds of \$40,000 for beaver control activities in the summer and Fall. Council also directed administration to investigate a long-term contract for landflood control during the 2023 budget process.

Appointment of Auditor

Council's contract with MNP LLP to conduct the yearend financial audit expired in 2021. Council is pleased with the work that MNP completes and agreed to extend the contract for 1 more year. In keeping with the *Purchasing Policy*, Council directed administration to tender for audit services for 2023 and subsequent years.

Request for Financial Support – Tofield Agricultural Society

Under the *Community Support Requests Policy*, the Tofield Agricultural Society receives a \$500 annual grant to assist with operating expenses associated with the Bull Bash.

In 2022, the Agricultural Society combined the Bull Bash with the annual rodeo and promenade into a 4-day Western Days event. The Society requested that Council provide additional funding to assist with operating expenses.

Council approved a \$2000 grant, bringing the total funding for Tofield's 2022 event to \$2500.

RMA Resolution Process

The Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) holds conventions in the Spring and Fall of each year. At each convention, municipal councils have the opportunity to introduce resolutions on rural municipal issues for RMA to advocate to the Provincial and/or Federal Governments. Resolutions typically seek to change legislation, address funding challenges, or encourage alternative policy approaches by other levels of government.

Council directed administration to draft a resolution regarding nurse practitioner roles in rural Alberta. The resolution will be considered by the rural municipalities in the area (District 5) before submission at the convention.

Request from RPAC for Support of Appeal against Clean Harbors' Expansion Approval

The Ryley Public Advisory Committee (RPAC) submitted a request for Council's support of its appeal against Alberta Environment and Parks' decision to approve Clean Harbors' expansion application.

In February 2018, Clean Harbors applied to expand the landfill within the Village of Ryley (adjacent to Beaver County's boundary). At that time, Council submitted a Statement of Concern regarding air quality, groundwater contamination, above-ground water run-off testing, tracking mud onto public roadways, and expansion of adjacent landowner notification.

Clean Harbors addressed Council's concerns and the County subsequently withdrew its Statement of Concern.

Council decided that it would take no position regarding RPAC's appeal.

Meeting with the Ministers of Municipal Affairs and Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Development

At each Rural Municipalities of Alberta convention, various Provincial Government ministers make themselves available to rural municipal councils to discuss issues or concerns. The next convention is in November.

Council agreed to request a meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs to discuss:

- a) review of oil and gas assessment,
- b) reinstatement of grants for utilities and emergency services,
- c) viability of small urban municipalities.

Council also directed administration to seek a meeting with the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Development as soon as possible to discuss:

- a) rural economic development (existing and potential projects) and funding (Invest Alberta),
- b) impact of federal regulations on farming operations,
- c) funding for agricultural research and agricultural service board programs (shelter belt program).

Closed Session - Complaint

Following a Closed Session, Council directed administration to contact a consultant to meet with Council regarding a complaint.

The next Regular Council Meetings have been scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2022, and Wednesday, September 21, 2022, commencing at 9:30 am.

The next Governance and Priorities Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2022, commencing at 1 pm.

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