



**COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
REGULAR MEETING
September 21, 2022**

Notice of Intention - Historical Designation

In August, the County received a request and Statement of Significance from a local resident for consideration of designating the Warner House, built on Sunnyside Stock Farm, as a municipal heritage site in the County.

Council directed written Notice of Intention (NOI) to designate the Warner House at Sunnyside Stock Farm located on SW 19-51-18-4 SW Pcl. f/s, as a Municipal Historic Resource be served on the property's registered owner(s).

Notice of Intention (NOI) to designate the Warner House at Sunnyside Stock Farm located on SW 19-51-18-4 SW Pcl. f/s, as a Municipal Historic Resource will also be advertised by administration.

Application for Municipal (Communication) Intern

Council authorized the submission of an application to host a 2022/23 municipal intern (communication specialization) via Alberta Municipal Affairs' Municipal Internship Program.

Budget Meeting Dates

Council approved the creation of a budget meeting schedule consisting of three days of Closed Session CAO workshops from Wednesday, November 30th – Friday, December 2nd and three days of Open Session special budget meetings from Wednesday, December 7th – Friday, December 9th.

Change to Council and GPC Meeting Schedule

Council agreed to change the dates for regular Council meetings to the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, with the 3rd Wednesday meeting commencing at 1:00 p.m. and recommended to the Governance and Priorities Committee that its meeting be rescheduled to the 3rd Wednesday of each month, commencing at 9:30a.m.

Meeting with RCMP at RMA Convention

A meeting with the RCMP will be requested during the Rural Municipalities of Alberta Fall 2022 Convention to discuss rural crime and other matters as follows;

- a) Victim Services redesign,
- b) revolving door of criminals,
- c) staffing levels for RCMP in Rural Alberta,
- d) public perception as per Victim Services redesign,
- e) education on rural crime and landowner rights,
- f) update on new Tofield facility.

Letter of support for Victim Services

At the September 7, 2022 Council meeting, Council heard from Jim Warren, Board Chair of Victim Services, regarding the Alberta Government's proposal to redesign Victim Services.

Council expressed concerns regarding:

- The lack of consultation with municipalities
- The formation of a new zonal model for police-based victim services program delivery; removing the operation from community-based organizations, and by police-based victim services units (VSU)
- The adjustment of the mandate of the Victims of Crime and Public Safety.
- Loss of local knowledge of residents and the Region's specific needs.

Council authorized the Reeve to submit a letter of support to the Town of Tofield regarding its concerns for the redesign of the Victim Services program.

Request for Letter of Support from Village Of Ryley - Crime Prevention Grant

Council authorized a letter of support to the Village of Ryley in its application for the Alberta Crime Prevention Grant to develop public education and awareness tools to address confrontation, intimidation, and harassment between local politicians and community residents.

Regular Council Meeting December 21, 2022

Council authorized the change of schedule for the December 21, 2022 regular Council Meeting to be held December 14, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

District 5 Golf Tournament Donation

Beaver County is a member of District 5 of the Rural Municipalities of Alberta organization. The County organized a Golf Tournament in July, which included an opportunity to raise funds for a local organization. Victim Services was selected. At the Council Meeting Deputy Reeve Hrabec of District 5 presented a cheque for \$2272.00 from proceeds from the District 5 Golf Tournament to Victim Services.

Union Collective Bargaining Agreement

County field staff are members of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 955. Over the course of the summer the collective agreement was renewed. Council accepted the mediator's recommendation for ratification of the Collective Agreement for the period of August 20, 2022 to December 19, 2025. This includes a cost of living increase of:

- a) 3.75% effective August 20, 2022,
- b) 1% effective August 20, 2023,
- c) 0.25% effective August 20, 2024.

Cost of living increases

Council approved similar cost of living increases to non union staff and Council remuneration, effective the first day of their respective pay periods.

Non Union Vacation Leave Policy Amendment

Council directed administration to prepare an amendment to the Vacation Leave Policy to align with the union collective agreement settlement.

The next Regular Council Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2022, commencing at 9:30 am.

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

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