

2023 Budget Discussion

Council reviewed responses to Information Requests and discussed the Flagged Items raised during CAO workshop on November 30, 2022 to December 1, 2022.

Council passed the following motions:

- 1. That the 2023 budget recommendation for fees for road use agreements and pipeline crossings be adjusted as follows:
 - a. Approaches: from \$125 to \$250
 - b. Right-of-access existing approaches: from \$100 to \$200
 - c. Right-of-access road allowances: from \$100 to \$200
 - d. Pipeline crossings: from \$130 to \$260
 - e. Driveway maintenance: from \$150 per hour to \$200 per hour
- 2. That the *Backsloping Policy* be referred to the Governance and Priorities Committee for review.
- 3. That the proposed fee increase for short-term dust control be referred to the January 16, 2023 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting for a discussion regarding the implication of a change in the fee on the long-term dust control cost-sharing formula.
- 4. That development and subdivision application and appeal fees be referred to the Governance and Priorities Committee for discussion.
- 5. That campground fees be referred to the Governance and Priorities Committee for review and discussion.
- 6. That administration advise the Holden Library that additional funds for librarian wages to provide a library program to the Holden Rural Academy in 2023 be sought through the Community Support Grant Program.
- 7. That the 2023 budget recommendation for hamlet sewage system user fees be adjusted as follows:
 - a. Hamlet of Bruce
 - Domestic: from \$15.75 per month to \$23.05 per month Commercial: from \$18.00 per month to \$25.30 per month Hotel: from \$24.00 per month to \$31.30 per month
 - b. Hamlet of Kinsella
 Domestic: from \$18.00 to \$25.35
 Commercial: from \$20.00 to \$27.35
 Hotel: from \$26.50 to \$32.35
- 8. That Council increase the 2023 grant to the Battle River Research Group to \$15,000.

The Special Council (Budget) meetings scheduled for December 8 and 9, 2023 were cancelled.

A bylaw is required to implement the fee increases. Council will be considering this bylaw at the December 14, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

To view the proposed 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets E-Binder https://www.beaver.ab.ca/council/financials/budget-2023

The next Regular Council Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2022, commencing at 9:30 am.

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