



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HIGHLIGHTS
January 16, 2023**

Warner Residence, Sunnyside Stock Farm Municipal Historic Resource Bylaw No. 23-1131

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

At the September 21, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, Council directed that written Notice of Intention (NOI) to designate the Warner Residence located on SW 19-51-18-4, as a Municipal Historic Resource, be served on the property's registered owners.

Council also directed that administration advertise the NOI. The NOI was advertised in the Beaver County Chronicle on October 5, 12, 26, and November 2 and 9, 2022.

Administration also notified Alberta Transportation of the intended designation as the road authority adjacent to the property.

No objections to the intended designation were received from the general public, however Alberta Transportation advised that the department offers no objection to designate the Warner Residence, as long as the designation does not prevent the owner from designating 5 additional metres for the Highway 834 widening to Alberta Transportation & Economic corridors as a condition of the designation.

The applicant and landowner are aware of these comments. The comments provided by Alberta Transportation are meant to assist with decision making. The authority to consider and agree with or refuse Alberta Transportation's recommendations lies with Council.

The 60-day required notice period under the *Historical Resources Act* has been met. The next step was for Council to consider a designation bylaw.

Council gave first reading to the Warner Residence, Sunnyside Stock Farm Municipal Historic Resource Bylaw No. 23-1131

Request to Waive Tax Late Payment Penalty - Roll #191174365

Beaver County tax notices were mailed on May 18, 2022. Taxes were due upon receipt and if not paid by October 31, 2022, penalties were levied. A request for waiver of penalty of \$180.08 from the owner of Roll # 191174365 was considered and Council passed a motion to adhere to the Tax Payments Deemed Received Policy with respect to the request to waive late tax payment.

PERC and DIRC Application

For the past six years, the economic downturn in the oil and gas industry has caused hardship for many oil and gas companies. Many companies are finding it difficult to pay the property taxes and the tax recovery procedure provided for in the *Municipal Government Act* has not been successful.

In 2018, the Alberta Government introduced a Provincial Education Refund Credit for Uncollected Education Property Taxes in Oil and Gas Properties program (PERC) to assist municipalities with payment of the school taxes that could not be collected from the oil and gas companies. A year later, the Designated Industrial Requisition Credit (DIRC) for uncollected DIP requisition taxes was created.

If the companies subsequently clear the tax arrears, the County will be required to return the PERC and DIRC credits received. Council passed a motion acknowledging Beaver County's application for a Provincial Education Refund Credit and a Designated Industrial Requisition Credit related to Taxpayer # 19595, 9975, 14365, 15859, 17809 and 20349's uncollected education property taxes (\$35,189.11), and uncollected designated industrial requisition taxes (\$952.88), for a combined uncollected amount of \$36,141.99.

Amended Bylaw # 22-1126 – Fees, Rates and Charges

At the December 14, 2022 Council meeting, Council gave first reading to Bylaw 22-1126. Administration was directed to amend the Bylaw for second reading to address "rush" requests and utility facility and poles access request fees.

Council passed a motion amending Bylaw #22-1126 as follows:

- Set "rush" request fees for the following services at 2 times the regular fee for responses within 2 business days, and 3 times the regular fee for responses within 1 business day:
 - Letters of compliance,
 - Road approach inspections,
 - Driveway maintenance,
 - Pipeline crossing inspections and permits,
 - Right-of-access or waiver requests for new and existing approaches, proximity to road allowances, and utility facility and poles,
 - Seismic operation permits,
 - Well site inspections.
- Set utility facility and pole access or waiver request fees at \$1000 per pole.
- Set sewer system user fees for non-profit organizations at the residential rate.
- Set Hamlet of Bruce waste disposal fees for non-profit organizations at the residential rate.

Council passed a motion giving second and third reading to amended Bylaw #22-1126 – Fees, Rates and Charges, Bylaw #22-1127 – Hamlet of Bruce Waste Disposal, Bylaw #22-1129 – Municipal Parks, and Bylaw #22-1130 – Animal Control.

Holden Agricultural Society Request for Emergent Funding

Council passed a motion authorizing a grant of up to \$30,000.00 from the Claystone Good Neighbour Grant to the Holden Agricultural Society to aid in emergent replacement of the Holden Complex boiler. Council passed a motion directing Administration to approach the Village of Holden to propose a cost share for this project.

The next Regular Council Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 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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