



**COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 17, 2019**

MNP LLP – 2018 Financial Statements

Benji Waser and Tanher Bowers of MNP attended the meeting to present the Beaver County 2018 Financial Statements. Council passed a motion to accept the 2018 Financial Statements.

Sarah Greer and Matthew Sverderus – U of A – Elected vs Appointed Reeve

Sarah Greer and Matthew Sverderus, University of Alberta students, attended the meeting and presented a report on Elected vs. Appointed Reeve in Beaver County. S. Greer and Matthew Sverderus, had conducted a study on Elected vs. Appointed Reeve for Beaver County as part of an experiential opportunity for the University of Alberta, Augustana Campus, Community Service-Learning (CSL) placement. They recommended that Council keep the Reeve position as an appointed Reeve. An elected Reeve position would be problematic to implement based on a number of factors including the differences in population across the County.

2019 Municipal Budget

Council adopted the 2019 Municipal Budget as presented with total expenditures of \$26,088,029.

2019 Herbicide Purchase

Council accepted the tender received from Univar Environmental Science in the amount of \$81,626.03 for the supply of herbicide.

2019 Beaver Management Contract

Council extended the current contract with 2086391 Alberta Ltd, for a one-year term for beaver management, ending December 31, 2019.

Farm Family Award

Northlands provides an opportunity every two years for the County to nominate a local family for the Farm Family Awards. These awards are presented each year during Farmfair International in November.

The objective of the Farm Family Awards is to recognize outstanding farm families and honor those who best exemplify the value of the family farm to our rural communities and society by being leaders in the industry.

Council passed a motion to award the 2019 Farm Family Award to Kent and Stacey Rude (and family), based on the recommendation from the Agricultural Service Board (ASB).

Request to Prorate Taxes

Council denied the request to pro-rate the 2018 taxes and/or arrears on taxes for Roll # 126304006.

Dust Control

Council approved the continuation of the Program of Calcium Chloride at Intersections repeating the same locations as last year, and that Calcium Chloride be applied to RGE RD 200 between SEC HWY 630 and Blackfoot Grazing area.

Kope Backslope

Council approved the backslope project on NW-31-50-17-W4M for completion in 2019 subject to approval from Alberta Transportation.

Health and Safety Policy Statement

Council approved an amendment to the Health and Safety Policy Statement. The Policy Statement was amended with the inclusion of the following statement:

“Health and safety excellence includes the promotion and maintenance of the highest degree of physical, psychological, and social well-being of all employees.”

The amendment demonstrates to our employees that Beaver County is committed to all aspects of their well-being.

Milestone Policy

Council approved an amendment to the Milestone Policy. The amendment will afford Councillors with more flexibility to provide gifts to worthy recipients under the policy.

Future Dates

Council scheduled a Governance Refresher workshop with SAGE Analytics on May 22, 2019 from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm.

Personnel

Council directed Administration to make amendments to the *Employee Code of Conduct Policy* regarding personal use of credit cards resulting in personal rewards versus County credit card reward program for Council consideration at a subsequent meeting.

Council directed Administration to research options to address large unused holiday amounts of staff.

The next Committee of the Whole meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2019, commencing at 8:30 am.

The next Regular Council Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2019, commencing at 8:30 am.

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