



Council Meeting Highlights

April 5, 2022

Administration:

- Cancellation of Utility Charges and Penalties
 - Council canceled all utility and penalty charges for utility account #346601.01 in the amount of \$45.44 and the utility and penalty charges that were added to tax roll #346601 in the amount of \$169.22 a total of \$214.66 for the period of March 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021; as the collection site was deemed unsafe due to extenuating circumstances such as location and road access, safety of workers and safety of the public.
- Alberta Hemp Alliance
 - Council moved to join the Alberta Hemp Alliance and send Reeve Josh Bishop, Councillor Dale Woitt and one staff member to attend the Alberta Hemp Alliance Conference on April 21 & 22, 2022.
- Proposed Amendment to the Organizational Chart
 - Council approved the addition of a Legislative Clerk, subject to approval of final budget.
- National Police Federation – Call to Action
 - Council supported the Call to Action to the Government of Alberta as proposed by the National Police Force to halt the idea of a new provincial police service and to invest the proposed new monies into underfunded critical services within Alberta.
- Discussion Regarding Proposed Confined Feed Operation:
 - Council directed Administration to draft and submit a letter to the NRCB outlining concerns regarding road use agreements and intersection upgrades and to ensure that all environmental regulations are being followed.
- Delegation: Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA)
 - Council met with John Burrows, Paul McLaughlin and Gerald Rhodes from RMA and discussed a variety of topics including Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks, oil & gas tax holiday, provincial policing, rural broadband funding, Wild Boar and MSI funding.
- Delegation: Rick Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations
 - Council met with Minister Wilson and discussed oil & gas tax holiday, provincial policing, curriculum review and the Ministry of Seniors and Housing.

Assessment:

- Tax Forgiveness Request
 - Council as per Section 347 (1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, approved the request for the forgiveness of taxes in the amount of \$1,278.75.
- Special Tax Bylaw 2022/11 – Curilane Beach Dust Control
 - Council provided three readings to Bylaw 2022/11 to authorize a special tax to raise revenue to pay for dust treatment in the Curilane Beach (B) Subdivision for the 2022 fiscal year.

Agricultural Services:

- Weed Inspection Program
 - Council amended the Strategic and Tactical plan for 2022 to “Inspect and enforce annually 6,350 accessible privately owned properties within the County for noxious and prohibited noxious weeds, with every property being inspected on a 2 year cycle, in compliance with the Weed Control Act” in order for Administration to analyze the results of the reduced Level of Service; and further that Council review the statistics of the 2022 Weed Inspection Program prior to the 2022 Strategic and Tactical Planning process for the 2023 budget.

Finance:

- 2021 Final Reserve Transfer
 - Council approved the 2021 recommended Reserve transfers as follows:
 - \$70,000 to the Administrative Operating Reserve

- \$37,900 to the Communications Operating Reserve
- \$63,897 to the Protective Services Operating Reserve
- \$116,432 to the South Pigeon Lake Fire Department Operations Reserve
- \$246,263 from the Fire Fighting Operating Reserve
- \$21,106.82 to the PW Operating Reserve (IDP Roads)
- \$483,215.78 to the Water Operating Reserve
- \$97,869 from the Wastewater Operating Reserve
- \$4,743 to Zone 2 Operations Reserve
- \$8,638 to the Zone 5 reserve
- Financial Information Return – Request to Extend Deadline
 - Council directed Administration to draft and send correspondence to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs requesting an extension to the Financial Information Return Deadline to May 31, 2022.

Leisure and Community Services:

- Contract Renewal – Twin Lakes Park Attendant
 - Council approved to extend the Twin Lakes Park Contract in the name of Carson Colby for an additional one-year term effective May 1, 2022, to September 30, 2022, with the option of a one-year extension with an annual contract amount of \$22,000.00, and an hourly rate for other work or extension of contract of \$20.00 per hour.
- Contract Renewal – Mound Red Park Attendant
 - Council approved to extend the Mound Red Park Contract in the name of Greg Buck for an additional one-year term effective May 1st, 2022, to September 15th, 2022, with the option of a one-year extension with an annual contract amount of \$15,000.00 and an hourly rate for other work or extension of contract of \$15.00 per hour.
- Contract Renewal – Coal Lake South Park Attendant
 - Approve to extend the Coal Lake South Park Contract in the name of Cory Loe for an additional one-year term effective May 1, 2022, to September 15, 2022, with the option of a one-year extension with an annual contract amount of \$13,500.00, and an hourly rate for other work or extension of contract of \$20.00 per hour.

Public Works:

- Road Ban Order – March 29, 2022
 - Council ratified the decision of the Road Protection Committee to implement a Seasonal Road Ban of 75% of legal axle weights on all road surfaces not identified by annual road bans, effective 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2022.
- Road Allowance Lease Renewals
 - Council approved the road allowance lease renewals for a further three (3) year term, in accordance with Road Allowance Closure for Lease or Sale Policy #12.0.4.
- Tender Results for 2022 Local Road Construction Program 21-032
 - Council awarded Tender 21-032, 2022 Local Road Construction (Grading and Other Work), to Avid Energy Services Inc. for the low bid of \$1,222,142.93, and approve project costs up to \$1,442,500 which is inclusive of contract, contingencies, bonuses, and engineering costs.
- Tender Results: Range Road 11 (Black Bull road)
 - Council awarded Contract 211-09293: Range Road 11 (Black Bull Road) to Central City Asphalt Ltd in the amount of \$5,586,425.16 and approve total projects costs up to \$6,184,000 which is inclusive of contract costs, engineering, contingencies, and bonuses; and with funding of the project to come from Local Improvement Taxation in the amount of \$2.0 million dollars, with the remainder to be self-funded utilizing existing reserves paid back over a 20-year period.
- Approval for One Wrist Bucket for Rubber Tire Excavator

- Council approved the supply of one (1) wrist bucket for rubber tire excavator (EX0418), purchased from Finning Canada, and for a total purchase price up to \$23,000 plus GST to come from the Capital Asset Reserves.

Emergency Services:

- Fire Bylaw Review April 2022
 - Council provided Second and Third Reading to Bylaw 2022/07 for the purpose of providing fire protection to the County and the recovery of fire protection charges, effective May 1, 2022.

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