



Council Meeting Highlights

April 19, 2022

Administration:

- Battle River Watershed Alliance (BRWA)
 - The BRWA provided their 2022 report to Council including:
 - How the BRWA can help the County,
 - Program Highlights,
 - Watershed Management and Planning,
 - Stewardship Programs and Workshops,
 - Funding.
 - Council accepted the presentation from the Battle River Watershed Alliance as information.
- Amend Policy 12.2.7 Subsistence and Travel
 - Council approved proposed amendments to Policy 12.2.7 Subsistence and Travel
- Amend Policy 23.0.3 Communication Device
 - Council approved amendments to Policy 23.0.3 Communication Device with further amendments to:
 - change titles
 - Director of Information Services to Manager of Information Services
 - Information Services Assistant to Infrastructure Technologist
 - 4.2 c & d - add "data overage"
- Amend Policy 23.1.1. Payment for Unpaid Fire Protection Charges
 - Council approved amendments to Policy 23.1.1 Payment for Unpaid Fire Protection Charges
- Amend Policy 23.1.3 Fire Services Level of Service
 - Council approved amendments to Policy 23.1.3 Fire Services Level of Service
- Amend Policy 62.1.2 Agricultural Service Board Remuneration
 - Council approved amendments to Policy 62.1.2 Agricultural Service Board Remuneration with the following additional amendments:
 - Combine 3, 4, 5, 6 "Eligible Expenses"
 - Change 4.1 to Board Members and typo schedules to scheduled
- JEDI Agreements
 - Council moved to serves notice, pursuant to Section 6.1 of the Society for Joint Economic Development Initiatives (JEDI) bylaw and Section 4.1 of the Municipal Development Cost and Revenue Sharing Master Agreement, to terminate the County's membership to the JEDI Society effective December 31, 2022; and that the County enter into an agreement of termination with the Town of Millet under Section 2.4 (c) of the JEDI Membership Agreement.
- Proposed Amendments to Organizational Chart
 - Council amended Organizational Chart Policy 12.0.5 with the addition of Legislative Clerk to report the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer and that Administration advertise the position; and further that the Communications Officer position remain status quo.
- WRPS Board Recognition Night
 - Council moved that Councillor B. Krahn and Reeve J. Bishop attend the 2022 Wetaskiwin Regional Public School Board Recognition Night, on behalf of the County, on May 26, 2022 at the Rustic Wedding Barn.
- Budget and Team Building Meeting Dates
 - Council set Budget meetings for May 2, 2022 starting at 9:00 a.m. and May 4, 2022 starting at 10:00 a.m.
 - Council tabled dates for Team Building to the May 3, 2022 meeting.

Agricultural Services

- Repeal of Bylaw 2019/31 Noxious Weeds
 - Council provided three readings to Bylaw 2022/15 repealing Bylaw 2019/31.

- Wetaskiwin Seed Cleaning Plant
 - Council tabled the Wetaskiwin Seed Cleaning Plant discussion to the May 3, 2022 meeting.

Assessment

- 2022 Reserve Bid for Public Auction Parcels
 - Council approved the reserve bids for the tax recovery parcels listed for sale on May 4, 2022 Public Auction
- 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 \$56,834.13 for Alberta Municipal Affairs.

Leisure and Community Services:

- Leisure & Community Services Quarterly Report
 - Administration completed a new "Request For Proposal" and "Agreement for the Operations of County Owned Parks" for the Buck Lake Campground.
 - Extended the Coal Lake, Mound Red and Twins Lake Park Contracts.
 - Administration has developed an Occupancy Tracking System for the Campgrounds.
 - Mulhurst Bay parking terminal will be installed in May. Washrooms will be operational for May long weekend and docks will be installed in time for the long weekend.
 - Winfield Arena ice was removed. Ice rental revenue was \$25,379.62 for the 2021/22 season.
- FCSS Quarterly Report
 - Volunteer Income Tax Program – to date 20 returns have been completed.
 - Computer programming for Senior/Ratepayers - Teamed with the Wetaskiwin Community Learning Program to offer a series of courses which have throughout the winter in both Wetaskiwin and Mulhurst. New programs began January 10 and continue through May.
 - Designing of the "Just In Case" workbook which offers a single place to keep important information for your family in the event of an emergency.

Public Works:

- March 2022 Public Works Report
 - Range Road 11 (Black Bull Rd) Pavement Upgrade: from Hwy 13 to Cavallo Ridge Resort (5.7 km). Work is scheduled to be completed by October 2022.
 - The 2022 Hamlet Infrastructure Upgrade (Phase 2) has been approved and the project is proceeding with all work to be completed in 2022. Advance notifications have been sent out to the local communities.
 - Three (3) Bridge Replacements in Divisions 1 and 6 are in detailed design and tenders should be ready by mid-April.
 - To complete the Organizational transition, the former East and West Foreman positions will be no longer; they are now replaced with the Road Maintenance Foreman, and Operations Foreman.
 - The annual spring melt has proceeded well. Damage to the road infrastructure from flooding has been limited, however, the frost in the subgrade is just beginning to melt which creates “frost boils” and soft road conditions. Seasonal road bans were implemented on March 29 and are expected to remain in place until the end of May.
 - Under the AMWWP grant secured last year, Utilities and WSP are finalizing the water treatment plant upgrades at Mulhurst and Winfield.

Planning & Development

- March 2022 Development Report

| | 2022 | 2021 | 2019 |
|--|------|------|------|
| Number of Applications Completed in March | 41 | 39 | 14 |

- Proposed Rezoning from Agricultural (AG) to Wizard Lake Watershed (WLW) and Rural Residential (RR) to Wizard Lake Watershed (WLW).
 - Council provided three readings to Bylaw 2022/13 for the purpose of rezoning 2.02 hectares from Rural Residential (RR) to Wizard Lake Watershed (WLW) and 14.15 from Agricultural (AG) to Wizard Lake Watershed (WLW).
- Proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment
 - Council provided three readings to Bylaw 2022/14 for the purpose of amending Land Use Bylaw 2017/48 to include Cannabis Retail within the County of Wetaskiwin.
- Pigeon Lake South Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP)
 - Council approved the proposed revisions to the draft Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) that are the additions of the proposed policies from the November 2021 Briefing Note as previously resolved upon under Resolutions #CG20211214.027 and #CG20211214.028 subject to amendments.
- Summer Villages IDP Road Agreement Extension
 - Council moved that the proposed Agreement Regarding Road Maintenance with the Summer Villages of Crystal Springs, Grandview, Poplar Bay and Norris Beach with an effective date of May 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 be accepted as information.
- Proposed Road Closure NW-33-45-6-W5M
 - Council, with the approval of the Minister of Transportation, moved to close Road Plan 202 0242 in NW 33-45-6-W5M as it is no longer required for use by the travelling public owing to the revised location of the proposed new Buck Lake/Alder Flats Fire Hall.

Protective Services

- March 2022 Protective Services Report
 - During the month of March, CPOs traveled over 6,900 kilometres.
 - CPO noticed a large number of logs had been hauled to a mill in Division 7. CPO could not find any log haul authorizations on ROADATA. CPO eventually stopped a loaded log truck on the newly paved Rose Creek Road without authorization for its winter weight load. Further investigation found this log truck was the one that hauled numerous loads of logs since March 1. The driver was charged for being over weight and failing to get permission from the county.
 - While on patrol east of Millet, CPO went to stop a car for travelling at 148km/h when it fled at a high rate of speed. CPO recorded a speed of 190 km/h as it was last seen heading towards Millet.
 - CPO conducted a traffic stop with a commercial vehicle in Division 3 for *Traffic Safety Act* offenses. The driver was found operating while suspended in Alberta along with document contraventions. The vehicle was seized for 30 days and the male was issued a court date for driving while unauthorized.
 - The Breton RCMP were dispatched to a 911 call involving a large commercial vehicle being driven all over the road north of Winfield. The tanker was located by RCMP finding the driver quite fatigued. CPO assisted the investigating officer by advising a 24 Hour license suspension could be used. CPO also advised the officer how to write a daily log book charge as the driver was missing some of them.
 - Protective Services received a complaint for a roll over motor vehicle collision where the vehicle had been abandoned in Division 3. CPO attended and found a pickup on its side in the ditch. Airbags had deployed and the vehicle had since been tampered with. Queries showed the vehicle had not been reported stolen at his time. CPO had the vehicle towed to Wetaskiwin.
 - CPO attended the shop of a carrier in the county. CPO weighed a commercial vehicle at their request to ensure road ban compliance.

Emergency Services:

- Emergency Services Quarterly Report
 - 2022 First Quarter Call Volume to Date

| | 2021 | 2022 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| South Pigeon Lake | 21 | 15 |
| Mulhurst Bay | 5 | 11 |
| Buck Lake / Alder Flats | 12 | 8 |
| Wetaskiwin Rural | 23 | 4 |
| Millet East/West | 10 | 21 |
| Winfield | 39 | 25 |
| Total | 110 | 84 |

- Outstanding Fire Charges
 - Council approved the addition of \$5,589.96 to Tax Roll #62802 for outstanding fire charges in accordance with the County of Wetaskiwin Fire Services Bylaw and the *Municipal Government Act*.

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