



Council Brief of the May 6, 2021 Regular Meeting

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DELEGATIONS:

1) LINK Pathway Project Update

Members of the LINK Pathway Committee provided an update of the LINK Pathway project that is proposed to run through Lethbridge County from the Town of Coaldale to the City of Lethbridge.

SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS:

1) Subdivision Application #2021-0-038 – Wong - Portion of the SW1/4 31-10-21-W4M

Council approved the application subject to the conditions, including a reduction in parcel size, as outlined in the draft resolution. The application will create a 30.10-acre lot from a title of 79.55-acres for country residential use.

2) Subdivision Application #2020-0-149 – Final Endorsement Request to register parcel revision for SE¼ 20-12-24-W4M (Skiba)

Council approved a revised parcel configuration and size to be finalized and registered at Land Titles for Subdivision Application #2020-0-149, as per the terms as outlined in the draft resolution.

3) Subdivision Application #2020-0-042 – (Boras)

Council approved the application subject to the conditions included on the draft resolution. The application will subdivide a 5.25 acre first parcel out farmstead subdivision from a 1/4 section title of 158.96 acres for country residential use.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1) COMMUNITY SERVICES

a. Planning and Development Department - 1st Quarter Report 2021

Activities of the department in the first quarter of 2021 include:

- Diamond City and Shaughnessy Hamlet Growth Studies approved by Council
- Review and update of Lethbridge County Municipal Development Plan begun
- 84 development permits received (a significant increase from 39 in 2020)
- 60 building permit applications received, 126 electrical, 83 gas, 36 plumbing, and 13 private septic disposal systems
- 10 subdivision applications approved by Council

b. Bylaw 21-008 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment Rural Agriculture to Grouped Country Residential - Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 1810581 in the NW 5-8-20-W4 – First Reading

Council approved first reading of the bylaw, which would re-designate Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 1810581 in the NW 5-8-20-W4 (about 8 kilometres south of the City of Lethbridge off Highway 4) from Rural Agriculture to Grouped Country Residential to allow for the subdivision of the title into 2 separate titles.

c. Bylaw 21-009 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment Rural Agriculture to Rural General Industrial - NE/NW 33-7-20-W4 (5 northern acres) - First Reading

Council approved first reading of the bylaw, which would re-designate a 5-acre portion of the NE/NW 33-7-20-W4 from Rural Agriculture to Rural General Industrial to allow for future industrial development on the parcel.

d. Bylaw 21-013 - Text Amendments to the Lethbridge County Land Use Bylaw - First Reading

Council approved first reading of the bylaw, which includes changes based on evolving Federal and Provincial Regulations, as well as efficiencies and provides clarity on some regulations.

e. Bylaw 20-018 - Road Closure, Sale and Consolidation of a portion of First Avenue within the Hamlet of Turin- Second and Third Reading

Council approved second and third reading of the bylaw, which closes a portion of First Avenue in the Hamlet of Turin as part of the realignment of First Avenue. The portion of road closed is not used as part of the right-of-way and has been generally used by the adjacent landowners.

f. Policy 144 Area Structure Plans - Request to Rescind

Council rescinded the policy as it is outdated and historically has only been used once. In reviewing the County's land base and opportunities for development, this policy would not apply to any area within the County.

g. Virtual EDA Xperience 2021 (Economic Developers Alberta) Annual Conference and Alberta Economic Development Leaders' Summit (merged events)

Council approved that any member wishing to attend may do so.

h. Proclamation of 'International Economic Development Week' May 9 - 15, 2021

Council proclaimed May 9 - 15 as 'International Economic Development Week' in conjunction with the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, Economic Developers Alberta and other participating municipalities.

i. Bylaw No. 21-012 - Electronic Voting Machine Bylaw

Council approved first, second, and third reading of the bylaw, which provides authorization for the use of electronic voting machines in Lethbridge County to count ballots during elections.

2) MUNICIPAL SERVICES

a. Agricultural Service Board Policy #614 Soil Erosion Amendment

Council rescinded Policies #340 and #615 – Charge Back for Blow Dirt Cleanup as they were redundant, and approved Policy #614 – Soil Erosion, which allows the County to recover costs from landowners who do not comply with the provincial Soil Conservation Act and whose land requires cleanup and remediation due to soil erosion.

3) CORPORATE SERVICES

a. Picture Butte & Area Growing Project

Council approved donating \$500 per the Lethbridge County Donations Policy #161 to the Picture Butte and Area Growing Project with funding from the Donation Reserve. The project donates crops to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to help address world hunger and aid in disaster relief, as well as helping farms in developing countries to learn farming techniques.

b. Bylaw 21-014 - Tax Mill Rate

Council approved first, second, and third readings of the bylaw, which designates the 2021 tax rates at:

- Class 1 Residential - 7.5579 (1% increase)
- Class 2 Non-Residential - 13.1538 (1% increase)
- Class 3 Farmland - 27.6953 (1% increase)
- Class 4 Machinery and Equipment - 9.4881 (1% increase)

These are the total tax rates which include the provincial school and Green Acres requisitions.

4) ADMINISTRATION

a. Proposed updates to Gifting Policy #156

Council approved the proposed revisions to the policy, which include changes to provide clarity and updates the CAO position title from County Manager.

b. Policy Clean Up- Policy #147 Pager/Cell Phone Usage County Council Meetings, Policy #135 Smoking in County Shops

Council rescinded Policy #147 – Pager/Cell Phone Usage County Council Meetings as there is signage in Council Chambers indicating rules for cell phone use. Council also rescinded Policy #135 - Smoking in County Shops as provincial legislation prohibits smoking in public areas and workplaces and as such a policy is not needed.

c. Letter of Support for the RCMP

Council approved that correspondence be sent to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General indicating support of the RCMP. The provincial government has indicated plans to establish a provincial police force to replace the RCMP.

d. Request for the County to Procure a Lobbyist Service

Council declined the Alberta Counsel's proposal to provide lobbying services as these have not been budgeted for and there is currently capacity in-house to do so.

CLOSED SESSION:

1) Land Purchase Discussion (FOIP Section 25 - Disclosure Harmful to Economic and Other Interests of a Public Body)

No resolution was made.

2) Lethbridge North County Potable Water Coop Discussion (FOIP Section 25 - Disclosure Harmful to Economic and Other Interests of a Public Body)

No resolution was made.

3) Town of Nobleford Fire Agreement Discussion (FOIP Section 25 - Disclosure Harmful to Economic and Other Interests of a Public Body)

No resolution was made.