



Council Brief of the April 6, 2023 Regular Meeting

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DELEGATIONS:

1) Travis Geremia, SMRID & Jeff Olitch, MPE

An update was provided on the Chin Reservoir Expansion project.

SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS:

1) Application #2023-0-013 – Groenenboom Farms - NW1/4 34-09-23-W4M

Council approved the application subject to the conditions outlined in the draft resolution. The application is to enable a land swap and reconfigure two titles within a quarter-section, by consolidating an existing parcel into the NW¼-34-9-23-W4M and subdividing out a vacant title for country residential use.

2) Application #2023-0-018 Koot - Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 021 0172 within SE1/4 6-10-20-W4M

Council approved the application subject to the conditions outlined in the draft resolution. The application is to subdivide a vacant lot for grouped country residential use.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1) COMMUNITY SERVICES

a. Bylaw 23-008 - Amendment to Bylaw 18-012 being the Chinook Industrial Park Area Structure Plan and Bylaw and Bylaw 23-009 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment from Lethbridge Urban Fringe To Rural General Industrial and Business Light Industrial - First Reading

Council approved first readings of the bylaws. Bylaw 23-008 proposes to amend the Chinook Industrial Area Structure Plan to align with the development objectives of the current landowner and development group. The amendments address servicing (water and on-site wastewater treatment), access, storm-water management, and future land use of the area. Bylaw 23-009 proposes to amend the Land Use Bylaw by re-designating a portion of Plan 1113173 Block 1 Lot 5 from Lethbridge Urban Fringe to Rural General Industrial and Business Light Industrial. A Public Hearing is scheduled for May.

b. Bylaw 23-013 - Advertising - First Reading

Council approved first reading of the bylaw, which would establish methods for advertising public notices in Lethbridge County. A Public Hearing is scheduled for May.

2) MUNICIPAL SERVICES

a. Agricultural Services Board (ASB) Committee Meeting Recommendations - 2023 Level of Service and Terms of Reference

Council approved the 2023 Agricultural Services Level of Service document, which formalizes the activities performed by the department, such as mowing, weed spraying, rural extension, etc. Council also approved the 2023 Agriculture Service Board Terms of Reference, which outlines the roles and responsibilities of the County's ASB.

b. 2023 Capital Purchasing - Reallocation of Funds

Council approved that the \$100,000 of capital funding in the 2023 budget for an Operations work truck be reallocated to a Base Stabilization Distribution System for a tandem water truck and for hamlet/subdivision plow and sander attachments.

3) INFRASTRUCTURE

- a. Local Improvement Plans - Township Road 8-2, Range Road 21-5, and Valley View Place**
Council approved Local Improvement Plans for the benefitting landowners to pave a portion each of Township Road 8-2, Range Road 21-5 and Valley View Place, with 75% of the costs being borne by the landowners and 25% by Lethbridge County.

4) CORPORATE SERVICES

- a. 2023 Business Tax Rate Bylaw #23-011 – Third Reading**
Council approved third reading of the bylaw, which sets the business tax rates for 2023. Rates are unchanged from 2022.

5) ADMINISTRATION

- a. Council 5 Year Donation History**
Administration provided Council with an overview of donations made to community groups and individuals over the past five years.
- b. Link Pathway Committee Representation**
Council approved that Councillors Klaas VanderVeen and Morris Zeinstra be recommended as the County's representatives on the Link Pathway Committee.
- c. Transmark - Request for Letter of Support**
Council approved to provide a letter of support to Transmark for their Transport Canada National Trade Corridors Fund application for a Digitization Enhancement Project.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Schizophrenia Society of Alberta - Lethbridge Strides of Hope Invitation**
An invitation was received for Council to participate in the Strides of Hope Walk on May 24.
- 2) Town of Picture Butte Council Meet & Greet Invitation**
An invitation was received from the Town of Picture Butte for a meet and greet evening with other Councils of the area on April 26, 2023.
- 3) Town of Barrhead - EPR Program Exemption**
A letter was sent from the Town of Barrhead to the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, asking for the exemption of newspapers from the Extended Producer Responsibility Systems program, which encourages companies to produce less packaging waste.

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- 1) Rural Municipalities of Alberta Committee Participation – Deputy Reeve John Kuerbis**
Council approved that a letter be drafted under the Reeve's signature indicating support for Deputy Reeve Kuerbis's participation in the RMA quasi-judicial agency committee.

CLOSED SESSION:

- 1) **Delegation - Financial Matters (*FOIP Section 16(1) - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party & Section 25(1) - Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body*)**

No motion was made.

- 2) **Delegation - MPE (*FOIP Section 24(1)(g) - Advice from Officials*)**

No motion was made.

- 3) **Water Co-op Discussion - Director of Public Operations (*FOIP 16 - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party*)**

Council directed administration to draft a bylaw and terms of reference for the formation of a committee for the purpose of working with the water co-ops.

- 4) **Request for Contribution Discussion (*FOIP Section 21 - Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations*)**

Council approved that a letter signed by the Reeve be sent to Nobleford Council denying their request with an explanation of Council's decision.