



Council Brief of the November 19, 2020 Regular Meeting

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1) MUNICIPAL SERVICES

a. Roelof Heinen- Correspondence and Road Development Request

Council rescinded Policy 311- Construction of Public Road Allowance as it is not currently utilized and developing road allowances has been the responsibility of the developer.

Additionally, Council approved that a letter be sent to Mr. Heinen stating that the cost of building the undeveloped road to a County accepted standard will be the responsibility of the developer. The letter is to also include clarification on previous development in the area.

b. Wiseman Feeders- Correspondence and Road Construction Request

Council directed the Public Works department prepare an estimate for construction on Range Road 20-5 north of Township Road 10-2 of approximately 1.6 kilometers of road, and to bring back a report to a future meeting. Council also approved that the rehabilitation of the existing developed road allowance be scheduled as a future project.

c. Dust Control Policy Update

Council approved the amended Policy 314- Dust Control, which includes the addition of the subsidized charges (\$5 per lineal metre up to the 200-meter application maximum, with overages of 200 meters to be charged at \$10 per lineal metre) to the Schedule of Fees Bylaw. Council rescinded Policy 302- Private Dust Control on County Roads and Policy 405- Used Motor, Crude, or Waste Refined Oil Application for Dust Control as they are redundant and only one policy is needed for dust control.

2) COMMUNITY SERVICES

a. Coaldale Fire Department Equipment Replacement

Council approved that up to an additional \$81,000 be withdrawn from the Emergency Apparatus Replacement Reserve to cover the total cost of the County's 50% contribution toward SCBA equipment replacement for Coaldale and District Emergency Services, as per the Fire and Rescue Services Agreement. Due to a mathematical error, the replacement costs were originally underestimated in the Agreement which was signed in 2016.

b. SouthGrow Regional Initiative Update

Council received a report on SouthGrow Regional Initiative, which has recently had its provincial funding cut by 50%. The organization is a member-driven, not-for-profit, regional economic development alliance serving south central Alberta. Lethbridge County is a member of SouthGrow and contributes \$0.45 per capita annually.

c. Spring/Summer/Fall Community Peace Officer Report

The CPO presented his activities from March to October 2020, which include:

- 139 case reports (unsightly premises, Highway Protection Bylaw, Dog Regulation Control Bylaw, Fire Ban Bylaw, Traffic Safety Act, and others)
- Completing 30 CVSA Level 1 inspections and 5 Level 2 inspections
- Drafting a proposed Parking Bylaw
- Assisting local fire department as requested at fires and vehicle accidents

3) CORPORATE SERVICES

a. Highway 3 Twinning Development Association Membership Fee Request

Council directed Administration to bring a report back to the December 3, 2020 meeting with details on what the funds requested will be utilized for.

b. 2020 Tax Auction Reserve Bid and Conditions of Sale

Council approved the 2020 Tax Auction Properties Schedule 'A' reserve bid and conditions as presented. Two parcels will be offered for sale.

4) ADMINISTRATION

a. Policies- Request to Rescind: 151- Computer Usage, 152- Disposal of IT Hardware, 153- IT Platform, 158- Technology for Councillors

Council rescinded the policies and directed Administration to create a directive to be signed by staff and updated by Senior Staff as needed. Due to the ever-changing nature of information technology, the policies are outdated and contain guidelines that can be put into a directive.

b. Lethbridge County Policies 103- Supply and Distribution of County Pins, 127- Service Recognition Awards, 141- Long Service Retirement Allowance consolidated into revised Policy 127- Employee Recognition

Council rescinded Policies 103 and 141 and consolidated them into Policy 127 to better reflect current practices.

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES:

1) County Council Meeting Date Changes 2021

Council approved that one meeting be scheduled for January, February, and March 2021 on the following dates: Wednesday, January 13, 2021, Thursday, February 11, 2021, and Thursday, March 11, 2021 and that the date changes be advertised in the Sunny South News, as well as the County website and social media pages. Several conferences are typically scheduled in these months that would conflict with the existing Council meeting dates.

2) Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update- October 2020

Division 1

Reeve Lorne Hickey

October 1 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 7 Met with CAO
October 14 Met with CAO
October 15 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 21 Met with CAO
October 22 Virtual Road Tour of Lethbridge County
October 29 Virtual RCMP Meeting
October 29 Met with CAO

Division 2

Councillor Tory Campbell

October 1 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 15 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 22 Virtual Road Tour of Lethbridge County
October 27 Town of Coaldale Remembrance Day Ceremony taping

Division 3

Councillor Robert Horvath

October 1 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 15 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 22 Virtual Road Tour of Lethbridge County

Division 4

Councillor Ken Benson

October 1 Lethbridge County Council Meeting

October 15 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 20 South Region ASB Virtual Conference

Division 5

Councillor Steve Campbell

October 1 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 15 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 16 Exhibition Park board meeting
October 20 South Region ASB Virtual Conference
October 22 Virtual Road Tour of Lethbridge County
October 28 Community Futures Lethbridge meeting

Division 6

Councillor Klaas VanderVeen

October 1 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 15 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 22 Virtual Road Tour of Lethbridge County
October 23 Southern Alberta Energy from Waste meeting

Division 7

Councillor Morris Zeinstra

October 1 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 15 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
October 20 South Region ASB Virtual Conference
October 22 Virtual Road Tour of Lethbridge County

CLOSED SESSION:

1) Request for Letter of Support for Energy Project (FOIP Section 16 and 25(1))

Council approved that a letter of support be provided as requested for the energy project.