



Council Brief of the September 17, 2020 Regular Meeting

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1) MUNICIPAL SERVICES

a. Monarch Water Tower Demolition- Tender Results

Council approved the request for an additional \$81,000 for the demolition project as additional challenges have been identified in the project, for a total cost of \$336,000, funded from the Utility Reserve.

2) COMMUNITY SERVICES

a. The Link Pathway

Council approved the following resolution:

Whereas, Lethbridge County Council supports in principle, the creation of a regional pathway through the municipality that would link the Town of Coaldale and the City of Lethbridge, but in order to minimize risk to the County, several conditions must first be met by the Link Pathway Society before Council will give its final approval; therefore, be it

Resolved, that written agreements with all landowners, including the SMRID, granting permission for the pathway to run through their property, must be completed; and be it

Resolved, that written confirmation from the City of Lethbridge that they are committed to constructing the pathway that will connect with the city pathway network, must be provided; and be it

Resolved, that all roadway crossings be engineered and constructed to the satisfaction of the County before the pathway is open for public use; and be it

Resolved, that written permission from CP Rail must be given for the pathway to cross the railway; and be it

Resolved, that written permission from Alberta Transportation must be given for the pathway to cross their property; and be it

Resolved, that the County be thoroughly involved throughout the planning and development phase of the pathway; and be it

Resolved, a Memorandum of Understanding between Lethbridge County, SMRID and LINK Pathway Society be completed, and be it

Resolved, that once these conditions have been fulfilled, Lethbridge County will approve construction of a pathway through the County from the Town of Coaldale to the City of Lethbridge.

b. Parking Bylaw 20-017

Council approved first reading of the bylaw, which outlines regulations for parking vehicles and trailers in the County. Council also directed Administration to seek feedback from citizens on the bylaw.

c. Fire Engine 107 Scheduled Replacement

Council approved that an additional \$10,546 be withdrawn from the Emergency Apparatus Replacement Schedule reserve to cover the overage of the replacement of Engine 107. This apparatus serves Lethbridge County and Picture Butte citizens and the replacement cost came in higher than budgeted for as per the Emergency Services Agreement.

3) CORPORATE SERVICES

a. 2020 Business Tax Adjustments

Council approved the Business Tax adjustment requests as presented in the total amount of \$8,329.10. As per the Business Tax Adjustments Policy 165, producers can submit a sworn

request for an adjustment to their business tax based on the permitted capacity versus held capacity.

b. 2021 Budget Presentation Schedule

Council approved the 2021 Budget Presentation Schedule as presented. Information on the 2021 Budget process can be found at <http://lethcounty.ca/citizens/budget-2021>

c. Quarterly Financial Report- May to August 2020

The Manager of Finance and Administration presented the financial report which projects a \$272,000 surplus for 2020.

4) ADMINISTRATION

a. Partnership Request between Lethbridge County and Alberta Conservation Association

Council approved that Lethbridge County enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Alberta Conservation Association for five years.

b. Recreation Agreement and Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) Agreement with the Town of Coalhurst

Council directed Administration to approve the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement with the Town of Coalhurst and approved the five-year Recreation Agreement.

CLOSED SESSION:

1) Broadband Update (FOIP Act Sections 16, 24, 25)

Council received an update on broadband internet in Lethbridge County.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

Council provided an update on their activities for August 2020:

1) Reeve Lorne Hickey:

August 4- Irrigation Rehabilitation Program Grant announcement– St. Mary's River Irrigation District
August 5- Meeting with CAO
August 10- Lethbridge Biogas and Farming Smarter CAP Funding announcements
August 12- Lakeside Colony Farming Co. funding announcement, meeting with CAO, and meeting with MLA Nathan Neudorf
August 15- 75th Anniversary of VJ Day and Liberation of Canadian Soldiers
August 19- Meeting with CAO

August 6- Council meeting, Council-to-Council meeting with Town of Nobleford, and Emergency Advisory Committee meeting

2) Councillor Tory Campbell

August 6- Council meeting, Council-to-Council meeting with Town of Nobleford, Emergency Advisory Committee meeting, and Chinook Arch Library Board remote meeting

5) Councillor Steve Campbell

August 5- Exhibition Park Committee meeting and Exhibition Park Board meeting
August 6- Council meeting, Council-to-Council meeting with Town of Nobleford, Emergency Advisory Committee meeting

3) Councillor Robert Horvath

August 6- Council meeting and Council-to-Council meeting with Town of Nobleford

6) Councillor Klaas VanderVeen

August 5- Irrigation Rehabilitation Program Grant announcement
August 6- Council meeting and Council-to-Council meeting with Town of Nobleford

4) Councillor Ken Benson

7) Councillor Morris Zeinstra

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