

Council Brief of the June 17, 2021 Regular Meeting

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## **DELEGATIONS:**

## 1) Town of Nobleford – CAO, Mayor, and Deputy Mayor

Town of Nobleford CAO Joe Hutter, Mayor Don Holinaty and Deputy Mayor Don McDowell were in attendance to discuss the proposed fire agreement.

2) Robin Hepher, CEO, Chinook Arch Library Board - Chinook Arch Library Board System Agreement Mr. Hepher provided an update to Council on the Chinook Arch Regional Library System and the amendments to the agreement effective January 1, 2022.

## 3) Dr. Jim Byrne – Coal Policies

Dr. Byrne gave a presentation to Council on coal open pit and mountain top mining, and how it affects water sources and communities downstream. A request was made for \$6,000 per year in funding for research in our region on the effects of mining. Council requested that administration bring back a report to a future meeting for the request for funding.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

### 1) CORPORATE SERVICES

- a. Chinook Arch Library Board System Agreement Council approved the revised agreement, effective January 1, 2022.
- Policy Review Policy #121 Banking Services
  Council approved revisions to the policy that better reflect current banking practices.

### 2) MUNICIPAL SERVICES

# a. Policy Review – Policy #306 – Cycle Races

Council rescinded the policy as the County does not frequently have cycle races on roadways. Council approved that the document be maintained as an internal guideline.

### b. Stafford Landing Roadway (Township Road 9-2) Concerns

Council received the report for information. Residents of the Stafford Landing subdivision have expressed concerns regarding dust, speeding, and the condition of Township Road 9-2.

### 3) COMMUNITY SERVICES

- a. Economic Development 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report of Major Projects and Activities Council received an update on the Economic Development department's 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter activities and highlights, which include:
  - Work with six new business/investment files, three of which would involve investment of over \$100 million and generate more than 50 jobs each
  - Three existing County businesses are in the process of expansion or have plans to do so within the next 12 months
  - Work with telecom company to assess the enhancement of internet capacity and service to some areas
  - Work with local and regional agencies to connect businesses employing temporary foreign workers with COVID-19 related support services (e.g. mobile vaccination clinics)
- b. Ridge Utilities Presentation Follow-Up Opportunities for Energy Services, Partnership and/or Promotion

Council directed Administration to bring back further information to a future meeting.

## c. Link Pathway Update

Council received an update on the project and directed Administration to sign the Memorandum of Understanding once the conditions requested by the County have been met.

## 4) ADMINISTRATION

### a. Bylaw #20-024 – Temporary Mandatory Face Coverings

Council approved that the bylaw be repealed once the Province of Alberta's provincial mask requirement has been removed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

## 1) Town of Nobleford Fire Agreement

Council approved the following:

- That the 2021 2023 Fire Services Agreement was signed on April 1, 2021, and the County has no intention of changing the agreement.
- The County requests the Town of Nobleford return a fully signed agreement by June 25, 2021 and if an agreement is not received the County will assume Nobleford is no longer interested in providing fire services to Lethbridge County.

## **COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

1) Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update – May 2021

## Division 1 - Reeve Lorne Hickey

- May 3 Link Pathway Online Session
- May 5 Meeting with CAO
- May 6 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
- May 7 Mayors and Reeves
- May 10 Arbitration Conference Call
- May 11 Municipal Development Plan Council Workshop
- May 12 Telephone Town Hall with Premier Kenney, Minister McIver, Minster Shandro and Dr. Hinshaw
- May 19 Meeting with CAO
- May 20 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
- May 20 Haul Route Workshop
- May 26 Meeting with CAO
- May 27 Meeting with Nobleford

# **Division 2 - Councillor Tory Campbell**

- May 6 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
- May 20 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
- May 20 Haul Route Workshop

### **Division 3 - Councillor Robert Horvath**

- May 6 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
- May 11 Municipal Development Plan Council Workshop
- May 20 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
- May 20 Haul Route Workshop
- May 25 SouthGrow Meeting

### **Division 4 - Councillor Ken Benson**

- May 6 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
- May 11 Municipal Development Plan Council Workshop
- May 20 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
- May 20 Haul Route Workshop

### **Division 5 - Councillor Steve Campbell**

- May 6 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
- May 11 Municipal Development Plan Council Workshop
- May 20 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
- May 20 Haul Route Workshop
- May 25 Community Futures Board Meeting
- May 27 Meeting with Nobleford

## **Division 6 -Councillor Klaas VanderVeen**

- May 6 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
- May 11 Municipal Development Plan Council Workshop
- May 20 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
- May 20 Haul Route Workshop
- May 28 Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association Board Meeting

# **Division 7 - Councillor Morris Zeinstra**

| May 3 -5 | CPAA Virtual Conference |
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- May 6 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
- May 11 Municipal Development Plan Council Workshop
- May 20 Lethbridge County Council Meeting
- May 20 Haul Route Workshop

## **CLOSED SESSION:**

1) Diamond City Community Hall (FOIP Section 25(1) – Disclosure Harmful to Economic and Other Interests of a Public Body)

No resolution was made.

2) Legal Opinion (FOIP Section 27 - Privileged Information) No resolution was made.