

Council Brief of the July 6, 2023 Regular Meeting

This document is provided for informational purposes only and is not the approved minutes of the Lethbridge County Council meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1) Bylaw 23-014 - Road Closure, Sale and Consolidation

Council approved that the road closure be sent to the Alberta Minister of Transportation for approval. The closure is for all of Township Road 9-4A. It has been determined that this road is no longer required as part of the County's road network.

2) Bylaw 23-018 - Reconfigure Land Use Districts for Portions of NW 21-11-20-W4 and Plan 1810343 Block 1 Lot 1

Council approved second and third readings of the bylaw, which will reconfigure the Land Use Districts the subject lands in Iron Springs. The re-designation will allow the applicant to adjust the property lines and have a larger building area for their residence while still allowing for the Hamlet Commercial and Hamlet Industrial Districts.

SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS

- 1) Subdivision Application #2023-0-066 Schapansky Farms Ltd. SE1/4 28-08-19-W4M Council approved the supplication subject to the conditions outlined in the draft resolution. The application is to subdivide from a quarter-section titles for country residential use.
- 2) Subdivision Application #2023-0-071 Herget SE1/4 27-7-20-W4M

 Council approved the supplication subject to the conditions outlined in the draft resolution. The application is to subdivide a guarter-section title and create an agricultural and a cut-off title.
- 3) Subdivision Application #2023-0-054 Penner Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 181 0343 & a ptn of NW1/4 21-11-20-W4M all within SW1/4 28 & NW1/4 21-11-20-W4M (Hamlet of Iron Springs) Council approved the supplication subject to the conditions outlined in the draft resolution. The application is for a land swap and reconfiguration of three adjacent hamlet titles in Iron Springs for various hamlet uses.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1) COMMUNITY SERVICES

a. Bylaw 23-019 - Road Closure, Sale and Consolidation - First Reading

Council approved first reading of the bylaw, which would allow for the closure and sale of a portion of Township Road 10-0 east of Range Road 23-3. A Public Hearing is anticipated for August 2023.

2) FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

a. Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO) Policy #187

Council approved the policy, which stipulates the accounting treatment for asset retirement obligations so users of the financial statements can discern information about the County's assets, and their end-of-life obligations.

3) PUBLIC OPERATIONS

a. Shaughnessy Wastewater Lagoon – Desludging Expense

Council approved an additional operating expenditure of \$250,000 for wastewater lagoon desludging in Shaughnessy, with funds to be drawn from the Utility Reserve. The lagoons have been assessed at over capacity and need desludging work completed prior to planned capital wastewater upgrades in 2024.

4) INFRASTRUCTURE

a. Malloy Drain Phase 2B - Additional ACRP Funding Request

Council approved that a letter of support be sent, under the Reeve's signature, to Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, Rebecca Shultz, for the province to increase funding for the Malloy Drain project. Council also approved an additional \$240,000 in funds toward the project for a total of \$600,000, contingent on it receiving an additional \$4,445,850 from the provincial government.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1) Lethbridge & District Exhibition - Whoop-Up Days Parade Pancake Breakfast - August 22, 2023

An invitation was received for Council to host the 2023 Whoop Up Days Parade pancake breakfast.

2) Coaldale & District Agricultural Society

An invitation was received for Council to meet with the society to discuss the County's recent contribution to the Agri-food Hub and how the organizations can work together in the future.

3) Iron Springs Water Co-op

A letter was received asking Council to review a recently passed bylaw.

4) County of Stettler No. 6 - Agricultural Disaster

A news release was forwarded to Council from the County of Stettler No. 6 on their declaration of an agricultural disaster.

5) County of Paintearth No. 18 - Declaration of Agricultural Disaster

A letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation was forwarded to Council from the County of Paintearth No. 18 on their declaration of an agricultural disaster.

6) Village of Stirling - Settler Days Invitation - July 15, 2023

An invitation for Council to attend the Village's Settler Days parade.

7) Village of Barons Council Appointments

A letter was received with the Village's Council appointments following the June by-election.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Request to Rename Range Road 21-2 to "Recovery Road"

Council directed administration to bring a report and recommendations to a future meeting on the feasibility of renaming Range Road 21-2 to "Recovery Road".

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES:

1) 2023 Bursary Award

Council approved that a \$1,500 bursary be awarded to Abigail Giacchetta, Elayna Vucurevich, and Emma Reurink.