



## Council Brief of the June 1, 2023 Regular Meeting

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### **DELEGATIONS:**

**1) Green Acres Foundation**

Dawna Coslovi, CEO and Jeff Carlson, Board Chair from the Green Acres Foundation provided Council an update on the Foundation and their 2022 Report to the Community.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**1) Bylaw 23-012 - Road Closure, Sale and Consolidation- Public Hearing**

Council approved second and third readings of the bylaw, which will close all of 4th Street and the adjacent laneways in Iron Springs.

### **SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS:**

**1) Application #2023-0-044 – Green Life Farms Ltd. - NW1/4 36-10-20-W4M**

Council approved the application subject to the conditions outlined in the draft resolution. The application is to subdivide the parcel for country residential use.

**2) Application #2023-0-043 – Green Life Farms Ltd. - Section 35-10-20-W4M**

Council approved the application subject to the conditions outlined in the draft resolution. The application is to subdivide and reconfigure the parcel for country residential and agricultural use.

**3) Application #2023-0-057 – Shimek - NW1/4 22-11-21-W4M**

Council approved the application subject to the conditions outlined in the draft resolution. The application is to reconfigure the parcel for agricultural use.

**4) Application #2023-0-059 – K. Sugimoto & Sons Ltd. - Sec. 12-7-21-W4M**

Council approved the application subject to the conditions outlined in the draft resolution. The application is to subdivide and reconfigure the parcel for country residential use.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**1) COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**a. Bylaw 23-018 - Reconfigure land use districts for portions of NW 21-11-20-W4 and Plan 1810343 Block 1 Lot 1 - First Reading**

Council approved first reading of the bylaw, which would allow the applicant to adjust the property lines and have a larger area for the residence while still allowing for the Hamlet Commercial and Hamlet Industrial Districts. A public hearing is scheduled for July 6, 2023.

**b. Bylaw 23-014 - Road Closure, Sale, and Consolidation - First Reading**

Council approved first reading of the bylaw, which would close all of Township Road 9-4A. A public hearing is scheduled for July 6, 2023.

**c. Bylaw 23-002 - Country Crossroads Estate Area Structure Plan and Bylaw 23-003 Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Rural Agriculture to Grouped Country Residential) - Second Reading**

Council approved Bylaws 23-002 as amended to include a 3-acre parcel minimum and that the applicant amend the ASP accordingly. Council also approved Bylaw 23-003, which amends the parcel from Rural Agriculture to Grouped Country Residential. The bylaws allow for the phased subdivision and development of the parcel for Country Residential use. Councillor Klaas VanderVeen abstained from voting as he was absent from the Public Hearing.

**d. Alberta Advantage Immigration Program - Opportunity for Lethbridge County (Verbal Update from Administration)**

Council directed administration to draft a letter to the Town of Taber under the Reeve's signature regarding the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program, which nominates people with skills to fill job shortages for permanent residency status in Canada.

**2) ADMINISTRATION**

**a. Land Acknowledgement Statement**

Council adopted the following Land Acknowledgement Statement:

*"In the true spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge all those who call this land home now and for thousands of years in the past. May we respect each other and find understanding together and recognize the benefits that this land provides to all of us."*

Council also approved that the Land Acknowledgement be:

1. Read at the onset of the Annual Organizational Meeting each year.
2. Read at the onset of every council meeting.
3. Read at the onset of public events hosted by Lethbridge County.
4. Included on County correspondence such as letterhead, email signature lines and the County website.

**3) INFRASTRUCTURE**

**a. RAVE Industrial Park Infrastructure Upgrades - Tender Results**

Council approved an additional \$1,285,000 from Municipal Sustainability Initiative grant funding and an additional \$340,143.05 from the Public Works Project Reserve, for a total project budget of \$5,225,143.05. The project includes improving water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure, as well as upgrading the existing road to pavement. Bids received were significantly higher than original engineering estimates.

**b. Local Improvement Tax - Counter Petitions**

Council was informed that counter petitions had been received for two Local Improvement Plans (paving Township Road 8-2 and paving Range Road 21-5 and Valley View Place). As the counter petitions were deemed sufficient, the County will not proceed with the Local Improvement Plans.

**4) PUBLIC OPERATIONS**

**a. 2023 Calgary Stampede BMO Farm Family Awards**

Council selected Deputy Reeve Kuerbis and a guest to represent Lethbridge County at the 2023 BMO Farm Family Awards at the Calgary Stampede on July 10, 2023. The Nicol family, who operate a dairy farm in Division 4 have been recognized as the winners from Lethbridge County this year.

**b. 2024 Capital Equipment Purchasing**

Council approved the 2024 Capital Equipment List for administration to begin purchasing items, as supply chain issues have caused lengthy delays in delivery of needed equipment.

## 5) FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

### a. **Water Pipeline Purchase Borrowing Bylaw 23-016**

Council approved second and third readings of the bylaw, which will allow the County to borrow up to \$6 million to fund a water pipeline to accommodate the recently announced McCain Foods expansion near Chin.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **1) Town of Coaldale - 2023 Coaldale Summer Fest and Candy Parade Invitation**

An invitation for Council was received for the event.

### **2) MP Thomas - Community Builders Awards**

A letter to the Reeve was received from MP Thomas asking to help spread the word on the 2023 Community Builder Awards.

### **3) STARS - Donation Thank You**

A letter of thanks to Council was received from STARS for the County's recent \$20,240 donation.

### **4) Ukrainian Day Celebration Invitation**

An invitation for Council was received for the annual Ukrainian Day celebration in Lamont County.

## **CLOSED SESSION:**

### **1) Economic Development Opportunity (*FOIP Section 16 – Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party*)**

No motion was made.

### **2) Administration Meeting with Blood Tribe (*FOIP Section 21 - Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations*)**

No motion was made.

### **3) Land Request (*FOIP Section 21 - Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations*)**

Council authorized the sale of the property within Lethbridge County to the City of Lethbridge and directed administration to send a letter to the City under the Reeve's signature.

### **4) Chief Administrative Officer Appointment (*FOIP Section 19 - Confidential Evaluations*)**

Council appointed Cole Beck to the position of Chief Administrative Officer for Lethbridge County, effective June 12, 2023.