

Council Brief of the January 12, 2023 Regular Meeting

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PUBLIC HEARING:

1) Bylaw 22-019 - Re-designate a portion of Plan 0210172 Block 2 Lot 1 in the SE 6 10-20-W4 from Rural Agriculture to Grouped Country Residential

Council approved second and third readings of the bylaw, which redesignates the portion of land from Rural Agriculture to Grouped Country Residential to allow for future subdivision and development.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1) COMMUNITY SERVICES

a. Bylaw 22-021 - Road Closure, Sale and Consolidation - First Reading

Council approved first reading of the bylaw, which would close a portion of the road and consolidate it with the adjacent lot to the north. A Public Hearing is anticipated for a Council meeting in Spring 2023.

b. Fire Service Response Fees Waiver Request Analysis

Council approved that the June 2021 invoice to Green Prairie International be reduced to \$305,367.56, which recoups all costs paid but does not include potential foregone revenue.

2) CORPORATE SERVICES

a. Bylaw 23-001 - Schedule of Fees

Council approved three readings of the bylaw as amended, which determines the fee schedule for County services in 2023.

3) MUNICIPAL SERVICES

a. Paved Road Conversion Analysis

Council received a report analyzing the cost of road surfacing options on deteriorating paved roads over a 20-year period.

b. Bylaw 23-004 - 2023 Utility Rate Bylaw

Council approved three readings of the bylaw, which determines utility rates for 2023.

4) ADMINISTRATION

a. Sponsorship Request - Rotary Club of Lethbridge East \$10,000 Agricultural Scholarship Program

No motion was made, Council directed Administration to send a letter to the Rotary Club of Lethbridge East.

b. Request for Letter of Support - Horsefly Emergency Spillway Project

Council voted in favour of providing a letter of support to the Municipal District of Taber to pursue additional funds to offset inflationary increases to Phase 2 and 3 of the Horsefly Regional Emergency Spillway Project.

c. Land Acknowledgement

Council approved that a committee of Council and administration be created to move forward on a Truth and Reconciliation platform for Lethbridge County.

d. CAO Recruitment Process

Council appointed Larry Randle, Director of Community Services as the Interim Chief Administrative Officer effective February 1, 2023 and until the position of Chief Administrative Officer is filled. Current CAO Ann Mitchell will be in the role until January 31, 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1) Rocky View County - Solar Farm Governance

A letter was reviewed that invites Lethbridge County to join a campaign of municipalities advocating to the Government of Alberta to develop an overarching policy framework for land use decisions on renewable energy projects that is more inclusive of municipal policies and interests.

CLOSED SESSION:

1) Personnel Matter (FOIP Section 14 - Confidential Evaluations)

No motion was made.