



Council Notes, January 14, 2020

Public Hearing: Bylaw 1806 Kneehill County/Wheatland County IDP

Agenda Item 4.1, 9.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:29:43](#), [2:44:08](#)

Council moved the meeting into a Public Hearing for Bylaw 1806, Kneehill County/Wheatland County Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP). Amendments to the Municipal Government Act came into effect including the requirement for all municipalities who share a boundary to work together to adopt an IDP. A proposed draft has been created and reviewed by the Committees from both Kneehill County and Wheatland County. The next step in the process is to provide an opportunity for public comments and feedback.

Decision:

Following the Public Hearing, Council postponed the passing of Bylaw 1806 until the Kneehill County/Wheatland County Intermunicipal Development Plan Committees can meet and discuss possible amendments to the IDP.

Town of Three Hills/Kneehill County IDP

Agenda Item 5.3.1, YouTube Livestream: [0:14](#)

Amendments to the Municipal Government Act require all municipalities who share a boundary to work together to adopt an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP). A draft IDP was created and the administration and the assigned Committees from both Kneehill County and the Town of Three Hills have met to review and revise the proposed draft. The next step in the process is to provide an opportunity for public comments and feedback.

Decision:

Council gave first reading to Bylaw 1810, Intermunicipal Development Plan with the Town of Three Hills, and scheduled a Public Hearing for this Bylaw on February 11, 2020, at 10 am.

Policy 8-20 Public Safety General

Agenda Item 5.5.1; YouTube Livestream: [2:35](#)

The Alberta Solicitor General conducts regular inspections throughout the province on authorized employers of Peace Officers. The County's inspection was conducted in early December, with some recommendations for minor additions to policy.

Decision:

Council approved the additions to Policy 8-20, Public Safety General.

Penalty Cancellation Request

Agenda Item 6.1; YouTube Livestream: [4:49](#)

On November 1, 2019, a ratepayer paid their 2019 tax levies through their financial institution. As Kneehill County Tax Payments were due on or before October 31, 2019, the ratepayer was charged penalties on November 1, December 1 and January 1, 2020. The mailing date of the tax notice was May 17, 2019 and the ratepayer concurs these notices were received. Although the payment was made within days of the due date, administration has no authority to waive penalties. The total penalties outstanding are \$1,118.29.

Decision:

Council denied the request to waive penalties on the specified tax rolls, per Bylaw 1680, which imposes the Tax Due Date of October 31, and the penalty rate of 2% beginning November 1st, continuing on the first of each month after, until paid in full.

Council Attendance at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference

Agenda Item 7.1; YouTube Livestream: [8:13](#), [1:02:35](#)

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference (FCM) is an annual convention attended by representatives from municipalities across Canada, intended to offer training sessions, networking opportunities, and to determine lobby initiatives. Council discussed FCM attendance at the December 10, 2019, Council Meeting, and passed a resolution to bring the discussion back to the January 14th, 2020 Council meeting.

Decision:

Council endorsed the existing policies regarding FCM, and will continue to attend the annual conference.

Intermunicipal Development Plan- Mountain View County

Agenda Item 8.1; YouTube Livestream: [14:07](#)

While amendments to the Municipal Government Act require all municipalities who share a boundary to work together to adopt an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP), through Bill 25, (the Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act), municipalities are not required to adopt an IDP if both parties agree they do not need one.

Decision:

Council approved to seek exemption for the Intermunicipal Development Plan with Mountain View County, per Bill 25.

Intermunicipal Development Plan- Starland County

Agenda Item 8.2; YouTube Livestream: [19:11](#)

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Decision:

Council approved to seek exemption for the Intermunicipal Development Plan with Starland County, per Bill 25.

Intermunicipal Development Plan- Stettler County

Agenda Item 8.3; YouTube Livestream: [19:57](#)

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Decision:

Council approved to seek exemption for the Intermunicipal Development Plan with Stettler County, per Bill 25.

Policy 3-19-3, Council Appointees Reimbursement

Agenda Item 8.4; YouTube Livestream: [20:40](#)

Policy 3-19-3, Council Appointees Reimbursement, was presented as part of Council's ongoing review of current policies. Changes to the policy included the annual rate adjustment be made according to the September Alberta Consumer Price Index, instead of the October price, to align with the Council Reimbursement policy 3-19.

Decision:

Council approved Policy 3-19-3, Council Appointees Reimbursement.

Alberta First Resolution

Agenda Item 8.5; YouTube Livestream: [22:47](#)

Wheatland County has approved an amended version of an "Alberta First" resolution, to be forwarded to Rural Municipalities of Alberta, through their Resolution Process. A member of Council is requesting that Kneehill County formally endorse the "Alberta First" resolution brought forward by Wheatland County.

Decision:

Council opted to decline support to the Alberta First Resolution. Residents wishing to support the "Alberta First Resolution" are encouraged to contact their local MP or MLA.

2019 Communications Report: A Year in Review

Agenda Item 8.6; YouTube Livestream: [28:46](#)

Kneehill County Council is committed to open and accountable decision making, which includes appropriate levels of communication and consultation between Council and the public. The 2019 Communications Presentation outlined for Council the steps taken in 2019 to facilitate communication and engagement with Kneehill County residents and ratepayers, and the approach Communications will take in 2020 to continue supporting this strategic priority.

Decision:

Council accepted the 2019 Communications Report for information, as presented. Full presentation available in the Council Package.

Clearwater County Invite to Condor Public Services Building

Agenda Item 8.7; YouTube Livestream: [38:32](#)

Administration received an invitation for Council to attend Clearwater County's New Public Services Building Grand Opening being held on Thursday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. in Condor, AB. The new facility will be home to Clearwater Regional Fire Rescue Services and will provide local service equipment storage for the County's Public Works and Agriculture & Community Services department.

Decision:

Council approved Council attendance to Clearwater County's new Public Services Building Grand Opening.

Meeting Opportunity- Minister of Municipal Affairs

Agenda Item 8.8; YouTube Livestream: [42:19](#)

At each Rural Municipalities of Alberta conference various ministries schedule time to meet with municipalities whose concerns could be addressed through their departments. As time is limited, the Minister limits meetings to 20 minutes and gives priority to issues that can be directly dealt with by Municipal Affairs.

Decision:

Council accepted the invitation to meet with the Minister of Municipal Affairs as information.

Council and Committee Reports

Agenda Item 10.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:16:52](#)

Council and Committee Reports include Community Futures Wildrose.

Decision:

Council accepted the and Council and Committee Reports as presented.

Closed Session

Agenda Item 12.0, 13.0; YouTube Livestream: [2:47:00](#), [3:54:59](#)

(FOIP Section 21) (FOIP Section 24)

Motions from Closed Session:

Council moved to authorize the Reeve and CAO to sign the Agreement for Purchase and Sale in addition to the Restrictive Covenant Agreement for the purchase of a parcel of land and improvements located at SE 15-28-22 W4M.

Council moved to transfer \$150,000.00 for the purchase of the property located at SE 15-28-22 W4M from the Contingency Reserve.

Council authorizes that the funds realized from the sale of surplus equipment located on the property located at SE 15-28-22 W4M be transferred to the Building Reserve.

NEXT Council Meeting: January 28, 2020 at 8:30 am in Council Chambers
1600, 2nd Street NE, Three Hills, Alberta.
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