



Council Notes March 10, 2020

Delegation: Welltrax, Kris Bower at 11:00 am

Agenda Item 3.1, 9.1; YouTube Livestream [2:58:05](#); [4:01:15](#)

Kris Bower presented Council with a summary of services Welltrax provides, including surface rights contract management and oil and gas asset tracking to help landowners manage surface leases. The presentation also provided an overview of current local oil and gas issues, including Ember rental reductions and ratepayer options and rights when companies only pay portions of lease rentals.

Decision:

Council received the presentation as information.

Rocky View and Kneehill County IDP

Agenda Item .1, 9.1 YouTube Livestream: [1:03:33](#)

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 Rocky View County have met to review and revise the proposed draft. A public hearing for the IDP was held on November 26, 2019. Rocky View County required approval from the Calgary Regional Board prior to moving third reading. This approval has been received, and Rocky View County will be proceeding with third reading of the Bylaw as well.

Decision:

Council passed Bylaw 1805, Rocky View/Kneehill County Intermunicipal Development Plan.

Drumheller and Kneehill County IDP

Agenda Item 5.3.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:06:46](#)

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 Drumheller 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 1817 for the Town of Drumheller and Kneehill County Intermunicipal Development Plan and scheduled a Public Hearing for the Bylaw on April 14, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Development Application Direct Control, Micro Cannabis Facility

Agenda Item 6.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:10:43](#)

On February 27, 2020, the Municipal Planning Commission recommended approval for a Micro Cannabis Cultivation Facility on Ptn. SE 18-30-24 W4 zoned Direct Control 5. The applicants wish to sell dried cannabis to the Alberta Gaming & Liquor Control Board and produce and sell clones and feminized seeds to other licensed cultivators.

Decision:

Councillor King moved to approve Development Permit 3815-20-D for a Micro Cannabis Cultivation Facility on Ptn. SE 18-30-24 W4 zoned Direct Control 5 with conditions as amended and listed in the report.

Annual Appointment of Fire Guardians

Agenda Item 6.2; YouTube Livestream: [45:54](#)

The Forest and Prairie Protection Act requires Council to appoint sufficient Fire Guardians for a one-year term, beginning in April, to enforce the Act within the boundaries of the municipal district. The following appointments have been recommended by each of the District Fire Departments.

Decision:

Council moved to appoint the following as Fire Guardians for the issuance of Fire Permits to March 31, 2021:

- Three Hills Fire Department: Art Creasser & Bob Leuf
- Acme Fire Department: Brian Fradgley, Bert Jackson, John Tersteeg
- Carbon Fire Department: Jody Kranzler, Dan Balderson, Jordan Reed
- Linden Fire Department: Justin Regehr, Kenton Klassen, Shawn Klassen, Carson Reimer, Max Penner.
- Torrington Fire Department: Doug Fretz, Jason Michielsen, Derek Benedict
- Trochu Fire Department: Richard Hoppins, Alan Adam, Lawrence Hogg
- Kneehill County Administrative: CAO, Director of Municipal Services, Manager of Protective Services, Kneehill County Fire Chief

Emergency Communications System Upgrade Project

Agenda Item 8.3; YouTube Livestream: [48:54](#)

Significant deficiencies have been identified following an assessment of Kneehill County's current Emergency Communications system. Adding to the difficulties, the Province has moved RCMP, EMS and STARS over to the Alberta First Responders Radio Communications System (AFRRCS), meaning Kneehill County Peace Officers have to carry two radios now--one to communicate with Fire, one to communicate with RCMP using AFRRCS.

Decision:

Council authorized administration to issue a Request for Proposal for a Digital Emergency Communications System with supplemental AFRRCS options, as recommended by Protective Services.

Provincial Budget and Policy Impacts

Agenda Item 8.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:40:11](#)

Corporate Services presented Council with a report summarizing the known and potential financial impacts to the County arising from the 2020 Provincial Budget, detailing numerous policy changes being implemented at the provincial level that will have a major impact on Kneehill County's finances. [Full report available in the Council package.](#)

Decision:

Council received the report for information.

Three Hills Victim Services Request

Agenda Item 8.1; YouTube Livestream: [2:05:57](#)

This item was tabled at the February 25, 2020 Council meeting, with Council requesting a Financial Statement for Victim Services prior to making a decision on their sponsorship request for \$500.00, to assist in the costs of hosting the annual "Community Conversations Around Elder Abuse" session.

Decision:

Council received the request for information.

Bylaw 1820- Central Alberta Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw

Agenda Item 8.1; YouTube Livestream: [2:08:55](#)

Kneehill County has been a member of the Central Alberta Regional Assessment Review Board (RARB) since October 2018. The RARB services over 20 municipalities in Central Alberta. Members are required to pass a Bylaw that is "mirror imaged" to the City of Red Deer's bylaw, as the City is responsible to perform all Coordinator Functions. The RARB Bylaw has recently been reviewed to ensure it is compliant with legislation.

Decision:

Council passed the updated Central Alberta Regional Assessment Board Bylaw to mirror Red Deer's.

Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Spring Resolutions

Agenda Item 8.1; YouTube Livestream: [2:44:58](#)

The Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) advocates on behalf of rural municipalities in meeting with government and ensures that provincial decision-makers, as well as industry and other relevant stakeholders, understand and incorporate the best interests of rural Alberta in their policies. Seven resolutions are being brought to the spring conference, [which are available for viewing in the Council Package.](#)

Decision:

Council received the RMA Spring Resolutions Listing as information.

Alberta Focused Reception at FCM

Agenda Item 8.1; YouTube Livestream: [2:54:35](#)

Administration received a letter requesting fellow Alberta Municipalities become involved in an Alberta-focused reception at FCM in June by either contributing monetary funds or assisting in the planning of the event.

Decision:

Council received the request as information.

Kneehill- Carbon ICF Agreement

Agenda Item 8.1; YouTube Livestream: [3:29:12](#)

As a result of recent updates to the Municipal Government Act (MGA), the Province now requires all municipalities that share a common boundary to adopt Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) Agreements. Each ICF agreement must include a description of the services provided that benefit residents from both municipalities, identify which municipality is responsible for which service, how these services will be delivered and funded, and include a process for resolving disputes, should they occur. Administration from both Kneehill County and the Village of Carbon have met to discuss their proposed ICF, and have come to an agreement.

Decision:

Council authorized the Reeve and CAO to execute the agreements with the Village of Carbon, as listed in the Council package, and adopted the Kneehill County/Village of Carbon Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement.

Kneehill- Linden ICF Agreement

Agenda Item 8.1; YouTube Livestream: [3:38:02](#)

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Decision:

Council authorized the Reeve and CAO to execute the agreements with the Village of Linden, as listed in the Council package, and adopted the Kneehill County/Village of Linden Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement.

Kneehill-Three Hills ICF Agreement

Agenda Item 8.1; YouTube Livestream: [3:42:21](#)

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Decision:

Council authorized the Reeve and CAO to execute the agreements with the Town of Three Hills, as listed in the Council package, and adopted the Kneehill County/Town of Three Hills Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement.

Trochu Lagoon Request

Agenda Item 8.1; YouTube Livestream: [3:58:44](#)

The Town of Trochu requested \$500,000 for their Lagoon Expansion Project in May of 2018. The decision for this request was postponed pending other discussions between the County and the Town of Trochu. The County has previously provided one-time funding for infrastructure projects with the other Towns and Villages, with \$200,000.00 utilized by both the Village of Linden and the Village of Carbon.

Decision:

Council directed administration to include \$200,000.00 in the 2020 Operating Budget for the Town of Trochu's lagoon upgrade project.

Council and Committee Reports

Agenda Item 8.1; YouTube Livestream: [4:02:02](#), [4:02:45](#)

Council and Committee Reports include verbal reports from Councillor Christie on Community Future Wildrose, and from Councillor Hugo on the Policing Action Committee.

Decision:

Council accepted the reports as presented.

Closed Session

Agenda Item 12.0, 13.0; YouTube Livestream: [4:25:02](#), [5:08:20](#)

(FOIP Section 25) Disclosure Harmful to Economic or Other Interests of Public Body

(FOIP Section 24) Legal

Motions from Closed Session:

Council moved to amend the commencement and completion dates for the Badlands Motorsport Resort Development Agreement.

NEXT Council Meeting: March 24, 2020 at 8:30 am in Council Chambers
1600, 2nd Street NE, Three Hills, Alberta.
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