



Council Notes August 18, 2020

Policy Reviews

The following Policies were presented to Council as part of an ongoing review of current policies--in particular policies that have not been reviewed for over four years.

- Policy 13-10, Mail Boxes
Agenda Item 5.1; YouTube Livestream [28:26](#)
 - Changes to formatting, no other amendments
- Policy 13-24-1, Sanding Material
Agenda Item 5.2; YouTube Livestream [30:54](#)
 - This policy was rescinded (deleted) as the guidelines and standards outlined by this policy are reflected within the Master Rates Bylaw and related Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreements. Please note—sanding material can only be sold to other municipalities, not individuals.
- Policy 13-27, Services to Other Jurisdictions
Agenda Item 5.3; YouTube Livestream [34:18](#)
 - This policy was also rescinded as the guidelines and standards outlined in this policy are reflected in the Master Rates Bylaw and related Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework agreements.

Decision:

Council approved all changes to policies as presented.

Public Hearing: Bylaw 1823, Horseshoe Canyon Road Closure

Agenda Item 4.1; YouTube Livestream: [2:00:00](#)

Currently Kneehill County holds a 3.56-acre title to an area directly south of Horseshoe Canyon that has been fragmented by road plan 834 LK. This parcel contains portions of the parking lot and a small portion of the canyon itself. The portion of undeveloped Twp Rd 28-4 runs through the parking lot, the turn around, a portion of the canyon and some of the enhanced trail down to the base. Administration proposed to close and consolidate these roads so the land can be utilized more efficiently, and held a Public Hearing to receive comments about the Bylaw. No public comments were received.

STIP Bridge Funding

Agenda Item 5.4; YouTube Livestream [36:00](#)

Kneehill County has been awarded funding up to \$2,418,760, with a 75% cost share for Bridge Projects from the provincial Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) grant. Administration is proposing to allocate an additional \$806,250 for two bridge culvert replacements (BF76459, BF6948) and two bridge structure replacements (BF70376, BF1082). All bridges approved for replacement are 50+ years old.

Bridge	Available STIP Funding	Maximum County Funds	Total Budget
BF70376	\$ 975,000	\$ 325,000	\$ 1,300,000
BF76459	\$ 206,250	\$ 68,750	\$ 275,000
BF6948	\$ 262,500	\$ 87,500	\$ 350,000
BF1082	\$ 975,000	\$ 325,000	\$ 1,300,000
Total	\$ 2,418,750	\$ 806,250	\$ 3,225,000

Decision:

Council authorized a budget amendment in the amount of \$3,225,000 to replace four Bridge Files with the Province's Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) grant of \$2,418,750. The County's share of \$806,250 will be funded from the Bridge Reserve.

Village of Linden Request for Financial Assistance with Pumphouse Roof Repairs.

Agenda Item 6.2.1; YouTube Livestream: [43:09](#)

The Village of Linden has requested Kneehill County to help with the costs to repair the roof at the Linden Pumphouse and Reservoir. Kneehill County occupies a portion of the building with our own entrance as part of the Sunnyslope water system. The County does not pay rent for our portion of the building.

Decision:

Council approved a contribution of 50% --up to a maximum of \$7000-- to be used towards the roof replacement of the Village of Linden Pumphouse with the funds coming from the Operating Budget.

Bylaw 1824, Electronic Transmission of Documents Bylaw

Agenda Item 7.1; YouTube Livestream: [46:54](#)

The Municipal Government Act has been amended to allow municipalities to forward tax notices electronically (through email) instead of receiving a paper copy in the mail. This is an optional arrangement for customers, with the same structure and regulations in place as with the mailed copy of the tax notice.

Decision:

Council gave first reading to Bylaw 1824, Electronic Transmission of Documents, and directed administration to advertise this bylaw and bring feedback from the public back to Council.

Three Hills Victim Services Request Letter of Support

Agenda Item 9.1; YouTube Livestream: [52:13](#)

Administration received a request from the Three Hills Victim Services to provide a letter of support as they apply for the Alberta Victims of Crime Fund Grant.

Decision:

Council directed Administration to provide a letter of support to the Three Hills Victim Services as they apply for the Alberta Victims of Crime Fund Grant.

Highway 21 Corridor Crime Watch Association Request

Agenda Item 9.2; YouTube Livestream: [53:41](#)

Administration received a request from the Hwy 21 Corridor Crime Watch Association requesting a donation. The organization operates within the boundaries of the Three Hills RCMP detachment area. Their mandate is to provide public education and information to assist their members in ways to keep themselves and their properties safe.

Decision:

Council tabled item 9.2, Highway 21 Corridor Crime Watch Association Request, and directed administration to provide further information.

Assessment Model Review

Agenda Item 9.3; YouTube Livestream: [1:00:17](#); Continued at [2:11:12](#)

Kneehill County has been notified of changes proposed by the Province of Alberta that would reduce property taxes for some oil and gas companies through changes to the way their assessment is conducted. While Kneehill County believes that supports for Oil and Gas are needed, the scenarios proposed by the Province will result in increased taxes for the majority of County residents, farms, and businesses.

Municipalities across the Province are echoing this sentiment to the point where municipally elected officials from across the Province held a demonstration at the legislature building.

County residents are urged to become informed about the potential impacts of these changes and to voice their concerns. Please view:

- [Assessment Model Review Presentation](#)
- [AMR Outcomes Summary](#)
- [Assessment Model Review Slideshow](#)
- [Assessment Model Position Statements](#)

Decision:

Council accepted the presentation on proposed Oil & Gas Assessment Model Review Changes for information.

For information on this publication, contact Communications Officer at communications@kneehillcounty.com

Council and Committee Reports

Agenda Item 11.1; YouTube Livestream: [2:53:16](#); [2:55:20](#)

Council and Committee Reports included the final report from [Kneehill Community Resource Program](#), and a verbal report on Canadian Badlands.

Decision:

Council received the Council and Committee Reports as information.

Closed Session

Agenda Item 13.0; YouTube Livestream: [4:32:57](#)

Council moved the meeting into Closed Session. (Section 25) (Section 25)

Motions from Closed Session:

Council moved that administration no longer pursue the easement for the Three Hills Creek Area Structure Plan and it is removed from the Council Action List.

Council **defeated** the motion to amend the commencement and completion dates in the development agreement as presented.

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