



Council Notes June 8, 2021

Delegation- Kneehill Regional Family and Community Support Services (KRFCSS)

Agenda Item 3.1, 9.1; YouTube Livestream: [52:02; 3:33:12 \(Part 2\)](#)

Delegations from Kneehill Regional FCSS presented Council with an annual report highlighting the programs, support, and services they provided to local communities in 2020. [View the presentation in the Council Package.](#)

Decision:

Council received the presentation from KRFCSS for information.

Bylaw 1840- Proposed Animal Control Bylaw

Agenda Item 5.4.1; YouTube Livestream: [2:01:28](#)

Following feedback received at the May 12, 2021, Council meeting, Administration has proposed new amendments to the Animal Control Bylaw, which is being updated to allow for Hens in Hamlets (per the Land Use Bylaw), and to address some current enforcement challenges. Some changes to the Bylaw include new enforcement procedures for "vicious dogs", exemptions for "working dogs," and a limit of 3 dogs (over 6 months old) per household in hamlets.

Decision:

Council gave first, second, and third reading, passing Bylaw 1840, Animal Control, as amended.

Policy 17-1, Safety Policy

Agenda Item 6.1; YouTube Livestream [2:27:57](#)

As part of Council's ongoing review of current policies, Council Policy #17-1, Health and Safety, was presented for Council's review. Changes to the policy include reformatting, and some rewording for clarity.

Decision:

Council approved Policy 17-1, Health & Safety Policy, as presented.

Changes to Council Electronic Device Procurement

Agenda Item 8.1; YouTube Livestream: [2:25:23](#)

Council Policy 3-1 allows for Councillors to choose an electronic device for use at the beginning of their term. Changes to the policy would allow the IT Supervisor to choose and purchase suitable devices for Council's use instead, ensuring consistency and compatibility with all members, and with Kneehill County's IT infrastructure.

Decision:

Council approved Policy 3-1, Council Compensation and Expense Reimbursement, as presented.

County Reopening

Agenda Item 8.2; YouTube Livestream: [2:27:48](#)

The province has recently announced their "Open for Summer" reopening plan--a three stage outline to safely ease COVID-19 restrictions and get back to normal. Following these Provincial Guidelines, Kneehill County will begin to open to the public by appointment only at Stage 2 (June 10), and will plan to fully reopen to the public when the province moves to Stage 3.

Decision:

Council accepted the report on the County's Reopening plan for information, as presented.

Dr. Recruitment and Retention Task Force Terms of Reference

Agenda Item 8.3; YouTube Livestream: [2:34:51](#)

As part of the Kneehill Regional Partnership's review and update of the Doctor Recruitment and Retention Task Force (Dr. R&R) Terms of Reference, the Partnership is again soliciting feedback from members to expand on principles founded in the first round of engagement and to aid the Partnership in their development of those Terms.

Decision:

Council deferred the Dr. R & R Task Force Terms of Reference to the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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Council Roles and Responsibilities

Agenda Item 8.4; YouTube Livestream: [22:47](#)

Following reports of misconduct on behalf of Councillor Hugo, who has continued to visit County job sites and question/direct County contractors (despite previous warnings from Council, and in direct contravention of the MGA, and Kneehill County's Code of Conduct and Ethics Bylaw) Council passed the following motions:

Decision:

- Council, in accordance with the Municipal Government Act and Kneehill County Code of Conduct and Ethics Bylaw, rescinds the appointment of Councillor Hugo to all committees and boards to which he was previously appointed, and permission to attend any conferences is revoked as a result of contraventions of the Kneehill County Code of Conduct and Ethics Bylaw.
- Council directs Councillor Hugo to refrain from attending County job sites and facilities other than for Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings, and to have no contact with Administration, staff, and contractors, other than the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate.
- Council will send a letter via registered mail confirming this decision of Council to Councillor Hugo.

See Kneehill County's News Releases: [Council Rescinds Councillor Appointments](#), and [Clarification on Rescinding of Appointments](#), for more information.

Budget Video

Agenda Item 8.5; YouTube Livestream: [3:12:18](#)

Administration has created a video to help explain how Kneehill County's annual Budget is made, including Council's guiding principles used in the budget development, where the budget comes from, how budget dollars are invested, and specific budget challenges faced in 2021. Watch the video on [YouTube](#).

Decision:

Council received the Kneehill County Budget Video for information.

Clarification on Capstone

Agenda Item 8.6; YouTube Livestream: [3:19:40](#)

Council Hugo requested some clarification about the Kneehill Solar project and current development processes. Administration advised that the Alberta Utilities Commission, a provincial entity, is the approving authority for solar farms. As a municipality, Kneehill County can choose to issue a development permit for the project (though they are not required for Capstone to continue) and in doing so, are able to attach conditions to mitigate concerns of adjacent landowners and ratepayers. If Kneehill County does not issue a development permit for the project, the Solar Farm will still go forward, but the County will have lost the opportunity to apply any such conditions to the development.

Decision:

Council received the Kneehill Solar Development discussion as information.

Closed Session

Agenda Item 12.1; YouTube Livestream: [3:46:10](#)

Council moved the meeting into Closed Session. Third Party Business Interest (FOIP, Section 16 & Section 25)

NEXT Council Meeting: June 22, 2021, at 8:30 am in Council Chambers
1600, 2nd Street NE, Three Hills, Alberta.
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