



Council Notes September 28, 2021

Leger, Eddie Sheppard and the Citizen Satisfaction Survey Report.

Agenda Item 3.1 & 9.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:54:05](#); [2:57:14](#)

Kneehill County conducted our first-ever Citizen Satisfaction Survey in 2021 from July August 2021. The survey provided residential citizens – including property owners and renters – an opportunity to provide input on the services they receive, the programs the County offers and to share what they think Council should prioritize. Approx. 10% of residents responded (220/2228). Input received will help Council and administration identify areas of success and opportunities for improvement and will be utilized by Council in future strategic planning, budget creation, and determining service delivery. [View the full report in the Council package.](#)

Decision:

Council received the Citizen Satisfaction Survey Report for information.

Increased Water Volume Request- Churchil & Selkirk

Agenda Item 5.2.1 & 5.3.1; YouTube Livestream: [21:08](#); [25:01](#)

Two ratepayers in separate Water Service Area's have requested an increase to their water volume (per policy 14-15) and engaged in water modelling to see if the increase was feasible. Engineering firm WSP has concluded that both current services can be increased to 8 igpm with minimal effect on the systems. Per policy, each ratepayer must pay the fee required prior to the increased flow.

Decision:

Council approves the Leonhardt request for increased flow on the Churchill Water System, and the Sunterra Farm Greenhouse request on the Selkirk Water System, per Policy 14-15, Increased Water Volumes.

Horseshoe Canyon Pay Parking Summary

Agenda Item 5.3.1; YouTube Livestream: [27:56](#)

In February of 2021, Council approved a pay parking pilot project at Horseshoe Canyon for the 2021 season as recommended by the Horseshoe Canyon Focus Group. Estimated expenses and revenues for the project were \$40,000 each. Actual expenses were \$20,392.42, with income at \$17,492.26 from May to September long weekend. Overall, the pilot was a success. Having staff on site at the Canyon during weekend/outside regular work hours was of benefit to the Canyon and guests, as staff could address tourism questions, visitor concerns, encourage responsible visitation and tend to washroom facilities. The Travel Drumheller Ambassador onsite also provided a welcome presence.

Decision:

Council directed administration to include provisions for paid parking and Kneehill County's Ambassador Program at Horseshoe Canyon in the proposed 2022 budget and moved to discuss long-term planning for Horseshoe Canyon at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

2021 Kneehill County Scholarships

Agenda Item 8.1; YouTube Livestream: [2:40:35](#)

Each year, Kneehill County offers two scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each to Kneehill County residents enrolled in post-secondary institutions. Applicants' identities are hidden, and they are scored based on their essays and reference letters, combined with contributions to school and community, leadership activities and personal achievements. [The Committee of the Whole reviewed 8 eligible Kneehill County Scholarship applications at their September 21st, 2021 meeting](#), and based on tabulated scores, made a recommendation to Council to award Jenna Cullum and Graham Fretz the 2021 Kneehill County Scholarship.

Decision:

Council awarded Jenna Cullum and Graham Fretz the 2021 Kneehill County Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.00 each. Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all our applicants for your excellent submissions!

Trochu Seniors' Facility Agreement

Agenda Item 8.2; YouTube Livestream [2:44:08](#)

The Town of Trochu and the Trochu Housing Corporation are proposing a \$32,000,000 Senior's Living Complex be constructed within the Town of Trochu and are seeking to finance the project through the combination of grant funding, life-lease sales, and financing. The Town does not have the capacity to finance borrowing themselves and have asked the County to provide financial backing for financing and to provide cash flow during project construction, should such be needed.

The proposed agreement has been developed by the County's legal counsel and reviewed by the Town of Trochu and the THC. Adoption of the agreement is required to establish the guaranteeing relationship between the County and the Town and to satisfy a requirement of Bylaw 1833, which sets out regulations for the borrowing and was passed in accordance with the MGA. Please note- Kneehill County is not lending any money, but providing the financial backing needed for the project to continue.

Decision:

Council authorized the Reeve and CAO to sign the Trochu Seniors' Supportive Living Facility Agreement with the Town of Trochu, establishing the guaranteeing relationship between parties and satisfying requirements of Bylaw 1833.

Wetland Replacement Program Memorandum Of Understanding

Agenda Item 8.3; YouTube Livestream: [2:49:30](#)

To encourage the restoration and development of Wetlands, the Province is approaching municipalities with the Wetlands Replacement Program. When wetlands are altered or removed, the party responsible pays a fee to the Province. The Province uses this funding to encourage alternate wetland development. The current fee in the Kneehill County area is approximately \$18,500 per hectare. Municipalities and others looking to develop wetlands can make application to access that funding, and the proposed Memorandum of Understanding outlines the process for making applications.

Decision:

Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the Memorandum of Understanding in support of identifying potential wetland replacement projects for the purposes of the Wetland Replacement Program

Council and Committee Reports

Agenda Item 10.0; YouTube Livestream: [2:59:37](#)

Council and Committee Reports include Community Futures Wildrose, Kneehill Regional FCSS and a verbal report on Red Deer Municipal Users Group.

Decision:

Council received the Council and Committee Reports for information.

Closed Session

Agenda Item 12.0; YouTube Livestream: [3:18:55](#)

Council moved the meeting into Closed Session (Legal Matter- Section 24, FOIP ACT)

NEXT Council Meeting: October 12, 2021, at 8:30 am in Council Chambers
1600, 2nd Street NE, Three Hills, Alberta.
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