



## Council Notes November 30, 2021

### Delegation: Three Hills RCMP

*Agenda Item 3.1 & 9.1; YouTube Livestream: [2:51:06](#); [4:55:04](#)*

Delegation Sgt. Jamie Day from the Three Hills RCMP Department presented Council with an update on the RCMP Annual Performance Plan.

**Decision:**

Council received the presentation for information.

### Torrington Gravel Pit Water Access Agreement

*Agenda Item 5.4.1; YouTube Livestream: [23:48](#)*

Kneehill County has been requested by Artis Exploration to enter into a 10-year agreement to provide both access to and the allowance of water extraction from the Torrington gravel pit site. The proposed agreement will include the Valleyview Colony as an additional grantee, as the existing waterbodies cross current property lines. The revenue generated from the sale of the water will be evenly distributed between the County and the Colony.

**Decision:**

Council entered into a 10-year agreement with the Valleyview Hutterian Brethren and Artis Exploration for the purpose of allowing land access and the withdrawal of water from the Torrington gravel pit, located at E ½ 16-32-26- W4M.

### Bylaw 1845 Revised Bylaw for Road Closure at Horseshoe Canyon

*Agenda Item 5.1.1; YouTube Livestream: [45:15](#)*

Bylaw 1823, which consolidated and closed an undeveloped road allowance and road plan at Horseshoe Canyon, was originally approved by Council in May of 2021. After the Bylaw was passed it was discovered that Alberta Transportation had internally closed a portion of that road allowance already, several years prior, and the Bylaw now needs to be revised and reworded to exclude that portion of road right of way. Once this revision is approved the entire closed portion will be consolidated into Kneehill County's existing lands.

**Decision:**

Council gave first, second and third reading to pass Revised Bylaw 1845, Horseshoe Canyon Road Closure.

### Submission of Letter to Alberta Environment Requesting Variance

*Agenda Item 5.1.2; YouTube Livestream: [51:57](#)*

Robert Boese is the owner of a former Kneehill County owned landfill site. He would like to sell this parcel for residential use but is currently unable to due to regulations in place. Kneehill County, as the development authority, can request a setback variance from Alberta Environment on behalf of Mr. Boese, which, if approved, could lessen the distance from developments on or near nonoperating landfills and potentially allow development to occur.

**Decision:**

Council approved the submission of a covering letter to Alberta Environment & Parks requesting a variance to allow the landowner to proceed with the process for potential development on former nuisance grounds located at Ptn. SE 20-30-25 W4 Plan 9011630 Block C.

### RCMP and Council's Priorities

*Agenda Item 5.3.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:40:02](#)*

Kneehill County has 5 RCMP detachments serving our area who provide Annual Reports to the County. Kneehill County's Protective Services Enforcement stats were also included for Council's information.

**Decision:**

Council accepts the RCMP Quarterly Report & Kneehill County Enforcement Report for information.

View [KC Enforcement Report](#)

View [Quarterly RCMP Report](#)

## Appointment of DEM and DDEM's

*Agenda Item 5.3.2; YouTube Livestream: [1:43:31](#)*

Under the Emergency Management Act, Kneehill County must appoint a person as the Director of Emergency Management (DEM). Kneehill County also appoints Deputy Directors of Emergency Management (DDEM's) to serve as backup and step into the Director role in the absence of the DEM.

### **Decision:**

Council appointed Debra Grosfield as Director of Emergency Management, Dan Marsellus as Deputy Director of Emergency Management, and Natalie Chubala as Deputy Director of Emergency Management for Kneehill County, effective immediately.

## Municipal Energy Champions Program

*Agenda Item 5.4.1; YouTube Livestream: [2:35:08](#)*

Kneehill County participated in the Municipal Energy Champions and the AUMA/AMSC Energy Management Services programs in 2021. The Municipal Energy Champions program provided support for developing, managing, and implementing energy management initiatives, and the Energy Management Services program proposed methods to reduce energy consumption and reduce operational costs through capital improvement recommendations. Participating in these two programs assisted in the understanding of energy use and provided the municipality tools to better track and manage municipal energy consumption. Kneehill County staff have been able to identify opportunities for energy efficiency and potential capital improvement projects through these programs, including possible renewable energy projects.

### **Decision:**

Council accepted the Municipal Energy Champions Program and the AUMA/AMSC Energy Management Services Program participation report as information.

## Kneehill Regional Partnership Training Opportunities

*Agenda Item 8.1; YouTube Livestream: [3:24:18](#)*

The Kneehill Regional Partnership is a group composed of representatives from Kneehill County, Town of Three Hills, Town of Trochu, Village of Linden, Village of Acme, and Village of Carbon. The partnership exists to explore ways members can provide services, training, and programs jointly, efficiently, and economically.

### **Decision:**

Council submitted these initiatives to the Kneehill Regional Partnership for their consideration to pursue jointly:

1. Fire Services Level Policy Review
2. Explore Kneehill – Phase 2
3. Emergency Disaster Response Training
4. Recreation Promotion
5. Broadband Study

## FCSS Funding Request

*Agenda Item 8.2; YouTube Livestream: [3:45:50](#)*

The Kneehill Regional FCSS's Family Wellness Program is experiencing increased demand in children and youth needs, resulting in unsustainable caseloads for current Family Wellness Workers. To continue meeting the emergent needs of children, youth, and families in the area, FCSS is proposing a three-year program in which another full-time staff member will be hired to help address this growing demand. The KRFCSS Board has sent a letter to Council requesting additional funding to implement and support this temporary program.

### **Decision:**

Council granted up to \$13,335 to Kneehill Regional FCSS for the expanded Family Wellness Program, funded from the 2021 Operating Budget, & directed administration to include up to \$13,335 in the proposed 2022 & 2023 operating budgets for the expanded Family Wellness Program.

## Reeve Absent from Meetings

*Agenda Item 8.3; YouTube Livestream: [4:53:00](#)*

Reeve Wittstock requested permission from Council to be absent from scheduled Council meetings in December and January for personal reasons.

**Decision:**

Council authorized a leave of absence for Reeve Wittstock, as required by the Municipal Government Act.

## Council & Committee Reports

*Agenda Item 10.0; YouTube Livestream: [4:55:41](#)*

Council and Committee Reports include Kneehill Regional FCSS, Kneehill Regional Partnership, and verbal reports on Marigold Library and the RMA Convention attended by Council.

**Decision:**

Council received the Council and Committee Reports for information as presented.

NEXT Council Meeting: December 14, 2021, at 8:30 am in Council Chambers  
1600, 2nd Street NE, Three Hills, Alberta.  
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