



# Council Notes February 22, 2022

## Policy Reviews

The following Policies were presented to Council as part of an ongoing review.

- Policy 4-1, Use of Equipment (Fire).

*Agenda Item 5.3.2; YouTube Livestream [1:07:43](#);*

- Council rescinded (deleted) Policy 4-1, Use of Equipment (Fire), as the items in this Policy are covered by Kneehill County Bylaw 1770, Fire Protection Bylaw, and through Fire Agreements with urban partners.

## Delegation: Alberta Health Services

*Agenda Item 3.1; 8.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:29:36](#); [3:47:26](#)*

Delegations from Alberta Health Services joined Council to answer questions about ambulance coverage and Medical First Response. [View the discussion here.](#)

### Decision:

Following the presentation from Alberta Health Services, Council moved to send a letter of concern to the Minister of Health regarding the length of response time for ambulance services in rural Alberta.

## Proposed Recycling Bins

*Agenda Item 4.1; YouTube Livestream: [22:41](#)*

With the recent closure of the recycling depot in the Town of Three Hills, there are limited convenient options available for County residents to recycle their plastics, glass, and tin. At Council's request, administration provided some options for offering these extra recycling services at Kneehill County's Three Hills Transfer Site, in addition to the many [recycling services available throughout the County.](#)

### Decision:

Council directed administration to provide a recycling bin at Kneehill County's Three Hills Transfer Site ([Option 2 in the RFD](#)) for one-year as part of a pilot project, and pre-approved the project in the 2022 Operating Budget.

## Flow Rate Increase

*Agenda Item 4.2; YouTube Livestream: [41:30](#)—Addition to the Agenda*

Sunterra Greenhouse has requested an increased water flow rate from Kneehill County until repairs to their private water infrastructure can be completed. According to the water modelling performed, this request can be accommodated without impacting other users of the water system.

### Decision:

Council authorized administration to temporarily increase the flow rate to Sunterra Greenhouse until repairs have been completed.

## Annual Appointment of Fire Guardians

*Agenda Item 5.3.1; YouTube Livestream: [50:08](#)*

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 a municipal district. These appointments have been recommended by each of the District Fire Departments.

### Decision:

Council appointed Fire Guardians for the issuance of Fire Permits, to March 31, 2023:

- Three Hills Fire Department: Ken Cinnamon, Bob Leuf
- Acme Fire Department: Brian Fradgley, Bert Jackson, John Tersteeg
- Carbon Fire Department: Jody Kranzler, Dan Balderson, Jordan Reed, Jeremy Kranzler, Marty Morgan
- Linden Fire Department: 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: Director of Community Services, Manager of Protective Services, Rural Fire Chief.

## Council's Policing Priorities

Agenda Item 5.3.3; YouTube Livestream: [59:43](#)

Kneehill County has five RCMP detachments serving our area-- Three Hills, Innisfail, Drumheller, Beiseker, and Olds. To ensure they are providing quality service to municipalities, the RCMP annually request input from Council so they can reflect Kneehill County's community priorities in their service plans.

### Decision:

Council approves the new 2022 Policing Priorities for Kneehill County, as discussed:

- Rural Crime Prevention (Enforcement and Education)
- Community safety through programs and workshops
- Presence in rural communities (Building relationships and partnerships)
- Road safety
- Working with Community Peace Officer's in delivery of enforcement & public safety education

## Perisson Petroleum Ltd. Tax Deferral Agreement Request

Agenda Item 6.1; YouTube Livestream: [2:16:30](#)

Kneehill County Council agreed to a payment plan with Perisson Petroleum for outstanding taxes in December of 2020, however, Perisson did not respond to administration's request to sign the agreement and start making payments until a year later, in December of 2021. As additional taxes have been levied during that time, administration has renegotiated with Perisson to address the unpaid taxes again.

### Decision:

Council entered into a Tax Deferral Payment Agreement with Perisson Petroleum Ltd. for 2019-2021 tax arrears and 2022's levy, for the period of January 31, 2022, to November 30, 2023, and directed admin to cancel penalties from 2020 & 2021, with no further penalties to be assessed over the term of Agreement.

## 2022 Public Auction Tax Sale Date

Agenda Item 6.2; YouTube Livestream: [2:29:22](#)

The Municipal Government Act, Section 418, requires Council to set a date for public auction for all properties with more than 2 years of tax arrears. There are currently sixteen parcels (three owners) that may be at the Public Auction if tax arrears are not paid prior to the auction date.

### Decision:

Council approved the 2022 Tax Sale Date for Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 2 pm at the Kneehill County Administration Building.

## Town of Trochu Housing Corporation Letter of Support

Agenda Item 7.1; YouTube Livestream: [2:58:50](#)

The Town of Trochu and the Trochu Housing Corporation are in the process of constructing a Senior's Living Complex in Trochu, to be funded through financing ([backed by Kneehill County through Bylaw 1833](#)), life-lease sales, and grant funding. To apply for grant funding, Trochu needs Letters of Support from their partners and stakeholders.

### Decision:

Council provided the Town of Trochu Letters of Support for their Capital Grant applications, to acquire funding for the Trochu Seniors Supportive Living Facility Project.

## Strategic Planning Presentations

Agenda Item 7.2; YouTube Livestream: [3:02:17](#); COW Meeting Feb 15, 2021: [1:42:40](#)

As part of the Strategic Planning process, administration presented departmental opportunities and challenges for Council to consider during their 2022 Strategic Plan development. View the presentations online:

- [Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste](#)
- [Transportation](#)
- [Communications](#)
- [Parks & Ag Services \(COW Meeting\)](#)
- [Protective Services \(COW Meeting\)](#)
- [Economic Development \(COW Meeting\)](#)
- [Planning & Development \(COW Meeting\)](#)

### Decision:

Council received the Strategic Planning Presentations for information, as presented.

## Council & Committee Reports

*Agenda Item 9.0; YouTube Livestream: [3:47:26](#)*

Council and Committee Reports include Community Futures Wildrose.

### **Decision:**

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

## Closed Session

*Agenda Item 11.0; YouTube Livestream: [4:48:45](#)--*Addition to the Agenda**

Council moved the Meeting in Closed Session (Section 17, FOIP).

NEXT Council Meeting: March 8, 2022, at 8:30 am in Council Chambers  
1600, 2nd Street NE, Three Hills, Alberta.  
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