



# Council Meeting Notes

**December 11, 2018**

<b>Legislative</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council approved a letter of support for the Kneehill Historical Society, who is applying for an Alberta Tourism and Culture Grant to help fund an accessible ramp to their newly restored/renovated building.</li> </ul>
<b>Finance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 2019 draft interim budget was presented to Council on November 13, 2018. Further budget deliberation took place at the Committee of the Whole meeting December 4, 2018, following an invitation to the public for feedback, comments and questions. Council approved the 2019 Interim Operating Budget as presented, with the following recommended changes:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1.3 million dollars added to gravel reserve for 2019</li> <li>○ Changes to the Master Rates bylaw to include large volume charges of \$9.00/cube for bulk water users only.</li> <li>○ The removal of an Enhanced RCMP position from the budget</li> <li>○ The removal of 2 brush trucks and one emergency trailer from the budget</li> <li>○ Changes to the plans for Keiver’s Lake Chalet</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Council directed Administration to bring back Councillor per diem options on January 8, 2019. No adjustments will be made to Council pay until this review is completed.</li> <li>• Council approved the 2019 Interim Project/Capital Budget following the amendment of the funding source for a 2019 road rebuild (Rge Rd 24-4), to come from the Operating fund instead of the Gravel Reserve.</li> <li>• Council reviewed the Master Rates Bylaw in regards to water charges as per the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole meeting, with large volume charges of \$9.00 per cube for bulk water users only. Council passes two readings of the Master Rates Bylaw presented. Council will review the third reading of the Master Rates Bylaw as part of their January 8 Regular Meeting.</li> <li>• Council reviews the Project and Capital Budget Variance Report as of November 30. Accepted as presented.</li> <li>• Council approves the January to September operating report, capital report and reserves schedule as presented by Finance.</li> <li>• Council receives the July to September bank reconciliation report as presented.</li> </ul>
<b>Protective Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every two years, Council reviews and appoints a Fire Chief and a Deputy Fire Chief for our district Fire Department (Torrington). Council appointed Jason Michielsen as Torrington Fire Chief and Derek Benedict as Torrington Deputy Fire Chief.</li> </ul>
<b>Facilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council approved Torrington Ag Society’s request for assistance at the Torrington Arena due to unexpected expenses incurred in 2018, including repairs to the ice plant and Zamboni. Council approved one-time funding of \$12,265 to come from the 2018 operating budget.</li> </ul>

**NOTE: These notes are highlights of Council. Please refer to website for official Council Minutes. As the Minutes are approved, they are posted to the website.**

NEXT Council Meeting: January 8, 2019 at 8:30 am in Council Chambers  
 1600, 2nd Street NE, Three Hills, Alberta.  
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