



Council Notes, October 8, 2019

Community Grant Application- Prairie Bible Institute

Agenda Item 3.1 & 9.1; YouTube Livestream: 44:49, 2:19:01

Nathan Rooke from Prairie Bible Institute presented to Council as part of their Community Grant Application, requesting \$8,260.00 to implement a campus-wide recycling program. Per Community Grant Policy 15-3, any request for funding over \$5000 requires a presentation to Council.

Decision:

Council received the presentation as information. Community Grant Applications will be reviewed at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting.

Community Grant Application- Hillside Lanes Bowling Society

Agenda Item 3.2 & 9.2; YouTube Livestream: 57:54, 2:21:10

Deb Watson from Hillside Lanes Bowling Society presented to Council as part of their Community Grant Application, requesting \$19,033.00 for automatic scoring software. Per Community Grant Policy 15-3, any request for funding over \$5000 requires a presentation to Council.

Decision:

Council received the presentation as information. Community Grant Applications will be reviewed at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting.

Public Hearing- Bylaw 1801, Linden/Kneehill County IDP

Agenda Item 4.1 & 9.3; YouTube Livestream: 1:47:42, 2:22:20

Council moved the meeting into a Public Hearing for Bylaw 1801, Linden/Kneehill County Intermunicipal Development Plan. Amendments to the Municipal Government Act came into effect including the requirement for all municipalities who share a boundary to work together to adopt an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP). A proposed draft IDP has been created and the administration and the assigned Committee from both Kneehill County and the Village of Linden have met to review and revise the proposed draft.

Decision:

Following the Public Hearing, Council approves Bylaw 1801 Village of Linden/Kneehill County Intermunicipal Development Plan.

Linden East Microsurface Project

Agenda Item 5.1.1; YouTube Livestream: 15:35

Additional material was required for the Linden East Microsurfacing Project for subgrade failures, and extra material around the CN rail tracks crossing and transitions. The additional costs amounted to \$64,744.30, for a final project cost of \$1,013,245.35. The other project completed in conjunction with the Linden East Microsurfacing (same supplier) was the Swalwell Microsurfacing project, which came in under budget by \$132,195.65. Administration recommended the additional funds required for the Linden East Microsurfacing be transferred from the surplus realized from the Swalwell Microsurfacing project.

Decision:

Council funded the Linden East Microsurface Project deficit by transferring \$64,744.30 from the Swalwell Microsurfacing Project surplus.

Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Cancellation

Agenda Item 5.3.1; YouTube Livestream: 19:58

As there is only one item on the next Municipal Planning Commission meeting agenda, the applicant agreed to move his application forward to the November 28, 2019 MPC meeting.

Decision:

Council moves to cancel the October 24, 2019 Municipal Planning Commission Meeting. The next MPC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 28, 2019.

Policy 12-3 Commemorative Bench Policy

Agenda Item 5.4.1; YouTube Livestream: 21:55

Policy 12-3, the Commemorative Bench Policy, was brought forward as part of ongoing policy reviews. The Commemorative Bench Program provides residents and visitors the opportunity to donate a bench in Kneehill County to honour the memory and/or recognize the achievements of a friend or loved one.

Decision:

Council approved the Commemorative Bench Policy 12-3 as amended, with minor changes.

Horseshoe Canyon Parking Lot

Agenda Item 5.4.2; YouTube Livestream: 24:24

Due to the hard surface and slope of the Horseshoe Canyon parking lot, sluffing and erosion along the northeast corner of the area had occurred previous to Kneehill County's purchase of the property. While efforts have since been made to reduce the erosion, extreme weather events have contributed to the sluffing issue, now threatening infrastructure and public safety. During the site's winter closure, Kneehill County crews plan to regrade, reshape and vegetate the area of the Horseshoe Canyon parking lot to fix the drainage issue and prevent further erosion.

Decision:

Council received the Horseshoe Canyon parking lot report for information.

Shallow Gas Tax Relief Initiative

Agenda Item 6.1; YouTube Livestream: 1:19:55

The Shallow Gas Tax Relief Initiative provides support to shallow gas producers to mitigate outdated assessment models (which are expected to be updated in 2020), lower commodity prices and other economic conditions. The program provides immediate relief to these producers by crediting 35% of the 2019 property taxes levied on qualifying properties.

Decision:

Council authorizes the reduction of 2019 property taxes by 35% for eligible shallow gas producers (listed in the Council package), as part of the Shallow Gas Tax Relief Initiative (SGTRI) mandated by the Province.

2020 Kneehill Regional FCSS Budget and Allocations

Agenda Item 8.1; YouTube Livestream: 1:29:33

Under the Kneehill Regional FCSS Agreement, it states that the Board will prepare the annual budget and provide a copy to each participating municipality for review and approval. In the 2020 budget, the municipal requisition was increased by 1.4% to cover the cost of living increase in 2020, raising Kneehill County's contribution from \$47,388.00 in 2019 to be \$48,052.00 in 2020.

Decision:

Council approves the Kneehill Regional Family and Community Support Services (KRFCSS) Budget and Allocations as presented.

Police Services Funding- Provincial Consultation

Agenda Item 8.2; YouTube Livestream: 1:35:56

The Province is conducting a consultation process on funding policing services across Alberta. The draft proposal includes 291 municipalities who are not currently paying for policing, but would begin paying a percentage of frontline policing costs. The proposed formula could see Kneehill County paying \$238,000 to \$1.1 Million per year for front line policing services at a maintained level of service.

Decision:

Council directed administration to send a response letter as part of the Province's consultation, indicating Kneehill County's concerns with the police funding proposal created by the Province.

Town of Trochu Request to help Support the Seniors Facility Project

Agenda Item 8.3; YouTube Livestream: 2:13:54

Administration received a request from the Town of Trochu to partner with them in the construction of the Trochu Seniors Supportive Living Facility Project. This is a large request and Administration is recommending that the County seek further information and clarity prior to making a decision. Entertaining this request will have impacts on the County's ability to borrow and service other initiatives. Administration recommends having time to explore these ramifications before rendering a final decision.

Decision:

Council received the Town of Trochu, Trochu Seniors Supportive Living Facility Project request for information, and directed Administration to provide further information on the matter.

Council and Committee Reports

Agenda Item 10.1; YouTube Livestream: 2:24:29

Council and Committee Reports include Community Futures Wild Rose.

Decision:

Council received the Report for information.

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NEXT Regular and Organizational Council Meeting: October 22, 2019 at 8:30 am in Council Chambers
1600, 2nd Street NE, Three Hills, Alberta.
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