



Council Notes, January 8, 2019

Delegation, BDO Canada LLP- Alan Litster, Ryan Wachter & Mitchell Kennedy

Agenda Item 3.1, Live Stream 32:25

Auditors from BDO Canada LLP presented the annual financial audit process and strategy to Council. Having begun in November of 2018, the anticipated timeline for the audit's completion will be near the end of April, 2019, for presentation to Council.

Subdivision Extension

Agenda Item 5.3.1, Live Stream 23:35

The applicants of the proposed subdivision (approximately 3.75 acres (1.52 ha) to be subdivided out of a 159-acre parcel on NW 9-34-24 W4) are requesting an extension to meet the conditions of their subdivision approval.

Decision:

Council approves the subdivision extension for KNE160120 on NW 9-34-24-W4M to August 15, 2019.

Bylaw #1782, Borrowing to Finance Operating Expenditures

Agenda Item 6.1, Live Stream 27:11

If Kneehill County needs to borrow money for operating expenditures over the coming year, a bylaw is required to do so. Though the need to borrow is not expected, having Bylaw 1782 in place already will help the County access this credit for short-term purposes without delay, should the need arise.

Decision

Council approves Bylaw 1782, Borrowing to Finance Operating Expenditures 2019.

Bylaw #1781, Master Rates

Agenda Item 7.1, Live Stream 55:17

The Master Rates Bylaw lists all user and service fees for the County. First and second reading of this bylaw were carried at the December 11, 2018 Council meeting, however, there was not a unanimous vote to consider third reading (a requirement in the MGA). Administration was then directed to bring Bylaw 1781 back to the January 8, 2019 Council meeting to consider third reading.

Decision

Council considers 3rd reading of the Master Rates Bylaw, including review of changes to water rates, bulk water rates, and electrical permit fees. Bylaw 1781 approved as presented.

Council Remuneration Review

Agenda Item 7.2, Live Stream 1:06:03

With changes made to the taxation of elected officials effective January 1, 2019, (causing a 20% decrease in Council pay), Council directed administration to bring back a wage report of other municipalities within our zone for comparison, and to explore other options to negate the loss of Council wages.

Decision

Council moved to amend their remuneration to the 70th percentile, plus adjustments for Canada Revenue Agency changes, as presented. Administration will adjust Policy 3-19 to reflect this motion.

Support of Wheatland County Resolution

Agenda Item 8.1, Live Stream 1:33:48

Wheatland County is presenting a resolution requesting the Province of Alberta to update the Code of Practice for Compost Facilities, at the February 1, 2019, Central Zone Rural Municipal Association meeting, and have asked Kneehill County for their support.

Decision

Kneehill County Council votes to support Wheatland County's resolution.

Committee of the Whole Meeting Date

Agenda Item 8.2, Live Stream 1:37:46

Kneehill County Staff would like to present the draft Horseshoe Canyon Masterplan for Council's review, however, the consultants involved are not available to attend the February 5th, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting. Another Committee of the Whole meeting could be planned for Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at the conclusion of the regular Council Meeting.

Decision

Council adds a Committee of the Whole Meeting on February 12, following the Regular Council Meeting. The February 5 Committee of the Whole Meeting remains on the schedule as previously planned.

Policy #3-3, Board and Committee Appointments

Agenda Item 8.3, Live Stream 1:42:03

Policy #3-3 is a list of Committees on which members of Council serve. Council needs to appoint 4 members of Council to sit on the newly formed Kneehill/Trochu Negotiation Committee.

Decision

Council appoints Reeve Wittstock, Deputy Reeve McGhee, Councillor King, and Councillor Christie to the Kneehill/Trochu Negotiation Committee, and approves Policy #3-3 as presented.

Motion from In-Camera

Agenda Item 12.0, Live Stream 2:24:09

Intermunicipal Collaborative Frameworks between Kneehill County and our neighbouring municipalities are required by the MGA.

Decision

Council moves to support a joint application with the Town of Trochu for an Alberta Community Partnerships (ACP) grant, to fund mediated efforts toward concluding an ICF Agreement, with the Town of Trochu being the managing partner of the grant.

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NEXT Council Meeting: February 12, 2019 at 8:30 am in Council Chambers
1600, 2nd Street NE, Three Hills, Alberta.

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