



Council Notes, February 12, 2019

Delegation, Junior Achievement- Charity Vollman and Roger Stevenson

Agenda Item 3.1, Live Stream 1:49:42; Agenda Item 9.0, Live Stream 3:09:56

Council heard a presentation from Junior Achievement, a charitable organization offering hand-on programs and activities for youth from grades 5-12, helping them learn business concepts, develop financial literacy and explore career possibilities.

Decision:

Council approves a sponsorship of the Alberta Junior Achievement program in the amount of \$3,000 per year, for a period of three years.

Bylaw 1785, Solid Waste Bylaw

Agenda Item 5.2.1, Live Stream 21:38

With the implementation of a service fee for hamlet residential waste collection, Administration recommended a review and update of the current Bylaw 1684, Solid Waste Management Bylaw.

Decision:

Council passes Bylaw 1785, Solid Waste Bylaw. Updates include service fees for hamlet residential waste collection, the removal of Hesketh from waste collection, the definition of "residential" properties, and allows for properties considered non-residential to opt out of waste collection services.

Bylaw 1784, Municipal Planning Commission

Agenda Item 5.3.1, Live Stream 32:54

On September 25, 2018, Kneehill County participated in the Municipal Accountability Program. One of the goals of this program is to aid municipalities in achieving legislative compliance. An area requiring action that was identified in the study is some wording in the Municipal Planning Commission Bylaw.

Decision

Council passes Bylaw 1785, Municipal Planning Commission Bylaw. Wording revision clarifies that Councillors are unable to participate in both the Municipal Planning Commission and the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board simultaneously.

Designate Development Officer Position

Agenda Item 5.3.2, Live Stream 37:10

Development Officers for Kneehill County are appointed, pursuant to the Land Use Bylaw (Bylaw 1773), by Kneehill County Council. To continue with the desired level of service to our residents, Council approved an additional Development Officer position in Planning & Development in the 2019 Budget. It was recommended that Deanna Keiver be appointed as a Development Officer.

Decision

Council appoints Deanna Keiver as a Development Officer for Kneehill County, pursuant to Bylaw 1773.

Kneehill County Fire Engine Replacement

Agenda Item 5.5.1, Live Stream 39:47

On November 18, 2018, Trochu Fire responded to a motor vehicle incident on Highway 27 at Range Road 24-1 with the 2007 Fire Engine owned by Kneehill County. The roads were icy due to freezing rain that morning. The apparatus was rolled onto its roof in the ditch after hitting black ice. The insurance provider has decided the truck is a total write off. A rental fire engine is in place at the Trochu hall to meet immediate service levels. Kneehill County insurance will cover up to \$75,000 for the rental of this apparatus (approximately two years of rental).

Decision

Council moves to refer the Fire Engine Replacement agenda item until the February 26, 2019, Council meeting.

Appointment of Director of Emergency Management and Deputies

Agenda Item 5.5.2, Live Stream 50:38

Under the Emergency Management Act, Kneehill County must appoint a person as the Director of Emergency Management. Council had appointed Mr. Hoggan as DEM and Debra Grosfield as DDEM in 2015 and 2016, however there is now a vacancy in the DEM position.

Decision

Council appoints Debra Grosfield as Director of Emergency Management, Laurie Watt as Deputy Director of Emergency Management and Natalie Chubala as Deputy Director of Emergency Management for Kneehill County, effective immediately.

Bylaw 1783, Councillor Code of Conduct

Agenda Item 8.1, Live Stream 54:18

On September 25, 2018, Kneehill County participated in the Municipal Accountability Program. One of the goals of the program is to aid municipalities in achieving legislative compliance. One area that was identified in the study as needing action was the Councillor Code of Conduct Bylaw.

Decision

Council passes Bylaw 1783, Councillor Code of Conduct, amended with the deletion of a statement that allowed Council to request the removal of a Councillor.

Bylaw 1780, Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

Agenda Item 8.2, Live Stream 1:08:43

On September 25, 2018, Kneehill County participated in the Municipal Accountability Program. One of the goals of the program is to aid municipalities in achieving legislative compliance. An area that was identified in the study that requires action is the Subdivision and Development and Appeal Board Bylaw.

Decision

Council passes Bylaw 1780, Subdivision and Appeal Board, amended to state that the SDAB may consist of only one member of Council at a time.

Bylaw 1779, Procedural Bylaw

Agenda Item 8.3, Live Stream 1:11:41

On September 25, 2018, Kneehill County voluntarily participated in the Municipal Accountability Program. One of the goals of the program is to aid municipalities in achieving legislative compliance. One area that was identified in the study as needing action was the Procedural Bylaw.

Decision

Council passes Bylaw 1779, Procedural Bylaw. Amendments including procedure for cancelling Council meetings, Recorded Vote documentation, terminology (In-Camera to Closed Session), and seating arrangements in Council Chambers.

Town of Trochu & Kneehill County Negotiation Protocol Agreement Ratification

Agenda Item 8.4, Live Stream 1:36:10

The Councils of Trochu and Kneehill County input into Negotiating Protocols at the December 19 – 20, 2018 session. The next step is for Kneehill County Council to pass a resolution ratifying the agreement. The Town of Trochu will do the same at their next Council meeting.

Decision

Council approves the Town of Trochu and Kneehill County Negotiation Protocol Agreement as presented. The goal of negotiations is to achieve a mutually agreed Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) Agreement that meets the needs of both parties.

Kneehill County/Town of Trochu Mediation & Cooperative Processes

Agenda Item 8.5, Live Stream 1:38:51

The Town of Trochu and Kneehill County jointly applied for an Alberta Community Partnerships Grant to help fund mediated efforts toward concluding an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement. Administration received a letter from Municipal Affairs informing Kneehill County and the Town of Trochu that their grant applications had been approved, under the condition that both parties match the funds granted.

Decision

Council approves up to \$36,250 to be funded out of the 2019 Operating Budget, enabling Kneehill County to utilize the matching funds provided by the Province to help fund mediated efforts with the Town of Trochu.

Royal Canadian Legion Military Service Recognition Book

Agenda Item 8.6, Live Stream 1:42:38

A request was made from the Alberta/Northwest Territory Command of the Royal Canadian Legion for Kneehill County to assist with their Annual *Military Service Recognition Book* with an Advertisement/Support Message.

Decision

Council approves to provide support to the Royal Canadian Legion "Military Service Recognition Book" with the purchase of a business card size advertisement at a cost of \$285.

Ag for Life Request

Agenda Item 8.7, Live Stream 2:02:24

A letter was received from Ag for Life requesting Kneehill County to invest in their Bumper Sticker campaign.

Decision

Council approves donating \$1,500 to the Ag for Life Bumper Sticker Campaign to help support the Ag for Life's Rural Safety Unit, which helps to educate, encourage and promote safety on the farm, ranch and rural areas.

Kneehill Area Community Discovery Nights 2019

Agenda Item 8.8, Live Stream 2:06:51

An invitation has been received from FCSS to attend the 2019 Kneehill Area Community Discovery Nights. Staff (Community Peace Officers) will participate as exhibitors. In the past, members of Council have taken advantage of this opportunity to engage with the community.

Decision

Council authorizes the attendance of Councillors to the Kneehill Area Community Discovery nights.

75th Anniversary Initiative

Agenda Item 8.9, Live Stream 2:09:55

Kneehill County was incorporated in 1944 as a municipal corporation, making 2019 our 75th milestone anniversary year. Included in the initiative—historic displays, photo contest, community stories, parade attendance and a 75th Anniversary Celebration. Full presentation available in the Council package.

Decision

Council endorses the 75th Anniversary initiative as presented.

Municipal Planning Commission Member at Large

Agenda Item 8.10, Live Stream 2:17:45; 2:26:40

At the October 23, 2018 Organizational Meeting, Council directed administration to advertise for a second Member at Large for MPC. To date, two applications have been received for the position.

Decision

Council moves to continue advertising for the position of Municipal Planning Commission Member at Large.

Reconsideration to Motion 8/19 from January 8, 2019: Third Reading to Bylaw 1781- Master Rates

Agenda Item 8.11, Live Stream 2:27:56

If a member of Council wants to reconsider a motion it needs to be made by a person who voted on the prevailing side and they must provide the reason for making a “Motion to Reconsider”. The motion to reconsider should be made at the meeting at which the motion was made or during the next regular meeting.

A bylaw is passed when it receives third reading and it is signed in accordance with Section 213. Bylaw #1781 has not been signed as of yet.

Decision

Council moves to reconsider motion #8/19, third reading to Bylaw 1781 Master Rates. Council then amends Bylaw 1781 to reflect Bulk Water Rates at \$4.50/cubic meter monthly with no limit. Previously, the Bulk Water Rates were at \$5.00/m³ under 50m³/month, and \$9.00/m³ over 50m³/month. Third reading to Bylaw 1781, passed.

Council and Committee Reports.

Agenda Item 10.0, Live Stream 3:13:14

Council and Committee reports include December 4, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting, Doctor Recruitment and Retention Committee and Community Futures Wild Rose. Councillor King provided Council with a verbal update regarding the Huxley ratepayer meeting held Jan 28, 2019.

Decision

Council receives as information.

Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks

Agenda Item 12.0, Live Stream 5:48:20

Closed Session: Intergovernmental Relations (Section 21)

Decision

Following Closed Session, Council moves to direct administration to continue to actively pursue ICF negotiations with the Town of Three Hills, Village of Linden, Village of Acme, Village of Carbon and the Town of Drumheller.

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Next Council Meeting: February 26, 2019 at 8:30 am in Council Chambers
1600, 2nd Street NE, Three Hills, Alberta.
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