



Council Notes: April 23, 2019

Weed & Pest Inspectors

Agenda Item 5.4, YouTube Livestreaming 22:30

In compliance with the Alberta Agricultural Service Board Act, Weed Control Act, Pest Control Act, and Soil Conservation Act, Inspectors shall be appointed through Council motion to legally carry out all duties and responsibilities as outlined with in the acts.

Decision:

Council appoints for the term of their employment with Kneehill County Lindsay Dyck, Jayme Ladouceur, Jake Robertson, Jennifer Smyth, and Jeffery Guidolin Weed and Pest inspectors and Soil Conservation Officers for Kneehill County as per the Alberta Weed Control Act, Agricultural Pest Act and the Soil Conservation Act.

2018 Audited Financial Statements

Agenda Item 6.1, YouTube Livestreaming 27:02 and 48:32

To request Council's acceptance of the 2018 Audited Financial Statements as per Section 276 of the MGA. Summary provided by Finance Director.

Decision:

Council approves the 2018 Audited Financial as presented (by BDO Canada LLP, Finance).

2019 Operating Budget

Agenda Item 6.2, YouTube Livestreaming 1:00:00

Section 242 of the MGA requires a Municipality to pass the operating budget annually. On December 11, 2018 Council passed the 2019 Interim Operating Budget with the anticipation that a Final 2019 Operating Budget would be brought forth at a future meeting once 2019 Assessment numbers and requisitions were available. Administration presented 2019 budget amendments as well as tax scenarios and discussed methods of which to balance the 2019 Operating Budget at the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on April 15, 2019.

Decision:

Council approves the 2019 Operating Budget as presented.

2019 Project and Capital Budget

Agenda Item 6.3, YouTube Livestreaming 1:09:35

Section 245 of the MGA requires a Municipality to pass the capital budget annually. The 2019 Interim Capital Budget was passed on December 11, 2018, but this final approval is required due to amendments as well as the confirmation of financing sources to fund the capital budget/projects. The carryforward projects from 2018 are now also included.

Decision:

Council approves the 2019 Project and Capital Budget as presented.

Water Local Improvement Bylaw Amendments, Bylaws 1790, 1791, 1792

Agenda Item 6.4, YouTube Livestreaming 1:31:43

To apply the special benefitting tax levy of \$562.95 per year for 15 years, a water riser bylaw was written with a schedule of roll #'s affected. When new rolls #'s are assigned due to subdivisions these bylaws require amending to include the new roll # and to delete the old one. These amendments are required in order to give Administration the authority to transfer the local improvement charge to the correct parcel for the 2019 tax year. (Pertains to Selkirk, Gamble, Grainger-Hesketh areas.)

Decision:

Council approves all three readings of Bylaws 1790, 1791, and 1792.

Water Service Area Special Tax Bylaw 1788

Agenda Item 6.5, YouTube Livestreaming 1:41:56

The Municipal Government Act states in Section 382(1) that “each council may pass a special tax bylaw to raise revenue to pay for a specific service or purpose” and Section 383(i) “the special tax bylaw authorizes the council to impose the tax in respect of property in any area of the municipality that will benefit from the specific service or purpose stated in the bylaw”. A special tax bylaw must be passed annually (MGA Section 382(2)). (Pertains to areas across the entire County, including Equity, Mr. Vernon and Churchill areas)

Decision:

Council approves all three readings of Bylaw 1788.

Trochu Recreation Area Special Tax Bylaw 1789

Agenda Item 6.6, YouTube Livestreaming 1:49:50

This tax is collected and forwarded to the Town of Trochu as a payment at year end pursuant to their report to fund 50% of their costs to operate the Trochu pool facility. The original Bylaw #692 was approved by Council after a vote of the people on April 14, 1972.

Bylaw #692 was for the construction and operation of the Trochu pool and this bylaw cannot be repealed except by the same way it was approved, Section 191(2) “the amendment or repeal must be made in the same way as the original bylaw and is subject to the same consents or conditions or advertising requirements that apply to the passing of the original bylaw”. This means that it would have to go to a vote of the people to repeal this annual tax.

Decision:

Council approves all three readings of Bylaw 1789

2019 Tax Rate Bylaw 1787

Agenda Item 6.7, YouTube Livestreaming 1:55:00

When a Council provides direction to Administration on the current year operating and capital budgets, the tax rates are part of this process. A balanced budget is met by recovering revenue through grants, reserves, user fees and taxation. Thus, tax rates are imposed to ensure the budget is balanced once assessment numbers are known.

Decision:

Council approves all three readings of Bylaw 1787.

Community Grants to Non Profit Organizations Policy 15-3

Agenda Item 7.1, YouTube Livestreaming 2:09:05

Council at the March 26th, 2019 Council meeting made a motion to bring the Community Grants to Non-Profit applications to the April 15th Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Decision:

Community Grants to Non-Profits include Swalwell Ladies Town & Country Club for AED \$1878, Kneehill Historical Society for platform \$4228, Wimborne Community Centre to refinish floor \$5000, Three Hills Victim Services for laptop \$500, Acme Seniors Assoc for ceiling repairs \$2000.

Kneehill 4-H District Request for Sponsorship

Agenda Item 8.1, YouTube Livestreaming 2:12:36

Administration received a letter from the Kneehill 4-H District requesting financial support for the Kneehill 4-H District Show and Sale Catalogue.

Decision:

Council approves sponsorship in the amount of \$600.00 to the Kneehill 4-H District to help with the cost of printing the 2019 District Show/Sale Catalogue.

Redesignation of portion SE 19-34-24-W4

Agenda Item 9.1, YouTube Livestreaming 3:37:01

Carl and Tanya Scheunert have applied to redesignate an additional 3-acre(±) portion of SE 19-34-24 W4 from the Agriculture District to Local Rural Commercial District. The applicants would like to increase the area for redesignation by an additional 3-acres. This additional area will provide for overflow parking and over-night parking for RVs. This was not contemplated in the original application, however, the applicants want to create an alternative to avoid the potential of drinking and driving. No subdivision is proposed. A development permit follows the redesignation process.

Decision:

Council passes 2nd and 3rd readings of Bylaw 1796.

Motions following Council's Closed Session

Agenda Item 12.0, YouTube Livestreaming 3:42:42

1. Council approves that, from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020, the Kneehill Medical Clinic will pay 90% of the rent as per the Lease Agreement, in acknowledgement of the fact that there have been some issues with the building.
2. Council agrees to accept the settlement offer as recommended by legal counsel and administration for payment of tax rolls 31230541500, 31230931200, 31230940910, 31231031400, 31231510100, 31231520600 & 34253631100 for a total of \$118,872.19; and any balances outstanding on rolls 30242920300, 31232220400 & 40001610000 will be written off as not collectable, and, Council designate the CAO to execute any documentation required in the settlement of this matter.

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Next Council Meeting: May 14, 2019 at 8:30 am in Council Chambers
1600, 2nd Street NE, Three Hills, Alberta.

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