



Council Notes May 12, 2020

BDO Canada LLP, Alan Litster and Mitchell Kennedy—2019 Financial Statements

Agenda Item 3.1; YouTube Livestream [31:56](#)

Representatives from BDO Canada presented Council with a virtual auditor's report on Kneehill County's 2019 Financial Statements.

Bylaw 1817, Town of Drumheller/Kneehill County IDP

Agenda Item 4.1; YouTube Livestream: [2:00:39](#); [3:27:35](#)

Council moved the meeting into a virtual Public Hearing for the Town of Drumheller/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 IDP. A proposed draft has been created and reviewed by the Committees from both Kneehill County and the Town of Drumheller, and the next step in the process is to provide an opportunity for public comments and feedback.

Due to safety precautions for COVID-19, public participation during the Public Hearing was available via email during the public hearing. No emails were received from the public.

Decision:

Council gave second and third reading to Bylaw 1817, passing the Town of Drumheller/Kneehill County Intermunicipal Development Plan.

Drinking Water Safety Plans

Agenda Item 5.1; YouTube Livestream: [56:31](#)

Environmental Services provided Council with the Drinking Water Safety Plan (DWSP) for each Kneehill County water system, including the Hamlet of Huxley, Hamlet of Wimborne, Churchill, Equity, Mt. Vernon, Kirkpatrick, Southern Rural (Swalwell, Gamble, Grainger, Selkirk) and Sunnyslope (Gravity - South, Pressure – North, Torrington). The Drinking Water Safety Plans are reviewed regularly to identify and mitigate potential risks associated with each component of a water system. [View the DWSP's in today's Council package.](#)

Decision:

Council received the Drinking Water Safety Plans as information.

2019 Audited Financial Statements

Agenda Item 6.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:05:10](#)

The County is required by the MGA to prepare annual Financial Statements following accounting principles for municipal governments. The financial statements also require an auditor's report, which was completed by Kneehill County's appointed auditor, BDO of Red Deer.

These statements provide information on the County's financial position, and reflect the previous approvals and direction of Council. The overall financial position of the County is positive at the end of 2019, and reflects Council and Administration's ongoing focus on prudent financial management. [View 2019's Financial Statements in the Council Package.](#)

Decision:

Council accepted the 2019 Financial Statement Report as presented.

County COVID Operations Report.

Agenda Item 8.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:13:51](#)

Administration provided Council with a summary of Kneehill County's continued operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. County staff have been working remotely or in isolation wherever possible, and while the nature or provision of some services for residents have changed, most services have been able to continue as normal. In addition, many departments have been able to resource staff during the pandemic to tackle outstanding projects or initiatives. Business Continuity Planning continues, and administration is working on re-opening plans for the near future.

Decision:

Council accepted the COVID Operations Report as presented.

Closed Session

Agenda Item 12.0; YouTube Livestream: [2:16:00](#)

FOIP Section 21- Intergovernmental Relations

NEXT Council Meeting: May 26, 2020 at 8:30 am in Council Chambers
1600, 2nd Street NE, Three Hills, Alberta.
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