



# Council Notes November 10, 2020

## Policy Reviews

The following Policies were presented to Council as part of an ongoing review of current policies--in particular policies that have not been reviewed for over four years.

- Policy 1-32, ASB Administrative- Pesticide Container Collection  
*Agenda Item 6.3.1; YouTube Livestream [48:02](#)*
  - Council confirmed Policy 1-32 ASB Administrative – Pesticide Container Collection as recommended by the Ag Service Board. This policy was brought forward as part of regular review, with no changes required.
- Policy 1-32-1, ASB Administrative- Haying County Road Allowances  
*Agenda Item 6.3.2; YouTube Livestream [49:50](#)*
  - Council approved Policy 1-32-1 ASB Administrative – Haying County Road Allowances as recommended by the Ag Service Board. Changes to the policy removed the date restricting County operations.
- Policy 1-32-2, ASB Administrative- Public Land Mowing  
*Agenda Item 6.3.3; YouTube Livestream [51:11](#)*
  - Council approved Policy 1-32-2 ASB Administrative – Public Land Mowing as recommended by the Ag Service Board and amended. Changes to the policy removed procedural points and redundant statements.
- Policy 1-32-3 ASB Administrative- Stampede Farm Family Award  
*Agenda Item 6.3.4; YouTube Livestream [55:02](#)*
  - Council approved Policy 1-32-3 ASB Administrative - Stampede Farm Family Award as recommended by the Ag Service Board. Updates to the policy include grammatical changes and clarifying phrasing to align with Calgary Stampede/BMO current requirements.

## Drumheller RCMP Update

*Agenda Item 3.1 & 10.1; YouTube Livestream: [16:35](#); [2:27:00](#)*

Sgt. Bourque from Drumheller RCMP joined Council via conference call to present an RCMP update, including recent crime statistics. View the reports in the [Council Package](#).

### **Decision:**

Council accepted the Drumheller RCMP report for information.

## Public Hearing Bylaw 1827 Ag to Ag Business District SW 27-30-25-W4

*Agenda Item 4.1 & 10.2; YouTube Livestream: [1:49:32](#); [2:28:00](#)*

Roger Runnels and Renae Franche have applied to redesignate 0.5 +/- acres of a Ptn. of SW 27-30-25 W4 from Agriculture District to Agriculture Business District for a commercial greenhouse and to provide retail services and workshops to the public. Council gave first reading to this Bylaw at the October 13, 2020 Council meeting. The next step in the development is to provide an opportunity for public comments and feedback prior to passing the Bylaw.

### **Decision:**

Following the Public Hearing, Council moved second and third reading, passing Bylaw 1827 to redesignate a portion of SW 27-30-25 W4 Plan 121 0619 Block 1 Lot 2 from Agriculture District to the Ag Business District.

## Torrington Gravel Update

*Agenda Item 5.1; YouTube Livestream: [34:00](#)*

Brad Buchert, Director of Transportation, provided Council with a verbal report on the excavation work currently underway in the Torrington area (SE-16) to obtain gravel resources for the County. Recent drill reports show roughly double the gravel resources on-site than originally estimated.

### **Decision:**

Council received the report for information.

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## Kneehill Adult Learning Request

Agenda Item 8.1; YouTube Livestream: [56:42](#)

Administration received a request from Kneehill Adult Learning for Kneehill County to sponsor the cost of the Workshop and Trainer Fees for their upcoming Suicide Prevention Safe Talk Workshop, in the amount of \$1,530.00.

### **Decision:**

Council donated \$1,530.00 under the Recreation, Community, Arts and Cultural Events Grant to Kneehill Adult Learning to assist with the costs associated with hosting a Suicide Prevention Safe Talk Workshop.

## Investment Growth Strategy

Agenda Item 9.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:11:03](#)

The Province of Alberta published the “Selling Alberta to the world, Investment Growth Strategy,” in September 2020 as a tool to get Alberta’s economy back on track. The Strategy requires municipalities to participate in the “Investment Growth” program to help the province secure investments and create quality jobs.

Council’s Strategic Plan aligns well with these new goals in terms of Ag & Tourism business attraction, and Kneehill County been working over the last 6 months to improve its “investment readiness” and “business friendliness.” Administration will continue to review and highlight areas of improvement going forward to better align Kneehill County’s strategies with the Province’s new Growth Strategy.

### **Decision:**

Council accepted the Selling Alberta to the World, Investment Growth Strategy for information & requested further information on the state of Kneehill County’s “Investment Readiness” to start proactively working on aligning the County’s strategies with those of the Province.

## Election 2021

Agenda Item 9.2; YouTube Livestream: [2:02:26](#)

The next Municipal General Election will take place on October 18, 2021. Administration provided Council with an Election 2021 report and overview, which included some changes made to the Local Authorities Election Act since the last election, and the election processes that require Council approval prior to the election being held, such as the appointment of a Returning Officer, and Substitute Returning Officer. The 2021 Election information is available for viewing in the [Council Package](#), and will be published to the Kneehill County website by January 1, 2021.

### **Decision:**

Council appointed Carolyn Van der Kuil as the Returning Officer, Mary-Lou Willis as Substitute Returning Officer for the 2021 Municipal Election, and received the Election 2021 Report for information.

## Fire Bans

Agenda Item 9.7; YouTube Livestream: [2:14:09](#)

Council engaged in a discussion on the County’s current fire ban procedures, and the possibility of enacting a “Harvest Fire Ban,” or introducing other specific bans for locations or activities that pose a significant fire risk in the County.

### **Decision:**

Council directed administration to bring back further information regarding fire risk management solutions and fire bans to a future Council meeting.

## Closed Session

Agenda Item 13.0; YouTube Livestream: [2:39:50](#)

Council moved the meeting into Closed Session. (Section 21 FOIP)

NEXT Council Meeting: November 24, 2020 at 8:30 am in Council Chambers  
1600, 2nd Street NE, Three Hills, Alberta.  
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