



Council Notes January 26, 2021

Trochu Housing Corporation

Agenda Item 3.1 & 9.1; YouTube Livestream: [33:49](#); (Part 2) [1:55](#)

Trochu Housing Corporation has requested Kneehill County's support to provide financial backing to the Town of Trochu as they borrow \$20 million dollars to finance the construction of their Seniors Supportive Living Facility project. Sam Smalldon from Trochu Housing Corporation joined Council virtually to present further information regarding this request.

Decision:

Council directed administration to prepare a framework related to possible support of the Trochu Housing Corporation project, prepared for the February 9th, 2021 Council meeting.

Capital Replacements for Fire

Agenda Item 5.4.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:11:34](#)

Two Fire trucks are currently up for renewal on Kneehill County's Capital Equipment Plan—the Torrington Tender, (a water **tender** is a type of firefighting apparatus that transports water to a fire scene) and the Carbon Brush Truck (a **Brush Truck** is smaller than a typical fire engine and is primarily used for wildfires and emergencies in rough terrain.) At the Committee of the Whole Meeting in November, the committee directed administration to provide more research on purchasing replacements for these trucks that could also potentially increase the level of fire service provided to Kneehill County communities.

Decision:

- Council increased the level of fire service for Tender replacements to purchase a Tender with pump capability, increasing the purchase from \$475,000 to \$575,000 on the Capital Equipment Plan (CEP).
- Council maintained the level of fire service for Brush Truck replacements, to purchase Brush Trucks with the enhancements suggested, increasing the purchase from \$100,000 to \$120,000 on the Capital Equipment Plan.
- Council recommended the Capital Equipment Plan annual contribution be increased by \$35,336 in the 2021 proposed budget due to the increased costs of replacement.

RCMP and Council's Priorities

Agenda Item 5.4.2; YouTube Livestream: [2:39:48](#)

Kneehill County has 5 RCMP detachments serving our area; Three Hills, Innisfail, Drumheller, Beiseker, and Olds. All detachments provide Annual Reports to the County, and are seeking Council's direction on priorities they would like to see reflected in their yearly plans.

Decision:

Council set their community priorities for RCMP services as the following:

- Rural crime prevention
- Presence in rural communities
- Road safety
- Staff positions actively on-duty reports
- Working cooperatively with Kneehill County Protective Services Department

Tax Cancellation- Industrial Accounts

Agenda Item 6.1; YouTube Livestream: [2:56:05](#)

Due to uncollectable taxes on bankrupt industrial properties, administration is requesting the cancellation of past arrears on the applicable rolls totaling \$12, 599.10. In addition, the associated 2021 penalties, which amount to \$251.98, will need to be voided.

Decision:

Council cancelled and expensed \$12,599.19 in property taxes on the industrial rolls and directed administration to void any 2021 penalties.

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Master Rates Bylaw 1831

Agenda Item 8.1; YouTube Livestream: [3:00:13](#)

Kneehill County's Master Rates Bylaw establishes rates, fees, and charges for various County operations, products, permits, and services, reviewed annually and updated each year. View a list of proposed amendments and changes to fees for 2021 in the [Council Package](#). Please note, Council has amended the draft Bylaw to eliminate the rebate in place for residential and commercial dust control.

Decision:

Council gave first & second reading to Master Rates Bylaw 1831, amended to eliminate the Dust Control rebate.

Council Remuneration Review

Agenda Item 8.2; YouTube Livestream: [3:18:05](#); [5:23:41](#)

At the December 8, 2020 Council meeting, Council directed Administration to prepare a draft policy proposal regarding Councillor remuneration (Council pay & expenses) for further public debate. Administration prepared the following topics, including municipal comparisons, for discussion and Council decision:

1. Base Pay Inclusions
2. Base Pay
3. Per-Diem Amount
4. Ad Hoc meeting without Council Approval
5. Mileage
6. Meals
7. Communication Pay
8. Divisional Meetings

View the full Council discussion on our [YouTube channel](#).

Decision:

Council directed Administration to prepare draft policies governing Council remuneration based on Council's discussion.

Council and Committee Reports

Agenda Item 10.0; YouTube Livestream: [5:19:45](#)

Council and Committee reports include Community Futures Wildrose and Committee of the Whole meeting minutes from December 1, 2020.

Decision:

Council received the Council and Committee Reports for information.

Closed Session

Agenda Item 12.0; YouTube Livestream: [6:47:52](#) (Part 2) [55:58](#)

Council moved the meeting into Closed Session: Personnel (FOIP, Section 17)

Motions from Closed Session:

Agenda Item 13.0; YouTube Livestream: (Part 3) [0:30](#)

- Council authorized the Reeve to sign the amended Chief Administrative Officer Employment Agreement with Mike Haugen on behalf of Kneehill County once amendments have been made by legal counsel.
- Council moved that the Chief Administrative Officer Employment Agreement between Mike Haugen and Kneehill County remain confidential in accordance with FOIPP Section 17 "disclosure harmful to personal privacy"

NEXT Council Meeting: February 9, 2021, at 8:30 am in Council Chambers
1600, 2nd Street NE, Three Hills, Alberta.
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