



## Council Notes March 9, 2021

### 2020 Road Program Overview

*Agenda Item 4.1; YouTube Livestream: [29:50](#)*

Kneehill County's Transportation Department presented Council with an overview of road work and projects completed throughout the County in 2020. Overall Kneehill County maintains 1900 km of gravel roads, 82km of paved roadways, 500 km of dirt trails, and the streets within five Hamlets.

Watch the presentation on [YouTube](#) and view the [PDF here](#).

Road stats (All 7 divisions):

- Approaches installed- 21
- Cross/Line Culverts Replaced- 61
- Drainage/Ditching Issues Fixed- 24
- Washouts Fixed- 6
- Dirt Trail Projects- 12
- Dust Control Applications- 64
- Road Maintenance Projects- 6
- Hamlet Projects- 5
- Bridge Minor Maintenance Projects- 11
- Bridge Replacement Projects- 6
- Road Re-Build Projects- 2
- Gravel applied to County roads: 123,000 tonnes

**Decision:**

Council received the presentation for information.

### Bylaw 1833- Borrowing Bylaw

*Agenda Item 6.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:20:55](#)*

Council approved to support the development of the Trochu Seniors Supportive Living Facility Project through a loan guarantee to the Town of Trochu at the February 9, 2021 Council Meeting. To move forward with the loan guarantee, a Borrowing Bylaw must be passed by Council, which is conditional on the Town of Trochu entering an agreement incorporating all conditions noted in the motion of approval on February 9, 2021.

**Decision:**

Council gave first reading to Bylaw 1833, Borrowing Guarantee, a bylaw to authorize the guarantee of a loan to the Town of Trochu. Bylaw 1833 is available for public viewing on [Kneehill County's website](#).

### Tax Cancellation- Industrial Accounts

*Agenda Item 6.2; YouTube Livestream: [1:24:25](#)*

A Court Order approving the purchase of two wells from Trident Exploration indicated that the purchasers were responsible for the payment of 2020 tax levies only. As those levies have been paid, the previous tax balance owing for Trident Exploration in the amount of \$9,451.37 must be cancelled. County Administration will apply for the Provincial Education and Requisition Credit to try and recoup some of the cost.

**Decision:**

Council moved to cancel \$9,451.37 in property taxes on the specified rolls, directed administration to submit an application under the Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC), and voided any 2021 penalties currently attached to these rolls.

## 2021 Public Auction Tax Sale Date

*Agenda Item 6.3; YouTube Livestream: [1:52:02](#)*

The Municipal Government Act, Section 418, requires Council to set a date for public auction for all properties with more than 2 years of tax arrears. Currently, only one property is on the list for auction.

### **Decision:**

Council set the 2021 Tax Sale Public Auction for Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 2 pm, at the County Administration Office.

## Council Compensation and Expense Remuneration

*Agenda Item 7.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:54:09](#)*

Council first reviewed and discussed policies relating to Council compensation at the January 26, 2021, Council meeting. A draft policy reflecting the changes made during this discussion was then brought forward for Council's consideration on February 23, 2021. Administration presented Council with the final policy, incorporating the changes in compensation, and combining the original thirteen expense and remuneration policies into one overarching document. In the policy, Council reduced their compensation overall by approximately 15%. Council base pay has been reduced by approximately \$200 per month, and per diems were also reduced, from \$395.07 for a full day to \$325.00, and \$197.54 down to \$162.50 for half days. The reduction will save the County a minimum of \$52,000/year.

### **Decision:**

Council approved Policy 3-1, Council Compensation and Expense Remuneration as presented with the amended salary and per diem rates to come in effect for the March 2021 timesheet and expense report.

## Policy Review- Recission

*Agenda Item 8.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:58:20](#)*

Policy 3-1, Council Compensation and Expense Remuneration (approved earlier in the meeting) combined the following policies into one overarching policy:

- Policy 3-8, Automatically Approved Attendance
- Policy 3-19, Reimbursement- Per Diem and Salary
- Policy 3-19-1, Reimbursement- Mileage
- Policy 3-19-2, Reimbursement- Meals
- Policy 3-6, Convention Attendance/Overnight Allowance/Partner Program
- Policy 3-9, Electronic Devices
- Policy 3-18, Communications Allowance
- Policy 3-5, Committee Pay Differential
- Policy 3-4, Committee Member/Alternate Attending Meetings
- Policy 3-15, Overnight Expenses
- Policy 3-20, Group Health Plan and AD&D Insurance Coverage
- Policy 3-14-1, Meetings- With Ratepayers
- Policy 3-24, Promotional Clothing and Goods Program
- Policy 3-19-5, Rental of Vehicles

### **Decision:**

Council rescinded 13 former policies relating to Council compensation, as Policy 3-1 Council Compensation and Expense Remuneration combined them all into one overarching policy.

## Council Appointees Reimbursement Policy

*Agenda Item 8.2; YouTube Livestream: [2:00:06](#)*

As a result of these Council Compensation and Expense Remuneration policies being combined, the Council Appointees policy needs to be amended to include how members will be reimbursed for mileage, meals, and convention allowance. Administration has also amended the annual per diem adjustment, so it coincides with Council's Compensation and Expense Remuneration policy and is requesting that the number of this policy be changed from Policy 3-19-3 to Policy 3-3, to coincide numerically with the others.

**Decision:**

Council approved Policy 3-19-3, Council Appointees Reimbursement Policy as presented, and amended the policy number to Policy 3-3.

## Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Spring Resolutions

*Agenda Item 8.3; YouTube Livestream: [2:02:43](#)*

The Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) advocates on behalf of rural municipalities. At the upcoming RMA Spring 2021 Convention, these [resolutions](#) will be presented during the resolution session.

**Decision:**

Council received for information the 2021 Rural Municipalities of Alberta Spring Resolutions Listing.

## Motion to Support 988 Crisis Hotline

*Agenda Item 8.4; YouTube Livestream: [2:07:07](#)*

Administration received a request from Damien C. Kurek, Member of Parliament for Battle River Crowfoot, for Council to pass a motion to endorse the proposed 988 crisis line, a national three-digit suicide and crisis hotline initiative.

**Decision:**

Council moved to endorse the 988 Crisis hotline; and directed administration to send a letter to the local MP, MLA, Federal Minister of Health, and the CRTC indicating Council's support.

## Council and Committee Reports

*Agenda Item 10.0; YouTube Livestream: [2:09:49](#)*

Council and Committee reports include verbal reports on Drumheller & District Solid Waste, and Community Futures Wildrose.

**Decision:**

Council received for information.

## Closed Session

*Agenda Item 12.1; YouTube Livestream: [4:19:52](#)*

Council moved the meeting into Closed Session (FOIP Section 16 & 25) Third Party Business Interest.

### **Motion from Closed Session:**

Council moved to include the additional proposed wording in the Development Agreement, satisfying the development permit requirement.

NEXT Council Meeting: March 23, 2021, at 8:30 am in Council Chambers  
1600, 2nd Street NE, Three Hills, Alberta.  
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