



Council Notes April 13, 2021

Delegation- Robert and Erica Paxton, Ultrasound Services

Agenda Item 3.1; 9.1; YouTube Livestream: [42:39](#); [5:19:04](#)

Erica and Robert Paxton presented Council with a request for start-up funding to provide a private Ultrasound business within the Kneehill Medical Clinic.

Decision:

Council moved to decline the request to provide funding for a private ultrasound business and requested that administration refer the business to Kneehill County's Economic Development Officer for support.

Delegation- Accurate Assessment

Agenda Item 3.2, 9.2; YouTube Livestream: [2:02:01](#); [5:27:17](#)

Delegations from Accurate Assessment provided Council with an overview of changes to the assessment base in the County from 2019-2020, including Residential, Non-Residential, Farmland, Designated Industrial Properties, and Linear assessments. Watch the presentation on our [YouTube channel](#).

Decision:

Council received the presentation from Accurate Assessment as information.

Delegation- David Price, Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame Recipient

Agenda Item 3.3, 9.3; YouTube Livestream [2:28:55](#) ; [5:28:49](#)

Every 2 years, Alberta's Agriculture Hall of Fame recognizes up to 3 individuals whose outstanding leadership, innovation and business practices have advanced Alberta's agriculture and food industry at the provincial level or beyond. One of the 2020 inductees to the Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame was David Price. David Price is a long-time resident of Kneehill County and has been an innovator and visionary in swine genetics, production, processing, and marketing for more than 50 years in Kneehill County.

Decision:

Kneehill County Council welcomed delegation David Price to congratulate and recognize him on his induction into the Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame.

Community Emergency Management Program- 2020 Review

Agenda Item 5.4.1; YouTube Livestream: [54:34](#)

The AEMA (Alberta Emergency Management Agency) conducts reviews of local Emergency Management programs each year. As Kneehill County's Emergency Management program is run regionally, the joint Community Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) was reviewed with representatives from Acme, Carbon, Linden, Kneehill County, Trochu and Three Hills. Local Emergency Management teams continually participate in table-top exercises, information sharing, and incident debriefs to help prepare and practice for emergencies in the area.

Decision:

Council accepted the Community Emergency Management 2020 Review by Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) for information, and recommended Emergency Management Elected Officials Training as an initiative under the Kneehill Regional Partnership.

Bylaw 1833- Borrowing Guarantee

Agenda Item 8.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:03:27](#)

At the February 9, 2021 Council meeting, Council approved supporting the development of the Trochu Seniors Supportive Living Facility Project in the Town of Trochu through a loan guarantee, which requires a Bylaw to be passed. First reading of the proposed Borrowing Guarantee Bylaw was given on March 9, 2021. The Bylaw was then advertised to allow the public opportunity to file a petition if not in favour of the Borrowing Guarantee. As of April 13, no petitions have been received.

Decision:

Council gave second and third reading to Bylaw 1833, passing the bylaw to authorize the guarantee of a loan to the Town of Trochu. (Please note--this loan guarantee bylaw is conditional upon the Town of Trochu entering an agreement to the satisfaction of Kneehill County. All conditions included in the motion of approval on February 9, 2021 by Kneehill County Council will be incorporated into this agreement.)

Set Reserve for Public Auction

Agenda Item 8.2; YouTube Livestream: [1:09:18](#)

Kneehill County has one property on the tax arrears list in 2021. Administration has been unable to contact the owner by phone, mail or through social media, and so in accordance with the MGA, the property will be auctioned off on May 27, 2021 at 2 pm at the Kneehill County Office. If the tax arrears and costs are paid prior to the sale date, the property will be pulled from the auction. More information about the property is available in the [Council Package](#).

Decision:

Council set the reserve bid for Roll 32263445100, Plan 5594FI, Block 6, Lot 4, Torrington at \$15,000. The purchaser must take possession of the property "as is", is responsible for the 2021 levy, transfer costs, GST, and must pay for the property by May 27, 2021.

Community Futures WildRose- Mastering Recovery Project Support

Agenda Item 8.3; YouTube Livestream: [1:15:25](#)

In response to the Business Retention and Expansion Survey in 2020, Community Futures Wild Rose is seeking to address the marketing and mental health barriers that businesses are facing through a Mastering Recovery project, valued at \$115,000. Community Futures is asking Kneehill County to consider contributing a cash and/or in-kind contribution, as well as a letter in support of this project.

Decision:

Council moved to support the Community Futures Wild Rose Mastering Recovery project through a letter of support, \$1000.00 contribution, and in-kind administrative support as required.

Senior's Outreach Annual General Meeting

Agenda Item 10.0; YouTube Livestream: [1:21:33](#)

Seniors Outreach will be hosting a Seniors Week program from June 7-13, 2021 and have requested the Reeve or alternate attend the launch on Monday, June 7th, 2021. They are also requesting a greeting from the County either in person or done by through a pre-recorded presentation.

Decision:

Council authorized the Reeve or alternate to attend either in person or in a pre-recorded presentation to the Seniors Week Launch being held on Monday, June 7th, 2021.

Kneehill Regional Partnership- Training Partnerships

Agenda Item 10.0; YouTube Livestream: [1:24:08](#)

The Kneehill Regional Partnership is a group composed of representatives from Kneehill County, Town of Three Hills, Town of Trochu, Village of Linden, Village of Acme, and Village of Carbon, and exists to explore ways members can provide services, training, and programs jointly, efficiently, and economically.

Decision:

Council submitted the following initiatives to the Kneehill Regional Partnership as options to explore:

1. Engineering for Elected Official Training
2. Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Refresher Training
3. Economic Development for Elected Officials

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Kneehill Urban and Rural Advocacy Society

Agenda Item 10.0; YouTube Livestream: [1:28:44](#)

Administration received a letter from Kneehill Urban and Rural Advocacy Society requesting Council to attend a ratepayer meeting they are hosting on April 19, 2021, as the group feels the County has been negligent in holding ratepayer meetings to engage with residents. Kneehill County held two ratepayer meetings in 2019, and while two more were scheduled for 2020—unfortunately due to COVID-19 restrictions, these meetings were cancelled. Another two ratepayer meetings are budgeted and tentatively planned for again in 2021, and if COVID-19 restrictions continue, alternative formats for the meetings will be explored.

Decision:

Council declined the request to attend the Kneehill Urban & Rural Advocacy Society Meeting and invited the Society to attend Council as a delegation instead.

Cannabis Operations

Agenda Item 10.0; YouTube Livestream: [5:02:02](#)

Councillor King initiated a discussion on Cannabis Production in the County and how administration could access more information about each operation to determine legal vs. illegal activities, and help with other enforcement and compliance issues.

Decision:

Council directed administration to initiate a conversation with Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) and Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to lobby for more access to information relevant to Cannabis production within municipalities.

Doctor Recruitment and Retention Task Force Terms of Reference

Agenda Item 10.0; YouTube Livestream [2:41:37](#); [3:09:51](#):

The Kneehill Regional Partnership is undertaking a review and rewrite of the Doctor Recruitment and Retention Task Force Terms of Reference. As part of this project, members are being consulted with to gather high level input and determine broad goals for the Task Force. [View the Discussion live on our YouTube Channel.](#)

Decision:

Council directed administration to provide feedback to the Kneehill Regional Partnership regarding the Doctor Recruitment and Retention Task Force Terms of Reference, as discussed.

Council and Committee Reports

Agenda Item 10.0; YouTube Livestream: [5:29:36](#)

Council and Committee reports include a verbal report on Kneehill Regional Partnership.

Decision:

Council received for information.

Closed Session

Agenda Item 12.1; YouTube Livestream: [5:48:55](#)

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

NEXT Council Meeting: April 27, 2021, at 8:30 am in Council Chambers
1600, 2nd Street NE, Three Hills, Alberta.
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