



Council Notes December 14, 2021

Delegation: BCOMM

Agenda Item 3.1 & 9.1; YouTube Livestream: [17:15](#); [2:25:50](#)

Delegation BCOMM presented Council with a request for a lease agreement and permission to build 70' towers alongside current Kneehill County infrastructure to potentially provide high-speed internet to Huxley, Wimborne, and Torrington. [View the presentation here.](#)

Decision:

Council accepted the presentation from BCOMM for information and requested administration to come back at a future date with additional information regarding Kneehill County's tower infrastructure.

Delegation: Marigold Library

Agenda Item 3.2 & 9.2; YouTube Livestream: [40:56](#); [2:33:17](#)

Delegation Marigold Library presented Council with an annual update and overview of the Marigold Library System, including services local libraries have available for Kneehill County residents. [View the presentation here.](#)

Decision:

Council received the Marigold Library presentation for information.

Delegation: Kneehill Housing Corporation

Agenda Item 3.3 & 9.3; YouTube Livestream: [1:40:01](#); [2:34:19](#)

Delegation Kneehill Housing Corporation presented Council with a review and information update on their organization, including their new branding and website. [View the presentation here.](#)

Decision:

Council received the Kneehill Housing Corporation presentation for information.

Distinguished Budget Award Presentation

Agenda Item 3.4; YouTube Livestream: [1:14:06](#)

Kneehill County received the GFOA's (Government Finance Officers Association) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the municipality's 2021 Budget. Administration presented Council with a video from GFOA congratulating Kneehill County on this significant achievement.

[News Release: Kneehill County wins GFOA Distinguished Budget Award](#)

Subdivision Extension: KNE210154

Agenda Item 5.1.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:52:59](#)

KNE210154 is a subdivision relating to a portion of the NW 19-30-23 W4M, Plan 9710820, Lot 1. Landowners are given a year from the date of their subdivision approval in which to meet their conditions but may request an extension from the developing authority if needed. In this instance, the applicant is required to change the current septic system as part of their subdivision conditions but has had difficulty securing a contractor over the summer due to the short window for septic system installation in Alberta.

Decision:

Council granted a 1-year extension to subdivision KNE210154 until February 25, 2023, to allow the applicant time to meet the conditions of their subdivision approval.

2022 Interim Operating Budget

Agenda Item 6.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:56:56](#)

Municipalities need to adopt an Interim Operating budget to continue day-to-day operations until the annual operating budget is adopted by Council. Administration recommended that Council pass an Interim Operating Budget based on approximately 50% of the approved 2021 Operating Budget, as detailed in [Appendix I](#) in the Council package.

Decision:

Council approved the 2022 Interim Operating Budget.

Short-Term Borrowing Bylaw 1842

Agenda Item 6.2; YouTube Livestream: [2:00:32](#)

The County has banking arrangements which provide for temporary short-term borrowing to ensure cash is available to meet the County's financial obligations. While the need for temporary borrowing is not anticipated for 2022, it is good financial planning for Kneehill County to have the option in place.

Decision:

Council passed Short-Term Borrowing Bylaw 1842, authorizing the short-term borrowing of funds as may be necessary to meet the financial obligations of Kneehill County.

223487 Alberta Ltd. Tax Agreement

Agenda Item 6.3; YouTube Livestream: [2:04:55](#)

2234873 Alberta Ltd approached Kneehill County regarding a Tax Agreement payment plan for outstanding 2021 taxes. They would like to enter into an agreement for equal monthly installments, and not be charged any penalties.

Decision:

Council agreed to enter into a Tax Agreement with 2234873 Alberta Ltd. for the payment of 2021 taxes, with no penalties to be assessed for a period of up to six months.

Rural Community Hall Policy 15-13

Agenda Item 8.1; YouTube Livestream: [2:11:28](#)

Per Policy 15-13, the amount of funding a community hall receives every year is dependent on the number of rentals the hall books, however, as hall rentals were impacted again in 2021 due to COVID-19, administration is recommending that the County provide those halls the same level of funding in 2022 as they received in 2020 (based on 2019 rentals.)

Decision:

Councils approved that Rural Community Halls retain their 2020 funding levels for the 2022 budget year.

Community Hall COVID Relief Funding

Agenda Item 8.2; YouTube Livestream: [2:13:22](#)

At the December 7, 2021, Committee of the Whole meeting, [Council discussed utilizing unspent grant funding](#) to provide a one-time payment to rural community halls struggling with the impacts of COVID-19 and the ongoing gathering restrictions associated with the pandemic. On top of reduced rentals, many halls have had to cancel annual fundraising events, which play a vital role in covering their operating costs. The County has nine rural community halls that receive yearly funding and would be eligible under this program.

[News Release: Kneehill County grants one-time COVID relief funding for Rural Community Halls](#)

Decision:

Council approved a one-time COVID Relief Grant for Halls listed in Policy 15-13 at the following levels:

Level A Funding: \$5,000.00

Level C Funding: \$1650.00

Funds to come from the Operating Budget.

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Member at Large

Agenda Item 8.3; YouTube Livestream: [2:19:54](#)

Administration advertised for Members-at-Large for the Agricultural Service Board, Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, and Municipal Planning Commission over the summer. Three applications were received for the Municipal Planning Commission, but only two spots were available. Council directed Administration to see if the third candidate would be interested in serving on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board instead.

Decision:

Council moved to appoint Lori Campion as Member at Large to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for a one-year term.

Town of Three Hills ACP Grant Partnership

Agenda Item 8.4; YouTube Livestream: [2:22:24](#)

The Town of Three Hills is looking to develop a WaterCAD model of their distribution system and have asked Kneehill County to partner with them for a water modelling study and provide a letter of support for funding through the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant. As the Town of Three Hills provides water to several County systems and residents, the WaterCAD modelling study will benefit Kneehill County by providing enhanced ability to understand future water needs. The Town of Three Hills will act as managing partner for both the study and grant.

Decision:

Council approved Kneehill County partnering with the Town of Three Hills for a water modelling study and directed administration to provide a letter of support for the Alberta Community Partnership grant application.

Council & Committee Reports

Agenda Item 10.0; YouTube Livestream: [2:35:30](#); [2:40:14](#)

Council and Committee Reports include the Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP) and Community Futures Wildrose.

Decision:

Council received the Council and Committee Reports for information as presented.

NEXT Council Meeting: January 11, 2021, at 8:30 am in Council Chambers
1600, 2nd Street NE, Three Hills, Alberta.
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