



## Council Notes February 8, 2022

### Policy Reviews

The following Policies were presented to Council as part of an ongoing review.

- Policy 5-18, Location Filming Policy

*Agenda Item 5.1.1; YouTube Livestream [1:07:43](#); COW Meeting Livestream: [2:19:34](#)*

- Council approved Policy 5-18, Location Filming Policy, updated with additional safeguards, and approved damage deposit fees of \$2500 and \$5000 (in accordance with the Location Filming Policy) to be included in the next amendment of the Master Rates Bylaw.

- Policy 12-5, Drone Policy

*Agenda Item 5.2.1; YouTube Livestream [1:16:03](#); COW Meeting Livestream: [2:12:42](#)*

- Council approved Policy 12-5, Drone Policy. This policy establishes a framework for regulating drone (UAV - Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) use on Kneehill County public lands.

- Policy 12-4, Trails and Pathways Policy

*Agenda Item 5.2.2; YouTube Livestream [1:19:22](#)*

- Council approved Policy 12-4, Trails and Pathways as presented. This policy outlines which trails are designated, the standards used for maintenance, and specifics on trail inspections.

- Policy 3-1, Council Compensation and Expense Reimbursement

*Agenda Item 7.2; YouTube Livestream [5:40:14](#)*

- Council approved Policy 3-1, Council Compensation and Expense Reimbursement, as presented. The Policy has been updated to include additional Council conferences eligible for pre-approved attendance.

### Agriculture Industry Road Ban Exemption Options

*Agenda Item 4.1; YouTube Livestream: [30:57](#)*

Road bans are implemented in the County prior to the spring melt. The bans are put in place to protect the road infrastructure from being compromised or damaged when they are particularly vulnerable. [At the May 11, 2021, Kneehill County meeting](#), Council directed administration to present options for agricultural exemptions for Road Bans to ensure producers can efficiently transport commodities essential to the continued success of this industry, while protecting Kneehill County's municipal infrastructure. Option "A" allows Kneehill County's CAO or designate to grant road ban exemptions on a case-by-case basis, when requested, guided by the Traffic Control Bylaw and a Road Ban Exemption policy.

**Decision:**

Council approved "Option A" ([in the Request for Decision](#)) allowing the CAO or designate to grant exemptions to seasonal Road Bans for Ag Industry traffic, and directed administration to develop a policy for administering Road Ban Exemption requests.

### 2022 BMO Stampede Farm Family

*Agenda Item 5.2.3; YouTube Livestream: [1:21:45](#)*

The Calgary Stampede Farm Family award is given out each year to recognize those families that ensure the agriculture industry and their respective rural communities continue to thrive. At the Nov. 18th Agricultural Service Board Meeting, the Board recommended Leinweber Farms Ltd. be nominated for the 2022 BMO Calgary Stampede Farm Family Award.

**Decision:**

Council nominated Leinweber Farms Ltd. (Kurt & Tracy Leinweber) to receive the 2022 BMO Calgary Stampede Farm Family Award as recommended by the Agricultural Service Board and approved Reeve Wittstock to attend the event.

## Tax Cancellation- Industrial Accounts

*Agenda Item 6.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:38:40](#)*

Due to uncollectable taxes on bankrupt industrial properties, administration is requesting \$897,209.78 in property taxes be expensed and cancelled for 2021, and that the 2022 penalties currently attached to these rolls be voided.

### **Decision:**

Council moved to expense and cancel \$897, 209.78 in uncollectable industrial property taxes on the specified rolls ([as listed in the RFD](#)) and directed administration to void any 2022 penalties currently attached to them.

## Provincial Education Requisition Credit Approach

*Agenda Item 6.2; YouTube Livestream: [56:05](#)*

The province has established two programs to assist municipalities in recouping requisitioned amounts that cannot be collected from property owners. Administration is recommending Kneehill County submit an application to the Provincial Education Requisition Grant for recovery of all Education & Designated Industrial Property requisitions paid on these parcels, (as listed in the RFD), in the amount of \$307,174.73.

### **Decision:**

Council moved that administration submit an application under the Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC) for uncollectable requisitions on specified rolls ([as listed in the RFD](#)) and directed administration to contribute the PERC funds, if approved and received, to the Revenue Stabilization Reserve.

## Wheatland County Resolution

*Agenda Item 7.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:50:55](#)*

Wheatland County is seeking a Secorder for a proposed Resolution, to provide resources and protection for landowners when engaging in contract negotiations/disputes with oil and gas companies. Concerns raised in the Wheatland County resolution have also been raised by ratepayers within Kneehill County, though these concerns are not directed at all oil and gas companies. The proposed Wheatland County Resolution was reviewed at the recent [Committee of the Whole Meeting](#) and it was recommended by that group that Council support the proposal in principle and act as a Secorder pending review of a finalized document.

### **Decision:**

Council moved to support Wheatland County's Resolution to the Rural Municipalities of Alberta "Ensuring Landowners Remain Whole in Contractual Agreements with Oil and Gas Companies," in principle.

## Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association

*Agenda Item 7.3; YouTube Livestream: [2:03:22](#)*

SAEWA is a non-profit coalition of municipal entities and waste management jurisdictions in southern Alberta, committed to the research and implementation of energy recovery from nonrecyclable waste materials to reduce long-term reliance on landfills. Since the inception of this organization, Drumheller District Solid Waste Management Association has purchased a membership to SAEWA on behalf of all municipalities within DDSWM, however, at the DDSWM meeting on December 17th, 2020, the organization chose to withdraw their membership. Now each individual municipality must purchase their own membership to remain part of SAEWA, which will cost Kneehill County \$2,650.53 in 2022.

### **Decision:**

Council directed administration to include the Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association (SAEWA) membership in the Operating Budget.

## Proposed Kneehill Medical Services Recruitment and Retention Terms of Reference

Agenda Item 7.4; YouTube Livestream: [2:14:46](#); (Part 2) [0:00](#)

The municipalities of Kneehill County, Three Hills, Trochu, Acme, Carbon, and Linden currently collaborate on the recruitment of doctors and other medical staff through the Doctor Recruitment and Retention Task Force, which is focused on the Three Hills Medical Clinic. At the request of its municipal members, the Kneehill Regional Partnership undertook a review of the Task Force Terms of Reference and is suggesting that the Task Force expand its focus beyond the Three Hills Medical Clinic, and define its own scope regarding medical services. Additionally, the draft Terms of Reference creates an annual funding component that did not exist under current Task Force documents.

### **Decision:**

Council requested the Kneehill Regional Partnership clarify/strengthen wording contained in the proposed Kneehill Medical Services Recruitment and Retention Task Force Terms of Reference, specifically in the areas of:

- Subsidies to independent businesses
- Termination of membership by a municipal member
- Scope or recruitment activities
- Strengthening of regional purpose

## Council & Committee Reports

Agenda Item 10.0; YouTube Livestream: [45:37](#)

Council and Committee Reports include the Kneehill Housing Report, and the Police Advisory Committee, Marigold Library, and Alberta Provincial Police Transition Study Engagement Session as part of the Division 1 Councillor Report.

### **Decision:**

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

## Closed Session

Agenda Item 11.0; YouTube Livestream: [1:06:10](#); [0:16](#)

Council moves the meeting into Closed Session. Personnel (FOIP, Section 17) & Legal Matters (FOIP, Section 24)

### **Motions from Closed Session:**

Council authorized Reeve Wittstock to sign the letter that was discussed in Closed Session for Mike Haugen, CAO, on behalf of Kneehill County with one amendment.

Council moved that the CAO letter to Mike Haugen remain confidential in accordance with FOIP Section 17 "disclosure harmful to personal privacy."

NEXT Council Meeting: February 22, 2022, at 8:30 am in Council Chambers  
1600, 2nd Street NE, Three Hills, Alberta.  
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