



Council Notes June 28, 2022

Delegation: Marigold Library

Agenda Item 3.1, 8.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:20:14](#); [2:15:23](#)

A revised Marigold Library Agreement was originally brought to the [May 24th, 2022, Council meeting](#). At Council's request, Michelle Toombs presented as a delegation to answer questions about the Marigold Library System and the services they offer County residents, including FREE access to any Marigold Library in the province, with regional locations in Acme, Linden, Carbon, Three Hills, Trochu, and Torrington (book pick up/drop off). [View the presentation on our YouTube Channel.](#)

Decision:

Council approved the Marigold Library Agreement as presented and approved the per capita levy rates as listed in Schedule "C". (Increase from \$10.74 to \$10.85 in 2023 and \$10.96 in 2024).

2022 Capital Equipment Purchasing

Agenda Item 4.1 YouTube Livestream: [22:04](#)

Kneehill County administration had budgeted for the replacement of one motor grader and two tandem axle trucks for 2022. After the capital budget was approved in the spring, quotes were received that exceeded the amount budgeted. The unstable nature of the current vehicle and equipment purchasing environment has led to increased pricing on all aspects of the operations department, including the replacement of equipment and materials. Originally the tandem trucks were budgeted for \$195,000 each and the motor grader was budgeted for \$570,000. The quoted prices came in at \$228,385 each for the tandem trucks, and \$628,210 for the motor grade.

Decision:

Council approved a draw of \$135,000 from the Capital Equipment Replacement Reserve to fund Capital Equipment Plan purchases quoted higher than originally budgeted due to price increases.

RCMP Reporting on Council's Priorities, Public Safety Update

Agenda Item 5.3.1; YouTube Livestream: [29:22](#)

Kneehill County has 5 RCMP detachments serving our area who provide Annual Reports to the County including statistics, community engagement, and community priorities. Kneehill County's Protective Services Enforcement stats were also included for Council's information.

[View RCMP Report](#)

[View Kneehill County Public Safety Report](#)

Decision:

Council accepted the RCMP Quarterly Report, and Kneehill County Public Safety Report for information as presented.

Peace Officer Program Updates

Agenda Item 5.3.2; YouTube Livestream: [34:35](#)

Alberta Justice and Solicitor General has completed a review of the Peace Officer Program Policy and Procedures Manual and made changes to the program that affect Kneehill County, including some optional Enhanced Authorities for Peace Officers. View updates to the program in the [Council Package](#).

Decision:

Council accepted the Peace Officer Program Update for information.

Kneehill Regional Partnership Project: Fire Level of Service Policies

Agenda Item 5.3.3; YouTube Livestream: [54:20](#)

On March 30, 2022, the Kneehill Regional Partnership met and approved moving ahead with a Fire Level of Service Policy for each municipality to guide decision making and define operational expectations for Fire response. This foundational document will be determined in collaboration with partner municipalities as it directly impacts equipment, training, safety standards, and liability mitigation for Fire.

Decision:

Council approved the Fire Level of Service Policy project through the Kneehill Regional Partnership, with project funds of \$14,000 to come from Corporate Initiatives 2022 operating funding.

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Response to Federal Letter: Rural Economic Development

Agenda Item 7.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:57:51](#)

Damien Kurek, MP for Kneehill County, along with Shannon Stubbs, MP, and Jacques Gourde, MP, want to know what the three most important issues impacting Kneehill County's economic development as a rural community are. Feedback received will determine the agenda for a proposed townhall meeting to address federal funding for rural communities. Council discussed this issue at the [June 21, 2022, Committee of the Whole meeting](#), and identified three issues to be presented to Members of Parliament:

- Access to reliable and consistent high-speed internet
- Supports for labour which would include housing, social, education and medical
- Overall costs relating to supply chain, fuel etc.

Decision:

Council directed Administration to draft and send a response on behalf of Kneehill County Council to Members of Parliament (MPs) Kurek, Stubbs, and Gourde on the top three issues affecting rural economic development.

Bylaw 1858- Repeal of Obsolete Bylaws

Agenda Item 7.2; YouTube Livestream: [2:01:48](#)

To provide good governance, Kneehill County administration has been actively reviewing the current Bylaw database to ensure compliance with current legislation. During the review, 90 obsolete or redundant Bylaws were found that need to be repealed (10 at each Council meeting). Once all the obsolete Bylaws have been removed, a four-year cycle will be created to review all current Bylaws and keep the database updated.

Decision:

Council gave first, second and third reading to pass Bylaw 1858, a bylaw to repeal obsolete, redundant, and outdated Bylaws.

Virtual Meeting with Minister Shandro to Discuss Policing Services

Agenda Item 7.3; YouTube Livestream: [2:06:18](#)

Administration received an invitation from the Honorable Minister Tyler Shandro for Council to join a virtual meeting with himself, the Town of Three Hills and MLA Nathan Cooper to discuss policing services on July 6, 2022.

Decision:

Council directed administration to confirm Kneehill County's participation in the joint virtual meeting with the Honorable Minister Shandro and the Town of Three Hills regarding police services.

Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police Awards

Agenda Item 7.4; YouTube Livestream: [2:11:05](#)

Administration received a request from the Three Hills RCMP detachment to support a nomination for Sgt. Jamie Day to be considered for the Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police Outstanding Service Award.

Decision:

Council directed administration to send a letter on Council's behalf co-nominating Sgt. Jamie Day for the Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police Outstanding Service Award.

NEXT Council Meeting: July 19, 2022, at 8:30 am in Council Chambers
1600, 2nd Street NE, Three Hills, Alberta.

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