



Council Notes February 14, 2023

Council Appointment of ASB as SCA Appeal Board

Agenda Item 5.2.1 YouTube Livestream: [12:10](#)

When Provincial Agricultural Specialists conducted a field visit in 2022, they discovered that Kneehill County did not have an appointed Soil Conservation Act Appeal Board, and recommended Council appoint the existing Agricultural Service Board to act in that capacity (per Section 14. (a) of the provincial Soil Conservation Act.)

Decision:

Council appointed Kneehill County's Agricultural Service Board as the Soil Conservation Act Appeal Board.

Fire Engine Purchase

Agenda Item 5.3.1; YouTube Livestream: [15:38](#)

Council made a motion in November to move forward with multiple Capital Equipment Plan purchases, including a fire engine for the Three Hills Fire District, with ownership of the engine split between the Town of Three Hills (30%) and Kneehill County (70%). As prices for fire engines have increased 57% over the last three years, all quotes received to purchase the engine were above the \$790,000 originally budgeted for, which will require an increase in funding.

Decision:

Council approved the increase in funding for the Three Hills Fire Engine Replacement, for a total cost of \$993,352.80, to be funded from the Capital Equipment Reserve.

2023 Operating and Capital Budget Presentation

Agenda Item 6.1; YouTube Livestream: [30:34](#)

Administration presented Council with preliminary information on the 2023 Budget, including Assessment/Taxation, Fiscal Conditions and Comparators, Provincial and Economic Pressures, and a brief overview of Operating and Capital Projects anticipated for 2023. View the presentation online and follow along in the Council Package (Item 6.1).

Budget 2023 Schedule:

- **Now: Setting the Stage and New Projects Council Meeting, February 14, 2023**
- Upcoming:
 - Budget Book & Budget Deliberation, Committee of the Whole Meeting February 21, 2023
 - Response to Council Questions & Information Requests, Council Meeting February 28, 2023
 - Budget Adoption, Council Meeting, March 14, 2023

Decision:

Council received the "Setting the Stage and Project Introductions" component of the 2023 budget for information.

Kneehill Area Community Discovery Nights 2023

Agenda Item 5.3.1; YouTube Livestream: [3:25:23](#)

An invitation was received for Council to attend upcoming KRFCSS Community Discovery Nights. Discovery Nights provide residents with information about local resources and programs available to them.

Location: Linden Cultural Center (215 1st St. SE)
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023
Event Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Location: Acme Community Hall (139 Allison St.)
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023
Event Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Location: Carbon Community Hall (718 Glengarry St.)
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023
Event Time: 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Decision:

Council received the Linden, Acme, and Carbon Community Discovery Night Report for information.

For information on this publication, contact Communications Officer at communications@kneehillcounty.com

Joint Advocacy for Improved Solar Farm Governance

Agenda Item 6.1; YouTube Livestream: [3:29:23](#)

Rocky View County is seeking to gather municipalities to take part in a joint advocacy campaign to make changes to the Provincial framework that governs renewable energy projects (solar farms). A third party would be contracted to lobby for broader municipal input into siting considerations and protection from potential end of life liabilities associated with reclamation. The contribution requested from Kneehill County for this effort is \$10,000. Council first discussed and tabled this item at the [January 10, 2023, Council Meeting](#), awaiting more information. Administration has since determined that Rural Municipalities of Alberta already has active resolutions related to renewable energy before the province. Council would like to continue supporting RMA's advocacy and lobby efforts at this time.

Decision:

Council moved to continue lobby efforts regarding renewable energy regulations through the Rural Municipalities of Alberta.

Council and Committee Reports

Agenda Item 9.0; YouTube Livestream (Not available due to technical difficulties)

Council and Committee Reports include Community Futures Wildrose, and Councillor McGhee's Division 1 Report.

Decision:

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

Closed Session

Agenda Item 11.0; YouTube Livestream: (Part 2) [0:40](#)

Council moved the meeting into Closed Session.

- Third Party Business Interest (FOIP- Section 17)
- Intergovernmental Relations (FOIP- Section 21)

Motion from Closed Session:

Council approved the following order listing for urban Mayor or Deputy Mayor invites to the RMA Convention.

- Town of Three Hills
- Village of Linden
- Village of Acme
- Village of Carbon
- Town of Trochu

NEXT Council Meeting: February 28, 2023, at 8:30 am in Council Chambers
1600, 2nd Street NE, Three Hills, Alberta.
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