



Council Notes February 28, 2023

Delegation- Three Hills RCMP

Agenda Item 3.1; 8.1 YouTube Livestream: [21:30](#); Part 2: [21:10](#)

Sgt. Jamie Day from Three Hills RCMP joined Council to present 2023-2024's Annual Performance Plan and quarterly Community Policing reports, including Crime Stats from 2022.

Delegation- Community Futures Wild Rose

Agenda Item 3.2, 8.2; YouTube Livestream: [1:49:15](#) Part 2: [22:40](#)

Wendy Gerbrandt from Community Futures Wild Rose joined Council to request Kneehill County's partnership in a Workforce Initiative addressing labour challenges in the region.

Decision:

Council contributed \$5,000 to Community Futures Wildrose for the Regional Workforce Development Project, provided a letter of support for the program and an in-kind contribution of \$5,000 for meeting expenses incurred by Kneehill County's representative, whom the CAO will appoint.

Renewable Energy Information Package for Landowners

Agenda Item 5.1.1; YouTube Livestream: [59:49](#); [2:08:54](#)

At the January 24, 2023, Council meeting, Council directed administration to prepare a Renewable Energy Information Package for landowners, either considering a lease or potentially affected by these facilities. Council also suggested an education session for ratepayers to help aid in future decisions regarding these developments.

Decision:

Council tabled the Renewable Energy Information Package for Landowners until the next Council meeting to allow time for more research. Council also directed administration to organize a landowner education event regarding renewable energy development, to be held in the spring or early summer, pending the availability of a speaker.

Municipal Development Plan Review Process

Agenda Item 5.1.2; YouTube Livestream: [2:13:39](#)

The Municipal Development Plan is a high-level, long-term policy document which provides guidance and clarity to ensure future growth in the County is sustainable, orderly, appropriate, complementary, efficient and enhances the quality of life for the citizens of Kneehill County. While amendments to the Plan have been made over the years, a full review of the MDP has not been done since 2016-2017. Administration is now recommending a full review to ensure the document aligns with Council's new Strategic Plan and vision (adopted in 2022).

Members of the public will be invited to work alongside Council to review and discuss sections of the MDP, (one per working group), including:

- Agriculture
- Residential and Hamlets
- Environment and Recreation
- Natural Resources & Renewable Energy
- Transportation & Utilities
- Economic Development & Growth Management

Any feedback, recommendations, and proposed amendments from the workgroups will be gathered and brought to Council for their consideration during the full document review.

Decision:

Council approved the engagement process for the Municipal Development Plan review.

Letter of Support for Nature Conservancy Canada

Agenda Item 5.2.1; YouTube Livestream: [2:28:11](#)

The Nature Conservancy of Canada has requested a letter of support from Kneehill County for renovating the community trail at NCC's Nodwell Nature Destination, which is located on the NCC-owned portion of Horseshoe Canyon. The NCC and Kneehill County have worked jointly on stewardship and maintenance of Horseshoe Canyon in the past and continue to do so.

Decision:

Council provided a letter of support to the Nature Conservancy of Canada for their grant application.

RCMP Reporting on Council's Priorities, Enforcement Update

Agenda Item 5.3.1; YouTube Livestream: [2:31:57](#)

Kneehill County has 5 RCMP detachments serving our area; Three Hills, Innisfail, Drumheller, Beiseker, and Olds. Quarterly reports from these detachments are provided to Council as part of the RCMP's accountability to our community, including statistics, community engagement, and community priorities. Kneehill County's enforcement numbers were provided for Council's information as well..

Decision:

Council approved the 2023 Policing Priorities for Kneehill County and accepts the RCMP quarterly Report as presented.

Additional Named Insurance Request- Wimborne Community Centre

Agenda Item 6.1; YouTube Livestream: [2:44:44](#)

RMA Insurance, the County's insurance provider, offers coverage for small community groups as an Additional Named Insured (ANI). The ANI option grants small community groups access to the same group pricing and broad coverage that Kneehill County has as a member of RMA.

Decision:

Council approved the Wimborne Community Center to be added as an Additional Named Insured (ANI) under the County's Insurance Policy.

2023 Operating and Capital Budget Follow-Up

Agenda Item 6.2; YouTube Livestream: [0:44](#) Part 3: [1:03](#)

Admin presented Council with additional clarification on the Operating and Capital Budget as a follow-up to the 2023 Budget information provided at the Feb 14 Council Meeting and the Feb 21 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Budget 2023 Schedule:

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

Decision:

Council tabled the 2023 Operating and Capital Budget discussion until the March 14, 2023, Council Meeting.

Kneehill 4-H District Request

Agenda Item 7.1; YouTube Livestream: [6:32](#)

Administration received a letter from the Kneehill 4-H District requesting financial support for the costs associated with their Achievement Day advertising. While Kneehill County has donated \$800 to this annual request in the past, this year the organization is requesting \$1,000.00.

Decision:

Council approved \$1,000.00 sponsorship to the Kneehill 4-H District.

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Bylaw 1873- Repeal of Obsolete Bylaws

Agenda Item 7.2; YouTube Livestream: [11:52](#)

To provide good governance, Kneehill County administration has been actively reviewing the database to ensure all County Bylaws are in order and comply with current legislation. The review has discovered many obsolete or redundant bylaws that need to be cleared from County records. (View the list in the Council Package, Item 7.2)

Decision:

Council gave three readings to Bylaw 1873 to repeal obsolete, redundant, and outdated bylaws.

Royal Canadian Legion Military Service Recognition Book

Agenda Item 7.3; YouTube Livestream: [15:04](#)

Administration received a request from the Alberta/Northwest Territory Command of the Royal Canadian Legion for Kneehill County to support them by purchasing an advertisement/support message in their Annual Military Service Recognition Book. Council has provided support every year since 2008, through the purchase of a business card sized advertisement/support message.

Decision:

Council supported the Annual Alberta/Northwest Territory Royal Canadian Legion “Military Service Recognition Book” by purchasing a business card size advertisement for \$315.00, with funds to come from the 2023 Operating Budget.

Council and Committee Reports

Agenda Item 9.0; YouTube Livestream: [28:08](#)

Council and Committee Reports include Aqua 7 and the Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP).

Decision:

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

Closed Session

Agenda Item 11.0; YouTube Livestream: [1:35:28](#)

Council moved the meeting into Closed Session.

- Advice from Officials (FOIP- Section 24).

NEXT Council Meeting: March 14, 2023, at 8:30 am in Council Chambers
1600, 2nd Street NE, Three Hills, Alberta.
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