



Council Notes March 14, 2023

Delegation- Kneehill Historical Museum

Agenda Item 3.1; 8.1 YouTube Livestream: [52:03](#); Part 2: [5:27:05](#)

Delegations from the Kneehill Historical Museum presented Council with a donation request for their prospective "Connections Building," to expand the museum's historical capacity and provide year-round access for visitors. Any funds raised for the project will be matched by the Community Facility Enhancement program (CFEP) provincial grant.

Decision:

Council granted the Kneehill Historical Museum \$25,000 towards the "Connections Building" project, funded by Council Contingency and dependent on the project moving forward.

Delegation- Kneehill Regional Family and Community Support Services

Agenda Item 3.2, 8.2; YouTube Livestream: [1:56:05](#) Part 2: [5:33:18](#)

Delegates from Kneehill Regional Family and Community Support Services provided Council with an update on the Kneehill Community Support Coach program. View the [presentation](#) in the Council Package.

Decision:

Council received the Kneehill Regional Family and Community Support Services presentation for information.

Renewable Energy Information Package for Landowners

Agenda Item 5.1.1; YouTube Livestream: [28:00](#); [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 one. The finalized Fact Sheets will be posted on Kneehill County's website for residents' information.

Decision:

Council approved the "Leasing to a Renewable Energy Facility" & "Landowners Adjacent to a Renewable Energy Lease" Factsheets, as amended.

Agricultural Fieldman Appointment

Agenda Item 5.2.1; YouTube Livestream: [48:33](#)

The Agricultural Fieldman position is required under the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Act. Fallon Sherlock was previously appointed Interim Ag Fieldman while the Manager role was being filled in 2021. She completed her Certified Agricultural Fieldman training and has been working in the Ag Services & Parks Department for nearly 10 years. She brings a strong understanding of the Provincial Acts and legislated requirements for this appointment.

Decision:

Council appointed Fallon Sherlock as Interim Agricultural Fieldman for Kneehill County, as required under the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Act.

Annual Appointment of Fire Guardians

Agenda Item 5.3.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:18:42](#)

The Forest and Prairie Protection Act requires Council to appoint sufficient Fire Guardians for a one-year term, to enforce the Act within the boundaries of a municipal district.

Decision:

Council appointed the following as Fire Guardians for the issuance of Fire Permits to March 31, 2024:

- Three Hills Fire Department: Ken Cinnamon, Murray Fenton, Brandon Rempel
- Acme Fire Department: Brian Fradgley, Bert Jackson, John Tersteeg
- Carbon Fire Department: Jody Kranzler, Dan Balderson, Jordan Reed, Jeremy Kranzler, Marty Morgan
- Linden Fire Department: Kenton Klassen, Shawn Klassen, Carson Reimer, Max Penner
- Torrington Fire Department: Doug Fretz, Jason Michielsen, Derek Benedict
- Trochu Fire Department: Richard Hoppins, Alan Adam, Lawrence Hogg
- Kneehill County Administrative: CAO, Director of Community Services, Manager of Protective Services, Rural Fire Chief.

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Energy Audit Program Review

Agenda Item 5.4.1; YouTube Livestream: [1:21:06](#)

A preliminary energy audit of Kneehill County's administration building, Family and Community Support Services building, Maintenance Shop, Ron Gorr Memorial Arena, and Trochu Fire Hall resulted in twenty-eight opportunities for energy savings across the facilities. Administration is now collecting additional data to determine which efficiencies would be best to explore and will present any future recommendations to Council for their consideration.

Decision:

Council accepted the Energy Audit Program Review as information.

Office Closure- All Staff Day 2023

Agenda Item 6.1; YouTube Livestream: [31:39](#)

Administration requested Council's permission to close both the County office and shop for one day in 2023 to allow all staff to participate in a day of training and team building.

Decision:

Council approved the closure of all County business on Friday, April 21, 2023, to allow staff to participate in 'All Staff Day.'

2023 Operating and Capital Budget Follow-Up

Agenda Item 6.2; YouTube Livestream: [35:38](#) Part 2: [5:07:52](#)

Admin provided Council with additional information on the 2023 Operating and Capital Budget for deliberation and discussion.

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)
 - Response to Council Questions & Information Requests, Council Meeting (February 28, 2023)
- **Now: Budget Discussions Continued, Council Meeting (March 14, 2023)**
- Upcoming:
 - Budget Adoption, Council Meeting (March 28, 2023)

Decision:

Council directed administration to present the finalized 2023 Operating and Capital Budget at the Regular Council Meeting on March 28, 2023.

Bylaw 1873- Repeal of Obsolete Bylaws

Agenda Item 7.1; YouTube Livestream: [5:16:33](#)

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.](#)

Decision:

Council gave three readings to Bylaw 1874 to repeal obsolete, redundant, and outdated bylaws.

Bridge File 06893 on Highway 587 Update

Agenda Item 7.2; YouTube Livestream: [5:19:48](#)

Hon. Devin Dreesen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, responded to Council's concerns regarding the condition of the bridge on Hwy 587. Council will be meeting with the Minister at the upcoming RMA convention to discuss these concerns further. [View the letter in the Council Package.](#)

Decision:

Council received the Bridge File 06893 (Hwy 587) update for information.

Minister of Municipal Affairs Meeting

Agenda Item 7.3; YouTube Livestream: [5:22:56](#)

Council has been allotted a standard fifteen-minute meeting with the Hon. Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Municipal Affairs during the upcoming RMA Convention, to discuss concerns over renewable energy development, including potential end of life problems and the assessment process for these developments.

Decision:

Council received the report on the upcoming meeting with the Hon. Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Municipal Affairs, for information.

Council and Committee Reports

Agenda Item 9.0; YouTube Livestream: [5:35:08](#)

Council and Committee Reports include the Police Advisory Committee.

Decision:

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

Closed Session

Agenda Item 11.0; YouTube Livestream: [5:39:40](#)

Council moved the meeting into Closed Session.

- Business Interest of a Third Party (FOIP- Section 16)
- Advice from Officials (FOIP- Section 24)
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NEXT Council Meeting: March 28, 2023, at 8:30 am in Council Chambers
1600, 2nd Street NE, Three Hills, Alberta.
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