



Council Meeting



February 2, 2021

- Council made a motion to direct Administration to draft a letter of support for the Xplornet Communications Inc. proposal to the Universal Broadband Fund.
- Council granted First Reading of Bylaw 2021-02, this being a bylaw for the purpose of amending Land Use Bylaw No. 2016-01 to redesignate 140 acres of SW-9-24-23-W4M from Agricultural General District to Direct Control District as shown on Schedule 'A'. Council also scheduled a public hearing for Bylaw 2021-02 on March 2, 2021 at 9:00 AM. The purpose of this application is to redesignate 140 acres of SW-9-24-23-W4M from Agricultural General District to Direct Control District to facilitate the development of a 20.1MWac commercial solar photovoltaic facility. The direct control district regulations align with the Alberta Utilities Commission's (AUC) approval granted on August 25, 2020. The facility will provide power to FortisAlberta Inc.'s electric distribution system, connected to the AltaLink substation located approximately 800m east of the facility.
- Ryan Schmidt, GM/CAO of the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society, provided a verbal presentation regarding the proposed indoor riding arena (located at Twp 244 & Rng 250) to hopefully be constructed in 2022. Council made a motion to appoint a Councillor representative (J. Wilson) and an alternate (S. Klassen) to the Strathmore & District Agricultural Society Indoor Riding Arena Advisory Committee.
- Council approved the rescindment of the following Organizational Policies:
 - Section 1.1 – Vision
 - Section 1.2 – Mission
 - Section 1.3 – Values
 - Section 1.4 – History of Organization
 - Section 1.6 – Roles & Responsibilities (1.6.1 – Committees)
- Further, Council provided approval for the Organizational Policy Section 1.5 – Organizational Chart be moved to the Human Resources Policy Section 6.4.1 – Organizational Chart.
- Council approved a revision to Human Resource Policy, Section 6.2.2 – Pay and Performance, to include a new section regarding Acting Pay.
- Council directed Administration to write off the Commercial Vehicle Inspection Program ("CVIP") invoices for July –December 2020 in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the Strathmore Handi-Bus Association and \$1,800.00 for the Dalum Fire Protection Association and provide these services as in-kind.
- Council appointed Debbie Mitzner as a member of the Assessment Review Board for a three-year term that ends February 2, 2024.
- Amanda Garner (Tricon Solutions) presented an update on Broadband project. Tricon Solutions has been awarded the Project Management Consultant contract work with Wheatland County in development and implementation of Wheatland County's Strategic Broadband Plan. The surveys have been completed and posted on www.wheatlandcounty.ca and our social media channels.
- Council directed Administration to draft a letter of support for the Rigstar Industrial Telecom and ABnet's partner application to the CRTC Broadband Fund.
- Council appointed GM of Corporate and Financial Services Tracy Buteau as the 2021 Municipal Election returning officer and Payroll and Benefits Specialist Jessica Salmon as the substitute returning officer.

- Wheatland County owns approximately 12.96 acres of undeveloped land within NE 5-22-25-4 that is being used as a stockpile storage site for Public Works operations. Alberta Transportation (AT) has requested to purchase approximately 0.561 acres of this property as part of a project to realign Highway 817 near the intersection of Highway 817 and Highway 24. Alberta Transportation has offered to purchase the land at the fair market value of \$6,300/acre. Access to the property will remain and selling this portion of property to AT will not significantly affect Public Work's current or future use of the site. Council accepted an offer to purchase approximately 0.561 acres of Roll #7360000 for the sum of \$3,534.30, made by the Minister of Transportation, for the purpose of the survey and construction of a public road upon or across the land.
- Council approved the 2021-2025 Unpaved Road Construction Plan as presented.
- Council directed Administration to bring a cost analysis for fencing options for the Nagloren and Fish Lake gravel pits, and Hwy 564 at this location. Further, to respond to the landowner's correspondence to advise that Wheatland County is further investigating this matter.
- Council made a motion to endorse either a letter of support or joint project application for upgrades or reconstruction to the one lane bridges on highway 842 and highway 547 located in Siksika Nation, in collaboration with Vulcan County.
- Council authorized the addition of 25% of the fair market appraised value to Tax Roll #6274000 based on the information provided, totaling \$10,000.00.
- Council approved amendments to the 2021 Organizational Chart (Section 6.4.1 of the Human Resources Policy) and 2021 Pay Grid (Section 6.2.1 of the Human Resources Policy), as presented during closed session.

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