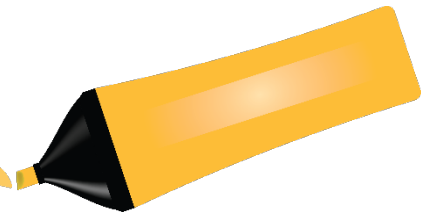




## Council Meeting

# Highlights

February 16, 2021



- Council conducted a Public Hearing for Bylaw 2020-40, this being a bylaw to redesignate +/- 17.77 acres of NE-8-24-25-W4M from Agricultural General District to Industrial General District. Council also moved Second and Third Reading of Bylaw 2020-40. This application is to redesignate 17.78 acres from Agricultural General to Industrial General District in order to facilitate a development permit application for a Recreational Vehicle (RV) Storage lot. This development obtained a temporary secondary use business permit in 2006, which expired in 2009. Since its expiry, the Land Use Bylaw has been amended to remove 'Secondary Use Business' as an allowable use. In addition to the development permit application for an RV Storage Lot, the applicant will be applying for a subdivision of +/- 1.70 acres, where there is currently an 'outdoor storage' development.
- Council conducted a Public Hearing for Bylaw 2020-41, this being a bylaw to redesignate +/- 0.67 acres of NE-23-24-26-W4M from Agricultural General District to Country Residential District. Council also moved Second and Third Reading of Bylaw 2020-41. The applicant is applying to redesignate +/-0.67 acres from Agricultural General to Country Residential in order to facilitate a boundary adjustment and development permit for a workshop.
- Council conducted a Public Hearing for Bylaw 2020-42, this being a bylaw to redesignate +/- 14.00 acres of SE-2-23-25-W4M from Agricultural General District to Country Residential District. Council also moved Second and Third Reading of Bylaw 2020-42. This application would redesignate +/-14.00 acres within a 156.43 acre parcel described as SE-2-23-25-W4M from Agricultural General (AG) District to Country Residential (CR) District to facilitate a future subdivision creating three (3) parcels, each measuring 4.70 acres. The subject parcels are all crop land that the applicant has stated is not suitable for crop production due to the site being on a hill containing sandy soil.
- Council conducted a Public Hearing for Bylaw 2021-01, this being a bylaw to redesignate +/- 10.00 acres of NW-16-24-26-W4M from Agricultural General District to Industrial General District. Council also moved Second and Third Reading of Bylaw 2021-01. The purpose of this application is to redesignate +/-10.00 acres from Agricultural General (AG) District to Industrial General (IG) District to facilitate a future subdivision. The owners have operated a packaging business on site since 1988 and want to a build new warehouse and packaging facility behind their current operation. The business has six (6) permanent employees and expects to hire three (3) or four (4) more in the next two (2) years.
- Council conducted a Public Hearing for Bylaw 2020-39 for the closure, and disposal to the applicant, the adjacent owner, of a portion of the original undeveloped Municipal Road Allowance between NE 24 & SE 25-25-24-4. On December 1st, 2020, Council approved 1st reading of Bylaw 2020-39 for a road closure which was submitted by the owner of Plan IRR 257 & Canal ROW Plan 1290 to close a portion of undeveloped original Road allowance lying between NE 24 & SE 25-25-24-4. The proposed area of road closure would be transferred to the Applicant in exchange for a portion of Plan IRR 257 that lies within the existing developed road allowance alignment of Township Road 254, to be dedicated as Road Plan by the applicant. Following the public hearing, the Bylaw and supporting information will be submitted to Alberta Transportation for Ministerial approval. Second and Third readings will be held at a later date.

- The Calgary Metropolitan Regional Board made a presentation to Council about the CMRB Growth and Servicing Plan. A motion arising was made following the presentation:
  - Wheatland County does not support the draft Regional Growth Plan dated February 2, 2021, as submitted and presented by the Consultant, HDR Calthorpe, and Wheatland Council is concerned that significant portions of the Growth Plan have not been submitted as required; and further
  - THAT the contract between the CMRB and the consultant is worth over one million dollars and stipulates the submission of the Regional Growth Plan, the Regional Servicing Plan and the Regional Evaluation Framework; and further
  - THAT Wheatland County is greatly concerned that none of this work has been satisfactorily completed; and further
  - THAT Wheatland has contributed over \$165,000.00 worth of staff and elected officials time over the past 13 months towards this project; and further
  - THAT Wheatland Council requests an analysis of time and money spent by all member municipalities as contributions towards the work of this consultant for review and discussion at the next CMRB Board meeting, prior to any further funding of this project by CMRB and Province of Alberta, Wheatland Council is of the opinion that an accounting of all the project costs to date and the project work submitted be provided; and further
  - THAT the CMRB board should review the draft submissions under the lens of the Provincial mandate of Red Tape Reduction and other Provincial Economic Strategies.
- Strathmore Handibus President Alice Booth made a presentation to Council. The presentation highlighted the Association's history, statistics, and future aspirations.
- Council made a motion to staff to draft a letter asking the Government of Alberta to ease restrictions due to the economic fallout and the psychological damage done to members of society, while underlining the importance of quality and normalcy of human life.
- Council approved the request to order a plaque to recognize the retirement of the Dalum Community Hall Association's President.
- Council provided approval to send a template letter of support to TELUS and any other service provider who applies to the Canadian Government's Universal Broadband Fund with the intent to improve broadband services within Wheatland County.
- Council approved the proposed amendments to the Wheatland County Corporate and Financial Services Policy – Section 2.10.8 Community Enhancement Reserve. At the December 15, 2020 regular Council meeting, Council reviewed a report on the Community Enhancement Regional Board (CERB) Funding Priorities, resulting in the following resolution (CM-2020-12-54): THAT Council direct administration to draft operational guidelines and amend the existing CERB Funding Policy to require an annual review of the CERB Terms of Reference.
- Council approved the proposed Recreation Policy 14.4 - Hamlet Community Facilities Funding Grant Program and will allow the Carseland & District Community Association and Agricultural Society, Gleichen Agricultural Society, Gleichen & District Community Hall to apply for Project-Based Community Enhancement Regional Board Grant funding.
- Council approved the revised and renamed Policy Section 8.1. - Protective Services Policy. Further, Council rescinded the existing Protective Services Policies sections 8.1.2 to 8.1.13.
- Council accepted the 'Open Space, Recreation and Cultural Master Plan Community Engagement: What We Heard Report' as information. County staff engaged Dialogue Partners to assist with the community engagement for the Open Space, Recreation and Cultural Master Plan. The engagement consisted of two online surveys (March 10–April 5, 2020 and November 10–29, 2020), telephone interviews to 13 community stakeholders, and an in-person session with Council. Both online surveys received 80 responses and the telephone interviews yielded 7 responses. The next steps are to utilize the information gathered in development of the Open Space, Recreation and Cultural Master Plan.

- Council approved the "Next Level" signage proposal and authorized the design committee to begin exploring an updated corporate identity / logo, and sign designs; and further, Council directed staff to report back on defined pricing for each tier identified in the "Next Level" signage proposal to finalize the long-term implementation strategy for all tiers.
- Council directed Administration to explore the potential sale of land located at SW-28-22-23-W4M and that the consolidation of the subject lands be amalgamated into the adjacent parcel of land.

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