



Council Meeting



March 2, 2021

- Council undertook the Public Hearing for Bylaw 2021-02.
- Council granted Second and Third 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' forming part of this Bylaw, given it complies with the relevant AUC Decisions.

The development proposal is to redesignate 140 acres of SW-9-24-23-W4M from the Agricultural General District to a Direct Control District to facilitate the development of a 20.1MWac commercial solar photovoltaic facility. The direct control (DC) district proposes specific regulations based on the solar project's design, County policies, and with the Alberta Utilities Commission's (AUC) decisions (24266-D01-2020 and 26038-D01- 2020). The proposed DC district bylaw complies with the AUC decision.

- Council directed Administration to propose an amendment to the County's Land Use Bylaw to address other authorizations that prevail (Sec. 619(1) - MGA) and bring back to Council for consideration.
- Council approved DP 2021-015 for a Solar Facility, given it complies with the relevant AUC Decisions and the DC-21 Land Use District, subject to the amended conditions noted in the development application. The facility will encompass 140 acres of land to facilitate the development of a 20.1 MWac commercial solar photovoltaic facility that has Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) approval (Decisions 24266-D01-2020 and 26038-D01-2020).
- Council approved DP 2021-014 for a variance for an existing shed subject to the conditions as noted in the development report. The applicant requested a Compliance Review which was completed by Wheatland County on January 15, 2021. The review of the Real Property Report identified a shed in the back yard which did not meet the required setback to the rear property line. The shed is located 0.66 m (2.17 ft) from the rear property line and the required setback is 3.05 m (10.0 ft). The shed meets all other setback requirements of this district. A variance has been requested so that the shed may remain in the current location.
- At the February 16, 2021 Council meeting, the Division 4 Councillor requested that Council consider sending a letter to the Premier of Alberta to encourage the Government of Alberta to lift lockdown restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. A draft letter to the Premier of Alberta to request the easing of Covid-19 restrictions was presented at the March 2, 2021, Council meeting; Council accepted this letter as information. The motion to send this letter to the Premier of Alberta and his cabinet was carried.
- Each year the RCMP requires local detachments to provide an Annual Policing Priorities Plan to "K" Division outlining the priorities that municipalities feel are important to them. In 2020, the Priorities that Wheatland County presented were: 1. Reducing Property Crime, 2. Application of Crime Reduction Strategy, 3. Police Presence/Visibility, 4. Traffic Law Enforcement, 5. Community Engagement. Council provided approval to continue with same priorities in 2021.
- Council approved proposed amendments to the Wheatland County Legislative Policy – Section 5.1.1 Elected Officials Remuneration, Section 5.1.2 Appointed/Non-Elected Committee Members Remuneration, and Section 5.2.1 County Property.
- Council accepted the March 2, 2021 broadband update as information. Survey numbers (as at Feb 23, 2021): Business: 18, Residential: 262.
- Council accepted the Communities in Bloom Report and cost analysis as submitted, as information. Council also approved funding up to \$1000 to engage hamlets/communities within Wheatland County to participate in the Communities in Bloom Alberta program for 2021.
- Council granted permission, in principle, for the Speargrass Community Association's proposed additions of park lighting and multisport-court amenities on County land at urban legal address: 1610303 13 5 MR; and a pathway extension on parcel at 202 Wyndham Park Way, subject to private landowners' approval.

- Council approved a budget increase for the Rockyford Tender by \$85,547.31 from \$390,000.00 to \$475,547.31; further, Council approved a budget of \$24,968.67 for the Capital purchase of two monitors for Dalum Fire Department; further, Council approved a budget of \$24,237.99 for the roof replacement of Rosebud Fire hall; and further, Council transferred from the fire reserve, a total of \$134,753.97 for the above purchases.
- Council accepted the three options proposed for fencing of the Naglolean and Fish Lake gravel pits as information. The fencing options ranged from \$14,720 to \$23,224 for supply and installation. These values include a 10% contingency for unforeseen issues that may arise. Council approved fencing [option 2](#), in the amount of \$23,224. As Council approved the installation of a fencing option, the 2021 Wheatland County Operating budget will be adjusted to indicate these expenses.
- Council provided approval for administration to amend Schedule E of the Potable Water Servicing Agreement with the Wheatland Regional Corporation to a potable water rate of \$4.46 per cubic meter of treated water and that the new rate is retroactive to January 1, 2021. Council also provided approval for administration to amend Schedules A, B, C, D and F of the Potable Water Servicing Agreement with the Wheatland Regional Corporation to define and add the Rosebud Water System to be retroactive to January 1, 2021.
- Council provided approval for administration to negotiate a Water and Wastewater Service Agreement with the Wheatland Regional Corporation to provide operational services to the Hamlets of Gleichen and Rosebud as part of Wheatland County's Hybrid Water and Wastewater Service model, with a service rate of \$48.03 per hour for 2021.
- Council directed Administration to contact The Town of Drumheller to discuss their [request](#) and further to prepare an RFD with more information regarding assistance for bridge repair.
- Council provided approval to send a letter of support Wheatland County Food Bank.
- Council approved \$65,000 to fund a Watch Clerk position in the 2021 Wheatland County budget, and revisit funding for March 1, 2022; and further Council directed administration contact the Town of Strathmore and Rocky View County to suggest advocating to the province to explore enhanced support for the RCMP Strathmore Detachment's administrative staffing capacities and compile a tri-municipal letter to send to the Solicitor General, RCMP and Minister of Justice, after approval from Council.
- Council directed Administration to inquire and provide information on The Wheatland Housing Management Body requisitioning amounts, including requirements of requisitions for The Hospice Society.
- Council directed Administration to hire an independent investigation team in accordance with Bylaw 2018-03, Section 15.5 Subsection d, to follow the procedure set out in Bylaw 2018-03 for the official complaint filed against Deputy Reeve Klassen, Councillor Wilson, Councillor Ikert and Councillor Armstrong.

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