



Council Meeting



April 4, 2023

- Council provided First, Second, Third, and Final Reading of the Code of Conduct Bylaw 2023-02, with the amendment to section 81.
- Council approved First, Second, Third, and Final Reading of Property Tax Rate Bylaw 2023-05.
- Council approved the Capital Budget 2023 – 2027 as presented.
- Council approved the Operating Budget 2023 – 2025 with a 2.5% increase in municipal tax revenue.
- Council directed Administration to review the Government of Alberta Affordable Housing Needs Assessment and bring a Request for Decision back to Council.
- Council directed Administration to draft a resolution regarding home care specifically for rural residents.
- Council accepted the April 4, 2023, Council Resolution Tracker as information.
- Council declared May 7 – 13, 2023, to be National Palliative Care Week in Wheatland County.
- Council authorized the Reeve to sign a letter of support for Rocky Mountain Clean Fuels Inc.
- Council approved the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.
- Council authorized the Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the approved December 31, 2022, financial statements as presented.
- Council approved the revised Planning Policy, Section 7.14, Certificate of Compliance.
- Council directed Administration to execute the Utility Right-of-Way (UROW) Agreement with Fortis Alberta Inc. (Fortis) affecting an Environmental Reserve Easement located at Lot 4, Block 3, Plan 2110444 within NW-21-21-26-W4M.
- Council directed Administration to execute the Utility Right-of-Way (UROW) Agreement with Fortis Alberta Inc. (Fortis) affecting County lands located at Plan RW5 within NW-21-24-20-W4M.
- Council accepted the Wheatland County and Golden Hills School Division Joint Use Planning Agreement, as prescribed by *Section 670.1(1)* of the *Municipal Government Act*, and directed the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the Agreement.
- Council approved the Wheatland Shores Campground Lease Agreement with Rocking R Guest Ranch for the use of the lands located at 234036 Range Road 243, and directed the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the agreement.
- Council approved the 2023 Wheatland Wind Project Community Benefit funding open allocation for \$10,000 as recommended by Wheatland Wind Project LP Representatives and Administration.
- Council approved the 2023 Wheatland Wind Community Benefit funding for the fixed allocation amounts to Wheatland Family & Community Support Services (WFCSS) for \$7,000, school education programs to Carseland School \$2,000, and Wheatland Crossing School \$2,000.

- Council authorized the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the Extension Agreement for the Municipal Access Agreement with Shaw Cablesystems Limited.
- Council directed Administration to investigate in further detail the option of providing potable water supply infrastructure to the West Highway 1 Area Structure Plan by means of treated water supply from the East Calgary Regional Water Line, including facilitating a meeting with the Reeve and the Mayor of the City of Calgary; furthermore, Council directed Administration to continue to explore the other presented potable water supply options for the West Highway 1 Area Structure Plan, until such time as a final planned solution is determined.
- Council directed Administration to draft a letter from the Reeve to Mayor Colberg and Drumheller Council requesting that we be ask for approval prior to joint grant applications.
- The following motions arose from an in-camera session:
 - THAT Council determines that in conjunction with the written report prepared by the investigation team based on CM-2023-02-67, that the complaint against Councillor Ikert be dismissed.
 - THAT Council direct Administration to draft a letter from the Reeve on behalf of Council to the complainant with Council's decision.
 - THAT Council determines that in conjunction with the written report prepared by the investigation team based on CM-2022-12-34, that the complaint against Councillor Ikert be upheld.
 - THAT Council determines in conjunction with the upheld complaint against Councillor Ikert, the following sanction be imposed in accordance with Code of Conduct Bylaw 2022-05, 14.21 (a), Wheatland County Council issue a public letter of reprimand stating the following:
 - Wheatland County Council acknowledges that Councillor Ikert has contravened Bylaw 2022-05, which is the Code of Conduct Bylaw. Although Councillor Ikert acknowledged his contravention and attempted to mitigate his mistake, Wheatland County Council does not condone this type of activity and does not want to see lapses of judgement like this in the future. Council takes contraventions to the Code of Conduct seriously and expects all councillors to adhere to it.
 - THAT Council direct Administration to obtain quotes for Code of Conduct training for all of Council to be provided back to Council for their consideration.
 - THAT Council direct the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the agreement with CGC Inc., in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding, which summarizes Wheatland County's planned capital infrastructure project for supplying raw water to the Goldfinch Industrial Park and outlines the terms and conditions for CGC Inc.'s access to the supply of raw water.
 - Council direct Administration to draft a letter from the Reeve to Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services requesting evidence to support the assertions made by the AHS representative at the March 27, 2023, Community Presentation made jointly by WHMB and the Wheatland and Area Hospice Society.

- Council direct Administration to engage legal counsel to review actions of the Wheatland Housing Management Body Board against appointed County representatives and advise Council on potential litigation options.
- Council direct Administration to draft a letter to the Government of Alberta Ministry responsible for Seniors Housing outlining our concerns with Wheatland Housing Management Body governance to be sent following the provincial election once Cabinet has been formed.

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