

The regular meeting of the Lacombe County Council was called to order by Reeve Law at 9:00 a.m. on June 27, 2019 in the Council Chamber of the Lacombe County Administration Office.

Present

Present: Reeve, P. Law; Deputy Reeve K. Wigmore; Councillors, J. Ireland, B. Knight, D. Kreil, B. Shepherd and K. Stephenson; County Manager, T. Timmons; Director of Community Services, K. Boras; Director of Corporate Services, M. Minchin; Director of Operations, B. Cade; Director of Planning, D. Freitag; Communications Coordinator, N. Plewis and Executive Administrative Coordinator, L. Turnbull.

9:00 a.m. Gary Kuipers, Mike Baik and Stephan Olson entered the meeting.

**C/344/19  
Agenda**

Mrs. Law inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Item 4.5 - QEII Rest Stop moved to follow Item 14.1

***Moved by Mr. Wigmore that the agenda be approved as amended.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

**C/345/19  
Minutes**

***Moved by Mr. Ireland that the minutes of the May 23, 2019 meeting be approved as presented.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

**C/346/19  
Administrative  
Report**

Mr. Timmons, Mr. Boras, Mr. Cade, Mr. Freitag and Mr. Minchin provided an overview of their department activities as presented in the Administrative Report.

***Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the Administrative Report as at June 27, 2019 be received for information.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

**C/347/19  
Improvement to  
Undeveloped Road  
Allowance  
SE 02-41-03 W5M**

Mr. Cade advised that the tenant on the SE 02-41-03 W5M, a quarter adjacent to Twp. Rd. 41-0 east of Hwy. 766 has contacted the County numerous times regarding damage to his fence from users of this road. There have been a number of incidents where damage has occurred with the most recent involving a truck taking out 30-40 metres of fence and damaging a power pole and ground wire.

Mr. Cade commented that as this situation is a nuisance for the tenant as well as a safety concern for road users the merit of grading and brushing the undeveloped portion of the road has been re-evaluated. The work required would involve re-contouring the side slopes to minimize users from sliding into private property. Mr. Cade addressed questions of Council.

Mr. Olson commented that he has had to hire people to fix his fence and it is an ongoing problem.

***Moved by Ms. Shepherd that the improvements to the undeveloped portion of Twp. Rd. 41-0 adjacent to the SE 02-41-03 W5M be approved.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

9:40 a.m. Cajun Paradis entered the meeting. Mr. Olson withdrew from the meeting.

**C/348/19  
NE 25-40-01 W5M  
Accretion of Land**

Ms. Paradis informed Council that a landowner representing the community at the southern portion of Brownlow's Landing on Gull Lake (Plan 1970 EO and NE 25-40-01 W5M) has approached the County with a draft survey plan regarding a proposed accretion of land as Lacombe County is the registered owner of Lot P Plan 1970 EO. Lot P Plan 1970 EO is shown as Lot 25 MR on the draft survey plan.

Mr. Paradis advised that in order to amend the property descriptions on titles to reflect the current location of the natural boundary, the Registrar of Land Titles requires an application by the registered owners, a plan of survey, consent of the Minister of Environment and Parks, and consent of all registered owners of parcels that may be adversely affected. As Lacombe County is the registered owner of Lot P Plan 1970 EO County consent is required for the accretion.

Ms. Paradis presented the draft survey plan with revisions to include a 5-metre wide continuance of Lot 25 MR, directly south and parallel to the 10-metre wide access to Lot 26, and to include a 5-metre wide continuance of Lot 25 MR directly north of the current titles of Plan 752 0233. These revisions would provide lot owners with legal and physical access from their properties, through the MR, to Meridian Road (Range Road 1-0) to access the lake. Ms. Paradis and Mr. Cade addressed questions of Council.

***Moved by Mr. Wigmore that the report, draft survey plan and the revised draft survey plan regarding the proposed accretion of the land in NE 25-40-1 W5 be received for information; and further, that a meeting be held to present and solicit public input on the subject proposed accretion.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

10:10 a.m. Mr. Baik, Mr. Kuipers, Mr. Cade, Ms. Paradis and Mr. Freitag withdrew from the meeting.

***C/349/19  
2020 Pre-budget  
Meeting Scheduled***

Mr. Minchin advised that Council set an initial pre-budget meeting date of September 16, 2019 at its organizational meeting on October 23, 2018. The September date has been the traditional pre-budget meeting date. However, the 2019 budget process included an earlier pre-budget meeting date to accommodate scheduling conflicts.

Although this earlier date meant staff were working on budgets earlier than in past, it did result in a smoother budgeting process. Having early and clear direction from Council on service levels ensures that departments are able to provide Council with a thorough budget for review by mid November. The 2020 budget meeting of Council is proposed for Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

***Moved by Mr. Stephenson that the 2020 pre-budget meeting be scheduled for August 29, 2019 commencing at 9:00 a.m.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

***C/350/19  
2020 Budget  
Meeting Scheduled***

***Moved by Mrs. Knight that the 2020 budget meeting be re-scheduled for November 29, 2019 commencing at 9:00 a.m.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

***C/351/19  
Auditor Appointed  
BDO Canada LLP***

Mr. Minchin advised that each year Lacombe County engages the services of an auditor to prepare its annual financial statements and financial information return and report to Council on these documents. Council is required to appoint the auditor for the 2019 fiscal year.

***Moved by Mr. Ireland that BDO Canada LLP be appointed as the Lacombe County auditor for the 2019 fiscal year.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

***C/352/19  
Monthly Statement***

***Moved by Mr. Stephenson that the Monthly Statement as at May 31, 2019 be received for information.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

***C/353/19  
Agenda Item  
Follow-up***

***Moved by Mr. Wigmore that the Agenda Item Follow-up for June 13, 2019 be received for information.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

***C/354/19  
Consent Agenda***

***Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

***Councillor Inquires***

Mr. Ms. Shepherd inquired when the next In-camera Agenda Item Follow-up will be presented to Council. Timmons advised that the Follow-up will be on the July 11, 2019 agenda.

Mrs. Knight inquired of previous discussions regarding delegations being scheduled for the afternoon unless such times are not suitable for delegation

attendees. Mr. Timmons advised that while Council did discuss this when the Procedures Bylaw was last revised, they decided to not proceed with it.

Mrs. Knight inquired with regard the operation at the old CN building in Mirror. Mr. Timmons advised that there is a stop work order in place, but this situation may result in a legal matter.

Mrs. Kreil displayed a framed picture presented by the Medicine River Watershed Society in appreciation of Lacombe County's support of the Society.

**C/355/19  
In-camera**

***Moved by Ms. Shepherd that the meeting recess in order to meet In-camera for the purpose of discussing intergovernmental relations.***  
**Time: 10:40 a.m.**

***Carried Unanimously.***

10:47 a.m. Mr. Boras, Mr. Minchin and Mrs. Turnbull withdrew from the meeting.

**C/356/19  
Reconvene**

***Moved by Ms. Shepherd that the meeting reconvene.***  
**Time: 11:02 a.m.**

***Carried Unanimously.***

11:03 a.m. Mr. Boras, Mr. Minchin and Mrs. Turnbull entered the meeting.

**C/357/19  
Rest Stop QE11  
Letter to MLA Ron  
Orr – Motion Lost**

Mr. Timmons referred to the March 2019 announcement by the Government of Alberta that they would be building a new safety rest stop adjacent to the south bound lane on the QEII Highway north of Lacombe. The announcement also stated that "safety rest stops will be designed to accommodate possible future commercial opportunities such as gas stations and restaurants."

Lacombe City Council has directed that a letter be sent to MLA Ron Orr inviting the Provincial Government to reconsider their commercial rest stop development plans at this location; and furthermore, request that they relocate this rest stop to either the Midway Centre in Lacombe or in the Joint Economic Area (JEA) in Lacombe County. The City of Lacombe is inviting the County to be a joint signatory with the City of Lacombe and the Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce in their letter to MLA Orr.

Mr. Timmons provided a number of reasons to support the construction of the rest stop at the Government of Alberta location such as convenience and safety, the benefit to having dense commercial development located at the Midway Centre and/or the JEA and the possibility of building a similar amenity as proposed by the province at these locations. A discussion followed the presentation.

11:23 a.m. Carla Kenney, Tees Agricultural Society representative entered the meeting. Bill Cade entered the meeting.

***Moved by Mrs. Knight that Council support the invitation from the City of Lacombe to be a joint signatory along with the Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce in their letter to Ron Orr regarding the rest stop adjacent to the south bound lane on the QEII north of Lacombe.***

***Motion Lost.***

**C/358/19  
Tees Agricultural  
Society RC(1)  
Application**

Ms. Kenney presented a brief history of the Tees Agricultural Society and the various events and initiatives that they have undertaken. Ms. Kenney also provided an overview of the facilities owned and operated by the Society.

Ms. Kenney presented the Tees Agricultural Society's Policy RC(1) funding application. Policy RC(1) provides capital support funding for recreation and cultural facilities. The Society is seeking funding for the Tees Outdoor Rink Revitalization Project. Ms. Kenney provided a review of the proposed upgrades to the rink.

The Tees Agricultural Society has raised \$ 22,775 (casino funding) for the project. The request to Lacombe County is for matching funding in the amount of \$ 22,775. Ms. Kenney addressed questions of Council.

11:37 a.m. Ms. Kenney withdrew from the meeting.

***Moved by Ms. Shepherd that the presentation on the Tees Outdoor Rink Revitalization Project be received for information; and further, the County Manager be directed to prepare a report and recommendation to be presented for Council's consideration at a future Council meeting.***

***Carried Unanimously.***

***C/359/19  
Adjourn***

***Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the meeting adjourn.  
Time: 11:38 a.m.***

***Carried Unanimously***

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COUNTY MANAGER