

The Lacombe County Council Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order by Reeve Law at 9:00 a.m. on December 3, 2019 in the Joffre Room of the Lacombe County Administration Office.

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

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

9:00 a.m. Darren Dempsey entered the meeting.

Mr. Dempsey provided a presentation on Utility Challenges for the Mirror Sanitary System. The following areas were highlighted.

- Typical Residential Service
- 2016 Residential Installation
- Residential Issue
- Sanitary Mains
- Main Line Issues
- Lift Station/Issues
- Unexpected Sewer Finds
- 2018 Lagoon Cleaning/Upgrades
- Lagoon Issues

Mr. Dempsey addressed questions of Council throughout the presentation.

10:00 a.m. Mr. Dempsey withdrew from the meeting.

SDAB APPEAL FEES

Mr. Freitag provided a presentation on SDAB Appeal Fees with regard to the following:

- Appeal Fees Background
- Items Submitted to SDAB Recently
- Fees in Other Municipalities
- Are Fees in Other Municipalities Refunded
- Appeal Fee Costs to the County
- Appeal Fees Summary
- Options to Consider

Mr. Freitag addressed questions of Council. Discussion took place following the question period.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the County Manager be directed to prepare a report regarding SDAB appeal fees, and further; that this report be presented at a future Council meeting.

ANIMALS IN COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

Mr. Duke provided a presentation on Animals in County Residential District highlighting the following areas:

- Livestock on Country Residential Parcels Background
- Regulations
- Research Regarding Other Municipalities Process
- Options

A question and discussion period followed the presentation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report on animals in Country Residential Districts be received for information.

PERMITS FOR TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS

Mr. Duke provided a presentation regarding Permits for Telecommunication Towers with regard to the following:

- Communication Towers Approval – Background
- County Current Process
- Research Regarding Other Municipalities Process
- Common Concerns from the Public
- Summary
- Options

A discussion period took place.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the County Manager be directed to prepare a report regarding permits for telecommunication towers, and further; that this report be presented at a future Council meeting.

PRIVATE SEWAGE SYSTEM VARIANCE PROCESS

Mr. Wigmore that the Government of Alberta began the process of transitioning responsibility for reviewing and approving private sewage variance applications from Alberta Municipal Affairs to Safety Codes Officers (SCO) employed by or contracted to municipalities. This transition takes place as of September 30, 2019.

Mr. Wigmore commented that if approval is under a SCO it may not address the variance. If the municipality is accredited, they have the right to set guidelines for the SCO and can control setbacks. The County could become accredited by making a Quality Management Plan. Accreditation is not costly but can provide revenue. Council discussion took place.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the County Manager be directed to prepare a report regarding accreditation through the Safety Codes Act, and further; that this report be presented at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

That the County Manager be directed to contact the Municipal Affairs Safety Codes Division and request that a representative make a presentation to Council at a future Committee of the Whole.

LACOMBE COUNTY AG PLAN

Mr. Timmons advised that the County AG plan will be reviewed in 2020 and any updates will be presented to Council.

OPTION PAY – ONLINE CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

Mr. Minchin provided a presentation on the Option Pay – Online Credit Card Payment System that the County will be implementing in 2020, and highlighted the following:

- Payment Options
- Payment Alternative
- Uses
- Private Provider
- Fees
- Municipal Users
- Other Users
- Examples

A discussion took place following the presentation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the presentation on Option Pay- Online Credit Card Payment be received for information.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NON-RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT SUB-CLASSES

Mr. Minchin provided a presentation on the Establishment of Non-residential Assessment Sub-classes as follows:

- Small Business Property Assessment - Sub-class
- Statutory Authority
- Regulations
- Eligibility
- Estimates Number of Eligible Businesses
- Implementation

A question and discussion period followed the presentation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the County Manager be directed to prepare a report regarding the establishment of non-residential assessment sub-classes; and further, that this report be presented at the December 12, 2019 meeting.

Adjourn: 3:10 p.m.