

The regular meeting of the Lacombe County Council was called to order by Reeve Law at 9:00 a.m. on September 12, 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 Corporate Services, M. Minchin; Director of Operations, B. Cade; Director of Planning, D. Freitag; Planner Development Officer, C. Paradis; Manager of Operations, B. Maier and Project Manager, B. Maschio and Executive Administrative Coordinator, L. Turnbull.

Mrs. Law displayed the North Red Deer River Wastewater Commission Project Achievement Award recently presented to the Commission from the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta.

**C/464/19
Agenda**

Mrs. Law inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were three additions to the agenda.

5.8. RMA Convention – Invitation to Meet With RCMP
14.1. Intergovernmental Relations – FOIP Section 21(1)
14.2. Privileged Information – FOIP Section 27(1)

Moved by Mrs. Knight that the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/465/19
Minutes**

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the minutes of the August 8, 2019 meeting be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/466/19
Blackfalds Draft IDP**

Mr. Freitag presented the draft Blackfalds Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP). The Plan is being presented for Council's information prior to a public open house tentatively scheduled for October 10, 2019. The IDP is a collaborative plan between Lacombe County and the Town of Blackfalds which will guide land use and development that is mutually beneficial.

The Steering Committee was re-assembled in January 2019 to review the Blackfalds IDP which was initially adopted. Mr. Freitag provided an overview of the amendments. The majority of the amendments have been made to clarify and update the document; and further, to meet the new requirements of the Modernized Municipal Government Act (MMGA). Mr. Freitag addressed questions of Council.

Moved by Mr. Wigmore that the draft Blackfalds Intermunicipal Development Plan be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/467/19
Blackfalds Draft IDP
Open House**

Moved by Mr. Stephenson that the draft Blackfalds Intermunicipal Development Plan public open house be scheduled for October 10, 2019.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/468/19
2020 – 2024 Road
Construction
Program Approved**

Mr. Maier presented the Long Range Road Construction Schedule for 2020 to 2024. The goal of the schedule is to have enough projects on the schedule for a five-year plan and there is approximately three and one-half years left on the current schedule. Mr. Maier advised that 35 projects were evaluated with a consistent criteria and rating guide and 10 projects were identified to be added to the current schedule.

Mr. Maier provided an overview of the Long Range Road Construction Schedule for 2020 to 2024. Mr. Maier and Mr. Cade addressed questions of Council.

Moved by Mr. Stephenson that the 2020 to 2024 Road Construction Program be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/469/19
Five-year Bridge
Program**

Mr. Maschio advised that based on Policy OP(42) Bridge Management Plan, criteria has been established within the policy for the replacement of Lacombe County's bridge structures. Mr. Maschio provided an overview of the five-year Bridge Program Schedule. Mr. Maschio and Mr. Cade addressed questions of Council.

Moved by Mrs. Knight that the five-year Bridge Program be adopted; and further, that the County Manager be authorized to tender and award the bridge projects for 2020.

Carried Unanimously.

10:10 a.m. Ms. Paradis, Mr. Maier and Mr. Maschio withdrew from the meeting.

***C/470/19
Kuhnen Natural Area
Acquisition of Land
SE 1-39-23 W4M***

Mr. Cade referred to the Kuhnen Natural area located on the SE 1-39-23 W4M. The property was recently acquired by the County and it was brought to the County's attention that portions of the trail and fence may not be within the property boundaries.

The County subsequently undertook a legal survey which identified a number of sections of the trail not within the boundaries of the Kuhnen Natural Area and the existing fence is not situated on the said property. As such, there is the potential for trespassing on private property. Mr. Cade advised that one option would be to move portions of the trail and the second option would be to acquire the land where the current trail is located. Mr. Cade advised that the option to acquire the land and consolidate it with the Kuhnen Natural Area would be less intrusive on the existing conditions of the site. Mr. Cade addressed questions of Council.

Moved by Mr. Ireland that the County Manager be authorized to enter into an acquisition agreement with the landowner of the NE 1-39-23 W4M for the purchase of +/- 2.582 acres of land; and further, that those lands be consolidated with the SE 1-39-23 W4M.

Carried Unanimously.

***C/471/19
Kuhnen Natural Area
Acquisition of Land
SW 1-39-23 W4M***

Moved by Mrs. Knight that the County Manager be authorized to enter into discussions with the landowner of the SW 1-39-23 W4M with regard to acquiring land and/or obtaining perpetual rights to a portion of land for the Kuhnen Natural Area.

Carried Unanimously.

10:50 a.m. Fire Chief Drayton Bussiere entered the meeting.

***C/472/19
Town of Bentley Fire
Services Agreement***

Mr. Timmons informed Council that the Town of Bentley and the Villages of Alix and Clive are supportive of the last fire services proposal submitted by Lacombe County at the respective Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee meetings.

Mr. Timmons presented the Fire Services Agreements between Lacombe County and the Town of Bentley and the Villages of Alix and Clive. Mr. Timmons reviewed the key elements of the agreements. The agreements are identical other than clauses included to address unique circumstances with the individual municipalities. Mr. Timmons provided an overview of those clauses. Mr. Timmons and Mr. Bussiere addressed questions of Council.

Moved by Ms. Shepherd that the Fire Services Agreement between the Town of Bentley and Lacombe County be approved.

Carried Unanimously.

***C/473/19
Village of Clive Fire
Services Agreement***

Moved by Mr. Wigmore that the Fire Services Agreement between the Village of Clive and Lacombe County be approved.

Carried Unanimously.

***C/474/19
Village of Alix Fire
Services Agreement***

Moved by Mr. Ireland that the Fire Services Agreement between the Village of Alix and Lacombe County be approved.

Carried Unanimously.

11:03 a.m. Mr. Bussiere withdrew from the meeting.

***MLA/Minister Visit
Topics of Discussion***

Mr. Timmons advised Council that the Minister of Environment and Parks, Jason Nixon and MLA Ron Orr will attend the October 10, 2019 Council meeting at 9:00 a.m. A request has been made by their offices to identify topics that Council may wish to discuss. Council identified the following topics for discussion:

- Backlog in Court System

- Rural Crime Reduction Strategy
- Police Costing Model
- Police Act Review
- Shallow Gas Well Tax Relief Initiative
- Recycling – Update on Provincial Initiatives and Extended Producer Responsibility
- Inspection/Funding of Small Communities Water Treatment Plants (Alberta Environment and Parks)
- Lack of Maintenance of Provincial Parks i.e., Aspen Beach
- Clean Lake Initiative - Improvement District #4
- “Take it off Program” – Ice Fishing Huts on Lakes (Sylvan Lake Management Committee has sent a letter to Minister Nixon)
- McKinnon Report – Status of the 26 Recommendations (Spending of Municipal Reserves)
- TELUS Telephone Lines – Not Being Buried in Rural Areas
- Municipal Grant Funding (MSI Operating and Capital, STIP, etc.)
- Red Tape Reduction Initiative – Lacombe County Suggestions

**C/675/19
RCMP Appointment
RMA Convention**

Mr. Timmons informed Council that the RCMP have inquired if Council wishes to meet with the RCMP Commanding Officer and Management Team during the upcoming RMA Fall Convention. Council agreed they will meet.

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the County Manager be authorized to set up an appointment with the RCMP Commanding Officer and Management Team during the RMA Fall Convention in November 2019.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/676/19
Bylaw No. 1302/19
Gull Lake IDP
New Public Hearing**

Mr. Freitag referred to the public hearing for the draft Gull Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) which was held on September 3, 2019. This was a joint public hearing held by Ponoka County, Lacombe County, the Summer Village of Gull Lake and the Summer Village of Parkland Beach and was outside of the regular scheduled Council meetings of each municipality. Due to an administrative error which occurred the hearing was invalidated. Representations made at the public hearing held on September 3, 2019 will be included as part of the record.

As such a new public hearing must be advertised and held on a date determined by Council. It is proposed that each municipality host individual public hearings at their regularly scheduled Council meetings. Mr. Freitag addressed questions of Council.

Moved by Mrs. Knight that in the matter of Bylaw No. 1302/19:

- 1) ***A public hearing be held on October 10, 2019 commencing at 11:00 a.m.***
- 2) ***Any person present at the public hearing will be heard upon recognition of the Chair; and***
- 3) ***The publication of the notice of the public hearing be advertised in local papers.***

Carried Unanimously.

11:20 a.m. Cajun Paradis entered the meeting.

**C/677/19
Bylaw No. 1305/19
First Reading**

Ms. Paradis presented Bylaw 1305/19, which proposes to rezone approximately 3.68 ha (9.11 ac) on Lot 15 Block 1 Plan 162 0927, adjacent to the Burbank Industrial park from Agricultural ‘A’ District to Business Industrial ‘I-BI’ District. The rezoning would facilitate an expansion to Rebel Energy Services yard site.

Ms. Paradis advised that as there is no house on the property it cannot be used for storage, therefore rezoning is being requested. An extensive gravel pit has been developed and Rebel has advised they will keep the trees that follow the perimeter of the subdivision. Rebel Energy hosted a public meeting on August 29, 2019 between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. at the Blackfalds Multi-plex. Ms. Paradis addressed questions of Council.

Moved by Ms. Shepherd that Bylaw No. 1305/19, a bylaw of Lacombe County to amend the Lacombe County Land Use Bylaw No. 1237/17, to change the zoning of approximately 3.68 ha (9.11 ac) on Lot 15 Block 1 Plan 162 0927, from Agricultural ‘A’ District to Business Industrial ‘I-BI’ District

Be now read a first time.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Wigmore that in the matter of Bylaw No. 1305/19:

**C/678/19
Bylaw No. 1305/19
Public Hearing**

- 1) **A public hearing be held on October 10, 2019 commencing at 11:15 a.m.**
- 2) **Any person present at the public hearing will be heard upon recognition of the Chair; and**
- 3) **The publication of the notice of the public hearing be advertised in local papers.**

Carried Unanimously.

**C/679/19
MPC**

**Moved by Mr. Stephenson that the meeting recess in order to conduct a Municipal Planning Commission meeting.
Time: 11:30 a.m.**

Carried Unanimously.

**C/680/19
Reconvene**

**Moved by Mr. Wigmore that the meeting reconvene.
Time: 12:10 p.m.**

Carried Unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with all Councillors, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Minchin, Mr. Cade and Mrs. Turnbull present.

**C/681/19
Town of Blackfalds
Arena/Library Project**

1:00 p.m. Richard Poole, Mayor of the Town of Blackfalds, Myron Thompson, CAO of the Town of Blackfalds, Sean Barnes, Director of Community Services of the Town of Blackfalds, Eddo Cancian, Principal Architect and Jason McConaghie of ACI Architects entered the meeting.

Mayor Poole provided an overview of the timelines, construction cost savings, population and other aspects that have moved the Blackfalds Arena/Library Project project forward. Mr. Thompson commented that the Facilities Master Plan identified the need for a second ice surface in Blackfalds.

Mr. Cancian provided a presentation on the proposed Town of Blackfalds Arena/Library Project highlighting the following:

- Current location of the proposed multi-plex (future arena/library)
- Visual design of the new multi-plex exterior
- Visual design of old arena as attached to new facility
- Visual design of exterior components and amenities of the multi-plex
- Visual design of interior components and amenities of the multi-plex
- Multi-plex capacity
- CEPTED Components

Mr. Cancian, Mayor Poole and Mr. Thompson addressed questions of Council.

1:35 p.m. Mr. Poole, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Cancian and McConaghie withdrew from the meeting.

Moved by Mr. Stephenson that the presentation on the Town of Blackfalds Arena/Library Project be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/682/19
Agenda Item
Follow-up**

Moved by Mrs. Knight that the Agenda Item Follow-up for August 22, 2019 be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Council Reports

Ms. Shepherd reported on the following:

- Town of Blackfalds/Lacombe County IDP
- Town of Blackfalds/Lacombe County ICF
- Ag Tour/Long Table Supper
- Meeting with Justice Minister Schweitzer
- Red Deer/Lacombe Rural Crime Watch
- Advisory Committee Meeting- Study Re: Rural Crime Watch
- LRWSC

**C/683/19
Rural Crime Watch
Advisory Meeting**

Moved by Mr. Ireland that Ms. Shepherd be authorized to attend the Rural Crime Watch Advisory Committee meeting being held on September 20, 2019.

Carried Unanimously.

Council Reports

Mrs. Knight reported on the following:

- Mirror Community Association
- Mirror Dog Control Initiative
- Mirror Skating Rink Board
- Mirror Fund Raiser
- Ag Tour/Long Table Supper
- Boomtown Trail
- Highway 12/21 Regional Water Services Commission
- Clive Garage Sale
- Clive Seed Cleaning Plant Association
- Mirror Library

Mrs. Kreil reported on the following:

- Brownlow's Landing Proposed Accretion Open House
- Summer Village of Gull Lake/Lacombe County IDP
- Meeting with Justice Minister Schweitzer
- Ag Tour/Long Table Supper
- Pre-budget Meeting
- Medicine River Rural Crime Watch
- Bentley Library

Mr. Wigmore reported on the following:

- Brownlow's Landing Proposed Accretion Open House
- Ag Tour/Long Table Supper
- City of Lacombe/Lacombe County ICF
- Town of Blackfalds/Lacombe County ICF
- Rebel Energy Open House
- Gull Lake Watershed Society
- NRDRWSC/NRDRWWSC
- Red Deer/Lacombe Rural Crime Watch
- Town of Blackfalds Economic Development Committee
- Meeting with Justice Minister Schweitzer
- Town of Bentley/Lacombe County ICF

Mr. Stephenson reported on the following:

- Sylvan Lake Management Plan Committee
- Ag Tour/Long Table Supper
- Gull Lake IDP Public Hearing
- Brownlow's Landing Proposed Accretion Open House
- Town of Sylvan Lake/Lacombe County IDP
- Central Alberta Synergy Group

Mr. Ireland reported on the following:

- Clive Seed Cleaning Plant Association
- LRWSC
- Alix Agricultural Society
- Brownlow's Landing Proposed Accretion Open House
- Ag Tour/Long Table Supper
- Alix Municipal Library
- Haynes Hall Executive Meeting
- Division 1 Ratepayer Meeting – November 5, 2019

Mrs. Law reported on the following:

- RMA Central Zone Directors Meeting
- Blackfalds FCSS – RCMP Musical Ride Event
- Ross Family 100-year Farm Family Celebration
- Summer Village of Gull Lake Meeting
- Shallow Gas Well Taxation
- Minister of Services/Broadband Services Meeting Ron Orr's Office
- Ag Tour/Long Table Supper
- City of Lacombe/Lacombe County ICF
- Lacombe Regional Tourism
- Lacombe & District Chamber of Commerce
- Federal Election Forum – October 9, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. - LMC
- Burman University Facilities

- Lacombe Legion Candlelight Ceremony
- Lacombe Regional Library
- Summer Village of Gull Lake/Lacombe County ICF
- Mayors and Reeves Meeting

**C/684/19
Gull Lake Watershed
Society Meeting**

Moved by Mr. Ireland that Mr. Wigmore be authorized to attend the Gull Lake Watershed Society meeting held on September 2, 2019.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/685/19
Energy Futures
Road Show**

Moved by Mrs. Knight that Mr. Wigmore be authorized to attend the Energy Futures Road Show being held in Red Deer on September 20, 2019.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/686/19
Consent Agenda**

Moved by Mr. Stephenson that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

Council Inquiries

Mr. Wigmore referred to the signs placed around the County notifying the public that it is the agriculture season. Mr. Wigmore commented that the lettering is very small and difficult to read. Mr. Timmons will speak to Mr. Burlock regarding the lettering.

Mr. Wigmore advised that the Rural Crime Watch Zone 2 AGM will be held on October 26, 2019 at the Lacombe Memorial Centre and the Provincial Crime Watch AGM will be held February 1 and 2, 2019 in Nisku.

Mr. Stephenson advised that a ratepayer has reported a large outbreak of clubroot in a neighboring field. Mrs. Kreil advised that she has received the same report. Mr. Timmons advised that this issue should be reported to Mr. Burlock.

Mrs. Knight referred to increased flaring in oil industry and advised that she will raise this issue at the Provincial Synergy Board meeting to determine why there has been an increase. Mrs. Knight commented that if Council has other concerns prior to the meeting to inform her at the September 26, 2019 Council meeting.

Mrs. Knight inquired how Council can communicate with the next level of authority for the RCMP. Mr. Timmons commented that this issue could be raised to the Minister during the bear pit session at the RMA Fall Convention.

Mr. Ireland referred to the Gull Lake IDP and inquired if Meridian Beach is built on accreted lands. Mr. Freitag commented that Raymond Shores has structures on Crown Land but that Meridian Beach has less structures. Mr. Timmons advised that a clause will be included in the IDP that refers to lake bottom and staff will endeavor to provide a definition.

**C/687/19
In-camera**

Moved by Mr. Ireland that the meeting recess in order to meet In-camera for the purpose of discussing Intergovernmental Relations and Privileged information.

Time: 2:56 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/688/19
Reconvene**

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the meeting reconvene.

Time: 3:36 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/689/19
Adjourn**

Moved by Mr. Wigmore that the meeting adjourn.

Time: 3:37 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

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COUNTY MANAGER