

The Lacombe County Council Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order by Reeve Shepherd at 9:00 a.m. on December 7, 2021 in the Council Chambers of the Lacombe County Administration Office.

Additions to the Agenda:

- LAPA Funding Request Discussion

Present: Reeve B. Shepherd; Deputy Reeve, J. Ireland; Councillors, B. Knight, D. Kreil, D. West, K. Weenink and A. Wilson; County Manager, T. Timmons; Director of Corporate Services, M. Minchin; Director of Operations, B. Cade; Director of Community Services, K. Boras, Director of Planning Services, D. Freitag; I.T. Applications Coordinator, A. Guse; Parks Lead Hand, L. Vink and Administrative Executive Coordinator, L. Turnbull.

PARKING/BOAT LAUNCHING FEES – SANDY POINT & SUNBREAKER COVE FACILITIES

Mrs. Vink provided a presentation on the proposal to charge parking fees and boat launching fees at the Sandy Point and Sunbreaker Cove facilities. The following information was provided for Council's consideration:

Paid Parking Systems:

- Background
- How They Work – Digital System/Terminals
- Upfront Costs – Digital System/Terminals
- Monthly Costs – Digital System/Terminals
- Yearly Costs – Digital System/Terminals
- App Demo for Digital System
- Enforcement of System
- Sandy Point Potential Revenues
- Projected Yearly Revenues
- Sunbreaker Cove Potential Revenues
- Projected Yearly Revenues
- Capital Costs – Digital System/Terminals
- Revenue Less Operating Costs – Digital System/Terminals
- Return on Investment
- Enforcement – Violations
- Recommendations – Public Engagement, Fee Structure

Mrs. Vink and Mr. Cade addressed questions of Council throughout the presentation. Council discussion took place.

RECOMMENDATION

That the County Manager be directed to prepare a report with regard to the proposal to charge parking fees and boat launching fees at the Sandy Point and Sunbreaker Cove facilities; and further, that report be presented at a future meeting

10:10 a.m. Mrs. Vink withdrew from the meeting.

ASSET MANAGEMENT

Mr. Minchin provided a presentation on Asset Management highlighting the following:

- What is an asset?
- What is management?
- What asset management is
- Benefits of asset management
- How does asset management deliver value?
- Component 1 - Performance
- Component 2 - Risk
- Component 3 - Cost
- Value from Services
- Role of Council
- Council Needs Information – To Set Direction
- Budgets
- Policy
- Actions to take now

Mr. Minchin addressed questions of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the presentation on Asset Management be received for information.

ROAD BANS – ASPELUND AND WOODYNOOK ROADS

Mr. Weenink commented that he had a number of inquiries when campaigning in the recent election regarding road bans on Aspelund and Woodynook Roads and the problems regarding permits from the County. These permits provide limited hours that producers can access these roads.

Mr. Cade provided a map of the said roads and the area that is a non-ban status and the area that is subject to road bans. These roads are banned at 90% and that is to deter regional traffic from using these roads. Regional truck traffic greatly increases the total traffic count on these roads. Mr. Cade advised he has discussed ticketing with County Enforcement and there has been no overload tickets issued to local producers in the last five years. Mr. Cade advised he will look into the hours provided on the permits and commented this could be adjusted.

Mr. Timmons inquired if this may be a communication issue. Regional users are discouraged from using these roads, but local residents are encouraged to use the roads. Mr. Timmons commented that if this issue is more than a lack of communication or education Council will need to address the matter.

Mr. Weenink commented that rather than a permit a letter could be issued to area landowners to give to contractors they employ for access to these roads. Mr. Cade advised that this could be done but the problem is that the contactors would have the letter to use for any business they undertake. Mr. Cade added that if this matter is a major concern the simplest remedy is to take off the road bans, but traffic patterns would increase if this was done. Mr. Cade provided recent traffic counts for this area.

Mr. Timmons requested that Mr. Weenink provide Administration with a list of producers that have concerns, and the County will endeavor to resolve those concerns.

Council discussion took place regarding this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the County Manager be directed to prepare a report regarding the impacts of lifting road bans on the Aspelund and Woodynook Roads; and further, that this report be presented at a future Council meeting.

11: 10 a.m. Mr. Boras, Mr. Cade, Mr. Freitag and Mr. Minchin withdrew from the meeting.

COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT BYLAW REVIEW

Mr. Timmons provided an overview of the Lacombe County Councillor Code of Conduct Bylaw as required by the Municipal Government Act.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the review of Lacombe County Councillor Code of Conduct Bylaw be received for information.

CITY OF LACOMBE

Mr. Timmons advised that the City of Lacombe has dealt with their capital budget and a \$ 500,000 contribution to LAPA was formally approved. The funding will be provided in two payments of \$ 250,000 in 2022 and 2023.

The City of Lacombe/Lacombe County agreed to have the initial joint meeting for the presentation by LAPA. Following the initial meeting the City and County would reconvene and the request would be taken back to the individual Councils for discussion.

Mr. Timmons inquired that as the City has approved the funding for LAPA if Council wishes to have another joint meeting with the City regarding the funding request. Mr. Timmons advised that he has spoken with the City and they feel it would be beneficial to have a further meeting. The City has suggested the meeting take place virtually in early January 2022. Mr. Timmons advised that the LAPA request will be presented at the December 16, 2021 Council meeting. Council discussion took place.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City of Lacombe/Lacombe County move forward with a second joint meeting to discuss the LAPA funding request.

Adjourn: Time: 12:00 p.m.