

Claresholm, Alberta, January 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the Council of The Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 was held in the Administration Building on the above date with Reeve Hemmaway, Deputy Reeve Alm, Councillors Kroetsch, Sandberg and Sundquist, CAO Vizzutti and Executive Assistant MacOdrum as recording secretary present.

Absent: Councillors Van Hierden and Wilson

Lawrence Gleason – Reporter entered the meeting.

Superintendent of Public Works Johnson entered the meeting.

John Whitehead entered the meeting.

1. Reeve Hemmaway called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

2. **MINUTES:**

- (a) **December 14, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes**

Councillor Sandberg noted the following amendments to the December 14, 2016 Council meeting minutes:

- Page 10919 – need to clarify where “The Station” is located, include “in Claresholm”
- Page 10920 – include the word “acres” after 3 and 10 in the second paragraph.
- Page 10920 – last paragraph, add “if one is applied for” at the end of the first sentence.
- Page 10921 – delete the word “was” after farmstead on the first line.

Moved by Councillor Sandberg the December 14, 2016 Council meeting minutes be approved as amended.

Carried.

3. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:**

- (a) **Cheque Register**

CAO Vizzutti presented the cheque register for cheque #'s 21911 – 21991 in the amount of \$283,532.31 as information.

4. **PUBLIC WORKS:**

- (a) **Petition for Rge Rd 250**

Superintendent of Public Works Johnson advised a petition was received from John Whitehead on behalf of the Orton area residents requesting Rge Rd 250 not be downgraded to a gravel road but maintained as an oiled road. He advised the cost to construct an oil road is \$80,000.00 per mile and it was direction from Council that some of the oiled roads need to be turned back to gravel. He said the M.D.’s Rural Road Study is taken into consideration when making these decisions. He pointed out various oiled roads which have been turned back to gravel throughout the municipality as information.

John Whitehead advised of the 32 houses in Orton several residents drive to Lethbridge to work every day and travel on Rge Rd 250 to Highway 3. He felt if some repairs are done on the road it would hold up.

Discussion ensued.

Superintendent of Public Works Johnson advised he will do a cost analysis on Rge Rd 250 this year.

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John Whitehead asked if Council will keep him informed on decisions regarding Rge Rd 250.

CAO Vizzutti advised Councillor Sandberg is the Councillor of that Division and she can advise of any decisions regarding the road.

John Whitehead left the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

5. **Tabled Items**

(a) **BMO Family Farm Award Nomination**

Councillor Alm nominated Cudlobe Farms for the BMO Family Farm Award.

Superintendent of Public Works Johnson left the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

(b) **Biodiversity Management Framework Survey**

Council completed the Biodiversity Management Framework Survey for submission to AAMDC and Municipal Affairs.

Meeting recessed at 12:22 p.m. for lunch

Meeting reconvened at 1:07 p.m.

Superintendent of Public Works Johnson entered the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

4. **PUBLIC WORKS (CONT:)**

(b) **Orton Snow Fence**

Councillor Sandberg asked if the snow fence at the Orton cemetery could be put in. She requested that it be installed further south and west to catch the snow before it reaches the cemetery.

Superintendent of Public Works Johnson advised he will get the fence installed at the Orton cemetery.

Superintendent of Public Works Johnson left the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

6. **COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:**

(a) **Species At Risk Act**

CAO Vizzutti advised Council's resolution regarding the Species At Risk Act has been submitted to the Foothills Little Bow Association and Councillor Wilson can add his additional remarks during the presentation.

(b) **Biodiversity Management Framework Presentation**

A copy of the Biodiversity Management Framework presentation at the Foothills Little Bow Association meeting on January 20, 2017 was provided as information.

(c) **Alberta Wetlands Policy**

CAO Vizzutti presented the Alberta Wetlands Policy which is now regulation as information.

(d) **Alberta Climate Change Advisory Committee**

AAMDC is requesting nominations for the Alberta Climate Change Advisory Committee.

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Moved by Councillor Sandberg to nominate Councillor Sundquist to the AAMDC Alberta Climate Change Advisory Committee.

Carried.

(e) Claresholm Airport Water Distribution System Upgrades – Phase I

Moved by Councillor Sandberg MPE Engineering Ltd. be assigned the Claresholm Airport Water Distribution System Upgrades project.

Carried.

(f) Town of Claresholm – Summer Games

CAO Vizzutti presented an email from Marian Carlson, CAO of the Town of Claresholm advising they will coordinate the 2017 Summer Games and are requesting the M.D. to purchase the t-shirts.

(g) Marni Lane – Summer Games Committee

CAO Vizzutti presented a letter from Marnie Lane of the Claresholm Summer Games Committee asking for a representative to be appointed to the committee to be proactive in maintaining and upgrading existing facilities to be eligible to host the games in the future.

Moved by Councillor Kroetsch to appoint Deputy Reeve Alm as the M.D. representative on the Claresholm Summer Games Committee.

Carried.

(h) Town of Granum – FCSS Funding

CAO Vizzutti presented a letter from the Town of Granum requesting the FCSS funding be sent directly to the Town of Granum.

CAO Vizzutti advised the MD has an Agreement with the Granum Drop In Centre which have to be given notice regarding an out clause in the FCSS Agreement.

CAO Vizzutti read a letter from Margriet Eindhoven, FCSS Director on behalf of the Granum Drop In, requesting the FCSS funding payments from the MD continue to be made directly to the Drop In Centre.

Moved by Councillor Kroetsch the request from the Town of Granum to receive FCSS funding from the MD be denied and the FCSS funding payments be made directly to the Granum Drop In Centre as per the agreement.

Carried.

7. DELEGATIONS:

(a) Biodiversity Management Framework

Scott Milligan – Environment and Parks – Edmonton and Kim Lalonde of Environment and Parks – Calgary entered the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

Scott Milligan provided an update of the Biodiversity Management Framework and discussed various issues and concerns with the Council. He advised they want to provide a new document by the end of February.

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CAO Vizzutti advised there are only two plans in the entire province and nothing in the other five areas. She expressed concern regarding the economic impact due to the enforcement mechanism.

Scott Milligan advised the plans are being done in a sequence

CAO Vizzutti advised there is no compensation on private land under the Species at Risk Act.

He stated there is an onus on the Provincial government to monitor and take control because they don't want to deal and with the Federal government requirements.

Discussion ensued regarding the sage grouse order in the County of Forty Mile.

Scott Milligan will further investigate the order regarding the sage grouse on private land in the County of Forty Mile.

CAO Vizzutti advised the statement regarding the land being free of human footprint on Page 34 should be removed and the document should be worded to acknowledge the good stewardship of the farmers and ranchers because 80% of the species of risk exist here.

CAO Vizzutti advised that Deputy Reeve Alm will be making a presentation at the Foothills Little Bow Association meeting on January 20th and suggested they should attend to hear the concerns.

Deputy Reeve Alm expressed his concern with the unknown indicators being monitored and the actions could be unlimited because there are so many unknown issues. He said the lack of detail in the plan is alarming and people do not understand the document.

Discussion ensued regarding the list of indicators, triggers, and the lack of carnivores and rodents in the list.

Kim Lalonde advised the triggers are only for the 12 indicators listed.

Deputy Reeve Alm stated the Biodiversity Management Framework is only considering the environment not the economic and social issues.

Scott Milligan stated they are trying to manage biodiversity for the 12 indicators.

CAO Vizzutti stated there is no impact on first nations in the document.

Scott Milligan advised there is a South Saskatchewan First Nations Table.

Kim Lalonde explained the involvement with the First Nations.

CAO Vizzutti stated this document is an enforcement document and read a portion of Page 48.

Scott Milligan stated once we agree on a management approach, then someone has to monitor.

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Discussion ensued regarding the enforcement.

CAO Vizzutti suggested adding the current agricultural best practices into this document.

Deputy Reeve Alm felt a management response board should be made up of 2 municipal representatives from South Saskatchewan and 2 scientists from AEP to ensure the scientists are not making all the decisions.

Scott Milligan and Kim Lalonde left the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

Meeting recessed at 2:32 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 2:40 p.m.

6. **COUNCIL MANAGEMENT (CONT:)**

(i) Signs to Acknowledge World Champion

Deputy Reeve Alm asked if signs acknowledging Levi Simpson as a World Champion from this area could be put up.

Discussion ensued.

Noted CAO Vizzutti will investigate the cost and information regarding the signs and report back to Council.

(j) Fort Macleod and District Health Foundation

Moved by Councillor Sandberg to donate a Claresholm History book, set of glasses, an MD coat and \$800.00 from the following discretionary spending accounts:

Divisions 1 & 3 - \$200.00 each

Divisions 2, 4, 5 & 6 - \$100.00 each

Carried.

(k) AAMDC Board of Governance Review Committee – Member Questions

Tabled to January 18th meeting.

(l) Town of Stavely – 105th Anniversary

CAO Vizzutti presented a letter from the Town of Stavely inviting the Reeve to attend the Town of Stavely's 105th Anniversary celebration on August 26, 2017.

Noted Reeve Hemmaway will attend the celebration.

(m) Invitation to Meet with RCMP during AAMDC Convention

CAO Vizzutti asked Council if they wish to meet with RCMP members during AAMDC Spring Convention.

Noted no meeting required at this time.

8. **BYLAWS:**

(a) Bylaw No. 1758 – Fees Bylaw

Moved by Councillor Kroetsch Bylaw No. 1758, being the Fees Bylaw for setting of fees for providing services and information, be given first reading.

Carried.

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Moved by Councillor Sandberg Bylaw No. 1758 be given second reading.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Sundquist all Councillors present are in agreement to giving Bylaw No. 1758 third and final reading.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Alm Bylaw No. 1758 be given third and final reading and the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign and counter sign on behalf of the Municipal District.

Carried.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

(a) **RMRF 2017 Annual Municipal Law Seminar** – February 24, 2017 in Airdrie – presented.

(b) **Alberta Municipal Affairs – Linear Assessment**

CAO Vizzutti presented a letter from Steve White, Alberta Municipal Affairs, advising the M.D. of Willow Creek's 2017 linear property assessment is estimated to change by -7.55%.

(c) **Dark Sky Lighting**

CAO Vizzutti presented a letter and report on dark sky lighting from Richard Steeves as information.

(d) **Alberta Health Services – EMS Dispatch** – presented.

(e) **John Barlow – Enhanced Rural Broadband Access** – presented.

(f) **Host an Elected Official Education Program (EOEP)** – presented.

(g) **Claresholm Arts Society**

Moved by Deputy Reeve Alm to donate \$700.00 to the Claresholm Arts Society from the following discretionary spending accounts:

Divisions 2, 3 & 7 - \$100.00 each

Divisions 4 & 5 - \$200.00 each

Carried.

(h) **Alberta Order of Excellence** - presented.

(i) **Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission** – presented.

(j) **Association of Alberta Registry Agents** – presented.

(k) **Fort Macleod Handibus – Annual Funding Request**

Moved by Councillor Sandberg the letter from the Fort Macleod Handibus Society requesting annual funding of \$4,000.00 be deferred to budget discussions.

Carried.

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(I) **SSRP – Recreation Management Agenda – MD Ranchlands**

Meeting

CAO Vizzutti presented the agenda for the SSRP - Recreation Management meeting at MD Ranchlands on January 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Moved by Councillor Sandberg to go in camera to discuss

1. FOIP Section 27 – Privileged Information
2. FOIP Section 16 – Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party
3. FOIP Section 27 – Privileged Information

Carried.

Lawrence Gleason left the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Executive Assistant MacOdrum left the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Kroetsch the meeting comes out of in camera at 3:30 p.m.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Kroetsch to adjourn the meeting.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer