

Claresholm, Alberta, July 8, 2015

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 Wilson, Deputy Reeve Hemmaway, Councillors Alm, Kroetsch, Sandberg, Sundquist and Van Hierden, CAO Vizzutti and Cindy Chisholm as recording secretary present.

Rob Vogt – Reporter entered the meeting.

1. Reeve Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

5(n) Nanton Chamber of Commerce – Funding Request

3. **MINUTES:**

(a) **June 17, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Sandberg the June 17, 2015 Council meeting minutes be accepted as presented.

Carried.

4. **COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:**

(a) **Town of Granum – Tabled Item – Support for Stormwater Drainage Grant Application**

CAO Vizzutti advised that the engineers report has not been received.

Councillor Sandberg asked how this affects the timing for the grant.

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway the request for support for the Town of Granum's Stormwater Drainage grant application be tabled to the meeting following receipt of the engineer's report.

Carried.

Director of Finance Hannas entered the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

5. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:**

(a) **Operating & Capital Report**

Director of Finance Hannas presented the operating and capital expenditure report as information.

(b) **Cheque Register**

Director of Finance Hannas presented the cheque register for cheque #'s 19744 – 19807 in the amount of \$318,648.96 as information.

(c) **Discretionary Grant Reconciliation**

Director of Finance Hannas presented the discretionary grant reconciliation as of June 30, 2015.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Hemmaway the Discretionary Grant reconciliation be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Director of Finance Hannas left the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

6. **COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:**

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(a) Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee Appointments

Moved by Councillor Alm that Reeve Wilson and Councillor Alm be appointed to the MD Willow Creek/MD Ranchlands Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee.

Councillors Van Hierden and Kroetsch be appointed to the MD Willow Creek/Cardston County Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee.

Carried.

(b) M.D. Water License Application Update

CAO Vizzutti advised she is still waiting for a decision from Alberta Environment with regards to a water allocation from Pine Coulee.

(c) Hybrid Cadastral Survey – John Zoeteman Park

CAO Vizzutti advised the hybrid cadastral survey is complete for John Zoeteman Park and an Amendment Application for Surface Disposition will be submitted.

(d) Internet Tower Upgrades

CAO Vizzutti presented a list of costs in the amount of \$16,226.00 to upgrade the Porcupine, Granum, Kirkland and Greenbank internet towers as per Platinum Communications recommendation.

Moved by Councillor Alm the upgrades to the Porcupine, Granum, Kirkland and Greenbank internet towers by Platinum Communications in the amount of \$16,226.00 be approved as presented.

Carried.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

(a) Town of Nanton – Re: Fire Pay Increase

CAO Vizzutti presented a letter from the Town of Nanton dated June 5, 2015, regarding the process of the increase to the fire fighters' hourly wages.

CAO Vizzutti presented a letter dated July 8, 2015, addressed to Mayor Rick Everett of the Town of Nanton addressing the concerns regarding fire fighters' wages and contributions to services in the Town of Nanton by the M.D.

Moved by Councillor Sundquist the letter to the Town of Nanton regarding fire fighters' wages be approved as amended.

Carried.

(b) Chinook Junior Stock Show Thankyou

CAO Vizzutti presented a thank you from Millarville Stockland 4-H for supporting the Chinook Junior Stock show.

(c) Thank you – Jim White

CAO Vizzutti presented a thank you from Jim White for the retirement well wishes and gift.

(d) Thank you – Northern Lights Community Hall

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CAO Vizzutti presented a thank you from the Northern Lights Community Hall for the support the M.D. provides.

(e) Thank you - Spring Point Community Society

CAO Vizzutti presented a thank you from the Spring Point Community Society for the support the M.D. provides.

(f) 4-H Certificate of Appreciation

CAO Vizzutti presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the Claresholm Multi 4-H Club for supporting the electronic roundup.

Councillor Sandberg requested that Council acknowledge Brenda Eberl, one of the founding leaders of the Club, who retired after 30 + years.

(g) High River District Health Care Foundation Dinner & Auction

Moved by Councillor Alm to donate \$1,250.00 from the following discretionary spending accounts as well as a set of glasses and a M.D. coat to the High River District Health Care Foundation Dinner and Auction on October 17, 2015:

Division 4, 5 & 7 - \$250.00

Division 6 - \$500.00

Carried.

Rob Vogt left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Noted that Reeve Wilson and his wife Diane will attend the High River District Health Care Foundation Dinner and Auction on October 17, 2015 on behalf of the M.D.

Rob Vogt returned to the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

(h) Town of Claresholm – Summer Games

CAO Vizzutti presented a letter from the Town of Claresholm advising the Claresholm airport will be closed during the Summer Games cycling event July 9 & 10, 2015.

(i) Alberta Beef Producers

CAO Vizzutti advised the "Impact of Wildlife to Beef Producers in Alberta: Starting the Conversation" report was released in May 2015. The report is a summation of the survey of Alberta's beef producers relating the impact of wildlife on their operations.

(j) Granum Golf and Country Club – Funding Request

Moved by Councillor Kroetsch to donate \$300.00 to the Granum Golf and Country Club which includes corporate signage on two holes (# 2 & #3 if possible), Divisions 2 & 3 - \$150.00 each

Carried.

Alan Gardner entered the meeting.

8. DELEGATIONS:

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(a) **Alan Gardner – Southern Foothills Study – East Slopes**
(Phase 3)

Alan Gardner presented the Southern Foothills Study to Council.

Rob Vogt left at 11:52 a.m.

Rob Vogt returned to the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding conservation, easements and protecting grasslands and watersheds.

Alan Gardner left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

6. COUNCIL MANAGEMENT (CONT:)

(e) **Alberta Agriculture and Forestry – 2015 Grant Funding**

CAO Vizzutti presented a letter from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry advising that grant funding in the amount of \$183,359.46 has been approved for the M.D. of Willow Creek for 2015.

(f) **Invitation to Annual President's Reception – Whoop-Up Days**

CAO Vizzutti presented an invitation to the Annual President's Reception during Whoop-Up Days on August 18, 2015 at the West Pavilion Exhibition Park in Lethbridge.

Noted that Reeve Wilson will attend the Annual President's Reception. Councillor Van Hierden will attend if Reeve Wilson is unable to.

(g) **Invitation to Fortis Alberta Customer Reception**

CAO Vizzutti presented an invitation to the Fortis Alberta Customer Reception on July 22, 2015 in Lethbridge.

Noted that Councillor Van Hierden will attend the Fortis Alberta Customer Reception.

(h) **Nanton Chamber of Commerce – Nanton Roundup Days**

CAO Vizzutti presented a letter from the Nanton Chamber of Commerce requesting financial assistance towards the fireworks during the Nanton Round-Up Days, August 1 – 3, 2015.

Moved by Councillor Sundquist to donate \$500.00 to the Nanton Roundup Days fireworks display from the following discretionary spending accounts:
Division 6 & 7 - \$250.00 each

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Van Hierden the meeting goes in camera regarding a legal matter at 12:18 a.m.

Carried.

Rob Vogt left the meeting at 12:19 a.m.

Moved by Councillor Alm the meeting comes out of in camera at 12:38 a.m.

Carried.

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Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:39 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

Reeve Wilson recessed the Council meeting to hold the Public Hearing.

9. **PUBLIC HEARING – Application A-06-15 – Jake & Mina Oostlander, SE 7-9-24-4**

Reeve Wilson called the Public Hearing for Application A-06-15 to order.

Development Officer Chisholm advised Application A-06-15 for a Land Use Bylaw Amendment for Jake & Mina Oostlander to redesignate 5.0 acres of land within SE 7-9-24-4 from ‘Rural General – RG’ to ‘Vacant Country Residential – VCR’ to accommodate a proposed bare land subdivision for country residential use.

Development Officer Chisholm presented the following development considerations:

1. Soil suitability for a septic system has been verified by a report prepared by Down to Earth Labs which confirms that the site could accommodate the following types of fields; mound, holding tank and or secondary treatment.
2. The applicant has provided a copy of the water well testing for microbiology which shows no concern.
3. There are no confined feeding operations within close proximity to the site. The closest CFO is Beusekom Farms which is located approximately ½ mile west of the site. Beusekom Farms is a grandfathered operation and based on the numbers they are allowed the MDS is calculated at >1000ft. The subject land is some 5000 ft. away from Beusekom Farms.

Development Officer Chisholm advised pursuant to Sections 230, 606 and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, notice of the Public Hearing was placed in the Macleod Gazette for two consecutive weeks June 17th & 24th, 2015. Adjacent landowners were notified of the Public Hearing by mail.

Moved by Councillor Alm the Public Hearing for Application A-06-15 is closed.

Carried.

CAO Vizzutti left the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Reeve Wilson reconvened the Council meeting at 1:41 p.m.

10. **BYLAWS:**

(a) Bylaw No. 1727

Moved by Councillor Van Hierden that Bylaw No. 1727, being a bylaw for the purpose of amending Land Use Bylaw No. 1616 as amended, that 5.0 acres in SE 7-9-24-4 be redesignated from ‘Rural General – RG’ to ‘Vacant Country Residential – VCR’ for Jake & Mina Oostlander be given first reading.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway Bylaw No. 1727 be given second reading.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Van Hierden all Councillors present are in agreement to giving Bylaw No. 1727 third and final reading.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Sandberg Bylaw 1727 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.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Councillor Kroetsch to adjourn the meeting.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer