

**Claresholm, Alberta, April 15, 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 Kroetsch, Sandberg, Sundquist and Van Hierden, CAO Vizzutti and Executive Assistant Arlene MacOdrum as recording secretary present.

**Councillor Alm was absent.**

**Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau, Development Officer Chisholm and Mike Burla - Planner entered the meeting.**

**Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Cochlan entered the meeting.**

**Rob Vogt – Reporter entered the meeting.**

**John Dozeman, Fire Chief of the Nanton Fire Department entered the meeting.**

1. Reeve Wilson called the meeting to order at 1:41 p.m.  
Reeve Wilson recessed the Council meeting.  
Reeve Wilson called the Public Hearing to order at 1:41 p.m.
2. **PUBLIC HEARING**

**(a) Application A-02-2015 Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Veronica Walker**

Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau presented application A-02-2015 for a Land Use Bylaw amendment put forth by Veronica Walker. She advised the lands are owned by Robert Lowe who has provided consent. The applicant has requested to subdivide 5 acres of land contained within SE 11-16-29-4, from "Rural General - RG" to 'Vacant Country Residential – VCR' to accommodate a proposed subdivision of the lands for country residential use.

Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau advised the site is located within SE 11-16-29-4 and is abutted by Range Road 291 to the east and Township Road 161 to the south east. Access to the site will be off Township Road 161. There is an existing confined feeding operation (CFO) located on the parcel to the north (NE 11-16-29-4) with pens extending into the SE 11 which are outside the Minimum Distance Separation as calculated under AOPA. The surrounding lands are all designated 'Rural General - RG'.

Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau advised information has been provided to confirm the proposed site could accommodate a traditional gravity septic system and domestic water is available on site.

Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau stated pursuant to sections 230, 606 & 692 of the Municipal Government Act, notice of the Public hearing was placed in the Nanton News for two consecutive weeks, April 1 & 8, 2015. Adjacent landowners were notified of the Public Hearing by mail.

Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau advised no comments were received regarding the redesignation application as presented.

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Reeve Wilson declared the Public Hearing on Application A-02-15 closed.

**(b) A-03-2015 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Marlies Van Haarst and Darren Vanee**

Reeve Wilson called the Public Hearing on application A-03-2015 to order at 1:46 p.m.

Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau presented application A-03-2015 for a Land Use Bylaw amendment put forth by Marlies Van Haarst and Darren Vanee. She advised the lands are owned by Johan and Bea Van Haarst who have provided consent. The applicant requested to redesignate 5 acres of land contained within SE 14-10-27-4, from 'Rural General - RG' to 'Vacant Country Residential – VCR' to accommodate a proposed subdivision of the lands for country residential use.

Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau advised the proposed site is located within SE 14-10-27-4 and is abutted by Range Road 271 to the east and Township Road 102 to the south. She advised there is an 8.35 acre parcel located in the south-east corner of the quarter section, on the south side of the township road and the creek. She said the surrounding lands are designated 'Rural-General – RG'.

Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau presented the following development considerations:

1. Soil suitability for a septic system has been verified and depending on the location chosen the applicant may use any of the following types of fields; gravity, pressure distribution, mound, holding tank and or secondary treatment. She advised the report from Down to Earth Labs indicates that test pit 1 requires a pressure distribution system while test pit 2 will allow for a gravity system.
2. Applicant has stated they intend to haul water from the Town of Fort Macleod for their domestic water needs.
3. No confined feeding operations are within close proximity to the site.
4. The parcel is severed by a municipal developed road (RR 271) and as such is considered a fragmented parcel pursuant to 4.6.26(a) of the Municipal Development Plan. The greater half of the fragmented quarter, the subject lands, is eligible for a subdivision.

Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau 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, April 1 & 8, 2015. Adjacent landowners were notified of the Public Hearing by mail.

Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau advised no comments were received regarding the redesignation application as presented.

Moved by Councillor Van Hierden the Public Hearing for Application A-03-2015 is closed at 1:51 p.m.

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Council meeting reconvened at 1:51 p.m.

**(a) Bylaw No. 1720 - Application A-02-2015 Land Use Bylaw**

**Amendment**

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway Bylaw No. 1720, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 1616 being the Land Use Bylaw, be given first reading.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Van Hierden Bylaw No. 1720 be given second reading.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Kroetsch all Councillors present are in agreement to giving Bylaw No. 1720 third and final reading.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Sundquist Bylaw No. 1720 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.

**(b) Bylaw No. 1721 – Application A-03-2015 – Land Use Bylaw**

**Amendment**

Moved by Councillor Kroetsch Bylaw No. 1721, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 1616, being the Land Use Bylaw be given first reading.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway Bylaw No. 1721 be given second reading.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Sundquist that all Councillors present are in agreement to giving Bylaw No. 1721 third and final reading.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Sandberg Bylaw No. 1721 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.

**Mike Burla left the meeting.**

**Emergency Services Manager Coleman entered the meeting.**

**3. DELEGATIONS:**

**(a) Alberta Health Services – EMS Presentation**

**Nick Thain, Dr. K. Spackman, Rick Yanco and Don Allan of Alberta Health Services entered the meeting.**

Nick Thain, Executive Director of EMS Operations presented the strategic direction Alberta Health Services is taking in the 2014 – 2017 Health Plan and Business Plan. He advised they are continuing to develop a single Provincial EMS

Master Service Plan that is Provincial in scope and community based. He provided information on the following:

**Resources** – what ambulance services are provided within the M.D.

**Technology** – Ambulances are equipped with Mobile Data Terminals which provide updates from dispatch, accurate mapping and routing functions and can access electronic patient care records.

**Operational Support** – Mobile Field Trainer and Patient Simulation units to provide training within the communities. AHS provides 24/7 operational leadership and spare units are available to ensure there are no gaps in ambulance service due to mechanical failure.

**Technology** – real time information and accurate mapping and routing.

Don Allan presented various response statistics.

Don Allan stated Alberta Health Services appreciates the services the municipalities provide for them. He advised the current partnership and pilot project will be coming to an end in May and will provide statistics and solutions for the future.

Reeve Wilson stated the M.D. and ratepayers look forward to more engagement with Alberta Health Services.

Don Allan provided an overview of the Next Steps program concentrating on providing a patient focused quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans.

Reeve Wilson and Councillor Hemmaway asked if AHS has considered engaging local transportation societies within communities to assist with inter-facility transfers at a lower rate than using ambulances.

Nick Thain stated there is an opportunity to expand this service.

Councillor Hemmaway discussed Alberta Health Services not allowing the M.D. to transport patients when an ambulance is not on scene.

Nick Thain stated they will have to look at utilization of resources within a community and data regarding responses.

**Kristi Edwards and Chelsie Wolff entered the meeting.**

Nick Thain reviewed the Community Paramedic Program in Okotoks.

Dr. Spackman advised that stroke, cardiac and trauma patients are all directed to Calgary as treatment is not available at secondary hospitals.

CAO Vizzutti advised the M.D.'s one year pilot project is coming to an end in June and administration will be meeting with AHS to review the program.

Councillor Sundquist advised there is an issue getting an ambulance in Claresholm after 5:00 p.m. for non-emergency situations as AHS do not want to pay overtime.

Don Allan advised that is true for inter facility transfers however for 9-1-1 calls an ambulance should be responding immediately.

**Mike Edwards and Tina Attrill entered the meeting at 2:52 p.m.**

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**Emergency Services Manager Coleman and John Dozeman left the meeting at 2:53 p.m.**

**Nick Thain, Dr. K. Spackman, Rick Yanco and Don Allan of Alberta Health Services left the meeting at 2:53 p.m.**

**(b) Fort Macleod Community Initiative Assoc. – W.A. Day Elementary School Gymnasium Expansion Proposal**

**Kristi Edwards and Chelsie Wolff representing the Fort Macleod Community Initiative Assoc. were present.**

Kristi Edwards advised the Town of Fort Macleod has paid for the W.A. Day gymnasium expansion and the Fort Macleod Community Initiative Assoc. have to raise \$250,000.00 to pay back the Town of Fort Macleod. She asked the M.D. to reconsider funding in the amount of \$159,325.00, being 25% of the total project (\$637,300.00).

**Kristi Edwards and Chelsie Wolff left the meeting at 3:09 p.m.**

**(c) Town of Claresholm Summer Games Committee**

**Mike Edwards and Tina Attrill were present.**

CAO Vizzutti advised the Southern Alberta Summer Games will be held in Claresholm July 8 – 11, 2015. She reviewed various events which will require a development permit to be held within the M.D. She advised the committee is asking for a donation of \$25,000.00 to upgrade facilities.

**Mike Edwards and Tina Attrill left the meeting at 3:16 p.m.**

**Director of Finance Hannas entered the meeting at 3:20 p.m.**

4. **MINUTES:**

**(a) April 8, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes**

Councillor Sandberg advised of the correct spelling of "O-Dam".

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway the April 8, 2015 Council meeting minutes be amended as presented.

Carried.

5. **COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:**

**(a) Fort Macleod Mavericks Bantam Hockey – Thank you -**  
presented.

**(b) Resolution to Repeal Alberta Daylight Savings Time Act**

Moved by Councillor Kroetsch to approve the resolution to repeal the Alberta Daylight Savings Time Act as presented and the resolution be submitted to the Foothills Little Bow Association.

Carried.

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**(c) Resolution to Amend the Municipal Government Act  
regarding Joint and Several Liability**

Moved by Councillor Sundquist to approve the resolution to amend the Municipal Government Act regarding Joint and Several Liability as presented and the resolution be submitted to the Foothills Little Bow Association.

Carried.

**(d) Resolution to Request Environment and Sustainable Resource  
Development to remove the requirement for Municipalities to survey ESRD lands  
as a condition of renewal of Recreational Leases**

Moved by Councillor Van Hierden to approve the resolution to request Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to remove the requirement for Municipalities to survey ESRD lands as a condition of renewal of Recreational Leases as presented and the resolution be submitted to Foothills Little Bow Association.

Carried.

**(e) Stavely & District Youth Society – Thank you letter –**  
presented.

**(f) Stavely FCSS Program Information –** presented.

3. **DELEGATIONS (CONT:)**

**(b) Fort Macleod Community Initiative Assoc. – W.A. Day  
Elementary School Gymnasium Expansion Proposal (cont:)**

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway the request for funding in the amount of \$159,325.00 by the Fort Macleod Community Initiative Assoc. for the W.A. Day gym expansion be denied.

Carried.

**(c) Town of Claresholm Summer Games Committee (cont:)**

Moved by Councillor Van Hierden to donate \$12,500 to the Claresholm Summer Games Committee, hire the Regional Coordinator and purchase t-shirts.

Carried.

**Director of Finance Hannas entered the meeting.**

6. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:**

**(a) 2015 Fire Pay Rates**

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway the following pay rates be set for firemen effective January 1, 2015:

Fireman - \$20.00/hr.

Deputy Fire Chief - \$22.00/hr.

Captain - \$21.00/hr.

Fire Chief - \$24.00/hr.

Carried.

**Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau left the meeting.**

**(b) Cheque Register**

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Director of Finance Hannas presented cheque #'s 19418 – 19463 in the amount of \$88,319.43 as information.

**(c) 2014 Audited Financial Statement**

Director of Finance Hannas reviewed the 2014 audited financial statement with Council.

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway the 2014 audited financial statement for The M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

**Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau. Mike Burla & Development Officer Chisholm entered the meeting at 4:32 p.m.**

**Council meeting recessed at 4:33 p.m. to reconvene the Municipal Planning Commission meeting.**

**Executive Assistant MacOdrum left the meeting at 4:33 p.m.**

**Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau. Mike Burla & Development Officer Chisholm left the meeting at 5:04 p.m.**

**Reeve Wilson reconvened the Council meeting at 5:05 p.m.**

Moved by Councillor Van Hierden to approve the 2015 budget as presented with a total operating/capital expenditure of \$16,334,680.00.

Carried.

7. **BYLAWS:**

**(a) Tax Levy Bylaw No. 1722**

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway Bylaw No. 1722, being a bylaw to provide for an amalgamated tax levy for 2015, be given first reading.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Kroetsch Bylaw No. 1722 be given second reading.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Van Hierden all Councillors present are in agreement to giving Bylaw No. 1722 third and final reading.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Sundquist Bylaw No. 1722 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.

**(b) Special Tax Levy Bylaw No. 1723**

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway Bylaw No. 1723, being a bylaw authorizing a special tax levy for 2015, be given first reading.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Sandberg Bylaw No. 1723 be given second reading.

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Carried.

Moved by Councillor Sundquist all Councillors present are in agreement to giving Bylaw No. 1723 third and final reading.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Sundquist Bylaw No. 1723 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.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Councillor Van Hierden to adjourn the meeting.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

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Chief Administrative Officer