

Claresholm, Alberta, December 9, 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 and Van Hierden, CAO Vizzutti and Executive Assistant Arlene MacOdrum as recording secretary present.

Absent – Councillor Sundquist

Rob Vogt – Reporter entered the meeting.

Director of Finance Hannas

1. Reeve Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m.

CAO Vizzutti left the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

Reeve Wilson called for any additions to the agenda.

No additions

3. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:**

(a) **Cheque Register**

Director of Finance Hannas presented the cheque register for cheque #'s 20392 – 20440 in the amount of \$808,526.20 as information.

CAO Vizzutti returned to the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

(b) **Financial Report dated November 30, 2015**

Director of Finance Hannas reviewed the Financial Report as of November 30, 2015 as information.

Superintendent of Public Works Johnson entered the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Reeve Wilson advised there is a concern among municipalities concerning uncollectible linear taxes.

CAO Vizzutti advised she has forwarded an uncollectible linear tax bill to the M.D.'s legal counsel for direction.

(c) **Alberta Culture & Tourism – Taxes on SE 16-16-29-4**

Director of Finance Hannas advised Alberta Culture and Tourism purchased the SE 16-16-29-4 in 2015 and refuse to pay \$38.48 being the balance for the period prior to the date the land was transferred. She requested Council's consideration to write off the outstanding amount.

Moved by Councillor Sandberg to write off the uncollectible 2015 tax amount of \$38.48 on the SE 16-16-29-4.

Carried.

(d) **2016 Interim Budget**

Moved by Councillor Van Hierden the 2015 budget be adopted as the 2016 interim budget.

Carried.

4. **BYLAWS:**

(a) **Bylaw No. 1735 – Borrowing Bylaw**

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway Bylaw No. 1735, being a bylaw to allow borrowing to meet operating expenditures during 2016 – 2018 fiscal years, be given first reading.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Van Hierden Bylaw No. 1735 be given second reading.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Sandberg all Councillors present are in agreement to giving Bylaw No. 1735 third and final reading.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway Bylaw No. 1735 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.

Director of Finance Hannas left the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

5. **MINUTES:**

(a) **Minutes of November 25, 2015**

Moved by Councillor Sandberg the November 25, 2015 Council meeting minutes be accepted as presented.

Carried.

6. **COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:**

(a) **January Meeting Dates Changed**

CAO Vizzutti advised the ASB Conference conflicts with the January 20th Council meeting.

Moved by Councillor Alm the January 2016 meetings be rescheduled as follows:

January 13, 2016 – MPC and Council meetings

January 27, 2016 – ASB and Council meetings

Carried.

(b) **Foothills Little Bow Association Meeting**

CAO Vizzutti advised the next Foothills Little Bow meeting is scheduled on January 15, 2016.

(c) **Parkland Petition –Allow Chickens in Parkland**

CAO Vizzutti presented a petition from residents of Parkland requesting to allow chickens for personal use in the hamlet of Parkland.

Discussion ensued with regards to Parkland being a Direct Control District.

Moved by Councillor Van Hierden the petition to allow chickens in Parkland be tabled to the December 16, 2015 meeting.

Carried.

(d) Claresholm History Book

CAO Vizzutti advised the bylaw, approving the loan to the Claresholm History Book Committee expires on December 31, 2017.

Council discussed purchasing a few history books to donate to various events.

(e) Proposed Letter to Hon. Sarah Hoffman, Minister of Health and Wellness Re: Medical First Response Services

Moved by Councillor Kroetsch the letter to Hon. Sarah Hoffman, Minister of Health and Wellness be approved as presented.

Carried.

(f) Robert & Valerie Clemitson Road Allowance – Tabled Item

Moved by Councillor Kroetsch the Robert & Valerie Clemitson's road allowance discussions be tabled to December 16, 2015.

(g) Bill 6 – Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act

CAO Vizzutti presented the following Bill 6 items for discussion:

- AAMDC letter to Hon. Lori Sigurdson
- AAMDC Bill 6 briefing dated December 2, 2015
- AAMDC Position on Bill 6
- Alberta Government Overview of Proposed Changes to Bill 6
- Mayor and Reeves – news release on Bill 6 amendment
- Brazeau County – Concern regarding Bill 6

Moved by Councillor Alm the M.D. of Willow Creek send a letter to Premier Rachel Notley asking her to delay third reading of Bill 6 – Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act and strike a committee composed of representatives from the agricultural community and further; a copy of the letter be sent to the following:

- Hon. Oneil Carlier – Minister of Agriculture
- Hon. Lori Sigurdson – Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour
- Brian Jean – Leader of the Official Opposition
- Rick McIver –Opposition Leader
- Pat Stier – MLA, Livingstone-Macleod Constituency
- Al Kemmere – President, Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties
- Mayors and Reeves Association of Southwest Alberta
- all Rural Municipalities
- and this letter be posted on the MD's website, Facebook and Twitter.

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A letter be sent to AAMDC in support of their position on Bill 6.

Carried.

(h) Bill 202 – Alberta Local Food Act

Moved by Councillor Sandberg the M.D. of Willow Creek send a letter to Premier Rachel Notley, expressing concerns over the content of private members Bill 202 – Alberta Local Food Act and its possible conflict with free trade agreements and opening the door to curtail free market enterprise in agriculture, and further a copy of the letter be sent to the following:

- Hon. Oneil Carlier – Minister of Agriculture
- Hon. Deron Bilous – Minister of Economic Development and Trade
- Brian Jean – Leader of the Official Opposition
- Rick McIver – Opposition Leader
- Pat Stier – MLA, Livingstone-Macleod Constituency
- Al Kemmere – President – Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties
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- all Rural Municipalities
- and this letter be posted on the MD's website, Facebook and Twitter.

Carried.

(i) Government of Canada – Speech from the Throne – presented as information.

(j) John Barlow – MP – Foothills

Moved by Councillor Sandberg to instruct CAO Vizzutti to arrange a date for John Barlow to attend a Council meeting in January or February, 2016.

Carried.

(k) Jack and Jennie Indenbosch – Re: Tax Penalty

CAO Vizzutti presented a letter from Jennie Indenbosch requesting the 2015 penalty on their taxes be waived.

Moved by Councillor Van Hierden the request from Jennie Indenbosch to waive their 2015 tax penalty be denied.

Carried.

(l) Jim Beusekom – Re: Tax Penalty

CAO Vizzutti presented a letter from Jim Beusekom requesting the 2015 penalty on his taxes be waived.

Moved by Councillor Kroetsch the request from Jim Beusekom to waive his 2015 tax penalty be denied.

Carried.

(m) Fort Macleod and District Health Foundation – Donation

CAO Vizzutti presented a request from the Fort Macleod and District Health Foundation for a donation to their fundraising event on February 27, 2016.

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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.

(n) Flood Mapping

Moved by Deputy Reeve Hemmaway a letter be sent to David McKenna, Senior Manager, Projects, Strategic Integration and Projects, Alberta Environment and Parks, requesting Whorley/Parsons' flood mapping project be extended to include the portion of the Little Bow from the boundary of the MD of Foothills to the Twin Valley Reservoir.

Carried.

4. **BYLAWS (CONT:)**

(b) Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Bylaw

CAO Vizzutti presented the proposed Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Bylaw for Council's consideration. She advised the bylaw is proposing to appoint two alternate members to take the place of principle members when required.

Discussion ensued regarding appointing a seven member board and use a rotation sequence.

Moved by Councillor Alm the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Bylaw be tabled to January 27, 2016.

Carried.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:16 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:16 p.m.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

(a) Alberta Southwest Bulletin December – presented.

(b) Alberta Southwest – November 4, 2015 Minutes – presented.

(c) Altalink 911L Salvage

CAO Vizzutti presented information from Altalink regarding the 911L Transmission Line Removal Project between south of Aldersyde to the area southwest of Fort Macleod. Once all approvals are received salvage work is expected to start in the fall of 2016.

Received as information.

(d) John Barlow – Invitation to Open House – December 18, 2015
– presented.

(e) Alberta Wood Waste Recycling Assoc. – presented.

(f) Nanton Sr. Pro Rodeo – Thank you - presented.

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(g) **Letter from Hon. Danielle Larivee – Re: MSI Funding** – presented.

(h) **Porcupine Hills Lodge – Thank you** - presented.

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

(o) **Report on Biodiversity Workshop**

Councillors Alm and Kroetsch reported on the Biodiversity Workshop they attended.

(p) **Alberta Environment Open House – Re: Pine Coulee**

Reeve Wilson reported on the Alberta Environment Open House concerning Pine Coulee. He advised they have done an assessment on the shorelines and he stated that landowners require an occupational license to access the reservoir. He advised that Alberta Environment has placed a moratorium on occupational licensing for one year.

(q) **Christmas Turkeys**

Moved by Deputy Reeve Hemmaway to purchase turkeys for the staff and gifts for the firemen for Christmas.

Carried.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Councillor Kroetsch the meeting adjourns.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer