

Claresholm, Alberta, June 22, 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, Sundquist, Van Hierden and Wilson, CAO Vizzutti and Executive Assistant MacOdrum as recording secretary present.

Lawrence Gleason – Reporter entered the meeting.

Superintendent of Public Works Johnson entered the meeting.

Fieldman Preachuk entered the meeting.

Director of Finance Hannas entered the meeting.

1. Reeve Hemmaway called the meeting to order at 2:19 p.m.

2. **MINUTES:**

- (a) **June 14, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Sandberg the June 14, 2017 Council meeting minutes are accepted as presented.

Carried.

3. **ASB**

- (a) **Legacy of Our Land Speaker**

Fieldman Preachuk provided a brief video highlighting Ryan Hreljac's story and the founder of Ryan's Well Foundation and asked Council for direction to hire him to speak at the 2018 Legacy of Our Land banquet. She advised he is doing presentations around the world and was the keynote speaker at the Annual World Conference for Emerging Leaders in Bangkok, Thailand. She advised the fee is \$4200.00 which includes his flight and he would make a presentation to the students at one of the schools while he is here.

Emergency Services Manager Coleman entered the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Manager of Planning and Development Chisholm entered the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Sundquist to authorize Fieldman Preachuk to hire Ryan Hreljac to speak at the 2018 Legacy of Our Land banquet.

Carried.

Discussion ensued regarding having a silent auction with some of the door prizes at the banquet and the funds raised be donated to the Ryan's Well Foundation.

Fieldman Preachuk left the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

4. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:**

- (a) **Cheque Register**

Director of Finance Hannas presented the cheque register for cheque #'s 22692 – 22729 in the amount of \$48,603.38 as information.

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(b) Discretionary Spending Reconciliation

Moved by Councillor Sandberg the Discretionary Spending Reconciliation as of June 22, 2017 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Director of Finance Hannas left the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

5. **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

(a) M.D. Emergency Management Plan

Emergency Services Manager Coleman provided a brief review of the M.D.'s Emergency Plan as information. He advised the Emergency Plan is updated yearly and he has not had a committee meeting since the flood. He advised he has been meeting with the staff and doing Incident Command System (ICS) training.

Councillor Sandberg asked what the purpose of the Emergency Management Committee is if they don't meet or review the Emergency Management Plan.

He said a review of the Emergency Management Plan was done with the entire Council after the flood but it hasn't been done lately.

Emergency Services Manager Coleman stated he would do an update with Council after the election.

(b) Granum Fire Works on Canada Day

Emergency Services Manager Coleman advised that Kelly Starling and himself provide Safety Codes Officer investigations and inspections for the Town of Granum. He advised he has signed off for the Granum Canada Day fireworks for the last 14 years and the company provides proof of insurance to him. He asked for Council's approval. He advised the site plan meets all the setback requirements.

Moved by Councillor Kroetsch that Emergency Services Manager Coleman, acting Safety Codes Officer, be authorized to sign off on the Granum Canada Day fireworks.

Carried.

(c) Alberta Health Services – Dispatch Issues

Emergency Services Manager Coleman provided an overview of the increase in medical first response call volumes and advised that Reeve Hemmaway, Kelly Starling and himself met with the local reporter and will be doing an interview with CBC in the near future. He advised AHS dispatch is an issue as the fire departments are not being dispatched at the same time as the ambulances.

CAO Vizzutti advised the new dispatch system and the lack of communications is creating problems for the fire departments. She advised there are variations on ambulance agreements throughout this province that do not require the M.D. to be a full-fledged ambulance provider. She said the agreement authored by the M.D.'s lawyer has been used by other municipalities in the province.

Councillor Wilson feels the Minister is now getting information from AHS that the M.D. first responders are showing up later than the ambulance. He said it is the system that creates that situation whether it was purposeful or not. He said AHS is not pleased with the capabilities the M.D. displayed which seemed to be a threat and this is a way to show the Minister the M.D. first responders are inept, when they are not.

Councillor Sundquist asked what the M.D. can do to get things done and provide the best service to ratepayers.

Emergency Services Manager Coleman left the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Wilson to go in camera under Section 16 of FOIP – Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party at 2:53 p.m.

Carried.

Lawrence Gleason left the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

Superintendent of Public Works Johnson left the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Wilson to come out of in camera at 3:09 p.m.

Carried.

Lawrence returned to the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

6. COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:

(a) Meeting with Hon. O’Neil Carlier

CAO Vizzutti advised a meeting has been arranged with Hon. O’Neil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry on June 26th, 2017.

Council discussed the various issues to be presented to the Hon. O’Neil Carlier during the meeting.

Superintendent of Public Works Johnson returned to the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Alm the meeting goes in camera to continue previous discussions under Section 16 of FOIP at 3:13 p.m.

Carried.

Lawrence Gleason left the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Sandberg to come out of in camera at 3:17 p.m.

Carried.

Lawrence Gleason returned to the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

(b) Purchase Tractor

Moved by Deputy Reeve Alm funding be moved within the capital budget, to purchase one tractor for use by the ASB and Public Works departments, as per specs being tendered by Superintendent of Public Works Johnson.

Carried.

(c) Claresholm Medical Clinic Ramp

Moved by Councillor Wilson to instruct Superintendent of Public Works Johnson to submit the engineering and tenders for the construction of a ramp, as

per information provided, and it be funded out of the Claresholm Medical Clinic reserve.

Carried.

(d) Moon River Estates Water Plant – Piping

CAO Vizzutti presented 2 quotes for stainless steel re-piping upgrades in the Moon River Estates water treatment plant as follows:

Simpson Plumbing - \$18,884.00 plus GST

Parcon Construction Ltd. - \$27,937.00 plus GST

Moved by Councillor Wilson the quote from Simpson Plumbing, in the amount of \$18,884.00 plus GST, for re-piping using stainless steel at the Moon River Estates water treatment plant be approved.

Carried.

CAO Vizzutti will provide a tax study for Moon River Estates to recover the cost of re-piping, beginning in 2018.

(e) Willow Creek Park – Well

Superintendent of Public Works Johnson advised the steel pipe in the well at Willow Creek Park is corroded and causing the pump to burn out. He presented an estimate of \$7500.00 from Uhl Drilling to drill a new 65' deep well beside the old well.

Moved by Councillor Van Hierden to authorize Superintendent of Public Works Johnson to hire Uhl Drilling to drill a new 65' well at Willow Creek Park at a cost of \$7500.00 and funds be transferred from reserves.

Carried.

(f) Elected Officials Training

CAO Vizzutti advised the Elected Officials Education Program will be hosting Munis 101: The Essentials of Municipal Governance in the 90-day period following the upcoming municipal election. Munis 101 will meet the mandatory training criteria introduced under the amended Municipal Government Act.

(g) Alberta Energy Regulator – Re: Lexin Resources Ltd.

CAO Vizzutti presented a letter from Alberta Energy Regulator advising they have been working to resolve the legal challenges related to the Lexin Resources Ltd. insolvency. She advised the M.D.'s legal counsel from Brownlee are handling the bankruptcy on our behalf and the M.D. has been lobbying Municipal Affairs to get legal standing in Legislation to be number 3 on distress warrant tax property. The Alberta Energy Regulator suspended the licences of all Lexin's wells, facilities and pipelines. The AER is holding community meetings at the end of June, in Vulcan and Cayley, to provide information and answer questions from landowners and community members. The Surface Rights Board, the Farmers' Advocate Office, and Orphan Well Association will also be in attendance.

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Noted the letter from Alberta Energy Regulator regarding Lexin Resources Ltd. be put on the MD website as information.

(h) Nanton Community Centre – Renovations

Councillor Wilson will attend the Nanton Community Centre Renovation and Canada 150 Celebration on July 1, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

(i) Pincher Creek Parade – August 19, 2017

Reeve Hemmaway will attend the Pincher Creek parade on August 19, 2017.

(j) Claresholm & District Fair Days – Parade August 12, 2017

Reeve Hemmaway will attend the Claresholm & District Fair Days parade on August 12, 2017.

(k) Don & Myrna Glimsdale – Century Farm Status

CAO Vizzutti presented an invitation from Don & Myrna Glimsdale to attend an open house at their farm to celebrate their Century Farm Status on August 5, 2017, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

(l) Kinsmen Club – Letter of Support for CIP Grant

Moved by Councillor Sundquist a letter of support in principle be provided to the Kinsmen Club to assist with their application under the Community Initiatives Program for grant funding for the creation of a walking path on the abandoned spur line.

Carried.

(m) Claresholm Bantam Football Association – Letter of Support for CIP Grant

Moved by Deputy Reeve Alm a letter of support in principle be provided to the Claresholm Bantam Football Association to assist with their application under the Community Initiatives Program for grant funding to pave the track surface at the Claresholm High School.

Carried.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

(a) Willow Creek Wilderness Walk Run – 2017 – Thank you – presented.

(b) Granview Park Board – Thank you – presented.

(c) Thelma Fanning Memorial Library – M.D. Grant – Thank you – presented.

(d) Oldman River Regional Services Commission (ORRSC) – Shared Services and Member Utilization – presented.

(e) Alberta Recycling Conference – September 6 – 8, 2017 – presented.

(f) Alberta Culture and Tourism – 2020 Alberta Summer Games

– presented.

(g) Canadian Girls Rodeo Association – Thank you – presented.

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

(n) Recreation Planning Committee Meeting

Deputy Reeve Alm reported on the Recreation Planning Committee meeting he attended on June 21, 2017. He advised Parks and Environment will have a plan ready for August and it appears to include garbage collection, dumping stations, random camping nodes and signage kiosks to inform people what they can and can't do. He advised that he stated very clearly at the start of the meeting, the M.D. wants to see some thresholds and carrying capacity established prior to building any infrastructure. He advised the next meeting will be held on July 12, 2017 in Ranchlands which was to be the final meeting however, they are planning another meeting in August. He advised the July 12th meeting conflicts with the M.D. Council meeting.

Deputy Reeve Alm advised Parks and Environment stated that some municipalities may want to improve their local road system to accommodate the additional traffic travelling to and from the Porcupine Hills and Livingstone Range. He advised it affects the M.D. of Willow Creek on Beaver Creek Road, Flying E Road and Lyndon Creek Road but not as much as the MD of Ranchland as we have Highway 520 which is a Provincial Highway. He told the committee the M.D. of Willow Creek will not be upgrading the roads leading into the recreation areas. He explained the developer is required to upgrade the road and in this case it would be the Alberta government. He explained the impact on emergency services with the increased number of people using the area.

Moved by Councillor Sandberg that Deputy Reeve Alm be authorized to attend the Recreation Planning meeting on July 12, 2017 and not attend the Council meeting.

Carried.

(o) July 12th Council Meeting Cancelled

Councillor Van Hierden advised Councillor Kroetsch and himself will be on the summer tour and not at the July 12th Council meeting.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Alm the July 12, 2017 Council meeting be cancelled.

Carried.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Councillor Sandberg to adjourn the meeting.

Carried.

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Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer