

Claresholm, Alberta, April 13, 2016

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 Executive Assistant Arlene MacOdrum as recording secretary present.

Lawrence Gleason – Reporter entered the meeting.

Director of Finance Hannas

1. Reeve Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:24 a.m.

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

Reeve Wilson called for additions to the agenda.

Add the following under item 3. Council Management:

(aa) Fire Bans

(bb) Fishing Shacks at Clear Lake

3. **MINUTES:**

(a) **March 23, 2016 Council Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Alm the March 23, 2016 Council meeting minutes be accepted as presented.

Carried.

4. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:**

(a) **Cheque Register**

Director of Finance Hannas presented the cheque register for cheque #'s 20868 – 20912 in the amount of \$171,694.34 as information.

(b) **2015 Audited Financial Statement**

Director of Finance Hannas reviewed the 2015 audited financial statement with Council.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Hemmaway the 2015 audited financial statement be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Hemmaway to authorize the 5 year capital purchase amount of \$4,000,000.00 be moved into Restricted Reserves.

Carried.

Director of Finance Hannas left the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

5. **COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:**

(a) **Meeting with Honourable Sarah Hoffman**

CAO Vizzutti advised a meeting with the Honourable Sarah Hoffman has been scheduled for April 21, 2016, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in Edmonton.

Moved by Councillor Alm that Reeve Wilson, Councillor Sundquist and Emergency Services Manager Coleman be authorized to meet with the Honourable Sarah Hoffman, Minister of Health, to discuss Alberta Health and ambulance services on

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behalf of the M.D. of Willow Creek on April 21, 2016 in Edmonton.

Carried.

Emergency Services Manager Coleman entered the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

(b) Fire Bans

Councillor Sandberg asked for clarification of fire advisory versus fire ban.

Emergency Services Manager Coleman advised a fire ban is very restrictive and limits welding, campfires and burn barrels which have not been the cause of the recent fires. He explained the control and management of issuing fire permits as information.

(c) AAMDC Letter to Hon. Sarah Hoffman re: Rural Physician Action Plan

Received as information.

(d) Letter from Alberta Health Services – Re: Fire Department Invoices for Medical First Response Calls.

CAO Vizzutti presented a letter from Don Allan, Director of Emergency Clinical Operations, AHS EMS Calgary Zone, advising Alberta Health Services do not reimburse agencies for response to calls.

Noted this item will be discussed with Hon. Sarah Hoffman, Minister of Health on April 21, 2016.

(e) MD of Provost Letter to Hon. Danielle Larivee, Minister of Municipal Affairs – Re: Industrial Assessment Centralization

Received as information.

(f) Stakeholder Advisory Committee Feedback – Re: Centralization of Industrial Property Assessment

Received as information.

(g) Alberta Justice – New Provincial Traffic Production Centre

Received as information.

(h) Alberta Seniors & Housing – Planning to Age in Place – presented.

(i) Alberta Seniors & Housing – Letter to Pat Stier MLA

CAO Vizzutti presented a letter from Hon. Lori Sigurdson, Minister of Seniors & Housing to Pat Stier MLA Livingstone Macleod regarding the grant in place of taxes and the impact on local municipalities.

Discussion ensued.

(j) Jubilee Insurance – Re: Use of Personal Vehicle for MD Business

CAO Vizzutti recommended to Council they insure their personal vehicle to be covered when they are using it on behalf of the M.D. and submit an invoice for the additional cost for reimbursement.

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(k) Fort Macleod Allied Arts – Support for the Children’s Festival

Moved by Councillor Sandberg to donate \$1,000.00 to the Fort Macleod Allied Arts for the annual Children’s Arts Festival on May 7th, 2016 from the following discretionary spending accounts:

Divisions 1, 2, 3 & 5 - \$200.00 each

Divisions 4 & 6 - \$100.00 each

Carried.

(l) Nanton Quality of Life Foundation – Donation to Youth Drop In Fundraiser

Moved by Councillors Sundquist to donate \$900.00 and a jacket to the Nanton Quality of Life Foundation for the Youth Drop-In Mexican Fiesta fundraiser on September 10, 2016 from the following discretionary spending accounts:

Divisions 1, 2, 3, 5 & 7 - \$100.00 each

Divisions 4 & 6 - \$200.00 each

Carried.

(m) Physician Assisted Dying Open House – John Barlow MP

Received as information.

(n) Town of Claresholm – Frog Creek Drainage Project Funding Approved

CAO Vizzutti presented a letter from Municipal Affairs to the Town of Claresholm advising the grant of \$350,000.00 was approved under the Intermunicipal Collaboration component of the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Program for the Frog Creek Drainage Project.

Councillor Alm advised half of the rural landowners affected attended an information meeting with the Town of Claresholm. He advised the Town of Claresholm will meet with landowners to sign easement agreements.

(o) Highway 3 Twinning Development Association

CAO Vizzutti presented a request from the Highway 3 Twinning Development Association that the M.D. of Willow Creek become a member at a cost of \$50.00 plus \$0.25 per capita annually and lobby the government to prioritize the twinning of Highway 3.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Hemmaway the Council of The M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26 does not support the request for membership in the Highway 3 Twinning Development Association.

Carried.

(p) Alberta Historical Resources Foundations Heritage Awards 2016

Received as information.

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(q) AAMDC Local Authorities Election Act Survey 2016

Council completed the Local Authorities Election Act survey for submission to AAMDC.

(r) Forest and Prairie Protection Act and Regulations

Amendments Survey

Discussion ensued. Received as information.

(s) Nanton Ag Society – 2016 Canadian High School Finals

Rodeo

Moved by Councillor Alm to donate \$2,500.00 to the Nanton Ag Society to host the 2016 Canadian High School Finals Rodeo July 28 – 30, 2016 from the following discretionary spending accounts:

Divisions 1, 2, 3, 5 & 7 - \$200.00 each

Division 4 - \$500.00

Division 6 - \$1,000.00

Carried.

(t) Biodiversity Management Framework – Follow-up Session

CAO Vizzutti advised the Biodiversity Management Framework follow-up session is scheduled for April 28, 9:00 – 3:00 p.m., location unknown at this time.

Noted Reeve Wilson, Councillors Alm, Kroetsch, Sandberg and CAO Vizzutti will attend the Biodiversity Management Frameworks follow-up session.

(u) Porcupine Hills Coalition – Report

Reeve Wilson provided an update on the Porcupine Hills Coalition meeting and advised they are trying to develop a recreation plan to fit within the Biodiversity Management Framework.

(v) Fort Macleod Elks – Fun Casino for Fundraiser for School Enhancement Project

Moved by Councillor Van Hierden to donate 2 MD jackets to the Fort Macleod Elks Fun Casino fundraiser on April 16, 2016.

Carried.

(w) Aquatech Diving Services Report – Moon River Estates

Water Reservoir

CAO Vizzutti presented a letter from Aquatech Diving Services complete with a DVD containing video from the cleaning of the water reservoir at Moon River Estates.

(x) Alberta Municipal Affairs – Flood Mapping Grant

CAO Vizzutti presented a letter from Brad Pickering, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs advising the M.D.'s application for Flood Mapping grant under the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Program was not successful.

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(y) Town of Granum – Canada Day Celebration

CAO Vizzutti presented a letter from the Town of Granum requesting donations to assist with their Canada Day Celebrations.

Noted the budget will be presented on April 20, 2016 for consideration and includes Canada Day funding.

(z) Alberta Cattle Feeders Association – 13th Annual Golf Tournament

CAO Vizzutti presented an invitation to the Alberta Cattle Feeders Association 13th Annual Golf Tournament on June 8, 2016 in Lethbridge.

(aa) Report on Castle Mountain Park Meeting

Deputy Reeve Hemmaway reported on the Castle Mountain Park meeting he attended in Lethbridge with the Honourable Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks. He advised a draft plan is to be finalized by the end of 2016 and he expressed concern of increased random camping in the Porcupine Hills and Livingstone areas.

Reeve Wilson stated an enforcement model is required to support the governance model.

(bb) M.D. Ranchland Hosting Porcupine Hills/Livingstone Meeting

The M.D. of Ranchland will be hosting an update and discussion regarding Livingstone/Porcupine Hills linear footprint and recreation plan on May 9, 2016.

Noted Reeve Wilson, Deputy Reeve Hemmaway, Councillors Alm, Kroetsch and CAO Vizzutti will attend the meeting on May 9th at M.D. of Ranchland.

(cc) Ice Fishing Shacks at Clear Lake

Councillor Sundquist suggested contacting Alberta Environment with regards to the ice fishing shacks that are left on government property at Clear Lake.

CAO Vizzutti will contact Alberta Environment regarding the ice fishing shacks at Clear Lake being left on government lands.

5. BYLAWS:

(a) Fees Bylaw No. 1745

Moved by Councillor Sandberg Bylaw No. 1745, being a bylaw for the purpose of setting of fees for providing services and information in the possession of the municipality, be given first reading.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Alm Bylaw No. 1745 be given second reading.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Kroetsch all Councillors present are in agreement to giving Bylaw No. 1745 third and final reading.

Carried Unanimously.

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Moved by Councillor Van Hierden Bylaw No. 1745 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.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

(a) **Fort Macleod Health Foundation – Thankyou** - presented.

(b) **Mayors & Reeves of Southwest Alberta – Minutes March 4, 2016** – presented.

(c) **Alberta Southwest Bulletin – April 2016** – presented.

(d) **Alberta Power Bills Face Unprecedented Spikes – Article from the Calgary Sun** – presented.

(e) **Wasa & District 4-H – Thankyou** - presented.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Hemmaway the meeting goes in camera to discuss intergovernmental relationships and legal issues at 1:47 p.m.

Carried.

Lawrence Gleason reporter left the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

Development Officer Chisholm entered the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Development Officer Chisholm left the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Alm the meeting comes out of in camera at 2:41 p.m.

Carried.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Councillor Sandberg to adjourn the meeting.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer