



Council Brief of the July 7, 2022 Regular Meeting

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DELEGATIONS:

1) Introduction of Municipal Finance Intern

Council welcomed Jeremy Vander Meulen, who is participating in an 18-month internship in the Finance and Administration department.

2) Yolanda Reimer and Timothy Smith

Yolanda Reimer and Timothy Smith were present to discuss with Council their request to amend Bylaw 17-008 - Animal Control Bylaw to allow cattle in a hamlet. A report will be brought back to a future Council meeting to provide more information on the Bylaw as it relates to hamlets.

3) City of Lethbridge – Jenn Schmidt-Rempel, Deputy Mayor; Sandra Dufresne, Intergovernmental & Advocacy Advisory; Carly Kleisinger, Chief of Staff to the City Manager

The delegation discussed physician recruitment as a regional issue and the City of Lethbridge Family Physician Action Plan that aims to attract and retain family physicians. Administration will bring a report to a future meeting with detailed information on a potential financial commitment to recruitment initiatives.

SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS:

1) Subdivision Application #2022-0-081 – Brewerton – Lot 3, Block 2, Plan 2210358 and Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 1110876 within NW14 21-8-22-W4M

Council approved the application subject to the conditions on the draft resolution. The application is to reconfigure the boundaries and size of two adjacent parcels, by subdividing 2.25-acres of land from a 6.18-acre title and consolidating it to an adjacent 1.00-acre title, creating an enlarged country residential title 3.25-acres in size.

2) Subdivision Application #2022-0-090 – Ramias – Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 0912279 within NE1/4 21-9-22-W4M

Council approved the application subject to the conditions on the draft resolution. The application is to create two new titles of 2.55 and 2.79 acres, with a remainder lot of 4.64 acres, from a title comprised of 9.98-acres, all for grouped country residential use.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1) COMMUNITY SERVICES

a. Bylaw 22-011 – Road Closure, Sale, and Consolidation Road Plan 8419HB – First Reading

Council approved to close a portion of Road Plan 8419HB. Council approved first reading of the bylaw, which would close the road plan located 0.5 miles south of Highway 519 on Range Road 23-4. The road is undeveloped, and Administration has determined that it is not required as part of the County's road network. A Public Hearing will be held in August.

b. Donation Request – Green n Yellow Group

Council declined the Green n Yellow Group's request for a \$500.00 donation to their Annual Chili and Rib Festival fundraising event for the Chinook Autism Society and Bridges of Hope.

c. Monarch Grain Handling Facility Complaint

Council directed that staff send a letter signed by the Reeve, advising the residents their concerns had been addressed. Council further directed staff to advise the owners of More Than Just Feed Inc. of the current situation.

d. Town of Nobleford – Request for Fire Service Transition Costs

Administration will bring a report back to a future meeting with additional information on the Town of Nobleford's request for an additional \$25,000 contribution from the County for agreeing to provide fire and rescue service to most of the area formerly covered by the Barons Fire Department, which was disbanded earlier this year.

2) INFRASTRUCTURE

a. Commercial and Industrial Municipal Tax Incentive Bylaw – Public Engagement Feedback

Survey results and public engagement feedback on the proposed bylaw was discussed. Administration will bring a report back to a future meeting with additional incentive amounts and assessment values to discuss further. Public engagement for the bylaw was done in May and June of this year, with a survey available and a community discussion at the Readymade Community Hall. Survey results showed that 56% of respondents were opposed to the bylaw and 44% were in favour. The number of survey responses received totals approximately 0.7% of the County's population.

3) ADMINISTRATION

a. Proposed Changes to County Safety Policy 800, Incorporating Policy 803

Council approved proposed changes to Policy 800, which includes an emphasis on employee wellbeing. Council also rescinded Policy 803 – Assignment of Responsibility as the information is consolidated into Policy 800.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1) County of St. Paul – Rising Cost of Alberta Utility Fees

A letter from the County of St. Paul expressing concerns to the Alberta Utilities Commission on the rising costs of utility fees and utility company profits.

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES:

1) 2022 Bursary Award

Council approved that two \$1,000 post-secondary bursaries be awarded to Kaylee Moorhead and Taiya Nickel. These applicants were selected by the Ad-Hoc Bursary Committee for their academic achievements and community involvement.