

# Council Brief of the December 17, 2020 Regular Meeting

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#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

## 1) MUNICIPAL SERVICES

## a. Revision to Policy 163 - Encroachment Policy

Council approved the amended policy, which was updated to provide clarity.

## b. Road Ban Policy and Bylaw

Council approved the policy and third reading of the bylaw, which were amended to provide clarity on enforcement.

## 2) CORPORATE SERVICES

## a. Highway 3 Twinning Development Association Membership Fee Request - Update

Council approved membership with the Highway 3 Twinning Development Association through an annual membership fee, based on a population of 10,353 at a per capita rate of \$0.35 for a total of \$3,623.55, to be included in the 2021 Budget with an increase in 2022 of \$0.50 per capita for a total of \$5,176.50.

## b. 2021 - 2025 Capital Budget

Council approved the 2021 Capital Budget in the total expense amount of \$9,215,000 and approved in principle the 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 Capital Budget expenses in the amounts of \$8,095,000, \$10,995,000, \$9,678,000 and \$6,834,000, respectively.

#### c. 2021 - 2023 Operating Budget

Council approved the 2021 Operating Budget expenses in the amount of \$28,050,645 and approved in principle the 2021 and 2022 Operating Budget expenses in the amounts of \$28,476,715 and \$28,888,425, respectively.

## d. McNally Community Association Request

Council approved that the 2021 McNally Community Association loan payment request be postponed to the January Council meeting.

#### 3) ADMINISTRATION

## a. Bill C-213 The Canada Pharmacare Act Endorsement

Council approved the endorsement Bill C-213 *The Canada Pharmacare Act*, which specifies the conditions and criteria that provincial and territorial prescription drug insurance programs must meet to receive federal funding.

## b. Canadian Fallen Heroes Foundation - Donation Request

Council approved a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to the Canadian Fallen Heroes Foundation to recognize and honor many of the Lethbridge County Veterans who have served our country.

#### c. Provincial Police Act Review

Council approved that a letter be sent to Rural Municipalities of Alberta indicating Lethbridge County recommends an RMA resolution requesting greater consultation with rural municipalities on proposed Police Act changes be adopted and sent to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, prior to any changes being made.

## d. Grassy Mountain Coal Project

A letter from a concerned resident regarding the Grassy Mountain Coal Project and open-pit coal mining in headwaters was received and discussed by Council.

#### **COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

### 1) Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update- November 2020

#### **Division 1 - Reeve Lorne Hickey**

November 2 Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Mayors & Reeves Virtual Meeting

November 3 RMA virtual convention November 4 RMA virtual convention November 5 Council meeting

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November 12 Facilities, Haul Route, and Fire Services workshops

November 17 Goals and objectives update

November 19 Council meeting, Coffee with Council November 20 Canadian Blood Services virtual meeting

November 23 Budget presentation November 24 Budget presentation

November 27 Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association virtual AGM

November 27 Met with CAO

### **Division 2 - Councillor Tory Campbell**

November 3 RMA virtual convention November 4 RMA virtual convention November 5 Council meeting

November 10 Lethbridge Regional Waste Management Services Commission meeting

November 12 Facilities, Haul Route, and Fire Services workshops

November 17 Goals and objectives update

November 19 Council meeting, Coffee with Council

November 23 Budget presentation November 24 Budget presentation

#### **Division 3 - Councillor Robert Horvath**

November 3 RMA virtual convention

November 4 RMA virtual convention

November 5 Council meeting

November 12 Facilities, Haul Route, and Fire Services workshops

November 17 Goals and objectives update

November 19 Council meeting, Coffee with Council

November 23 Budget presentation November 24 Budget presentation

## **Division 4 - Councillor Ken Benson**

November 3 RMA virtual convention November 4 RMA virtual convention November 5 Council meeting

November 12 Facilities, Haul Route, and Fire Services workshops

November 17 Goals and objectives update

November 19 Council meeting, Coffee with Council

November 23 Budget presentation November 24 Budget presentation

#### **Division 5 - Councillor Steve Campbell**

November 3 RMA virtual convention RMA virtual convention

November 4 Exhibition Park Board Meeting

November 5 Council meeting

November 12 Facilities, Haul Route, and Fire Services workshops

November 17 Goals and objectives update

November 19 Council Meeting, Coffee with Council

November 23 Budget presentation

November 24 Budget presentation

November 25 Exhibition Park Committee Meeting

## **Division 6 -Councillor Klaas VanderVeen**

November 3	RMA virtual convention
November 4	RMA virtual convention
November 5	Council meeting
November 12	Facilities, Haul Route, and Fire Services Workshops
November 17	Goals and objectives update
November 19	Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association conference call
November 19	Council Meeting, Coffee with Council
November 23	Budget presentation
November 24	Budget presentation
November 27	SAEWA virtual AGM

#### **Division 7 - Councillor Morris Zeinstra**

November 3	RMA virtual convention
November 4	RMA virtual convention
November 5	Council meeting
November 12	Facilities, Haul Route, and Fire Services Workshops
November 17	Goals and objectives update
November 19	Council Meeting, Coffee with Council
November 23	Budget presentation
November 24	Budget presentation

## 2) Council Remuneration

Council approved that a 10% reduction of remuneration be maintained until the June 3, 2021 Council Meeting when it can be revisited by Council. Council implemented the 10% reduction in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.