



Council Brief of the March 11, 2021 Regular Meeting
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SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS:

- 1) Subdivision Application #2021-0-013 – Lethbridge County - Lot 11, Block 18, Plan 9611179 within SW1/4 7-10-23-W4M (Hamlet of Monarch)**
Council tabled the application to a future meeting for further information including the possible implementation and maintenance of an alley and subdividing four lots rather than five.
- 2) Subdivision Application #2021-0-009 – Deboer - Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1710894 within NE1/4 12-10-24-W4M**
The application was approved subject to the conditions as outlined in the draft resolution.
- 3) Subdivision Application #2021-0-017 – Neher/Hohlebein - Lots 6 & 7, Block 1, Plan 1712355, Lot 8, Block 1, Plan 1712357, Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 0812864 within the N1/2 5-10-21-W4M**
The application was approved subject to the conditions as outlined in the draft resolution.
- 4) Subdivision Application #2021-0-014 – Postman - NW1/4 25-10-24-W4M**
The application was approved subject to the conditions as outlined in the draft resolution.

DELEGATIONS:

- 1) Ridge Utilities Presentation**
Representatives from Ridge Utilities gave a presentation on their services, which include natural gas, electricity, and internet.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1) MUNICIPAL SERVICES

- a. Budget Request- 2021 Capital Equipment - Pneumatic Tire Packer**
Council approved a budget increase for the equipment so it can be utilized during the spring 2021 base stabilization program.

2) COMMUNITY SERVICES

- a. Bylaw 20-007 - Road Closure, Sale and Consolidation of a portion of Sidney Road within subdivision plan 4000AQ (Lucy-Howe Subdivision) – 2nd and 3rd Reading**
Council approved second and third readings of the bylaw, which closes a portion of undeveloped road in the subdivision.
- b. Policy 217 - Community Peace Officer - Communication System**
Council approved the updated policy, which shows the change of CPO dispatch services from the Public Safety Communications Centre in Lethbridge to Taber Police Dispatch.
- c. Community Planning Association of Alberta (CPAA) - Annual Conference (Virtual) and Sponsorship**
Council approved that any member wishing to attend the event be authorized to do so, and that a sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000 be issued, with funds being drawn from the Councillor's Discretionary Reserve.
- d. Lethbridge County Economic Development Quarterly Report: December 2020 - March 2021**
Economic Development Officer Martin Ebel presented the department's recent activities, which include:
 - Work with existing businesses looking to expand, including promotion of County products on a provincial level and economic development inquiries for County hamlets
 - Work with two potential new businesses looking to establish operations
 - Ongoing work with private sector to identify broadband internet solutions

- Work in developing and promoting Hwy 4 "Canada's Western Gateway" logistics and trade corridor; ongoing work promoting Hwy 3 "Canada's Premier Food Corridor"
- Working with Communications department to develop new online business directory to support businesses and the concept of "buy local"
- Exploring and vetting potential new revenue opportunities and services
- Planning post COVID-19 marketing of Lethbridge County and recovery for businesses

e. Proposed Parking Bylaw (Bylaw 20-017) Survey Results

Council did not approve the bylaw. A survey was requested by Council prior to voting on the bylaw and the results showed mixed opinions among citizens. Council also directed Administration to investigate parking options for commercial vehicles in or near County hamlets.

3) CORPORATE SERVICES

a. Picture Butte Rural Crime Watch Association Funding Request

Council approved the funding request from the Picture Butte Rural Crime Watch Association for \$1,000 per year over five years (beginning in 2021) to assist with operational costs.

b. Municipal Operating Support Transfer (MOST) Program

Council approved supporting the application to the program, which provides one-time funding to municipalities to assist with the lost revenues or increased expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

c. 2020 Year End Surplus Report

Council approved the reallocation of funds from the year-end surplus in the amount of \$125,707 to offset departmental deficits. Efficiencies and cost savings were identified in 2020 that contributed to the surplus.

Surplus transfer to Reserves

Tax Support surplus transfer to:

Emergency Services Contingency Reserve: \$62,853

Administrative Reserve: \$62,854

Surplus transfer total: \$125,707

d. Reserves Presentation

The Manager of Finance and Administration gave a presentation on Reserve funds.

4) ADMINISTRATION

a. Policy 164 - Twinning Relationships

Council approved that the policy remains active.

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE UPDATES:

1) Lethbridge County Council Attendance Update - February 2021

Division 1 - Reeve Lorne Hickey

February 4	Telephone Town Hall with Premier Kenney, Minister Allard & Dr. Hinshaw
February 5	Mayors and Reeves meeting
February 11	Lethbridge County Council meeting, meeting with Lethbridge North County Potable Water Co-op Board
February 12	Meeting with CAO
February 17	Meeting with CAO
February 17	Rural Municipalities of Alberta/Alberta Urban Municipalities Association President's Summit on the establishment of a Provincial police service
February 24	Virtual meeting with MLA Schow
February 25	Joint Public Hearing - County/Coalhurst Amendment to IDP
February 26	Meeting with CAO, Alberta Council Budget information session, virtual Provincial police service discussion with Minister Hunter & MLA Neudorf, and Telephone Town Hall with Premier Kenney & Minister McIver

Division 2 - Councillor Tory Campbell

- February 11 Lethbridge County Council meeting, meeting with Lethbridge North County Potable Water Co-op Board
- February 24 Virtual Meeting with MLA Schow
- February 25 Joint Public Hearing - County/Coalhurst Amendment to IDP
- February 26 Virtual Provincial police service discussion with Minister Hunter & MLA Neudorf

Division 3 - Councillor Robert Horvath

- February 11 Lethbridge County Council meeting, meeting with Lethbridge North County Potable Water Co-op Board
- February 25 Joint Public Hearing - County/Coalhurst Amendment to IDP, virtual SouthGrow Strategic Planning Session

Division 4 - Councillor Ken Benson

- February 11 Lethbridge County Council meeting, meeting with Lethbridge North County Potable Water Co-op Board

Division 5 - Councillor Steve Campbell

- February 10 Exhibition Park Board meeting
- February 11 Lethbridge County Council meeting, meeting with Lethbridge North County Potable Water Co-op Board
- February 23 Community Futures Board meeting
- February 25 Joint Public Hearing - County/Coalhurst Amendment to IDP

Division 6 -Councillor Klaas VanderVeen

- February 11 Lethbridge County Council meeting, meeting with Lethbridge North County Potable Water Co-op Board
- February 17 Economic Development Lethbridge meeting
- February 25 Joint Public Hearing - County/Coalhurst Amendment to IDP
- February 26 Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association Board meeting

Division 7 - Councillor Morris Zeinstra

- February 11 Lethbridge County Council meeting, meeting with Lethbridge North County Potable Water Co-op Board
- February 25 Joint Public Hearing - County/Coalhurst Amendment to IDP

CLOSED SESSIONS:

- 1) Hamlet of Turin - Lots for Sale (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Section 25(1) - Disclosure Harmful to Economic and Other Interests of a Public Body)**
Council approved the sale of the 4 western serviced Hamlet Industrial lots in accordance with the closed report presented to Council on March 11, 2021.
- 2) Offer to Purchase - Plan 104DS Block 3 Lots 3-5 (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Section 25(1) - Disclosure Harmful to Economic and Other Interests of a Public Body)**
Council approved the offer and directed administration to complete the sale of the parcel.
- 3) Request for Surface Lease (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Sections 16 and 25(1) – Disclosure Harmful to Business Interests of a Third Party & Disclosure Harmful to Economic and Other Interests of a Public Body)**
Council approved that the Request for Surface Lease be brought back to a future meeting.