



Council Brief of the

February 3, 2022 Regular Meeting

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DELEGATIONS:

1) Alberta Environment and Parks

Stephen Mathyk, Dorothy Lok and Coreen Bates from Alberta Environment and Parks were present via Teams to provide an update and overview of the Lethbridge AEP Regulatory Assurance Division.

2) Cardston-Taber-Warner MLA Grant Hunter

MLA Hunter provided an update on current provincial initiatives and discussed emergency medical services, rural policing, and Municipal Sustainability Initiative funding with Council.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1) INFRASTRUCTURE

a. Rescind Policy 350 – Public Road Right-of-Way – Requests for Information and Regulatory Signs

Council rescinded the policy as it is no longer needed. The Public Operations department determines where signage is installed based on legal requirements and standards. Business signage on private property is regulated through the Land Use Bylaw.

b. SMRID Pipeline Installation Waiver Request

Council approved the waiver for the installation of an irrigation pipeline within the west ditch of the County's road allowance on Range Road 21-0A.

2) MUNICIPAL SERVICES

a. 2022 Level of Service – Public Operations

Council approved the policy document, which provides a baseline of the Public Operations department's core road maintenance services, including grading, gravelling, roadside mowing and spraying, etc. Council also rescinded Policy 351 – Market Access Network – Haul Routes as its information is contained within the 2022 Level of Service policy.

3) COMMUNITY SERVICES

a. Fire Service Response Fees Waiver Request

Council declined the request to waive fire services response fees in the amount of \$487.50.

b. Rescind Policy 802 – Emergency Preparedness

Council rescinded the policy as it is no longer needed. Provincial legislation has changed since the policy was created and it is now redundant.

c. Town of Coaldale Letter of Support Request for ACP Application – Coaldale & District Fire Master Plan

Council approved to provide a letter of support for the project.

d. Planning & Development Department 2021 Annual Report

Council received an update on the department's 2021 activities, which included:

- 271 development permit applications received (increase from 181 in 2020)
- Construction value of permits - \$132 million (\$57.5 million in 2020)
- 1065 safety codes permits submitted (740 in 2020), which includes building, electrical, plumbing, gas, and private sewage
- 33 subdivision applications approved by Council
- Fairview, Diamond City, and Shaughnessy Hamlet Growth Studies completed
- Municipal Development Plan reviewed and updated with input from the public

CORRESPONDENCE:

1) Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA)

This letter was sent asking rural municipalities across Alberta to share resources so RMA can gather data on rural internet speeds.

2) Alberta Municipal Affairs

This letter was sent by Minister of Municipal Affairs, Ric McIver in response to his meeting with Council in November. Policing costs, the proposed provincial police service, long-term sustainable funding for municipalities, and rural water co-ops was discussed.

3) Year of the Garden 2022

This information package highlights 2022 as the Year of the Garden and provides resources for municipalities and the public on ways to get involved in gardening activities.

4) Alberta Municipal Affairs

This letter was sent by Minister of Municipal Affairs, Ric McIver to inform Council that Lethbridge County has been approved to host an intern for the 2022 Municipal Internship Program for Finance Officers.

5) Royal Canadian Mounted Police

This letter was sent by Alberta RCMP Commanding Officer C.M. Zablocki in response to his meeting with Council in November.