



Council Meeting Highlights

December 14, 2021

Administration:

- Proposed Procedural Bylaw 2021/72
 - Council provided three readings to Bylaw 2021/72 for the purpose of identifying procedures and order of meetings held within and dealing with subject matters pertaining to the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10.
- P.L.A.C.E. Falun Female Frozen Challenge
 - Council moved that the request received from the Pigeon Lake Athletic Cultural Educational Society (PLACE) to host a 4 games female hockey event on December 18, 2021, at the Falun Skating Rink (Plan 9424108 Lot 8SR) be approved, in accordance with Public Assembly Bylaw 86/11.
- Engagement Invitation to Alberta Provincial Police Services Transition Study
 - Council approved attendance at the engagement events for the Alberta Provincial Police Service Transition Study.
- 2022 Council Strategic and Tactical Plan
 - Council tabled the 2022 Strategic and Tactical Plan and moved to attend an informal Strategic Planning workshop on January 4, 2022, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Finance:

- 2022 Interim Budget
 - Council directed Administration to remove all packers from the sale and work with the Patrol Operators to use the equipment more efficiently as there is positive improvements to the roads when used.
 - Council removed the replacement of T0218 from the Fleet Capital Plan.
 - Council moved that the floor replacement in the west wing of the Administration Building be removed from the 2022 budget; and further that \$15,000.00 for washroom upgrades be placed in Building Reserve.
 - Council approved the 2022 Interim Budget based on the 2021 approved budget with the following authorized expenditures for 2022 in advance of the final budget:
 - Administration \$30,000
 - Information Services \$20,000
 - Building Maintenance \$30,000
 - Fire Services \$120,000
 - Fleet Capital Management \$1,960,000
 - Brushing \$250,000
 - Bridge Maintenance \$305,000
 - Road Capital \$16,108,058
 - Water Services Capital \$559,490
 - Wastewater Services Capital \$2,637,000

Planning and Development:

- Development Monthly Report for the Month of November:
 - 30 applications received
 - 45 permits completed
 - 496 applications completed to date (January 1 – November 30)
 - 199 Approach and Rural Address Inspections (year to date)
- Public Hearing: Repealing of Intermunicipal Development Plan with Camrose County
 - Council provided three readings to Bylaw 2021/75 for the purpose of repealing Bylaw 2017/44 Camrose County/County of Wetaskiwin Intermunicipal Development Plan.

- Public Hearing: Repealing of Intermunicipal Development Plan with Ponoka County
 - Council provided three readings to Bylaw 2021/76 for the purpose of repealing Bylaw 2017/43 Ponoka County/County of Wetaskiwin Intermunicipal Development Plan.
- Public Hearing: Proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendments
 - Council provided three reading to Bylaw 2021/73 for the purpose of amending Land Use Bylaw 2017/48 to add service station, restaurant and convenience store to the list of discretionary uses within Industrial Districts.
- Pigeon Lake South Intermunicipal Development Plan Update
 - Council supported the Policy Direction to Prohibit New Septic Fields within 800m of the Pigeon Lake Shoreline in the Draft Pigeon Lake South Intermunicipal Development Plan as outlined in the November 24, 2021 Council Briefing Note provided by MPS.
 - Council moved to consider a draft policy regarding referrals for clearing of vegetation where a development permit is not required.
 - Council moved that the IDP Committee negotiate a smaller land area for the South Pigeon Lake IDP.
- Planning 101 Orientation Opportunity
 - Council booked MPS for a Planning 101 in person training session; dates to be determined.

Recreation

- Parks Strategy Update
 - Administration provided an update on the investigation into other viable options for the operation of outdoor facilities to assist in reducing the net cost to the County of Wetaskiwin.
 - Administration will be reviewing all the parks and will select specific park(s) as a pilot project to implement a facility operating agreement with a private contractor or a non-profit organization.

Emergency Services:

- Buck Lake Alder Flats Fire Hall Land Purchase
 - Council approved the land trade on the quarter section at NW 33-45-6-W5M with the County of Wetaskiwin being responsible for all costs involved with the trade of land (which will include but not be limited to subdivision and registration of land).

Protective Services:

- November Protective Services Monthly Report:
 - During the month of November CPO's traveled 7,629 kilometres on County Roadways.
 - CPO making patrols in Division 4 and observed an unoccupied vehicle parked on the HWY 2 on ramp from HWY 616. No license plate on the vehicle and queries returned unregistered. Investigation found the owner had sold the vehicle on Kijiji, dropped the insurance and registration, and subsequently parked the vehicle at the location for the buyer to pick up some time that evening. The owner advised he did not want a stranger in his yard.
 - CPO conducted a traffic stop with a vehicle for 122 km/h in a posted 60 km/h zone. The driver was unlicensed, and the vehicle was uninsured and unregistered. The license plate attached was for a different vehicle and open liquor was also located in the cab. One of the passengers was found on 8 outstanding warrants. CPO arrested the passenger and impounded the vehicle. Several charges and two summonses were issued.
 - CPO attempted to stop a vehicle that was travelling in Division 1 with no lights late at night. The vehicle fled at a high rate of speed, and CPO terminated the attempt. CPO watched the vehicle in the distance, blow a red light across a primary highway at 122 km/h, splitting traffic. CPO had obtained a plate and queries showed the vehicle was not reported stolen. CPO located the vehicle the next afternoon, abandoned 2 miles west of the incident in a slough. The vehicle was still unreported and unable to reach the owner. CPO had the vehicle towed out and placed in the impound.

Public Works:

- November Public Works Monthly Report:
 - Updates on Public Works and Utilities Capital Projects, Reports from the Director of Public Works, Manager of Operations, Foreman Reports, Expense Reports, Road Inspections and Road Use Agreements and a summary of Service Requests to date.
 - PW crews are in full mode of winter operations. The regular storms of freezing rains have presented major challenges in maintaining safe roadways. Gravelled roads are in decent condition, but there are areas that are extremely icy with the cycle of melting snow, freezing overnight, then more freezing rain. Grader operators attempt to rough up the icy sections with their sand vik blades and sanders are out regularly.
 - Graveling on roads is complete west of Hwy 771. There is still stockpiling to complete east of Hwy 771, with only 6 miles to finish.
 - The Mulhurst Lagoon was discharged from Oct 27, 2021 – Nov 15, 2021.
 - The Alder Flats Lagoon was discharged from Oct 27, 2021 – Nov 8, 2021.
 - The Winfield Lagoon was discharged from Oct 18, 2021 – Oct 26, 2021.
 - The Gwynne Truck Fill was shut down from Nov 26-29, 2021, in response to a water shortage from the City of Wetaskiwin's Water Treatment Plant.
- Road Allowance Lease Renewals
 - Council approved the road allowance lease renewal for a further three (3) year term, in accordance with Road Allowance Closure for Lease or Sale Policy #12.0.4.

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