



Council Meeting Highlights

March 8, 2022

Administration:

- Statistics Canada
 - The County of Wetaskiwin's population is up 0.3% from 11,176 in 2016 to 11,212 in 2022.
- Alberta Health – Update on Policy and Crisis Team (PACT)
 - Council accepted the update regarding the Police and Crisis Team (PACT), as received from the Honourable Mike Ellis, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Wellness, as information.
- 2022 Multiple Sclerosis Bike Tour
 - Council directed Administration to send a response to the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society of Canada advising them that the County of Wetaskiwin grants permission to utilize any highways or local roads in the jurisdiction of the County of Wetaskiwin, subject to the following conditions:
 - That all stipulations and regulations outlined by the Government of Alberta are adhered to;
 - That cyclists obey all rules of the road and traffic control devices at all times; and
 - That the Tour Organizers agree to indemnify and hold harmless the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10, its employees and agents of and from and loss, cost, claims, expense, action, or demands of any nature whatsoever arising out of the Tour Organizers exercise of the permission granted.
- Annual Road Tour 2022
 - Council moved to continue to attend the Road Tours annually; and that the dates be set for May 9 and May 24, 2022.
- Open House Dates for 2022
 - Council approved the May Open House be held Friday, May 6, 2022, with a barbecue from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building; with displays and other engagement activities to be developed by the Public Participation Committee for review by Council at a later date and further that an Open House be held in Buck Lake on August 17, 2022, in conjunction with the Tax Collection for west end residents with a barbecue from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Buck Lake Community Hall.

Assessment:

- 2021 Tax Cancellations
 - Council ratified the tax cancellations for the period between July 29, 2021 to November 29, 2021 in the amount of \$2,030.08.
- Transfer to Tax Roll
 - Council transferred \$4,500.00 in costs owed to the County of Wetaskiwin as ordered in Court File 221200002 of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench to Tax Roll 340902 for the property described as Lot 1B, Block 1, Plan 0125415, NW 4-46-3-W5M pursuant to Section 553(1)(h.1) of the *Municipal Government Act*.

Finance:

- Interim Financial Statement to December 31, 2021
 - Council accepted the financial report to December 31, 2021 as information.

Planning and Development:

- Public Hearing: Proposed Rezoning from Agricultural (AG) to Agricultural Hobby Farm (AHF)
 - Council provided three readings to Bylaw 2022/05 for the purpose of rezoning 14.43 acres within NE6-46-27-W4M from Agriculture (AG) to Agricultural Hobby Farm (AHF).
- Public Hearing: Proposed Rezoning from Agriculture (AG) and Country Residential (CR) to Agricultural Hobby Farm (AHF)

- Council provided three readings to Bylaw 2022/06 for the purpose of rezoning 27.91 acres within SW31-46-23-W4M from Agriculture (AG) and County Residential (CR) to Agricultural Hobby Farm (AHF).
- Planning and Economic Development Committee – Terms of Reference
 - Council approved the Planning and Economic Development Committee Terms of Reference as presented.
- Community Planners Association of Alberta (CPAA) Conference
 - Council moved that Councillor L. Carwell attend the annual CPAA Conference to be held in Leduc on May 2-4, 2022

Public Works:

- Tender Results: Calcium Chloride
 - Council awarded Contract 2022-3205-01 for supply and delivery of calcium chloride for a 3-year period (2022, 2023, 2024) to Kortech Calcium Services Ltd. with a bid of \$101,750.00, plus GST.
- Fleet Services and Enterprise Fleet Management: Truck Lease Pilot Program
 - Council moved to not pursue a Light Vehicle Truck Lease Pilot Program with Enterprise Fleet Management at this time.
- Fleet Services and Enterprise Fleet Management: Truck Rental Pilot Program
 - Council defeated a resolution to commence a 2022 Truck Rental Pilot Program with Enterprise Fleet Management (EFM) for the rental of four (4) 4x4 Pick-up Trucks for use by the Agricultural Service Board, Weed Inspection program.
- 2022 Fleet Capital Plan
 - Council approved the revised 2022 Fleet Capital Plan subject to the removal of T4217, T5416, T7218, T7318 and T7819 from the Plan.
- Road Allowance Lease Renewals
 - Council approved the road allowance lease renewals for a further three (3) year term, in accordance with Road Allowance Closure for Lease or Sale Policy #12.0.4.

Protective Services

- January 2022 Protective Services Report
 - During the month of January, CPOs traveled over 7,100 kilometres.
 - A CPO was stationary on the side of Range Road 255 when he observed a speeding vehicle coming towards him. By the time the CPO was able to turn around, the vehicle entered the intersection of Highway 13 at approximately 110 km/hr and struck an SUV, causing severe injuries and all occupants being transported to hospital. CPOs provided first aid to the victims and provided information to all relevant Enforcement Agencies.
 - A CPO conducted a traffic stop with a vehicle for failing to maintain driving lane and an unauthorized license plate. The vehicle was determined to be stolen out of Wetaskiwin and the RCMP were called for attendance. The RCMP arrested both occupants for possession of stolen property and the female driver was also found operating a motor vehicle while suspended and without insurance. The CPO issued a court appearance for no insurance and operating suspended, along with numerous Traffic Safety Act charges.
 - Division 7 has seen an increase in oil patch activity. A CPO stopped a vacuum truck for an equipment violation. Further investigation found the truck to be overloaded. The driver was also placed out of service for failing to comply with Dangerous Goods Legislation. Charges were laid and the carrier is well known.
 - Bylaw Enforcement continued to work on several files that were still in progress from prior to 2022 and also continuing the more consistent updating of Sand & Gravel Reporting in accordance with the Sand & Gravel Aggregate Levy Bylaw.
- Delegation: Building Capacity in Rural Crime Prevention
 - Jean Bota and Jan Fox presented on the Alberta Rural Crime Prevention Framework.

- Project Objectives:
 - Have a comprehensive understanding of rural crime and rural issues.
 - Develop and implement a model to reduce crime and build capacity among service providers in rural communities.
 - Reduce crime (including youth crime) and perceptions of fear/insecurity, while improving community safety and well-being.
 - Build enduring partnerships between stakeholders to develop and sustain collaborative approach.
- Council accepted the overview presentation related to the Building Capacity in Rural Crime Prevention Project as information.
- Opportunity to Meet with RCMP Commanding Officer, 'K' Division
 - Council directed Administration to confirm the request to meet with RCMP 'K' Division Commanding Officer, Deputy Commissioner Curtis Zablocki, District Officer for Central Alberta District, Chief Superintendent Darcy Fleury, and the Assistant Deputy Minister of Justice and Solicitor General on March 14, 2022 regarding the following topics:
 - Alberta First Responders Radio Communication System,
 - Policy Funding Framework,
 - Alberta Policy Advisory Board,
 - Funding Model for Ticket Revenue for Municipalities.

Emergency Services:

- Fire Bylaw Review February 2022
 - Council provided First Reading to Bylaw 2022/02, subject to further amendments and presentation of amendments to the March 22, 2022 Council Meeting.
- 2022-2025 Mutual Aid Fire Control Agreement and Plan
 - Council approved the Mutual Aid Fire Control Agreement and Plan between Agriculture and Forestry, Forestry Division and the County of Wetaskiwin for the term March 1, 2022 to March 31, 2025 inclusive.

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