

The regular meeting of the Lacombe County Council was called to order by Reeve Law at 9:00 a.m. on March 25, 2021 in the Council Chamber of the Lacombe County Administration Office.

Present

Present: Reeve P. Law; Deputy Reeve, K. Wigmore, Councillors, J. Ireland, B. Knight, D. Kreil, B. Shepherd and K. Stephenson; County Manager, T. Timmons; Director of Operations, B. Cade; Director of Community Services, K. Boras, Director of Corporate Services, M. Minchin; Director of Planning, D. Freitag; Manager of IT Services, M. Kartusch and Administrative Executive Coordinator, L. Turnbull

Introductions

Mrs. Law introduced herself and those present introduced themselves. Mrs. Law reviewed the procedures for holding and attending a virtual meeting.

**C/125/21
Agenda**

Mrs. Law inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There was one addition and one amendment to the agenda.

8.1. 11:00 a.m. Summer Village of Sunbreaker Cove Delegation

14.1. Move to Follow Administrative Report

Moved by Mr. Stephenson that the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/126/21
Minutes**

Moved by Ms. Shepherd that the minutes of February 25, 2021 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/127/21
Administrative
Report**

Mr. Timmons, Mr. Cade, Mr. Minchin, Mr. Boras and Mr. Freitag provided an overview of their department activities as presented in the Administrative Report.

Moved by Mr. Wigmore that the Administrative Report as at March 25, 2021 be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/128/21
In-camera**

Moved by Mrs. Knight that the meeting recess in order to meet In-camera for the purpose of discussing the Sunbreaker Cove wastewater line. Time: 9:30 a.m.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/129/21
Reconvene**

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the meeting reconvene. Time: 10:45 a.m.

Carried Unanimously.

11:00 a.m. Mayor Teresa Beets and Deputy Mayor Jim Willmon, Summer Village of Gull Lake entered the meeting.

**C/130/21
In-camera**

Moved by Mr. Ireland that the meeting recess in order to meet In-camera for the purpose of discussing the Sunbreaker Cove wastewater line. Time: 11:02 a.m.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/131/21
Reconvene**

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the meeting reconvene. Time: 11:45 a.m.

Carried Unanimously.

11:40 a.m. Ms. Beets and Mr. Willmon withdrew from the meeting

The meeting reconvened following lunch with all Councillors, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Minchin, Mr. Cade, Mr. Boras and Mrs. Turnbull present. Time: 12:45 p.m.

**C/132/21
Town of Blackfalds
Willow Park Outdoor
Rink Project Funding**

Mr. Minchin presented a funding request from the Town of Blackfalds as per Policy RC(1) Capital Support of Recreation and Cultural Facilities. The Town is requesting \$ 41,410 to assist with funding for the Willow Park Outdoor Rink project. The total cost of the project is \$ 276,064 with a share of 15% being requested from the

County. Mr. Minchin advised that the last project funded by the County was the Arena/library expansion in 2020. At that time the County provided just under 12% in funding based on estimates of historic usership of both facilities. The Town is providing the balance of funding for the project.

Moved by Ms. Shepherd that Lacombe County contribute \$ 33,328 to the Town of Blackfalds Willow Park Outdoor Rink Project; and further, that this contribution be funded from the County's Recreation Capital Assistance Reserve.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/133/21
Town of Blackfalds
Abbey Centre
Equipment
Replacement Project
Funding**

Mr. Minchin presented a funding request from the Town of Blackfalds as per Policy RC(1) Capital Support of Recreation and Cultural Facilities. The Town is requesting \$ 51,208 to assist with funding for the replacement of the Abbey Centre's fitness equipment. The total cost of the project is \$ 341,393 with a share of 15% being requested from the County. Mr. Minchin advised County usership of this facility had ranged in the 7.5% to 9% area.

Moved by Mr. Wigmore that Lacombe County contribute \$ 30,725 to the Town of Blackfalds Abbey Centre Fitness Equipment Replacement Project; and further, that this contribution be funded from the County's Recreation Capital Assistance Reserve.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/134/21
Policy AD(21), Policy
AD(31) Approved as
Amended**

Mr. Minchin advised that the Corporate Services Department is responsible for the administration policy section of the County Policy Handbook. Mr. Minchin advised that a number of these policies are currently being reviewed as part of separate projects. Mr. Minchin provided a schedule of the policies and the timelines for their review.

At this time Policy AD(21) Cemetery Support and Policy AD(31) Memorial Objects for Cemeteries have been reviewed and amended for Council's consideration. A number of the amendments are grammatical or formatting updates. Mr. Minchin addressed questions of Council.

Moved by Ms. Shepherd that the report on the Corporate Services policy review be received for information; and further, that Policy AD(21) Cemetery Support and Policy AD(31) Memorial Objects for Cemeteries be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

1:00 p.m. Meghan Richer-Poth entered the meeting.

**C/135/21
Policy AD(10)
Approved as
Amended**

Mrs. Richer-Poth presented Policy AD(10) County Vehicle Use. The proposed revisions to Policy AD(10) will address the associated tax implications as defined by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for the personal use of County vehicles (travel between the employee's residence and place of employment). Mrs. Richer-Poth reviewed the proposed revisions.

Moved by Mr. Ireland that Policy AD(10) County Vehicle Use be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

1:08 p.m. Mrs. Richer-Poth withdrew from the meeting.

**C/136/21
Xplornet
Communications
Ground Site
Agreement**

Mr. Timmons advised that CCI Wireless has located telecommunications equipment on the County's tower at the Mirror Shop property for many years through a lease agreement with the County. Xplornet Communications Inc. recently acquired CCI and is wishing to install a sturdier replacement tower at the site to accommodate new and improved internet equipment. As such, an agreement between Lacombe County and Xplornet Inc. is required to facilitate this arrangement.

Mr. Timmons provided an overview of the Ground Site Agreement between the County and Xplornet Communications. Mr. Timmons addressed questions of Council.

Moved by Mr. Wigmore that the Ground Site Agreement, which authorizes the installation and operation of an Xplornet Communications Inc. telecommunications tower at the Lacombe County Public Works shop premises in Mirror be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/137/21
Issues & Concerns
for RCMP Future
Meeting Attendance**

Mr. Timmons advised that members of the Blackfalds and Bashaw RCMP detachments as well as the District Advisory Non-Commissioned Officers for the Central Alberta District will be attending the April 6, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting. Council agreed that the following issues and concerns be provided to the Sgts. for their information prior to the meeting.

- Repeat Victims
- Detachment Annual Priorities
- Collaboration with Lacombe County and our CPO's/Relationship Building
- Community Consultation
- Organized Crime in Rural Areas
- Restorative Justice System
- Notifying Neighbors of Known Problem Houses/Areas (chop shops, etc.)
- Protocols/Directives re: Increased Policing in Rural Areas
- COVID 19 Impact on 1) Crime Increases/Decreases, 2) Substance Addiction, and 3) RCMP Workloads and Staffing

Moved by Mrs. Knight that the list of issues and concerns to be forwarded to the RCMP representatives attending the April 6, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting be endorsed by Council.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/138/21
Issues & Concerns
MP Calkins Visit**

Mr. Timmons advised that MP Blaine Calkins will be virtually attending the April 8, 2021 Council meeting. Council agreed that the following issues and concerns be provided to MP Calkins for his information prior to the meeting.

- Update – Criminal Justice System – Priorities for Rural Crime
- Capital Gains on Sale of Own Home – Is this moving forward?
- CERB – Individuals who have wrongly collected, what will happen to them?
- COVID Debt - how much is it and how will it be dealt with?
- Carbon Tax – where is this money being allocated?
- Thoughts on gun control reform
- Opinion on Covid and how it has affected people (primarily young people).

Moved by Mr. Wigmore that the list of issues and concerns to be forwarded to MP Calkins for discussion at the April 8, 2021 Council meeting be endorsed by Council.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/139/21
Municipal Survey
Alberta Police
Advisory Board**

Council completed the Municipal Survey on the Governance Model of Operational Alberta Police Advisory Board. The purpose of this survey is to help inform the interim board's development of a governance model for the operational board.

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that the response to the Municipal Survey on the Governance Model of Operational Alberta Police Advisory Board be endorsed by Council as completed.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/140/21
RCMP Commanding
Officer Invitation**

Mr. Timmons advised that an invitation has been received to meet with the RCMP Commanding Officer on April 28 or 29, 2021. Council has been requested to provide any service delivery concerns prior to the meeting. Council agreed that they would not meet with the Commanding Officer at this time.

Moved by Mr. Ireland the invitation from the RCMP Commanding Officer to meet on April 28 or 29, 2021 be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/141/21
Bylaw No. 1340/21
First Reading**

Mr. Minchin presented Bylaw No. 1340/21, a bylaw of Lacombe County to authorize the establishment of fees for various services, supplies, information, applications, and appeals provided to the public. The bylaw reflects the proposed 2021 rates and fees for County services. Mr. Minchin addressed questions of Council.

Moved by Mrs. Knight that Bylaw No. 1340/21, a bylaw of Lacombe County to authorize the establishment of fees for various services, supplies, information, applications, and appeals provided to the public

be now read a first time.

Carried Unanimously.

C/142/21
Bylaw No. 1340/21
Second Reading *Moved by Mr. Ireland that Bylaw No. 1340/21 having been read a first time, now be read a second time.* **Carried Unanimously.**

C/143/21
Bylaw No. 1340/21
Present for Third *Moved by Ms. Shepherd that Bylaw No. 1340/21 having been read a first and second time now be presented for third reading.* **Carried Unanimously.**

C/144/21
Bylaw No. 1340/21
Third & Final Reading *Moved by Mr. Wigmore that Bylaw No. 1340/21 having been read a first and second time, now be read a third time and finally passed.* **Carried Unanimously.**

C/145/21
Policy F(1)
Schedule 2 & 3
Rescinded *Moved by Mrs. Kreil that Schedule 2 and 3 of the County's F(1) Fire Protection and Fire Response Policy be rescinded.* **Carried Unanimously.**

C/146/21
Agenda Item
Follow-up *Moved by Mr. Stephenson that the Agenda Item Follow-up for March 11, 2021 be received for information.* **Carried Unanimously.**

C/147/21
Consent Agenda *Moved by Mr. Wigmore that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.* **Carried Unanimously.**

Councillor Inquires
 Ms. Shepherd advised that Grant Bexson, President of the Blackstone Estates community group has contacted her and advised that kids are coming from the nearby school and destroying small spruce trees, etc. in the area and putting tree branches in the ditches which will impede mowing. The school has been contacted but to date nothing has been done. Ms. Shepherd inquired if the County CPOs could look into this matter. Mr. Timmons commented that the County can get in touch with the school and inspect the ditches in question.

Mr. Ireland inquired as to the disposal of discarded playground equipment. The Alix Colony has inquired if they could acquire such equipment before it is disposed of. Mr. Ireland inquired as to the disposal of discarded playground equipment. The Alix Colony has inquired if they could acquire such equipment before it is disposed of.

Mrs. Knight commented that she has had ratepayer inquiries with regard to the unsightly properties in Tees and has referred them to Mr. Timmons. Mrs. Knight inquired if there could be an initiative undertaken where Harpers Metals would come in and remove old automobiles or if there could be a community revitalization initiative. Mrs. Knight commented that the usage of dirt bikes has also been questioned. Mr. Boras advised that County has restrictions for dirt bikes which require license plates, insurance, an operators licence, etc. County CPO can deal with this matter during the day, after hours it would be the RCMP.

C/148/21
Library Services
Branch Symposium *Moved by Mr. Stephenson that Mrs. Kreil be authorized to attend the 2021 Public Library Services Branch Symposium being held virtually on April 14 and 15, 2021.* **Carried Unanimously.**

Councillor Inquires
 Mrs. Kreil inquired as to the availability of the Rural Living in Lacombe County Guide. Mr. Timmons advised that the guide is available on the County website and at the County office.

Mrs. Kreil advised she will be holding her annual ratepayers' meeting virtually on April 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Kreil commented that the Provincial coal consultations start on March 29, 2021 and inquired if Council should take part in those consultations. Mr. Timmons advised that there is little information available at this time on the consultation process, it may be by survey, but the format is not yet confirmed.

C/149/21
CCPA 2021 Virtual
Conference *Moved by Mrs. Shepherd that Mr. Wigmore be authorized to attend the Community Crime Prevention Association 2021 Virtual Conference being held on May 10 to 13, 2021.* **Carried Unanimously.**

Ms. Shepherd advised that she will be sitting on the Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) for Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) as a member of the public at large, not as a County Councillor.

**C/150/21
In-camera**

***Moved by Mr. Stephenson that the meeting recess in order to meet In-camera for the purpose of discussing the Sunbreaker Cove wastewater line.
Time: 2:00 p.m.***

Carried Unanimously.

**C/151/21
Reconvene**

***Moved by Mr. Wigmore that the meeting reconvene.
Time: 2:30 p.m.***

Carried Unanimously.

**C/152/21
Adjourn**

***Moved by Mr. Ireland that the meeting adjourn.
Time: 2:31 p.m.***

Carried Unanimously.

Reeve

County Manager