# COUNTY OF TWO HILLS NO. 21 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING April 18, 2024

Meeting Called to Order

The County Council Meeting was called to order by Reeve, M. Phillips at 10:06 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Attendance

Present were:

D. Gulayec S. Dary, CAO

M. Phillips T. Alexopoulos, Recording Secretary

D. Saskiw S. Dutrisac E. Yakemchuk

Agenda

The Agenda for the April 18, 2024 Council Meeting was presented for review and consideration, having the following additions being presented:

- Village of Myrnam re: Letter of Request
- April 4, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes re: Approval
- Myrnam and District Ukrainian Dance Club re: Letter of Request
- Alberta Community Partnership Grant re: Managing Partner
- New Myrnam School re: Letter of Support
- Gravel Lease Agreement re: NW 7 54 10 W4
- Draft Budget Presentation re: Public Meeting
- Town of Two Hills re: Regional Economic Development Representative

There being no further additions; it was moved by:

#### R-130315

### **D. GULAYEC**

That the Agenda, inclusive of the additions, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

**Previous Minutes** 

The minutes of the March 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting having been presented to each Councillor and each Councillor having declared to have received and read the minutes, Reeve, M. Phillips asked for adoption.

### R-130316 D. SASKIW

That the minutes of the March 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting be approved.

### **Motion Carried**

The minutes of the April 4, 2024 Special Council Meeting having been presented to each Councillor and each Councillor having declared to have received and read the minutes, Reeve, M. Phillips asked for adoption.

## R-130317 <u>D. GULAYEC</u>

That the minutes of the April 4, 2024 Regular Council Meeting be approved.

### Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Windconcerns Group re: Letter of Support The CAO placed Windconcerns Group on the table, updating and informing Council the CAO and Reeve attended a meeting in St. Paul April 17, 2024 to discuss solar and wind concerns and Land Use Bylaws within the municipalities.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

### **R-130318 D. GULAYEC**

That the County of Two Hills Land Use Bylaw be placed on the table for review and a letter regarding wind and solar concerns provided to Honorable Premier Danielle Smith and Honorable Minister Nathan Neudorf.

### **Motion Carried**

Recreation Funding re: Discussion

The CAO placed Recreation Funding on the table for discussion. At the March 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting concerns regarding recreational funding were moved to bring back to a future meeting. Council having discussed this item; it was consensus the County of Two Hills provide the recreation information in the tax notices.

SW 33-54-9-W4 re: Garage Fire

The CAO placed SW 33-54-9-W4 Garage Fire on the table for discussion. Concerns from the landowners regarding the invoice and information from Administration was provided.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

### R-130319 <u>D. SASKIW</u>

That the County of Two Hills waive \$1,415.00 having the landowner of SW 33-54-9-W4 responsible for the remainder of the invoice, providing a payment plan if required.

### **Motion Carried**

Delegation(s) 11:00 a.m. Re: RCMP Sgt. D. Henry, Two Hills RCMP Detachment Commander, was invited into the Council Chambers to provide the Annual Performance Plan April 1, 2024 – April 1, 2025. The plan being:

- 1. Property Crime/Theft;
- 2. Traffic Impairment/Speeding; and
- 3. Police Visibility/Communication Relations.

There being no further discussions, Sgt. D. Henry thanked Council for their time and left the Council Chambers.

K & S Fuels Ltd. Lease Agreement re: Renewal The CAO presented the Lease Agreement for the Derwent Hamlet Post Office informing Council renewal is June 9, 2024.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

# **R-130320 S. DUTRISAC**

That the County of Two Hills Council approve an additional one (1) year lease for the Derwent Post Office for the 2024/2025 year, effective June 9, 2024.

### **Motion Carried**

Bank Rec - March

The Bank Reconciliation report for the month ending March 2024 indicating a bank balance of \$2,683,766.61 was presented for review and consideration.

Council having reviewed and discussed the March 2024 Bank Reconciliation report; it was moved by:

# **E. YAKEMCHUK**

That the Bank Reconciliation report for the month ending March 2024, as presented, reviewed, and discussed by Council be approved, signed and incorporated into the minutes.

### **Motion Carried**

Organizational Structure re: Policy No. INT-ORG-1 The CAO placed Organizational Structure Policy No. INT-ORG-1 on the table for review.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

# **E. YAKEMCHUK**

That the County of Two Hills Council approve Policy No. INT-ORG-1, effective April 18, 2024.

### Motion Carried

Village of Myrnam Re: Letter of Request The CAO presented Council correspondence received from County of Vermilion River requesting a letter of support for the RCMP Chief Superintendent Gary Graham regarding a request for a member increase to the Vermilion RCMP Detachment.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

# **E. YAKEMCHUK**

That the County of Two Hills provide a letter of support to the RCMP Chief Superintendent Gary Graham regarding a request for a member increase to the Vermilion RCMP Detachment.

### **Motion Carried**

ATB re: Letter of Request

The CAO presented Council correspondence received from ATB requesting a donation for their Annual ATB Battle of Alberta Slo-Pitch Tournament to be held July 26-28, 2024 at the Edgar Athletic Fields in Red Deer, AB.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

### R-130324 E. YAKEMCHUK

That the County of Two Hills provide a donation of door prizes to ATB Annual ATB Battle of Alberta Slo-Pitch Tournament to be held July 26-28, 2024 at the Edgar Athletic Fields in Red Deer, AB.

### **Motion Carried**

ACCPA 2024 Conference The CAO placed the Annual 2024 Alberta Community Crime Prevention Conference to be held on May 6-8, 2024 at the Westin Calgary Airport on the table for discussion.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

# R-130325 <u>D. GULAYEC</u>

That Councillor D. Saskiw be authorized to attend the Annual 2024 Alberta Community Crime Prevention Conference in Calgary, Alberta at the Westin Calgary Airport on May 6-8, 2024.

**Motion Carried** 

### Recess E. YAKEMCHUK

That the meeting be recessed – time 11:51 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:35 p.m., having all Councillors in attendance.

ATCO Electric re: Hamlet of Derwent and Hamlet of Willingdon Franchise Reports 2024 The CAO presented correspondence received from ATCO Electric Sales Representative JM Ares regarding the Distribution Revenue Forecast for the Hamlets of Willingdon & Derwent 2024 Franchise Fee and the possibility for an annual change to the Franchise Fee percentage.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

## R-130326 E. YAKEMCHUK

That Council accept the correspondence from ATCO Electric as information and have the 2024 Franchise Fee for the Hamlets of Willingdon & Derwent remain status-quo.

### **Motion Carried**

# Appointment of Auditors

The CAO presented Appointment of Auditors to Council informing pursuant to Section 280(1) of the Municipal Government Act, each Council must appoint one or more Auditors for the municipality.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

### R-130327 E. YAKEMCHUK

That the Auditing Firm of Synergy Chartered Accountants be appointed as Auditors for the County of Two Hills No. 21 for the 2024 Fiscal year.

### **Motion Carried**

Letter of Request re: RR 124 to HWY 45 NW 33-54-12-W4 The CAO placed correspondence received from one of the associated of Two Hills Reinland Mennonite Church on NW 33-54-12-W4 requesting the development of an approach with shoulders from RR 124 to merge onto Hwy 45.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

# R-130328 S. DUTRISAC

That the Two Hills Reinland Mennonite Church contact Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors to discuss and bring back to a future Regular Council Meeting.

### **Motion Carried**

Village of Myrnam re: Letter of Request The CAO presented Council correspondence received from the Village of Myrnam requesting assistance from the County of Two Hills in providing gravel and necessary equipment to restore and maintain the road directly in front of the New Myrnam School.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

### R-130329 D. SASKIW

That the Village of Myrnam provide gravel and the County of Two Hills provide necessary equipment to restore the road directly in front of the New Myrnam School.

### **Motion Carried**

Myrnam and Districy Ukrainian Dance Club re: The CAO provided Council correspondence received from the Myrnam and District Ukrainian Dance Club for a donation for their live and silent auction to be held at their Dine and Dance on April 27, 2024 in Derwent.

Letter of Request for Donation **R-130330** 

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

## E. YAKEMCHUK

That the County of Two Hills donate 10-cubic yards of gravel delivered within the County of Two Hills boundaries to to the Myrnam and District Ukrainian Dance Club for their live and silent auction to be held at their Dine and Dance on April 27, 2024 in Derwent.

### **Motion Carried**

Alberta Community Partnership Grant re:

Orthophotography

The CAO informed Council that the County of Two Hills collaborated on an Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) grant for orthophotography, titled *Regional Geographic Information Systems – Infrastructure Data Integration*, with Lamont County having the County of Two Hills being the managing partner of the same.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

# **R-130331 D. GULAYE**C

That the County of Two Hills participate in the Alberta Community Partnership Grant with Lamont County for Data Integration Project (Orthophoto) having the County of Two Hills being the managing partner.

Motion Carried

New Myrnam School re: Letter of Support for Sanofi Biogenius Canada Grant The CAO presented Council correspondence regarding a request from the New Myrnam School for a letter of support for their application for the Sanofi Biogenius Canada Grant.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

### **R-130332 D. GULAYEC**

That the County of Two Hills provide a letter of support to the New Myrnam School for their Sanofi Biogenius

**Motion Carried** 

K. Winterbottom, Public Works Supervisor and W. Kuhn, Assistant Public Works Supervisor entered the Council Chambers.

M. Phillips, Reeve declared a pecuniary interest and left the Council Chambers.

The CAO placed Gravel Lease Agreement on the table for discussion.

Gravel Lease Agreement re: NW 7 54 10 W4 Public Works Supervisors, K. Winterbottom and W. Kuhn presented Council aerial photos, information and correspondence communicated to and from landowner NW 7-54-10-W4 regarding a Gravel Lease Agreement.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

# **R-130333 D. GULAYEC**

That the County of Two Hills enter into a Gravel Lease Agreement, including conditions as stated, with landowner NW 7-54-10-W4.

Motion Carried

M. Phillips, Reeve entered the Council Chambers.

K. Winterbottom, Public Works Supervisor and W. Kuhn, Assistant Public Works Supervisor left the Council Chambers.

C. McRae, Director of Corporate Services entered the Council Chambers.

D. Rivard, Taxation Clerk entered the Council Chambers.

# Delegation(s) 1:40 p.m. Re: Accurate Assessment

Sean Cosens, Farmland Assessment Specialist, Kris Meadows, Residential Assessor and Sean Barrett, Industrial Manager of Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. were invited to present the 2023 Assessment Report.

There being no further discussion, Sean Cosens, Kris Meadows and Sean Barrett thanked Council for their time and left the Council Chambers.

Council having discussed this item; it was accepted as information.

D. Rivard, Taxation Clerk left the Council Chambers.

### 2024 Final Budget

The CAO and DOCS presented the 2024 Municipal Budget and Natural Gas Utility Budget for review and consideration.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

### R-130334 E. YAKEMCHUK

That the 2024 Municipal Budget be approved as amended this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024 and that the 2024 Natural Gas Utility Budget be approved as presented this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

**Motion Carried** 

C. McRae, Director of Corporate Services left the Council Chambers.

# Draft Budget Presentation re: Public Meeting

Councillor, S. Dutrisac informed Council of a Draft Budget he has prepared for the April 18, 2024 Public Meeting also, setting out challenges faced within the County of Two Hills.

Council having discussed this item; it was accepted as information.

Town of Two Hills

re: Regional
Economic
Development
Representative

The CAO placed correspondence received from the Town of Two Hills requesting the County appoint two (2) members as Regional Economic Development Representatives.

Representative Council having discussed this item; it was passed by:

# R-130335 E. YAKEMCHUK

That the County of Two Hills Council appoint two (2) members of the Council as Regional Economic Development Representatives being Reeve, M. Phillips and Councillor, S. Dutrisac.

**Motion Carried** 

**Reports:** 

Safety Coordinator Report

- P. Veres, Safety Coordinator entered the Council Chambers.
- P. Veres, Safety Coordinator provided Council the Safety Department update.
- P. Veres, Safety Coordinator left the Council Chambers.
- P. Gordeyko, Director of Utilities entered the Council Chambers.
- C. McRae, Director of Corporate Services entered the Council Chambers.
- P. Gordeyko, Director of Utilities updated Council on the current Water Report as follows:
  - 1. Tank Loaders Willingdon & Derwent;
  - 2. Derwent Service Line Rehabilitation (bring to next Department Head Meeting);
  - 3. Duvernay Water Treatment Plant Upgrade;
  - 4. Hairy Hill lift Station Upgrade;
  - 5. Willingdon Fire Hydrants;
  - 6. Sandy Lake Pump House;
  - 7. Musidora Well;
  - 8. Jackfish Lake Cistern;
  - 9. Derwent Lift Station;
  - 10. Town of Two Hills Water Operation;
  - 11. Village of Manville; and
  - 12. County of Minburn.
- P. Gordeyko, Director of Utilities left the Council Chambers.

### R-130336 E. YAKEMCHUK

That the Department Head Meeting and Special Council Meeting be held on Thursday May 2, 2024 and Regular Council Meeting be Call of the Chair for May, 2024.

### **Correspondence & Information Items**

- Correspondence from Strathcona County Emergency Services.
- Correspondence from Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs re: Provincial Education Requisition Credit Program Extension.
- Correspondence from Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs re: Assessment Model Review (AMR).

### RMA:

Contact Newsletters – March 8, 2024 – April 5, 2024.

### **Member Bulletins:**

- 2024-03-07 | RMA Seeks Information on Implementation of Changes to Renewable Energy Approval Process.
- 2024-03-08 | Anatomy of a Zombie Oil and Gas Company.
- 2024-03-08 | Canoe Benefits Hospitality Suite Invitation.
- 2024-03-08 | RMA 2024 Spring Convention Update.
- 2024-03-08 | RMA Requests Asset Management Data from Members.
- 2024-03-13 | Drought Webinars for Municipalities Now Available.
- 2024-03-14 | AUC Releases Report Outlining Renewable Energy Approval Review Findings.
- 2024-03-14 | Government of Alberta Introduces Legislation to Form New Police Organization.
- 2024-03-15 | Minister of Affordability and Utilities Releases Map Showing Viewscape Restriction Zones for Renewable Energy Projects.
- 2024-03-15 | RMA Releases Post-Dissolution Impact Report.
- 2024-03-15 | Three Emergent Resolutions Added to Spring 2024 Order Paper.
- 2024-03-25 | Register for EOEP Municipal Corporate Planning and Finance Online Course.
- 2024-03-28 | Seniors' Lodge Program Review Survey.
- 2024-04-02 | RMA Spring 2024 Endorsed Resolutions.
- 2024-04-09 | Join RMA for a Webinar on Renewable Energy Development Policy Changes.
- 2024-04-11 | Bill 18: Provincial Priorities Act Receives First Reading.
- 2024-04-11 | Farm Restricted Class 1 Driver's License Announced.
- 2024-04-12 | RMA Assigns Statuses to None Fall 2023 Resolutions.

	Council having dealt with all items containe by;	ed on the Meeting Agenda; it was moved
R-130337	E. YAKEMCHUK That the meeting be adjourned at 4:24 p.m.	
		Motion Carried
	REEVE	CAO