



Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 10, 2024
Council Chambers of the Administration Building

Members Present: Councillor R. Manning, Division 1
Councillor M. Ponto, Division 2
Councillor J. Eckstrand, Division 3
Councillor M. Thompson, Division 4
Councillor L. Hiller, Division 6
Councillor H. Shield, Division 7

Members Absent: Reeve D. Kroetch, Division 5

Staff Present: Shelly Armstrong, Chief Administrative Officer
Jim Fedyk, Assistant CAO
Cary Castagna, Communications Coordinator
Cheryl Bergman, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Reeve Shield called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and opened the meeting in prayer.

Deputy Reeve Shield acknowledged that we are on Treaty 6 territory, a traditional meeting grounds, gathering place, and travelling route to the Cree, Saulteaux (So-toe), Blackfoot, Métis, Dene (De-nay) and Nakota Sioux (Sue). We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution # FC20240410.1001

Moved By: Clr. Thompson

THAT the agenda for the Council Meeting of April 10, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1 MUNICIPAL SERVICES

3.1.1 CR-01-2024 WEST AREA CRUSHING TENDER

D. Szott, Municipal Services Director, and T. Lassu, Municipal Services Coordinator entered the meeting and reviewed the West area crushing tender.

Resolution # FC20240410.1002

Moved By: Clr. Thompson

TO accept the bid received for the Supply, Crush and Stockpiling of Gravel (CR-01-2024) for the West Area of the County, from McDonald Aggregates Inc., in the amount of \$687,500 plus fuel adjustment if required.

Carried

3.1.2 CR-02-2024 SOUTHWEST AREA CRUSHING TENDER

The Southwest area crushing tender was reviewed and discussed.

Resolution # FC20240410.1003

Moved By: Clr. Eckstrand

TO accept the bid received for the Supply, Crush, and Stockpiling of Gravel (CR-02-2024) for the Southwest Area of the County, from McNabb Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$945,000 plus fuel adjustment if required and fund all additional costs from Reserves – Gravel.

Carried

3.1.3 PURCHASE OF 2024 EXCAVATOR WITH MULCHER ATTACHMENT

The bids for the purchase of a 2024 excavator with mulcher attachment was reviewed and discussed.

Resolution # FC20240410.1004

Moved By: Clr. Ponto

THAT Council accepts the quote provided from Rocky Mountain Equipment for the purchase of a 2024 Case CX140E Hydraulic Excavator with a 2024 FAE Mulcher attachment, totalling \$349,000 plus GST.

Carried

3.1.4 FORESTBURG SOUTH ROAD - RANGE ROAD 152

Council reviewed and discussed the Forestburg South Road - Range Road 152 concerns from residents. A discussion ensued.

Resolution # FC20240410.1005

Moved By: Clr. Thompson

TO proceed with the Road Recovery Project on Forestburg South Road (ENE 34-41-15 Range Road 152 south for 3.5 miles) as approved in the 2024 Business Plan and Budget.

Clr. Ponto requested a recorded vote.

In Favor (3): Clr. Thompson, Clr. Hiller, and Clr. Shield
Opposed (3): Clr. Manning, Clr. Ponto, and Clr. Eckstrand
Absent (1): Reeve Kroetch

Defeated (3 to 3)

Resolution # FC20240410.1006

Moved By: Clr. Eckstrand

TO maintain the Forestburg South Road (ENE 34-41-15 Range Road 152 south for 3.5 miles) as is until the oiled surface road deteriorates to 50% of the 3.5 mile length to gravel.

Carried

3.1.5 2024 DUST SUPPRESSANT REQUEST FOR QUOTATION RESULTS

Council reviewed and discussed the 2024 dust suppressant quotes.

Resolution # FC20240410.1007

Moved By: Clr. Manning

TO accept the quote received for the Supply, Delivery, and Application of MG30 dust suppressant for the 2024 Dust Suppressant Program, from Kortech Calcium Services in the amount of \$0.299 per litre.

Carried

D. Szott and T. Lassu withdrew from the meeting.

3.3 FISH AND WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES - SERGEANT ERIK GRAF VON PLATEN

Sergeant Erik Von Platen of the Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Services entered the meeting, introduced himself and advised what his role is in the area and asked if there are concerns of Council. A discussion ensued. Sergeant Von Platen withdrew from the meeting.

Deputy Reeve Shield recessed the meeting at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 10:54 a.m.

3.2 DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

3.2.1 MUNICIPAL SERVICES - TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE 2024-04-10

D. Szott, Municipal Services Director, and T. Lassu, Municipal Services Coordinator entered the meeting and reviewed the Transportation departmental update with Council and then withdrew from the meeting.

3.2.2 HEALTH AND SAFETY DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE 2024-04-10

B. Goliath, Health and Safety Officer entered the meeting and reviewed the Health and Safety departmental update with Council and then withdrew from the meeting.

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RESULTS OF 2025 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

C. Castagna, Communications Coordinator reviewed the public participation plan results with Council. A discussion ensued.

Resolution # FC20240410.1008

Moved By: Clr. Manning

THAT Council accept the feedback gained through the Business Plan and Budget Public Participation Plan and further evaluate the feedback when reviewing the Programs and Services Priorities and in the development of the 2025 Business Plan and Budget.

Carried
4.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1

MARCH 13, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Resolution # FC20240410.1009

Moved By: Clr. Thompson

THAT the minutes for the Council meeting of March 13, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried
- 4.2

MARCH 27, 2024 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Resolution # FC20240410.1010

Moved By: Clr. Ponto

THAT the minutes for the Special Council meeting of March 27, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried
- 4.3

APRIL 3, 2024 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Resolution # FC20240410.1011

Moved By: Clr. Hiller

THAT the minutes for the Special Council meeting of April 3, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried

Deputy Reeve Shield recessed the meeting at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12:39 p.m.

5.

BUSINESS

5.1

2024 TOURISM ASSISTANCE GRANT - FORESTBURG ARENA - BUCKIN IN THE BURG

Council reviewed and discussed the grant application for the Tourism Assistance Grant received from the Forestburg Arena for the Buckin in the Burg event.

Resolution # FC20240410.1012

Moved By: Clr. Eckstrand

TO approve the Tourism Assistance Grant of \$3,000 to the Forestburg Arena Association for the Buckin in the Burg event.

Carried

5.2

FLAGSTAFF HISTORICAL SOCIETY - REQUEST FOR RESIDUAL FUNDS

Council reviewed and discussed the request for residual funds for the Flagstaff Historical Society.

Resolution # FC20240410.1013

Moved By: Clr. Thompson

TO provide the Flagstaff Historical Society with the residual funds left in trust in 1998 from a previous Historical Sites Committee, in the amount of \$2,290.85 which includes accumulated interest.

Carried
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5.3 VILLAGE OF FORESTBURG - REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION

Council reviewed and discussed the request from the Village of Forestburg for a letter of support.

Resolution # FC20240410.1014

Moved By: Clr. Ponto

TO support the Village of Forestburg’s application to Prairies Canada under the Canada Coal Transition Initiative – Infrastructure Fund for construction on infrastructure identified in the Flagstaff/Forestburg Area Structure Plan.

Carried

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 COMMITTEE REPORTS 2024-04-10

Clr. Hiller reported on the Battle River Alliance for Economic Development (BRAED) meeting.

Resolution # FC20240410.1015

Moved By: Clr. Hiller

THAT Council provide a letter to the Alberta Government in support of the Regional Rural Economic Development Alliances (REDA) to continue to receive the \$125,000 funding for operations and not the current suggested funding matrix, as currently the REDA is only eligible for \$97,000 given the current funding structure with funding falling each year until year 3 when funding ceases.

Carried

Clr. Shield reported on the Flagstaff Regional Housing Group (FRHG) meeting of March 26, 2024.

7. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

7.1 CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS - 2024-04-10

Resolution # FC20240410.1016

Moved By: Clr. Manning

THAT the following items of correspondence be approved as presented:

1. Battle River Watershed Alliance (BRWA) – Watershed Engagement and Land Use Planning Workshop
2. Flagstaff Healthcare Attraction and Retention (FIHAR) Committee – Annual Report
3. Killam RCMP – A Snapshot of March
4. Killam RCMP – Coffee with the Cops
5. Municipal Affairs – Assessment Model Review Engagement Announcement
6. Parkland Regional Library System (PRLS) – December 31, 2023 Financial Statements
7. Parkland Regional Library System (PRLS) – March 21, 2024 Parkland Update
8. Municipal Affairs - Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC) Program Extension
9. Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) – March 15, 2024 Contact Newsletter
10. Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) – March 28, 2024 Contact Newsletter
11. Stettler District Ambulance Association Contract Negotiations
12. Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors – Vegetation Management Along Provincial Highways
13. Parkland Regional Library System (PRLS) – April 4, 2024 Parkland Update
14. Battle River Watershed Alliance (BWRA) – April The Current
15. Nursing Week May 6 – 12 2024
16. Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) – April 5, 2024 Contact Newsletter
17. Quarterly Resolution Update For Council 2024-01-01 – 2024-03-31

Carried

9. CLOSED MEETING (IN CAMERA) SESSION

9.1 CLOSED MEETING (IN CAMERA) SESSION - FOIP SECTION 24 - 2024-04-10

Resolution # FC20240410.1017

Moved By: Clr. Manning

THAT the meeting go into a closed session at 1:50 p.m., with all persons except County Council, the Chief Administrative Officer, Assistant CAO and the Recording Secretary excluded from the meeting, to discuss privileged information as per Section 24 of the FOIP Act.

Carried

C. Castagna withdrew from the meeting.

Resolution # FC20240410.1018

Moved By: Clr. Manning

THAT Council return to an open meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Reeve adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer