



Village of Stirling

November 7, 2018

The Village of Stirling Council meeting held at the Stirling Community Centre on November 7, 2018.
In attendance: Mayor Trevor Lewington, Councillors Robert Edwards, Matthew Foss, Kevin Nelson
and Larry Nilsson, CAO Mike Selk, Administrative Assistant Aletta Lightfoot and ORRSC
Planner Bonnie Brunner.

CALLED TO ORDER Mayor Lewington called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

2018-234 AGENDA

Councillor Edwards moved to adopt the agenda.

Carried

RECOGNITION

None.

DELEGATION 4(a)

Sandy and Brad Hyggen spoke to Council about the laneway east of her home (future road in the 300 block of 2A Street). They provided the following information:

- Has been an on-going issue for more than 9 years.
- Was told by seller that the laneway would likely never be developed or used as an extension for 2A Street.
- There has been an increase in traffic using the laneway as a shortcut between 3 Avenue and 4 Avenue, through all seasons and all hours of the day.
- Drivers are using it as a personal playground for mud-bogging when there is any precipitation at any time of day or night.
- They provided an example of a minivan driving down the laneway in the middle of the day during the winter and getting stuck in the snow. The passengers got out and were trespassing on the surrounding private properties looking through sheds/out buildings seeking implements to dig their vehicle out.
- Brad Hyggen and neighbour Morris Duncan met with the CAO to review the possibility of a temporary/non-permanent closure of the laneway. Further Planner Brunner provided written information regarding the request.
- Mr. Hyggen indicated they feel that contrary to the letter from the planner, that installing a barricade and having proper signage would not be a liability to the Village.

Mayor Lewington noted that Alberta Transportation and Provincial Standards have their own regulations that would take precedence.

The Hyggens continued:

- They suggested a few solutions such as a temporary, non-permanent barricade to be placed roughly halfway through the laneway between the 3 Avenue and 4 Avenue access points, so that property owners would still be able to access their land, but would deter vehicles driving straight through, or a locked gate, or for the laneway to be properly maintained by the Village.
- Neighbour Val Duncan indicated they have put down gravel in the laneway at their own expense.
- Neighbour Scott Foss noted that drainage from 4 Avenue is directed down the laneway to a catch basin approximately 2/3 of the way down and that the installation of the storm system has made a negative impact to condition of the road.

DELEGATION 4(b)

Members of the Friendship and Understanding Committee as Stirling Citizens representatives Sandra Nelson, Gary Bikman and Jason Edwards provided a written letter to Council. Mr. Bikman read the letter from the Committee which included:

- Their concern over the recent CAO resignation as well as the process and requirements for hiring a new CAO, Village procedures, conflict of interest, as well as Council's presence, individual interest and combined vision for the continued success and prosperity of the Village.
- A copy of the letter can be viewed at the Village Office.

Mayor Lewington addressed a few questions that Bikman brought forward and indicated it would take time to properly and formally respond to all the questions.

Lewington indicated some items are already being dealt with including an amendment to the CAO bylaw and further that there is a policy that outlines an annual CAO review process, and that a CAO Selection Committee has been formed which is made up of Councillor Edwards, Councillor Foss, and Councillor Nilsson. The CAO Selection Committee has been tasked with the recruiting and selection process of the new CAO.

Councillor Foss thanked everyone for attending and for their comments.

Bikman stated that he understood that there will always individual points of views, but that there is no right way to do a wrong thing, and that just because someone can doesn't always mean that they should.

2018-235 MINUTES Councillor Nilsson moved to adopt the minutes of the October 17, 2018 Organizational Meeting. Carried

2018-236 Councillor Foss moved to adopt the minutes of the October 17, 2018 Council Meeting. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Draft a letter of support for the CARES program grant proposal in regard to the South Grow Broadband Project.

2018-237 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE Councillor Edwards moved to accept accounts payable cheque #20180937-20180969, excepting #20180953. Carried

2018-238 Councillor Nelson moved to accept accounts payable #20180953. Councillor Nilsson abstained. Carried

RESCINDED POLICY #010-10 SHOP AND EQUIPMENT USAGE

Councillor Nilsson spoke about Council's previous decision to rescind Policy #010-10 Shop and Equipment Usage, stating:

- He had reviewed the policy again and had changed his opinion.
- He spoke with members of the Public Works and discovered that the majority of the usage came from assisting residents of the Village, and not a lot of personal use.
- He felt that the policy had no cost the Village, however the financial compensation for taking the Policy away would be a measurable cost to the Village.
- He recommended reinstating the Policy and adding a tracking component for the usage of equipment.

2018-239 Councillor Nilsson moved to reinstate Policy #010-10 and further to direct Administration to make the discussed amendments to the Policy and to bring back to Council for approval. Carried

RESPONSIBLE CAT OWNERSHIP BYLAW NO. 476-18

Tabled to November 21, 2018 Council Meeting.

ROAD
REHABILITATION
2018-2022 PROJECT
FINANCIAL
INFORMATION

Administration provided an update, including:

- Breakdown of cost sharing with the County of Warner.
- Cost to date and progress for the rebuilding of 8 Street.
- Cost of road rehabilitation and oiling the 7 blocks was approximately \$15,600 per block.
- First phase included 4-blocks of oiling in July 2018 and was completed slightly under-budget.
- Second phase included 3-blocks and was over-budget. There were added scope on the second phase including full intersections and the rental equipment costs.
- Additional road rehabilitation costs this year included 8-blocks of Calcium Chloride applied to 1 Avenue in the late summer.

2019 OPERATIONAL
BUDGET

Tabled to November 21, 2018 Council Meeting.

RIDGE REGIONAL
PUBLIC SAFETY
SERVICES
COMMISSION
(RRPSSC) – 2019
BUSINESS PLAN

The Town of Magrath has withdrawn their participation from the Commission. They may become a customer of the community or seek assistance from another organization.

2018-240

Councillor Foss moved to approve the Ridge Regional Public Safety Services Commission Business Plan as presented.

Carried

2018-241

RRPSSC – RATE
AND FEE
STRUCTURE

Councillor Foss moved to accept the Ridge Regional Public Safety Services Commission rate structure as outline in Appendix A of the Ridge Regional Public Safety Services Commission Bylaw No. 002-17.

Carried

2018-242

RRPSSC –
APPOINTMENT OF
BOARD
REPRESENTATIVE

Councillor Nelson moved to appoint Matthew Foss as the Village of Stirling representative to the Ridge Regional Public Safety Services Commission.

Carried

2018-243

RRPSSC –
ACCEPTANCE OF
BOARD CHAIR

Councillor Nilsson moved to accept Matthew Foss as the Chair of the Ridge Regional Public Safety Services Commission.

Carried

SCHOOL
MODERNIZATION
FUNDRAISING

Council discussed information from the Fundraising Committee:

- A mail-out to inform residents of the door-knocking campaign will be proceeding shortly.

UPDATE

- Current amount raised is \$592,513.00
- Have sent out over 10 various grant applications; approval for these grants will not be known until Spring 2019.

CAO REPORT –
NOVEMBER 2018

- Administration and FCSS Executive Director and staff met with the School Division to discuss reclamation at the FCSS Building.
- Administration and Stirling Lions Club representatives will be meeting with the School Division to discuss reclamation of the Community Centre.

2018-244

Councillor Edwards moved to accept the CAO Report for November 7, 2018.

Carried

ROUNDTABLE

Councillor Foss reported:

- The FCSS Board is meeting today to organize the new full member Board and set a new meeting day. The current meeting coincides with Stirling Council Meetings.

Councillor Edwards reported:

- Chief Mountain Solid Waste Authority Board and member CAO's will meet next week to review transition proposals.

Mayor Lewington reported:

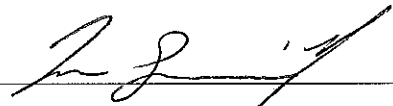
- November Strategic Planning session information.
- Mayors & Reeves: STARS Air Ambulance has been reinstated in Southern Alberta using their smaller air ambulance medical helicopters and sending the larger units to Edmonton.
- Discussed the regions Mayors and Reeves support for a full-time Federal Crown Prosecutor in Lethbridge.
- AUMA review of rural policing.
- Highway 3 Twinning project.

Councillor Nelson nothing to report.

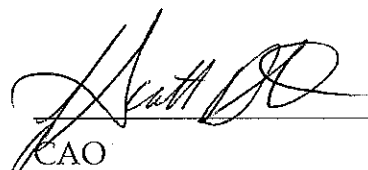
Councillor Nilsson reported:

- Met with the Minister of Environment and Parks Shannon Phillips on October 18. Minister Phillips agreed to draft a letter to the Irrigation District discussing the need to assist with mitigation efforts eliminate odour of the water over the summer and including potential cost sharing.

- 2018-245 CORRESPONDENCE Councillor Foss moved to accept the correspondence as
AND ITEMS FOR information, as presented.
INFORMATION Carried
- Aletta Lightfoot left at 8:33 p.m.
- 2018-246 CLOSED SESSION Councillor Nelson moved to go into closed session at 8:34 p.m., as
per section 16 and 17 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of*
Privacy Act. Carried
- 2018-247 Councillor Nelson moved to come out of closed session at
10:13 p.m. Carried
- 2018-248 ITEM FROM Councillor Nilsson moved to approve the purchase of Lot 5, Block
CLOSED SESSION 34, Plan 752J for \$100,000.00 subject to the terms and conditions of
the offer. Carried
- 2018-249 Mayor Lewington moved to direct Administration to present a
two-year employee agreement to the Employees of the Village as
discussed. Carried
- 2018-250 ADJOURN Councillor Nilsson moved to adjourn at 10:24 p.m. Carried



Mayor



CAO