



## County of Minburn Committee of the Whole Minutes

January 11, 2023

*In attendance were Reeve Roger Konieczny, Deputy Reeve Tara Kuzio, Councillors Joey Nafziger, Eric Anderson, Carl Ogradnick and Kevin Bentley, Interim CAO Pat Vincent, CAO Designate Pat Podoborzny and Legislative Services Coordinator Trudy Shukalak*

1. **Call to Order**

Reeve Konieczny called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. **Agenda**

Councillor Wowdzia moved the Agenda for the January 11, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

3. **Committee Minutes**

Councillor Anderson moved the minutes of the December 14, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

4. **Delegations**

4.1 Northern Lights Library System (NLLS)

James MacDonald and Lesley Cusack

- Presentation of NLLS's Value Statement which highlights the benefits of belonging to NLLS and discussion regarding budget considerations for the upcoming year.

Councillor Anderson moved to accept the presentation as information.

**Carried**

5. **New Business**

5.1 Discussion Paper: Town of Vegreville Sanitary Sewer Connection

- The Town of Vegreville has upgraded the sewer service line along 51 Avenue to accommodate Property Industrial Park and is offering all businesses located along 51 Avenue to connect to the line using a low-pressure connection which includes the County's Operation's building.

The Town has proposed to pay \$11,616.47 as quoted by Excalibur Mechanical, representing 50 percent of the total installation costs and 50 percent of the electrical connection costs to the County shop.

The current cost to empty the existing septic tank at the County shop is \$165 per week.

Operations is recommending that the project be approved.

Councillor Bentley moved that the proposal received from the Town of Vegreville to fund 50 percent of the installation and connection of the new service line from the main line to the County of Minburn's existing sewer holding tank, and installation of the required pump system with electrical connections be forwarded to County Council for approval.

**Carried**

5.2 Discussion Paper: Temporary Road Closure Policy OP 9008-01-A

- Operations has planned to systematically review policies with Council that require updating.

Temporary Road Closure Policy OP 9008-01-A which allows Council by resolution to temporarily close the whole or part of a road at any time due to a construction or maintenance project hazard requires updating to reflect the repeal of Section 25 of the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* and addition of Section 22(5).

Operations is recommending the amended policy be approved.

Councillor Nafziger moved the recommendation to amend Temporary Road Closure Policy OP 9008-01-A be forwarded to County Council for approval.

**Carried**

5.3 Discussion Paper: 4-H Grant Program Policy ASB 2002-01-A

- The Agricultural Services Board (ASB) has planned to systematically review policies with Council that require updating.

Councillor Ogrodnick left the meeting. Time 10:09 a.m.

4-H Grant Program Policy ASB 2002-01-A which outlines the requirements for 4-H grant eligibility has not been updated since 2014. ASB is recommending that grant remuneration for 4-H clubs be increased from \$20 per member to \$30 per member.

Councillor Anderson moved the recommendation to amend 4-H Grant Program Policy ASB 2005-01-A be forwarded to County Council for approval.

**Carried**

Councillor Ogrodnick returned to the meeting. Time 10:10 a.m.

5.4 Discussion Paper: Northlands Farm Family Awards Policy ASB 2003-01

- Since the disbandment of "Northlands" in Edmonton, Explore Edmonton has become the new host for the Farm Family Awards.

ASB is recommending the name of the policy be changed from Northlands Farm Family Award to Explore Edmonton Farm Family Award, and further that the plaque of recognition awarded to the recipients be increased from a \$60 value to a \$200 value.

Deputy Reeve Kuzio moved the recommendation to amend Northlands Farm Family Awards Policy ASB 2003-01 and recommendation to increase the value of the recipient plaque to \$200 from \$60 be forwarded to County Council for approval.

**Carried**

Deputy Reeve Kuzio moved that Administration prepare a 100-year agricultural award policy that recognizes ratepayers who have farmed and continue to farm the same parcel of land for 100 years or longer in the County of Minburn and present at the February 2023 Regular Council meeting.

**Carried**

5.5 Discussion Paper: Northern and Regional Economic Development Program (NRED)

- There is an opportunity to apply for grant funding under the recently announced NRED Program for the Regional Economic Development Framework Project. Although approved funding under this program would cover 50 percent of eligible costs, the application is an alternative should the County be denied for 100 percent funding under the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Program.

Planning and Development is recommending the County submit an application for grant funding under NRED for the Regional Economic Framework Project.

Councillor Anderson moved the recommendation to submit an application for grant funding under NRED for the Regional Economic Framework Project be forwarded to County Council for approval.

**Carried**

5.6 Discussion Paper: County Fires, Permits and Bans Policy PS 8002-01 and County Emergencies Policy PS 8003-01

- Protective Services has planned to systematically review policies with Council that require updating.

County Fires, Permit and Bans Policy PS 8002-01 which provides direction for fire permitting and fire bans is now covered in the Fire Services Bylaw.

County Emergencies Policy PS 8003-01 which relates to emergency management is covered in the Regional Emergency Management Plan.

Protective Services is recommending these policies be rescinded.

Councillor Nafziger moved the recommendation to rescind County Fires, Permit and Bans Policy PS 8002-01 and County Emergencies Policy PS 8003-01 be forwarded to County Council for approval.

**Carried**

6. **Adjournment**

Deputy Reeve Kuzio moved to adjourn the meeting. Time 10:43 a.m.

**Carried**

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Chief Administrative Officer