

# Council Highlights



## Regular Council Meeting of January 17, 2024

**Council Highlights briefly identify decisions made by Council. Council encourages its residents, businesses and stakeholders to keep in touch with Council news.**

### **Sale of Used 2019 Graders**

Council approved the following bids received for the sale of two used graders:

- \$224,500 + GST for the 2019 John Deere 872GP AWD Grader, from Premier Auctions.
- \$262,880 + GST for the 2019 Caterpillar 160M AWD Grader, from Michener Allen Auction.

### **Utility Bylaw 01-24**

Council approved Bylaw 01-24 — Utilities Bylaw. Flagstaff County is working towards full cost recovery to include operating costs for treated water production and sewer distribution, as well as depreciation. The overall increase to hamlet water, sewer and solid waste services is \$3.65 per month or approximately 2.11%.

### **2023 Bridge Maintenance Tender**

Council awarded the 2023 Bridge Maintenance tender to Bridgemen Services Ltd. for \$281,000 plus contingencies. This project, which includes three structures, has been carried over into 2024 and is funded through the Canadian Community Building Fund (CCBF).

### **Killam Intermunicipal Development Plan — First Reading — 2024**

Council approved first reading of Bylaw 02-24 for the purpose of adopting the Town of Killam and Flagstaff County Intermunicipal Development Plan. A full review of the current Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) with the Town of Killam has been completed. A Public Hearing for this bylaw will be held at the February 14th Council meeting.

### **Offer to Purchase Strome Property**

Council accepted the offer of \$1,500 to purchase Roll #1003750 (Plan RN67, Block 3, Lot 35) in Strome, subject to the execution of a Real Estate Purchase Contract, and approved the cancellation of tax arrears of \$8,012.95. The property requires a lot of repairs.

### **2025-2028 Business Plan and Budget — Timeline**

Council approved:

- the 2025-2028 Business Plan and Budget timeline, as presented;
- that a Special Council Meeting be held on March 27, 2024.

### **Policy Review**

Council approved the following policies, as presented, with no revisions:

- PS 002 Community Peace Officer Services;
- HR 004 Health and Safety.

Flagstaff County policies are to be reviewed every three years, or sooner if they require revisions due to changes in programming or legislation.

### **Policy HR 006 Mileage and Subsistence**

Council approved Policy HR 006 Mileage and Subsistence, as presented. This policy is on an annual review schedule.

### **Flagstaff Regional Emergency Services Society (FRESS) Budgets**

Council approved the Flagstaff Regional Emergency Services Society (FRESS) revised 2024-2026 Operating Budget and the 2024-2028 Capital Budget, with Flagstaff County's 2024 requisition being \$657,079.81.

### **2023-2024 Perc Application**

Council confirmed that the outstanding taxes in the years 2022 and 2023 for the following companies have been expensed as a bad debt:

- Alhabow Energy Ltd – \$1,980,128.90;
- Sequoia Resources – \$47,993.37;
- Sanling Energy – \$283,087.05;
- Pismo Energy Ltd. – \$65,014.15;
- Elcano (Grand Rapids) – \$20,704.93;
- Canstone Energy Ltd. – \$13,012.80.

And further that an application be made for the Provincial Education Requisition Credit/Designated Industrial Requisition Credit on the above properties and Council understands that upon collection of any of the above taxes we are obligated to remit the appropriate education property tax requisition to the Alberta School Foundation Fund (ASFF).

- 2023 PERC - \$156,485.87
- 2023 DIRC- \$4,745.33
- 2024 PERC - \$140,596.34
- 2024 DIRC - \$4,449.74

### **2022-2023 CLEO Tax Payment Agreement**

Council approved the tax payment agreement with CLEO Energy Corp, as presented, with an initial payment of \$71,773.43 and subsequent payments of \$34,421.31 until the 2022 and 2023 outstanding taxes have been paid for a total of \$248,879,72 and outstanding penalties be waived as per the conditions of the agreement.

**Once approved, the full Council Meeting minutes can be found at [www.flagstaff.ab.ca](http://www.flagstaff.ab.ca) under the "Council" tab and in the "Meetings and Minutes" section.**