1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Council General Meeting for the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 was called to order by Reeve T. Van de Kraats in the Council Chambers, of the County of Wetaskiwin Administration Office, commencing at 1:30 p.m. on July 23, 2019.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

   Resolution CG20190723.001

   MOVED: by Councillor L. Seely

   to approve the agenda for the Council General Meeting, July 23, 2019, as presented.

   Carried Unanimously

3. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

3.1 Council General Minutes - June 24, 2019

   Councillor J. Bishop reviewed resolution CG20190624.040 and indicated that the wording was not correct.

   Councillor J. Bishop advised that his resolution was to read "That administration conduct a full and complete investigation into both the trackhoe and skid steer fires and present full report back to Council."

   Discussion ensued regarding the response to this request.

   Resolution CG20190723.002

   MOVED: by Councillor J. Bishop

   to approve the minutes for the Council General meeting held Monday, June 24th, 2019 amended as follows:

   Resolution CG20190624.040 to read:

   "MOVED: by Councillor J. Bishop

   that administration conduct a full and complete investigation into both the skid steer and trackhoe fires and present full report back to Council."
Recorded

Reeve T. Van de Kraats
Councillor J. Bishop
Councillor B. Krahn
Councillor D. Woitt
Councillor K. Adair
Councillor K. Rooyakkers
Councillor L. Seely

In Favour: X
X

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Opposed:

Results

4
3

Carried (4 to 3)

Resolution CG20190723.003

MOVED: by Councillor L. Seely

that the previous report by CAO regarding skid steer and trackhoe incidents was incomplete and that the full and complete report be brought back to Council.

Recorded

Reeve T. Van de Kraats
Councillor J. Bishop
Councillor B. Krahn
Councillor D. Woitt
Councillor K. Adair
Councillor K. Rooyakkers
Councillor L. Seely

In Favour: X
X

X
X
X
X
X

Opposed:

Results

3
4

Defeated (3 to 4)

4. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor K. Rooyakers advised that APLM is requesting to change the scope of Phase 3 of the ACP grant ($250,000) to hire a biologist, and is requesting County support this new scope. Councillor K. Rooyakers advised that she will forward the email to administration.

Also that CAEP will be having a fall engagement on September 13, 2019. An invitation will be forwarded to all of Council.

Councillor L. Seely suggested that, in order to cover everything, it may be necessary to extend the road tour from two to three days.

Resolution CG20190723.004

MOVED: by Councillor L. Seely

that the Councillor’s June 2019 reports be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

5. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS
5.1 **Chief Administrative Officers Report June 2019 - Report**

The Business Plan for Business Unit 1201 - Administration - Action 1.2.1.1 states: "Effectively manage the finances and resources of Administration", therefore, Mr. Hawken, CAO provided his June, 2019 monthly report (copy attached to these minutes).

Administration recommended that Council approve Mr. Rod Hawken, Chief Administrative Officer's June 2019 month end report as presented.

Discussion ensued around Cyber Audit. Mr. R. Hawken met with RMA and Solut, reviewed the overall budget to see if there was money to complete the County's Audit. He indicated that the County is 70-80% complete; and that the County needs to go to their 3rd party providers to get their approval if the RMA moves forward.

**Resolution CG20190723.005**

MOVED: by Councillor K. Rooyakkers

that Council approve the CAO June 2019 report as presented.

Carried Unanimously

6. **DELEGATION - 11:00 A.M. - Eric Hofbauer, Director of Finance**

A delegation consisting of Ms. C. Nakonechny, Accountant, entered the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

6.1 **Bank Reconciliation-Report**

Each month the Bank Reconciliation is prepared and balanced to the General Ledger. The Bank Reconciliation reviews the County's financial position in the following areas: General Account, Tax Sales Surplus Account, Community Reserves, Camping Fees (ATB Financial), Bank Receipts, Bank Payments and Investments.

Ms. C. Nakonechny reviewed in detail the Bank Reconciliation for the month of May 2019 with a recommendation for Council to approve the report as presented.

**Resolution CG20190723.006**

MOVED: by Councillor L. Seely

that Council approve the Bank Reconciliation for the month of May 2019 as presented.

Carried Unanimously

6.2 **Accounts Payable Cheque #138380 to Cheque #138612-Report**

Accounts Payable Cheque #138380 to Cheque #138612 (June 25 to July 15, 2019) report was presented to Council.

Administration recommended that Council accept the Accounts Payable Cheque #138380 to Cheque #138612 (June 25 to July 15, 2019) report as presented.

Ms. C. Nakonechny clarified some questions regarding Accounts Payable and specific questions on payees and description of the cheques issued.

**Resolution CG20190723.007**

MOVED: by Councillor L. Seely

that Council accept the Accounts Payable Cheque #138380 to Cheque #138612 (June 25 to July 15, 2019) report as presented.

Carried Unanimously

6.3 **2019 Tax Year Shallow Gas Relief Initiative-Report**

Information was received from Steve White, Executive Director/Provincial Assessor, Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the July 2, 2019 announcement that the
Government of Alberta is providing needed tax relief for shallow gas producers in our province as the County is one of the 67 municipalities that has qualifying gas wells.

Mr. White explained that this will provide support to shallow gas producers at a time when many are struggling to stay afloat. Their long-term viability is not only important to them, but to the communities where they operate and, in fact, to all Albertans as each of us benefit from the long-term stability and success of our energy industry.

The plan reduces 2019 taxes on shallow gas wells and pipelines by 35 per cent. This will amount to more than $23 million in total tax relief for impacted companies. Details for municipalities on how the process will work, including receiving the corresponding education tax requisition reduction, will be provided later in the month. At a high level, the process works as follows:

- Municipal Affairs (MA) has provided a detailed list of wells and pipelines to companies and they are required to validate those details to MA by late July;
- A list of the pipelines and wells in your municipality is attached; and
- MA will review and confirm those details by early August.

Municipalities will then:

- Cancel 35 per cent of the total property tax for qualifying properties;
- Report the total amount of tax cancelation to MA;
- Municipalities will continue to collect the remaining property taxes from shallow gas properties which will go directly into your local budgets; and
- The province will reduce education property tax invoices to the municipality by an equivalent amount.

The 15 municipalities where the majority of wells are located are Cypress County, County of Newell, Special Areas Board, Wheatland County, Kneehill County, Red Deer County, Lacombe County, Rocky View County, Vulcan County, County of Stettler No. 6, Starland County, County of Forty Mile No. 8, Ponoka County, Mountain View County, and Camrose County.

Mr. White further indicated that he worked closely with the Rural Municipalities Association and the Explorers and Producers Association of Canada to develop this plan. Alberta’s natural gas industry has been suffering for years due to extreme low prices. Taxes have a role to play, as well. Moreover, Municipal Affairs are working on the tax piece through the regulated assessment model review, which is in its final stages. This is being done in association with tax experts who work in municipalities and industry. More on this will come in the fall.

Mr. White provided contact information as follows:

- Sheila Young, Director of Assessment and Property Tax Policy at: or (780) 422 8078.
- Grant Lloyd, Manager of Regulated Assessment at: or (780) 427 3170.

Also included was a spreadsheet which listed the identified shallow gas wells that were assessed for the 2019 tax year and are eligible for the tax relief; and a spreadsheet which contains pipeline inventory details from Alberta Energy Regulator licensed pipeline and used for the 2019 tax year assessment. The company has been requested to identify those pipelines that are part of the shallow gas gathering system; therefore, not all pipelines listed will be eligible for the tax relief.

Administration recommended that Council accept the Shallow Gas Tax Relief Initiative as information.

Resolution CG20190723.008
MOVED: by Councillor L. Seely
that Council accept the Shallow Gas Tax Relief Initiative as information.

Carried Unanimously

Ms. C. Nakonechny left the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

7. **DELEGATION - 11:30 A.M. - Jeff Chipley, Assistant CAO**

A delegation consisting of Mr. Jeff Chipley, Assistant CAO, entered the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

7.1 **Protective Services Month End – June 2019 – Report**

On a monthly basis, Administration provides Council with a reporting of the various developments and occurrences that have occurred within the Protective Services Department of the County of Wetaskiwin, in order to keep Council informed and apprised of the details surround enforcement, animal control, and community protection throughout the County of Wetaskiwin.

Mr. J. Chipley, Assistant CAO, presented the following Protective Services Reports that were provided for review by Council:

- Community Peace Officer Occurrence Report for June 2019
- Community Peace Officer Patrol Report for June 2019
- Animal Control Report January – June 2019
- Bylaw Enforcement Report January – June 2019

Some of the highlights of incidents that were dealt with by the Community Peace Officers (CPOs) of the County of Wetaskiwin in the month of June were as follows:

- A CPO was on patrol in Division 5 at the Village at Pigeon Lake and observed a truck with a County of Wetaskiwin Parks sign in the box of the truck. CPO conducted a traffic stop for a dirty licence plate and inquired about the County sign. The driver stated they had just come from Twin Lakes Park and that his buddy put that in his truck. CPO contacted Wetaskiwin RCMP and requested assistance with the Criminal Code violations, as CPO could only deal with the Bylaw side of Damage to County Property. Wetaskiwin RCMP stated that they were not able to attend and that the CPO should just deal with the matter with the Bylaw charge. Eventually, an Enhanced RCMP Member patrolling Pigeon Lake attended the matter. CPO issued violation ticket for the traffic offence and the RCMP arrested the driver.

- A CPO was asked to assist the Buck Lake Fire Department with an EMS call south of Alder Flats where a male was critically injured while operating a forklift. CPO attended as he was a short distance away. CPO administered first aid to the male, who was suffering from a major head wound and respiratory distress. The injured male stopped breathing and CPO conducted CPR until EMS arrived. Unfortunately, the male succumbed to his injuries shortly after EMS arrived.

- A CPO conducted a traffic stop in Division 5 with a golf cart operating on a highway. The male was transporting liquor and showed signs of impairment. CPO requested RCMP for a breath sample where a “caution” was received, and the male was placed under a three (3) day driving suspension. Several other provincial violations were found, and the golf cart was seized.

- June is Commercial Vehicle Month for Law Enforcement across Alberta. The Wetaskiwin RCMP Integrated Traffic Unit hosted a joint forces compliance check in the City of Wetaskiwin over two (2) days. Officers conducted thirty-six (36) safety inspections and removed ten (10) commercial vehicles from the road for being unsafe.
As is typical during the summer months, calls for CPOs to attend disturbances at County Parks continue to be a regular part of the duties undertaken by CPOs, especially during weekends.

Administration recommended that Council accept the Protective Services Report for June 2019 as presented.

Mr. J. Chipley clarified that a "Caution" happens when the breathalyzer is between .05 and .08 and a 72 hour suspension is issued rather than a full impaired charge and further clarified that the Enhanced Member that attended this particular incident is employed by the Summer Villages.

Resolution CG20190723.009
MOVED: by Councillor K. Adair
that Council accept the Protective Services Report for June 2019 as presented.
Carried Unanimously

7.2 Amendment to By-Law 2012/09 Grants to Fire Services - Report

Council was advised that current By-Law 2018/37 is a by-law of the County of Wetaskiwin for the purpose of establishing grants to be provided by the County to Fire Societies/Departments for Fire Protection Services.

The By-law number quoted in this By-law has not been updated since the Fire By-law was amended, therefore By-Law 2018/37 requires repealing to update content as follows:

3. This grant shall be subject to the following:
   (a) All conditions provided for in the Fire Services By-law 2019/08 are met; and

5. This By-law repeals By-law 2018/37

Administration recommended that Council approve three readings of Fire Services Bylaw 2019/42 which is a bylaw in the County of Wetaskiwin in the Province of Alberta to grants to be provided by the County to Fire Societies/Departments for Fire Protection Services, with changes as follows:

3. This grant shall be subject to the following:
   (a) All conditions provided for in the Fire Services By-law 2019/08 are met; and

5. This By-law repeals By-law 2012/09 2018/37

Bylaw 2019/42 is a bylaw in the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of establishing grants to be provided by the County to Fire Societies/Departments for Fire Protection Services.

Resolution CG20190723.010
MOVED: by Councillor K. Rooyakkers
that By-law 2019/42 be given First Reading.
Carried Unanimously

Resolution CG20190723.011
MOVED: by Councillor D. Woitt
that By-law 2019/42 be given Second Reading.
Carried Unanimously
Resolution CG20190723.012
MOVED: by Councillor K. Adair

that By-law 2019/42 be presented for Third Reading.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution CG20190723.013
MOVED: by Councillor B. Krahn

that By-law 2019/42 be given Third Reading and it be declared finally passed and the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign and affix thereto the corporate seal of the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10.

Carried Unanimously

7.3 Louis Bull Tribal Administration-Additions to Reserve-Report

Correspondence was received from Lorraine White, Project Manager, Louis Bull Tribal Administration advising that the Louis Bull Tribe is proposing to add lands to Louis Bull Band through the Federal Government Additions to Reserve policy, under the Community Additions category. This category applies in situations where a First Nation with an existing reserve needs additional reserve land for purposes such as to accommodate community growth.

An environmental assessment was completed to ensure the lands have no significant environmental concerns.

Ms. White is requesting that Council provide a letter confirming that there are no issues with the proposal; or if there are concerns or questions to let her know as soon as possible.

A copy of the correspondence was emailed to the Directors requesting input. The following comments were received:

The proposal falls within Treaty 6, which is the traditional territory of the Louis Bull Tribe and numerous other Indigenous and Métis Peoples. However this does not preclude the requirements that fall upon the Louis Bull Tribe in accordance with the Federal Government’s Policy Directive 10-1: Annex A – Reserve Creation Proposal Criteria, related to Additions to Reserve, last updated in 2016, as well as the recognition of jurisdictional sovereignty as explicitly outlined in the Constitution Act, 1867.

There are four stages to the Addition to Reserve process:

1. Initiation: the First Nation submits a Band Council Resolution and Reserve Creation Proposal to the INAC regional office
2. Assessment and Review: INAC reviews the proposal and advises the First Nation in writing of the results, issuing a letter of support to First Nations with successful proposals
3. Proposal Completion: INAC and the First Nation work together to create and execute a work plan to complete the proposal
4. Approval: the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs approves proposals by Ministerial Order or recommends approval by the Governor in Council for Order in Council proposals

A detailed guide regarding Additions to Reserve has been provided as an attachment for Council’s benefit.

Within the correspondence sent by the Louis Bull Tribe, details regarding the proposal are vague and lacking in substance for a matter of this scope. The last formal meeting regarding this issue occurred between Louis Bull Tribe Chief & Council and Administration representatives on Tuesday, December 12, 2017. Former CAO Frank Coutney, Director of Planning & Economic Development D. Blades, and Assistant CAO J. Chipley attended on behalf of the County of Wetaskiwin, along with representatives
from Alberta Transportation. At that meeting, a request was made by Louis Bull Chief & Council for Alberta Transportation and the County of Wetaskiwin to construct an approximately $11 million dollar overpass upgrade at our cost for the proposed Casino development, which was stated to be completely on the currently designated Reserve Lands of the Louis Bull Tribe. The County was asked to fund this upgrade, since the Louis Bull Tribe contributes a significant amount of property tax revenue to the County each year. Since this meeting, where the direction from Administration to the Louis Bull Tribe was to complete the Area Structure Plan process, no formal documentation has been received, nor has consultation occurred. This does not fulfill the requirements laid out under Section 9.0 of Policy Directive 10-1: Annex A, which outlines the general provisions for consultation between Reserve communities and Local governments as relates to Additions to Reserve.

Previous meetings held between administration and representatives of the Louis Bull Tribe focused on current Commercial reconstruction or resurrection of the Bear Hills Truck Stop and, at times, the potential of a Casino on the same lands without referencing "Additions to Reserve". Other meetings focused on firefighting services provided and incurred by the County.

Under Section 9.0(h), Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) is to notify the municipality "in writing of the Reserve Creation Proposal in order to give the Local Government an opportunity to assess any potential impacts and issues for discussion with the First Nation." To date, this has not occurred. Section 9.0(i) provides the municipality three (3) months to express any views in writing to INAC and the First Nation and set out issues for discussion. This has not been provided.

Regarding local consultation, Section 9.0(m) states the following:

Local Government Tax Considerations:

m. Unless already provided for in an Agreement or in a service agreement between the First Nation and the Local Government, and where it can be demonstrated by a Local Government, the First Nation is responsible for paying any negotiated net tax loss adjustment.

Negotiations concerning net tax loss adjustments are intended to allow the Local Government to adjust to the net effect of the combined reduction in Local Government servicing costs and reduced tax base caused by a Reserve Creation Proposal. It is not intended to compensate indefinitely for the gross level of lost taxes, given that servicing costs are also being reduced or are subject to a separate Municipal Service Agreement. Guidelines for the determination of payment for net tax loss adjustment are found in Directive 10-1: Annex C "Guidelines for First Nation-Local Government Agreements".

The proposed Lands in question currently generate approximately $30,000 per year in taxation to the County of Wetaskiwin, which would exponentially increase with increased development. Losing these lands from the overall taxation of the County of Wetaskiwin would have a negative impact on the funds generated by the County and an agreement with the Louis Bull Tribe for reimbursement as stated in the Policy Directive should be developed.

Additionally, the moving of these Lands into the Reserve would take away the northern road access of six (6) quarter sections to the south of the proposed development as a portion of Range Road 260 would be now on Reserve Land and at the control and potential closure of the Louis Bull Tribe. The County is responsible for maintaining this Range Road, which is a service road directly adjacent along the east side of Hwy 2. This service road runs form Hwy 13 to Hwy 611, a distance of approximately 13 km. The proposed annexation of lands to accommodate a casino will essentially sever this service road to an equal North and South segment. Severing a linking road is not desirable when considering connectivity of road networks.

The County’s Patrol Operator currently has three access points: Hwy 13 from the North, Hwy 611 from the South, and Township Rd 455 from the East. Once severed, the Patrol operator would need to access the south segment of RR 260A via RR 261 and Hwy 611. The operator would also need to alter their blading pattern in order to properly maintain both segments of the severed road. While this would not necessarily additional travel time to maintenance operations, it would alter how the
Patrol operator approaches the area and would require the operator to plan accordingly.

The County could lose access to this road and the only access remaining would be off Highway 2. Considerations should be made to maintain the safe passage of County citizens who would be effectively losing infrastructure as a result of this proposal, which could include the construction of a new roadway access by the Louis Bull Tribe, at their cost and with respect to current County standards.

In accordance with the Policy Directive and the Constitution Act, 1867, First Nations, who fall under Section 91 under jurisdiction of the Government of Canada, must also consult with the Government of Alberta, who have inherent jurisdiction of “Municipal Institutions of the Province” under Section 92(8) of the Act. Section 8.0 of the Policy Directive is structured very much similar to Section 9.0 but refers to consultation with the Government of Alberta. In the spirit of promoting conciliatory and collaborative relations between the County of Wetaskiwin and our First Nations partners, the Government of Alberta should also be adequately consulted.

On April 18, 2019, Mr. Blades received an email from Lorraine White indicating the following message:

“David, good morning, I need to schedule a meeting to update you on the bear hills casino project and additions to reserve project. I am taking a week off next week but will be back at office on the 30th. As well I am needing your guidance on the land work on maneuvering required steps for county. Robert Riddett has completed first draft of area structure plan as per county recommendation by Frank before he left county.”

The casino site has now been selected by Chief and Council it is situated on louis bull tribe KEDC (Kisipatnahk Economic Development Corporation) fee simple lands just south of province rest area.

I require a geo tech for this site, I have staked out area, is there a requirement for your office before I get the geo tech done?

Lorraine White ”

An application for an Area Structure Plan (ASP), which would provide the County an opportunity to formally review the proposal including any reference to Addition to Reserve that may be included, had not yet been received. It should also be noted that during the first week of July, 2019, Administration was updated by the consultant (Robert Riddett) for the ASP and that the location of the Casino would not involve the SE 24-45-26-W4M (south of the existing Bear Hill Truck Stop and Rest Area. It would instead be located on the NE 24-45-26-W4M (location of the existing Bear Hill Truck Stop lands).

In the letter of request from the Louis Bull Tribal Administration, there is reference to an Environmental Assessment indicating “We have completed an Environmental Assessment 1 of the site to ensure lands have no significant environmental concerns.” Administration has not yet received a copy of this Environmental Assessment.

Administration advises that the County of Wetaskiwin needs to be provided with additional information regarding the proposal and be more appropriately consulted prior to recommending to Council that a letter of support be provided.

Administration recommended that the consideration of additions to reserve as requested by Louis Bull Tribal Administration be tabled pending the following requirements being met:

- A copy of the environmental assessment referenced in the correspondence must be provided to Administration;
- completion of an Area Structure Plan addressing specific concerns regarding road access;
- completion of the process outlined in Section 9.0 of the Federal Government’s Policy Direction 10-1: Annex A, regarding Local Governments;
- consultation with the Government of Alberta; and
- the development of an agreement in the form of an ongoing share of assessment revenue between the County and the Louis Bull Tribe.

Resolution CG20190723.014
MOVED: by Councillor B. Krahn
that Council table the support request received from Louis Bull Tribal Administration for additions to reserve pending the following requirements being met:
- A copy of the environmental assessment referenced in the correspondence must be provided to Administration;
- completion of an Area Structure Plan addressing specific concerns regarding road access;
- completion of the process outlined in Section 9.0 of the Federal Government’s Policy Direction 10-1: Annex A, regarding Local Governments;
- consultation with the Government of Alberta; and
- the development of an agreement in the form of an ongoing share of assessment revenue between the County and the Louis Bull Tribe.

Carried Unanimously

Mr. J. Chipley left meeting at 2:54 p.m.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 2019 Farm Family Award – Awards Ceremony Council Attendance - Report

At the March 13, 2019 Agricultural Service Board meeting, it was resolved “that Administration and the Division 3 Councillor discuss potential candidates to be nominated for the 2019 Farm Family Awards and that the candidate be selected from Division 3 in accordance with the rotation set out by Council in 2007.” (Ref Resolution #AG20190313.011)

On June 7, 2019, a Farm Family Award Nomination Form was submitted to Northlands for Sunrise Farms, Randy and Sandy Lorentz, who farm in Division 3.

On June 27, 2019 a letter was received from Farmfair International advising that Northlands had received the BMO Farm Family Award nomination for the County of Wetaskiwin and the family has been notified of their success. The letter thanked for assisting with honouring a deserving family in the County of Wetaskiwin.

The BMO Farm Family Awards Program will be held during Farmfair International on the afternoon of Saturday, November 9, 2019 in the Alberta Ballroom at the Edmonton EXPO Centre.

Northlands would like to invite a representative and guest from each of this year’s participating Counties and Municipal Districts to attend the Awards Ceremony and congratulate the recipients.

Additional details will be sent out in September. Tickets have been complimentary in the past.

Administration recommended that Council approve that the Division 3 Councillor and guest attend the BMO Farm Family Awards Program on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at the Edmonton EXPO Centre.

Resolution CG20190723.015
MOVED: by Councillor K. Adair
that Council approve that the Division 3 Councillor and guest attend the BMO Farm Family Awards Program on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at the Edmonton EXPO Centre.
9.2 Lac Ste. Anne County-Meeting Request-Report

Correspondence was received from Reeve Joe Blakeman, Reeve, Lac Ste. Anne County requesting a meeting to discuss the roles of the rural MLA’s regarding the municipal issues that we are facing.

Reeve Blakeman stated that it has been a long time since Alberta has had a strong united rural caucus and thinks that we need to act quickly and together to drive forward our issues from Infrastructure to Health Care and the social needs of rural Alberta.

Reeve Blakeman further stated that there is a strong urban representation and we need to remind the Premier and his Ministers that without the solid blue in rural Alberta the sitting arrangements at the legislature would be quite different. Further, that he does not mean to circumvent RMA in a harmful matter however should run in parallel with them; to strategize together and take forward to rural caucus the direction that rural Alberta needs to take.

Reeve Blakeman is proposing a meeting inviting all rural Counties and M.D.’s with a maximum of two attendees per municipality to get a strategy together and get ready for a fall meeting with rural caucus. He proposed two meetings – one hosted in southern Alberta and one in northern Alberta; with northern Alberta being comprised of any municipality north of Red Deer but including Red Deer. He is also requesting a late August or early September meeting in a central location.

Administration recommended that Council send Reeve Van de Kraats and CAO Hawken to attend the northern Alberta meeting for discussion of strategies on needs of rural Alberta.

Councillor K. Rooyakkers outlined the following points:

- RMA represents Rural Alberta and has met with this group (rural caucus) - not sure what this group would do that is different than RMA
- RMA has had 15 meetings with the new Government to discuss rural issues.

Councillor K. Rooyakkers will keep Council updated on what is happening with rural issues and new government.

It was suggested that Council should be meeting with the local MLAs; Mr. R. Hawken advised that he has been in contact and are looking at possible date in late Fall for a meeting.

Resolution CG20190723.016

MOVED: by Councillor D. Woitt

that Council receive this letter as information.

9.3 Strategic Planning Reports to June 30, 2019 - report

Strategic Planning forms and integral part of the operation of the County of Wetaskiwin. Reporting to the public can enhance open dialogue, transparency and help educate the public on all the different actions and tasks that are completed in order to provide Strong Proactive Leadership and Safe Progressive Communities.

The reporting to June 30, 2019 shows that only 26 of 209 actions (or 12.4%) are currently off-track. The most common reason for actions not being completed or off-track relate to resources and the lack of time to finish all the strategic actions and tasks. At this point, it is too early to comment on whether the financial reporting is on track.
Administration recommended that Council accept the Strategic Planning reports as information.

**Resolution CG20190723.017**

MOVED: by Councillor L. Seely

To accept the Strategic Planning reports as information.

Carried Unanimously

**9.4 Results of Public Auction-Final Acquisition (Mabbott) (File# 299423)-Report**

On Wednesday, May 8, 2019 Administration held a Public Auction for all properties shown on its tax arrears list for taxes not paid as per Section 418 of the Municipal Government Act. The following property was included in the public auction, with no tenders received:

- The property Legally described as Plan 7821047 Block 9 Lot 4 is located in the Woodfield subdivision

This property is zoned Country Residential (CR) and is 1.74 acres. The total outstanding taxes including all late fees and the 2019 Tax Levy is $2,724.22

The land is partly treed and is an excellent residential site with full services. There is one building on the site which is an 880 square foot home built in 1986.

A recent inspection was completed on April 18, 2019 to update the condition of the property. It was found that the house is in good condition.

The property is estimated to be valued at $205,880.

The registered owner has defaulted on a payment plan and has not been able to make the payments.

The County is now in a position to proceed in acquiring the title to the subject property since it did not sell at the Public Auction. A municipality may proceed with application to the Registrar at Alberta Land Titles for transfer of title as per Section 424 of the Municipal Government Act. These documents can be forwarded to Alberta Registries simultaneously. There are currently no encumbrances on title.

Administration recommended that Council approve to make applications to the Registrar at Alberta Land Titles for final acquisition of the property legally described as Plan 7821047; Block 9 Lot 4 (SW-23-46-1-W5M).

**Resolution CG20190723.018**

MOVED: by Councillor L. Seely

that Council approve to make applications to the Registrar at Alberta Land Titles for final acquisition of the property legally described as Plan 7821047; Block 9 Lot 4 (SW-23-46-1-W5M) as per Section 424 of the Municipal Government Act.

Carried Unanimously

**10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**10.1 Information Items up to 23 July 2019 - Report**

The following information items were provided for Council’s review:

1. RMA Contact Newsletters:
   a. June 21st, 2019
b. June 28th, 2019

c. July 5th, 2019

2. RMA Member Bulletins:
   a. May 23rd, 2019 – RMA Post-Secondary Scholarship Program
   b. June 17th, 2019 – Slip, Trip & Fall Injuries
   d. June 18th, 2019 – Alberta Wide Launch of Mobile History App
   e. June 21st, 2019 – Parliamentary Report Finds Invasive Species Protections Lacking

3. RMA Advantage – June 20th, 2019

4. STARS – Thank You Letter

5. PLWMP Steering Committee Meeting – September 13, 2019 (save the date) & Minutes of May 26, 2019 Meeting

6. FCM News:
   a. July 8, 2019
   b. July 11, 2019

Administration recommended that Council accept the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) circulars and other documentation provided as information

Resolution CG20190723.019
MOVED: by Councillor L. Seely
that Council accept the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) circulars and other documentation provided as information

Carried Unanimously

11. ADJOURN

Resolution CG20190723.020
MOVED: by Councillor K. Adair
that the Council General meeting adjourn at 3:09 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER