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 10:22 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2019.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

   **Resolution CG20190813.001**  
   MOVED: by Councillor K. Adair  

   to approve the following addition to the agenda pursuant to Procedural Bylaw 2018/04, Section 8:

   **8. NEW BUSINESS**

   8.11 Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP) Fall Engagement Sessions

   and that the agenda be approved as amended.

   Carried Unanimously

3. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

3.1 **Council General Minutes, Tuesday, July 23, 2019**

   Mr. Hawken advised that the report regarding the Grants to Fire Services Bylaw 2019/42 referenced previous Bylaw 2012/09; however this should be Bylaw 2018/37.

   **Resolution CG20190813.002**  
   MOVED: by Councillor L. Seely  

   to approve the minutes for the Council General meeting held Tuesday, August 13, 2019 amended as follows:

   Amendment to Grants to Fire Services Bylaw 2012/09 be changed to 2018/37 in all references.

   Carried Unanimously

4. **COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

   It was noted that both Reeve T. Van de Kraats and Councillor B. Krahn attended the July 1 Parade in the City of Wetaskiwin.
As well Reeve T. Van de Kraats and Councillor J. Bishop attended the New Mars Dairy Tour which was a tremendous event and received positive reviews.

Resolution CG20190813.003
MOVED: by Councillor K. Adair
that the Councillor's July 2019 reports be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

5. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

5.1 CAO Month End Report – July, 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 provides his July, 2019 monthly report (copy attached to these minutes).

Administration recommended that Mr. R. Hawken, CAO’s July 2019 monthly report be accepted as presented.

Mr. Hawken provided a brief update on the Dorchester Development. Discussion ensued on the Developer's requirement to pave Range Road 11 south to the development.

Resolution CG20190813.004
MOVED: by Councillor J. Bishop
that Council approve Mr. R. Hawken, CAO's July 2019 monthly report as presented.

Carried Unanimously

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Bylaw 2019/12 Road Closure to Lease-Klaus Wilmes (File# 5630-48-08)-Report

At the meeting of May 14, 2019 Council provided first reading of Bylaw 2019/12 for the purpose of closing and leasing a portion of undeveloped road allowance between land owned by Klaus Wilmes; described as SW 14 & SE 15-45-7-W5M located in Division 7 for agricultural purposes (RGE RD 72, north from TWP RD 452).

(Ref. PW20190514.004)

The Bylaw was sent to Alberta Transportation for approval. The Bylaw was returned to the County on July 19, 2019 with Ministerial Approval.

All requirements have now been met. Upon third and final reading by Council, administration will provide an original copy of the Bylaw to Alberta Transportation and proceed with Bylaw registration at Alberta Land Titles.

Administration recommends that Council provide 2nd and 3rd reading Bylaw 2019/12 for the purpose of closing and leasing a portion of undeveloped road allowance between SW 14 & SE 15-45-7-W5M.

Bylaw 2019/12 a bylaw in the County of Wetaskiwin in the Province of Alberta for the purpose of closing to the general public a portion of undeveloped road allowance between SW 14 & SE 15-45-7-W5M in accordance with Section 22 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26.

Resolution CG20190813.005
MOVED: by Councillor L. Seely
that Bylaw 2019/12 be given second reading.

Carried Unanimously
Resolution CG20190813.006
MOVED: by Councillor B. Krahn

that Bylaw 2019/12 be given third and final 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;

and further that the County enter into Road Allowance Lease with Klaus Wilmes for a three year period once Bylaw is registered at Alberta Land Titles.

Carried Unanimously

7.2 SV of Crystal Springs APLM Grant -Report

On April 9, 2019, Council passed the following resolution CG20190409.013:

"that Council accept the Alliance of Pigeon Lake Municipalities (APLM’s) request to support the Crystal Springs Provincial Grant Application, or to support a repurposed grant application as information and advise the APLM and the Village of Crystal Springs that the County of Wetaskiwin does not support Crystal Springs Provincial Grant Application or a repurposed Grant Application until such time more information with respect to the Grant Application is received."

On July 23, 2019, Administration received information in an email from Ian Rawlinson, Mayor of the SV of Crystal Springs regarding their ACP application. The email read:

"I have attached the update that has been sent to MA for the grant as per the conversation at the last APLM meeting. In short, the dollars focus on further research and compilation of data to inform future decisions. As mentioned, the desire is to follow any ideas that may have merit and scientifically eliminate those that do not, as well as look at existing practices that may have an impact on the lake.

It also repurposes a portion (about 60,000) for the purchase of a data buddy system that AE supports with any actions that may be possible. We work directly with AE on the data as they will be using the data for a variety of things. I have sent it to MA and they are accepting of it all. IN the process they have asked if I have presented to the counties and where they stand on it. I had told her previously that support by may be there for further research but certainly not for drilling wells not chemical interactions at this time (or even ever) but if it puts it to bed for everyone you perhaps may support and seeing that happen.

I do have the motion that was carried from the APLM, but wondering how to respond to the county question....I know you dont want to go back to your councils and open the can of worms again which I completely respect. Do you have any thoughts on how to respond as I do understand them wanting to know how the counties feel on the amendments? Thoughts? -- Cheers Ian"

Administration provided the following alternatives:

Option 1 – accept the supplement to the ACP Grant application for the SV of Crystal Springs and support the committee in moving forward with the planned steps.

Option 2 – deny support for the supplement to the ACP Grant application based on Council’s previous decision as the planned steps appear to have not changed substantially.

Administration recommended that Council deny support for the supplement to the ACP Grant application based on Council’s previous decision as the planned steps appear to have not changed substantially.

Resolution CG20190813.007
MOVED: by Councillor L. Seely

that Council deny support for the supplement to the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant application as requested by the Summer Village of Crystal Springs, based on Council’s previous decision as the planned steps appear to have not changed substantially.
8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Proposed Meeting Dates September to December 2019 (File# 3002)- Report

Quarterly, Administration requests that Council establish meeting dates for the upcoming months. As per Council resolution CG20181106.1011, proposed meeting dates for September to December 2019, commencing at 9:00 a.m. are as follows:

Council General (2nd & 4th Tuesday):

- September 10 & 24
- October 8 & 22 (October 22 start at 1:30 after Council Organizational & Public Works)
- November 5 & 26
- December 10 (one meeting only due to Christmas Break)

Note: November 12 would be the regularly scheduled date, however, may conflict with the Educational Training Sessions prior to RMA Conference start.

Council Organizational:
- October 22 (9:00 a.m. start)

Council Public Works:
- September 24
- October 22 (10:00 a.m. start)
- November 26
- December 10

Council Planning & Development:
- September 19
- October 10
- November 7
- December 12

Note: September 12 would be regularly scheduled date, however, the ARMAA conference is from September 11-13 and both the CAO and Assistant CAO attend.

Note: November 14 is the regularly scheduled date, however, the RMA Conference is November 13-15 with Council, CAO and Assistant CAO attending.

The following is a list of previously scheduled events that may conflict with scheduling Council meeting dates:

- September 2 – Labour Day
- September 11-13 ARMAA
- October 7 Pembina Zone Meeting
- October 14 – Thanksgiving
- November 8 Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) PAC Committee Meeting
- November 11 – Remembrance Day
- November 13-15 RMA Fall Convention
- November 21 Ag Forum
- November 27 Central Region ASB Conference
- December 24-26 – Christmas Break
- Strategic Planning Meeting(s) (Dates TBD - tabled as per CG20190606.053)

Administration recommended that Council approve the proposed meeting dates for September to December 2019 as presented (or amended) and these dates be advertised pursuant to Section 227 of the Municipal Government Act.
Council reviewed the proposed meeting dates and requested the following changes due to scheduling conflicts:

Planning & Development:
- Proposed September 19 change to September 17
- Proposed November 7 change to November 8
- Proposed December 12 change to December 5

Public Works:
- Proposed September 24 change to September 26

Council:
- Proposed September 24 change to September 26

Other:
- October 22 meeting - change the order from Organizational-Public Works-Council to Organization-Council-Public Works

It was noted that the Annual County Christmas Banquet will be held November 29 and tentative dates for Strategic Planning are between November 27 and December 6.

**Resolution CG20190813.008**

MOVED: by Councillor K. Adair that Council approve the proposed meeting dates for September to December 2019 as follows; and further that these dates be advertised pursuant to Section 227 of the Municipal Government Act:

Council General (2nd & 4th Tuesday):
- September 10 & 26
- October 8 & 22 (October 22 start after Council Organizational)
- November 5 & 26
- December 10 (one meeting only due to Christmas Break)

Council Organizational:
- October 22 (9:00 a.m. start)

Council Public Works:
- September 26
- October 22 (tentative 1:30 p.m. start to follow after Organizational & Council meeting)
- November 26
- December 10

Council Planning & Development:
- September 17
- October 10
- November 8
- December 5

Carried Unanimously

6. **DELEGATION - 11:00 A.M. - Geoff Lynch, Director of Recreation & Leisure**

A delegation consisting of Geoff Lynch, Director of Recreation & Leisure and Mulhurst Bay Committee Members Richard Conrad, Catherine Pierce, Doug McKenzie, Kate Brown & Randal Kay entered the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

6.1 **Mulhurst Bay Revitalization Committee Presentation - Report**

Mr. Lynch advised that the Mulhurst Bay Revitalization Committee has drafted a "Mulhurst Bay Revitalization Proposal - 2019" to present to Council.
The following proposal is in its infancy; Council support, stakeholder and community consultation will be needed to move forward with the “Mulhurst Bay Revitalization Proposal - 2019”.

Council was provided with the draft of the “Mulhurst Bay Revitalization Proposal - 2019”.

Below is a summary of the “Mulhurst Bay Revitalization Proposal - 2019”.

**Purpose of the Plan:** The Plan sets out several initiatives to meet the ever-changing needs and aspirations of the Mulhurst Bay community. The new plan will:

- Receive Council support;
- Revitalize the *Mulhurst Bay Park Area, Parking Availability and Shoreline Area* to enhance the quality of life for present and future generations;
- Respond to the needs of the residents, business owners, visitors and other community stakeholders;
- Engage a wide range of partners in plan related project implementation;
- Initiate a comprehensive 3-year capital and 5-year operational plan that is supported financially by County of Wetaskiwin;
- Develop an environmentally progressive project that enhances and adheres to watershed management development practices;
- Build on the present engagement and enthusiasm of the Mulhurst Bay Revitalization committee and the surrounding community;
- Provide a safe and progressive community.

The Mulhurst Bay Revitalization committee proposed project falls in line with the goals set forth from the County of Wetaskiwin vision and mission created by Council for the execution of the organization’s day to day operations and future planning.

**Vision:** Strong proactive leadership, safe progressive communities.

**Mission:** Provide local representation to pool resources and provide a consistent level of core services to the community enhancing the quality of life for present and future generations.

**Goals:** The goal of the Mulhurst Bay Revitalization Committee is to revitalize the three main areas to a suitable standard that will enhance the community well-being but also attract business and visitors into the area, mentioned below are the three areas;

A. Parking Availability  
B. Park Area  
C. Shoreline Area

**Proposed Revitalization Action Plan:** The Committee would like to propose a three-phase plan to successfully revitalize the Mulhurst Bay Area.

**PHASE 1 – Enhanced Parking:** Enhancing and expanding the day use area parking lot to accommodate the traffic from the weekend boaters. Congested streets and safety of pedestrians are the major concern.

**PHASE 2 – Revitalization of the Mulhurst Bay Park:** This phase will look at the replacement of the following components as well as additions to enhance the park:

1. Replacement of existing playground structure.
2. Replacement of existing basketball court with a new multi court surface that accommodates additional sports such as; pickleball or soccer.
4. Replacement of existing washroom facility to meet the needs of a splash park as well as the daily foot traffic associated with the boat launch.
5. Drainage and groundwork will need to be done to eliminate the seasonal flooding that occurs.

**PHASE 3 – Shoreline Enhancement:** This phase will look to enhance the shoreline, rock wall and seating areas to create a focal point for the community.
**Funding**

This proposal has demonstrated the need, priority and consistency with the County of Wetaskiwin Vision and Mission statements.

The Mulhurst Bay Revitalization Committee will commit to a 50/50 fund-raising strategy that will involve in applying for Provincial and Federal grants as well as fundraising events to assist with the capital costs.

The Committee is requesting a commitment from Council to allocate funds towards revitalizing the Mulhurst Bay Area.

**Community Engagement Steps**

The Committee would like Council participation in a community engagement session during the planning process. The Committee would like to follow the County of Wetaskiwin Communication & Engagement Strategy to carry out the process to ensure that the community is properly informed of the vision and Council support of the project.

**Estimated Costs:**

- **PHASE 1** – Enhanced Parking: $22,000.00
- **PHASE 2** – Revitalization of Mulhurst Bay Park: $821,917.00
- **PHASE 3** – Shoreline Enhancement: $140,800.00
- **Total:** $984,717.00

**Options:**


Administration recommended that Council accept the Mulhurst Bay Revitalization Committee “Mulhurst Bay Revitalization Proposal - 2019” as information and discuss the proposal at the 2019 strategic planning session for the 2020 annual budget.

The delegation left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

**Resolution CG20190813.009**

MOVED: by Councillor K. Adair

that Council accept the Mulhurst Bay Revitalization Committee “Mulhurst Bay Revitalization Proposal - 2019” as information and discuss the Proposal during the 2019 Strategic & Business Planning Session for the 2020 budget.

Carried Unanimously

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

8.2 **Accounts Payable Cheque #138613 to Cheque #138749-Report**

The Accounts Payable Cheque 138613 to 138749 to July 31, 2019 report was presented to Council.

Administration recommended that Council accept the Accounts Payable Cheque 138613 to 138749 to July 31, 2019 report as presented.

**Resolution CG20190813.010**

MOVED: by Councillor D. Woitt

that Council accept the Accounts Payable Cheque 138613 to 138749 to July 31, 2019 report as presented.

Carried Unanimously
8.3 City of Wetaskiwin Request for Funding - Report

On July 23, 2019 an email was received from City of Wetaskiwin CAO, Peter Tarnasky regarding the intersection of SH814 and H13 with the following request:

“Further to the earlier direction from my Council that I explore willingness of the County to Cost Share, please ask your Council to their openness to share in this intersection upgrade.

Some options to explore might be....

a) The $50,000 difference in cost between Option 2 (recommended by the report) and Option 3 which includes an expanded pork chop on the North side of the road controlling the West Bound Right Hand turn. (by coincidence having the greatest impact on traffic entering the County)

Or

b) Council’s openness to a 1/3-1/3-1/3 Cost Sharing on Option 3, or Option 2, for that matter.”

The engineered report offered four (4) options:

Option 1 – Modified Lane ReAssignment (Design Speed 90 km/hr) – $375,000
Option 2 – Modified Lane ReAssignment (Design Speed 70 km/hr) – $275,000
Option 3 – Existing Lane Configuration (Design Speed 70 km/hr) – $325,000
Option 4 – Single-lane Modern Roundabout - $1,800,000

The intersection of 47 Street, Highway 13 and SH 814 is currently funded for capital based on 75% City of Wetaskiwin and 25% Province of Alberta. There are no local roads within this intersection. The lands in the NW corner of the intersection are within the County of Wetaskiwin.

Traditionally, Municipalities manage capital and operating expenses of the road system within it’s boundaries. This request brings up arguments for cost sharing all intersections that join the City of Wetaskiwin and the County and would best be discussed during the ICF negotiations as a whole vs one intersection at a time. There are at least 12 ways that traffic can enter the City from the rural area.

Option 1 – deny the request from the City of Wetaskiwin for joint funding of the 47 St/Highway 13/SH814 intersection.

Option 2 – provide funding to the City of the Wetaskiwin in the amount of $50,000 with Public Works General Operating Reserve.

Administration recommended that Council deny the request for funding of the 47 St/Highway 13/SH814 intersection.

Resolution CG20190813.011

MOVED: by Councillor D. Woitt

that Council deny the request for funding of the 47 St/Highway 13/SH814 intersection.

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Carried (5 to 2)
8.4 Ashoro Friendship Request for Funding - Report

At the meeting of August 31, 2018 Council approved a request from Ian Ruskowsky on behalf of the Wetaskiwin/Ashoro Friendship Society in the amount of $1,100.00; with the funding being allocated from the remaining Zone 1 Recreation 2018 Budget; without input from the Zone 1 Recreation Committee due to the time sensitive event.

(CG20180904.1017)

Mr. Ruskowsky recently forwarded another letter on behalf of the Wetaskiwin/Ashoro Friendship Society.

He thanked Council and Staff for support in 2018; both in finances and representation at the welcoming and closing banquets. Mr. Ruskowsky further stated that it is wonderful to know that the County can see the value in this program and for all the individuals who have been involved in various capacities; and gives hope and determination to continue this cultural sharing program and helps us understand that its’ worth is realized with our community leaders.

Mr. Ruskowsky outlined that fifty cultural exchange students from the Sister City of Ashoro Japan are gearing up for another whirlwind visit this September and in turn, the Society is gearing up to plan and support the students to experience the community. At the moment there are many ideas and plans being sifted through as to what the itinerary will look like this year. Events ranging from a Gymkhana experience at the Wetaskiwin Ag. Society and dairy farm tours to wiener roasts and rides on big yellow school buses, all stereotypically Canadian!

Mr. Ruskowsky is once again requesting support from the county to help offset costs to facilitate these and various other experiences for our international friends. This is a program that not only provides a firsthand glimpse into the power of educational travel, communication beyond language and global friendship but also creates international friendships that span a lifetime. The twinned city relationships appear to be dwindling in Alberta and on the contrary Wetaskiwin is just starting to thrive. Any financial support, volunteering or representation at the events would be greatly appreciated by the Ashoro Friendship Society and all individuals involved.

Administration would like to advise Council that no specific dollar amount was requested in the recent correspondence from Mr. Ruskowsky on July 25th, 2019.

The deadlines for recreational grant funding in Zone 1 are March 31st and August 31st. The first round of applications was discussed by Council at the Council General meeting held April 23, 2019 and at that time approved the recommendations from the Recreation Zone 1 Committee summarized as follows:

- Facility Operations grant recommendations - $12,807.87
- Angus Ridge Community Hall Society - $5,659.98
- Wetaskiwin Ski Club - $7,147.89
- Program/Events grant recommendations - $1,323.45
- Rosebrier 4H Beef Club - $1,323.45
- Facility Capital grant recommendations - $4,852.11
- Wetaskiwin & District Museum Society - $2,000.00
- Wetaskiwin Ski Club - $2,852.11

For a grand total of $18,983.43 and transfer $735.43 from the Zone 1 Operating reserves to cover the over expenditure of the recommended allocation.

(CG20190423.004)

Currently there are $0.00 remaining from the approved 2019 Zone 1 grants to organizations budget. The Zone 1 Operating Reserves has a balance of $34,771.49 and the Capital Reserves balance is $32,985.00.
Options for Council's consideration:

1. Deny Mr. Ian Ruskowsky's request to provide funding to the Wetaskiwin/Ashoro Friendship Society to support a cultural event;

2. Approve Mr. Ian Ruskowsky's request and provide funding to the Wetaskiwin/Ashoro Friendship Society in the amount as decided by Council and allocate funding from the remaining Zone 1 operating reserves without input from the Zone 1 Recreation Committee due to the time sensitive event.

Administration recommended that Council approve Mr. Ian Ruskowsky’s request and provide funding to the Wetaskiwin/Ashoro Friendship Society in the amount of $1,100.00 and allocate funding from the Zone 1 Recreation operating reserve without input from the Zone 1 Recreation Committee due to the time sensitive event; and further that Mr. Ruskowsky be advised that requests for funding the in the future should be received by March 31 in order to present it to the Zone 1 Recreation Committee.

Resolution CG20190813.012
MOVED: by Councillor L. Seely

that Council refuse Mr. Ian Ruskowsky’s request for funding as the first round Zone 1 Recreation funding deadline was March 31; and further that Mr. Ruskowsky be advised that future requests must be received prior to second round deadline in order to present to the Zone 1 Recreation Committee.

Carried Unanimously

8.5 2019 Southern Alberta Ride for Dad – Report

On July 19, 2019, correspondence was received from Alberta Transportation addressed to Mr. Hugh Blauveldt, Vice-President, Southern Alberta Ride for Dad, in regard to the 2019 Southern Alberta Ride for Dad that is being held on Saturday, August 24, 2019.

Administration notes that the Ride for Dad occurs in various locations across Canada and helps raise funds through the Prostate Cancer Fight Foundation for prostate cancer research. In 2018, funds were raised in the amount of over one million dollars and has raised more than thirty-three million since 2000.

The majority of the event occurs on provincial highways or on local roads in Red Deer County, Lacombe County, Ponoka County, Red Deer, Blackfalds, Bentley, Clive, Ponoka, Maskwacis, and a small portion of Leduc County. However, a small portion of the event will travel in the County of Wetaskiwin.

Correspondence has been forwarded to all pertinent municipalities and organizations such as the local RCMP Detachments of jurisdiction for their knowledge as well.

A copy of the correspondence received in regard to the 2019 Southern Alberta Ride for Dad has been provided for review by Council.

Administration recommends that Council approve sending a response letter to Mr. Hugh Blauveldt, Vice-President, Southern Alberta Ride for Dad grants permission to utilize any highways or local roads in the jurisdiction of the County of Wetaskiwin under the following conditions:

- All stipulations and regulations outlined by Alberta Transportation are adhered to;
- Motorcyclists must obey all rules of the road and traffic control devices;
- Adequate liability insurance must be provided by the organizers for the event; and
- The organizers agree to indemnify and hold harmless the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10, its employees and agents of and from any loss, cost, claims, expenses, action, or demands of any nature whatsoever arising out of the organizers exercise of the permission granted.
Resolution CG20190813.013
MOVED: by Councillor J. Bishop

that Council approve sending a response letter to Mr. Hugh Blauvelt, Vice-President, Southern Alberta Ride for Dad, notifying that the County of Wetaskiwin grants permission to utilize any highways or local roads in the jurisdiction of the County of Wetaskiwin under the following conditions:

- All stipulations and regulations outlined by Alberta Transportation are adhered to;
- Motorcyclists must obey all rules of the road and traffic control devices;
- Adequate liability insurance must be provided by the organizers for the event; and
- The organizers agree to indemnify and hold harmless the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10, its employees and agents of and from any loss, cost, claims, expenses, action, or demands of any nature whatsoever arising out of the organizers exercise of the permission granted.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution CG20190813.014
MOVED: by Councillor K. Adair

that the meeting reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting recessed at 11:58 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

8.6 Alberta Culture, Multiculturalism & Status of Women-2019 Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards-Report

Correspondence was received from Leela Sharon Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women regarding the 2019 Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards. Minister Aheer outlined that communities are made stronger, more welcoming places to live, work and raise a family thanks to selfless contributions of Alberta’s volunteers. Each day, these remarkable Albertans give freely of their time and talents to make a difference in the lives of neighbours, friends and people they may never meet; and are a driving force that builds a vibrant society in the province.

Minister Aheer advised that the Government of Alberta is proud to honour the contributions of Alberta’s amazing volunteers and celebrate their achievements through the presentation of the Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards. The 2019 awards nominations are now open. Six awards, two in each category of youth, adult and senior, are presented annually on International Volunteer Day, December 5 at Government House in Edmonton. Albertans whose volunteer efforts have contributed to the well-being of their communities are eligible to be nominated.

Information, including nomination forms and promotional posters can be found on the Stars of Alberta website at . Deadline for nominations is September 20, 2019.

Administration recommends that Council accept the Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards as information; and further that the promotional poster be added to the County website in order to encourage local organizations and individuals to nominate deserving volunteers.

Resolution CG20190813.015
MOVED: by Councillor L. Seely

that Council accept the Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards as information; and further that the promotional poster be added to the County website in order to encourage local organizations and individuals to nominate deserving volunteers.

Carried Unanimously
8.7 Mutual Aid Agreement – County of Wetaskiwin and Clearwater County - Report

The County of Wetaskiwin and Clearwater County are neighboring municipalities and each municipality has an appointed Director of Emergency Management pursuant to the provisions set out in the Emergency Management Act. However; a disaster or emergency could affect both municipalities to such a degree that local resources could be inadequate to cope with the disaster or emergency.

To be better prepared in the event of a disaster or emergency, the County of Wetaskiwin and Clearwater County wish to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement. Mutual Aid means the provision of assistance by way of personnel or equipment, which may include, but not necessarily be limited to firefighting equipment and personnel, Community Peace Officers, Municipal emergency agency staff, Municipal staff (administrative, public works, bylaw) and Municipal equipment (graders, trucks, loaders, etc.).

Council was provided with a copy of the Mutual Aid Agreement for review.

Administration recommended that Council approved the Mutual Aid Agreement between the County of Wetaskiwin and Clearwater County as presented.

Resolution CG20190813.016
MOVED: by Councillor L. Seely
that Council approve the Mutual Aid Agreement between the County of Wetaskiwin and Clearwater County as presented.

Carried Unanimously

8.8 Draft IDP and ICF with Brazeau County - Report

Mrs. Finseth advised that County Administration is continuing to work to fulfill the requirements of the Municipal Government Act that mandates all municipalities to create Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs) and Intermunicipal Development Plans (IDPs) with their neighbours by 2020.

Administration has been working with the Administration from Brazeau County to draft an IDP and ICF and used the template created from the last three (3) rural IDPs and ICFs to create a draft document for Brazeau.

The Administration from Brazeau County was comfortable with these drafts and did not see it necessary to have a joint council or committee meeting to review the IDP and ICF.

Mrs. Finseth further advised that currently, there are only two (2) agreements between Brazeau County and the County of Wetaskiwin. One of these is a Mutual Aid Agreement, and the other relates to sharing CAMS Data between the municipalities.

Brazeau County has requested an Open House to present the draft IDP and ICF to the public on August 28, 2019 in Breton Golf Course which is a central point.

Once the Open House has been held, a Public Hearing for the IDP can be advertised and presented to Council for formal approval.

Draft copies of the Intermunicipal Development Plan and Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework were provided to Council for review and comment.

Administration recommended that Council accept the draft IDP and ICF with Brazeau County as presented or amended.
Council reviewed the drafts and discussed the following:

- timelines for review
- date of Open House
- whether other services provided by each County (i.e. motorgraders on dead end roads) as a courtesy would be included in the agreement.

It was clarified that an ICF is an umbrella (general) agreement and that specific services should be under separate agreement.

Resolution CG20190813.017

MOVED: by Councillor L. Seely
that Council table the draft Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) and Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) with Brazeau County to clarify and amend as follows:

Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework:

Section A. Term and Review; Subsection 4:
"It is agreed by both Counties that the Intermunicipal Committee shall meet at least once every four years, or upon request by either party, commencing no earlier than 90 calendar days and no later than 180 calendar days after a municipal election to review the terms and conditions of the agreement."

be changed to:

"It is agreed by both Counties that the Intermunicipal Committee shall meet at least once every four years, or upon request by either party, commencing no later than 180 calendar days after a municipal election to review the terms and conditions of the agreement."

Section C. General Terms, Subsection 1):

"Both Counties agree that in respect of the service agreements outlined in Section D(2) that residents of the Counties will be afforded the same services that the same costs, including user fees."

be changed to:

"Both Counties agree that in respect of the service agreements outlined in Section D(2) that residents of the Counties will be afforded the same services that the same costs, including user fees when providing these services to other partner municipality."

Intermunicipal Development Plan:

Section M. Utility Corridors, Subsecton 1)b):
- clarification on the term "co-locate".

and further that Brazeau County be contacted to change the date of the Open House between September 9 and 15 or after September 28, 2019.

Carried Unanimously

8.9 Weed Enforcement Process – for CG August 2019 - Report

Administration has been made aware of potential instances where landowners are suggesting changes be made to the current Weed Enforcement Process undertaken by the County and therefore, Administration requested additional input from the Agricultural Service Board prior to the issue being brought forward to Council.

At the August 7, 2019 Agricultural Service Board meeting, the Board was provided with the Weed Enforcement Process. At the time, general discussion ensued on the weed enforcement process and the weed issues in and around the County. It was noted that the weed enforcement process could again be put in the fall newsletter to again communicate with the ratepayers.
At the August 7, 2019 meeting, the Board did not feel any changes needed to be made to the process and the ratepayers should be taking ownership of their weed infestations. The Board resolved to accept the Weed Enforcement Process as presented and that it be forwarded to Council for approval. (Ref. Resolution #AG20190807.008)

The following is the County of Wetaskiwin Weed Enforcement Process which was reviewed by the Agricultural Service Board:

1. A Landowner receives letters, weed reports, and finally an ultimatum to clean up the Prohibited Noxious or Noxious weeds by a specific date.

2. If nothing is done during the process outlined in #1, the landowner is sent a Weed Notice through regular mail. Section 24(2)(c)(ii) of the Weed Control Act. Section 24(4) states "for the purpose of this section, a notice sent by regular mail is deemed to have been received by the person 7 days from the date of mailing." Administration notes that the County could go above and beyond what the requirement of the Act is by sending notices in a different fashion, whether by registered mail, hand delivering, and/or posting on the property, but this would come at an additional time and resource cost.

3. When the specified enforcement date arrives, the Weed Inspectors inspect the property to determine if the Noxious or Prohibited Noxious weeds are still growing on the property. If there is a house or residence on the property, the Weed Inspectors will attempt to make contact with the resident. There is no requirement in the Act to personally notify or contact the landowner before spraying. The business card of the Director of Agricultural Services will sometimes be left behind, but not always.

4. If no action has taken place or no arrangements made by the landowner, the Weed Inspector along with the contracted spray applicator will spray the property. Contractors (spray applicators) have been organized by staff to perform weed notice work prior to due dates. Under Section 15(2) of the Weed Control Act, a notice from a local authority, such as the County of Wetaskiwin, "may direct the method, subject to the regulations, and the time for the destruction of the weeds." The County does have the option to choose what control technique is used. The legislation requires eradication of Prohibited Noxious Weeds and control of Noxious Weeds. When a producer has Noxious weeds only, they can cut, mow, hand pull, or spray. When they have Prohibited Noxious Weeds the end result is eradication, which is usually accomplished by herbicides. For organic producers, some are using Munger’s vinegar as it is recognized as organic the County is asking them to eradicate the Prohibited Noxious Weeds.

5. Invoicing is then sent to the landowner for the cost of the work done to bring the property into compliance with the Weed Control Act. This process is completed through the Accounts Receivable Department of the County and the invoice outlines the cost of equipment, cost of herbicide, and administrative fees of no greater than ten percent (10%) of the total invoice from the contractor, as stated in the Act. Other than the detail mentioned previous, any additional detail provided to the landowner through invoicing, which is not required under the Act, would come at an additional cost.

6. Any control work done whether the herbicide did not work or the weather or weed timing did not allow complete control or eradication would be weed noticed the following year. Staff will be inspecting the weed notice work done in 2019 in early 2020 and let the producers know if further control measures need to be taken. If the County weed notices a property in 2020 and sprays, the landowner would once again receive an invoice.

The Weed Control Act was provided for review by Council.

Administration recommended that Council accept the Weed Enforcement Process as presented.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding process, types of treatment, guarantees and provision of information.
Resolution CG20190813.018
MOVED: by Councillor L. Seely

that Council table the Weed Enforcement Process for clarification of process.

Carried Unanimously

8.10 Weed Enforcement – Accounts Receivable - Penalty-Report

At the December 18, 2019 Council General Meeting, Council resolved the following:

"that Council approve the amended 2018 Agricultural Service Board’s Strategic & Business Plan Actions effective January 1st, 2019 as follows:

.... Hire two additional staff to increase enforcement for Weed Control, including follow-up...... $44,000 for additional staff to enforce the Weed Control Act be included in the 2019 Municipal Capital and Operating Budget considerations."

(Ref. Resolution #CG20181218.1018)

Last year numerous ratepayers were advised that they were to do something about their weeds on their property. If nothing was completed by the time County Weed Inspectors inspected the property, County Weed Inspectors sent out a weed notice to the ratepayer indicating once again that they were to do something with the weeds by the date on the weed notice. The deadline date was two weeks from the time the weed notice was sent. Approximately 60 ratepayers received weed notices this year. If the weeds were not dealt with by the deadline date in the weed notice, Weed Inspectors had spray companies hired to preform spraying on the specific properties. The County of Wetaskiwin Agricultural Services Department has received numerous invoices for spraying that has been completed on properties within the County. The County has not received invoices for all the spraying that has been completed but for those that have been received, the County is sending Account Receivable invoices out to ratepayers reflecting the bill amount, with an additional 10% County administration fee.

There was a concern that these Account Receivable invoices should not penalized after one month, which is the standard practice as per County of Wetaskiwin Bylaw 84/08 which states: “ The County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 hereby authorizes the imposition of interest charges of 1.5% per month on all general accounts, excluding tax levy accounts, payable to the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10, that remain unpaid after thirty (30) days from the date of the mailing of the account“.

Should the ratepayer not pay the invoice the municipality may add the amount to the tax roll as per Section 553 of the Municipal Government Act.

Section 553(1)(c) and (i) states:

"(c) unpaid expenses and costs referred to in section 549(3), if the parcel's owner contravened the enactment or bylaw and the contravention occurred on all or a part of the parcel”

(i) any other amount that may be added to the tax roll under an enactment.”

The County transfers to taxes approximately three times a year and should the ratepayer still have an outstanding amount at any one of these times the amount could be transferred to their taxes through resolution of Council.

Council was provided with the following options:

1. Provide direction on how to move forward in regards to adding penalty to the Account Receivable accounts that have been invoiced for weed enforcement spraying which was completed on their properties; or

2. Add penalty to all Accounts Receivable accounts as per Bylaw 84/08.
Administration recommended that Council add penalty to all Accounts Receivable accounts as per Bylaw 84/08.

Resolution CG20190813.019
MOVED: by Councillor K. Rooyakkers
that Council grant 2019 Weed Enforcement accounts interest free to April 1, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

8.11 Addition to Agenda

Resolution CG20190813.020
MOVED: by Councillor L. Seely
that the addition to the agenda "Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP) Fall Engagement Sessions" be deemed of a time sensitive nature, unable to wait until the next meeting, pursuant to Procedural Bylaw 2018/04, Section 8.5.

Carried Unanimously

8.12 Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP) Fall Engagement Sessions (File 3058)-Report

Correspondence was received from Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP) regarding the Fall Engagement Sessions to be held Friday, September 13, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Red Deer at a cost of $25.00 per registration. Deadline for registration is August 26, 2019.

As per Policy 11.0.3 Council may approve attendance at any other meeting or conference that is not listed in the Policy.

Councillor L. Seely and Councillor K. Rooyakkers (alternate) have been appointed to this partnership.

Administration recommended that Council approve the attendance of Councillors L. Seely and K. Rooyakkers, along with any other Council members wanting to attend the CAEP Fall Engagement Sessions on Friday, September 13, 2019 in Red Deer at a cost of $25.00 per registration.

Resolution CG20190813.021
MOVED: by Councillor K. Rooyakkers
that Council approve the attendance of Councillor L. Seely to attend the CAEP Fall Engagement Sessions on Friday, September 13, 2019 in Red Deer at a cost of $25.00 per registration.

Carried Unanimously

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Information Items to August 13, 2019-Report

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

1. RMA Circulars:
   a. Business Service Updates July 22, 2019
2. RMA Member Bulletins:
   a. July 19, 2019
   b. July 26, 2019
   c. August 2, 2019
3. Thank You Letter – Tom Hagen & Suzanne Thompson
4. FCM Communique:
   a. Voice July 22, 2019
b. Growing the Gas Tax Fund July 22, 23, 26, 29, 31, August 2

5. Alberta Environment & Parks-Status of Application-Community Resilience Program

Administration recommends that Council accept the documents provided as information.

Resolution CG20190813.022
MOVED: by Councillor K. Adair
that Council accept the documents provided as information.

Carried Unanimously

10. ADJOURN

Resolution CG20190813.023
MOVED: by Councillor L. Seely
that the Council General meeting adjourn at 2:28 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

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