

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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January 6, 2020

County Donates Fire Equipment to Highway to Mexico Project –

The County is donating surplus self-contained breathing apparatus and other personal protective equipment to the Swan Rotary Club's Highway to Mexico program. The clubs and others have made regular donations of firefighting gear to groups in Mazatlan, Mexico since 2002, when the project began.

West Central Sub-regional Caribou Task Force –

A letter will be sent to MLA Martin Long, chair of the Task Force requesting information on how the task force plans to engage with municipalities and offer support to develop a uniquely Albertan solution to protect and promote caribou populations while balancing economic and social needs.

Air Ambulance Review Letter –

Council directed Administration to draft a letter to Alberta Health Services (AHS) outlining the County's support of Helicopter Emergency Medical Services. AHS is conducting a full review of the service.

Aquatera Dividends – Council consented to the Board of Aquatera's recommendation for mandatory and discretionary dividends for 2019.

Uncollectable Accounts – Council approved writing off several accounts in the amount of \$15,302.56 after attempts by third party collections were unsuccessful.

Gravel/Water Trucks Purchased – Council agreed to purchase two trucks from Western Star for a total value of \$648,246.90.

Tender Award – Council awarded the contract for crushing, stockpiling and other work to Hopkins Construction Ltd. for the tender amount of \$1,115,389.00. The estimated total cost of the contract including engineering and contingency is \$1,259,754.45.

Policies – Council approved Policy E8, Payment, Refund and Cancellation of Taxes, and rescinded Policies C7 and C10. Policy C19, Unbudgeted Expenditures, was updated to clarify when a payment can be made that was not included in budget. Council also approved updates to Policy C20, Financial Reports. The updated policy includes definitions and updates on timing of reports and minimum information required within them.

Borrowing Bylaw – Council passed the borrowing bylaw as required annually.

Bylaw 2680-19-013 – Council gave third reading to Bylaw 2680-19-013 to redesignate 45.75 acres located 6.5 miles north of the Town of Sexsmith, adjacent to Township Road 750 from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-2) District.

FCSS Advisory Board Meeting Date Change – The next Family and Community Support Services Board meeting was moved from February 4 to February 18. The public meeting begins at 1:30 p.m.

Passionate Heart Awards Luncheon – Council approved the purchase of tickets for Councillors wishing to attend the event on February 14th. The event recognizes front-line workers and supporters of social services for their dedication and commitment to providing exceptional service.

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Sponsorship Requests – Council approved a \$150 gift basket for the Mike Vavrek Farmers & Friends Bonspiel being held on January 16-19, 2020 at the Sexsmith Curling Club.

Next Regular Council Meeting will take place on January 20, 2020.

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