



City of Lacombe

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

August 12, 2019

Operations and Planning

Bylaw 400.26 (Land Use Bylaw)

Council gave first reading to Bylaw 400.26 – for the re-designation of Lots 2 and 3, Block 8, Plan 032 6218 (also known as 5101 Beardsley Avenue and 5102 College Avenue) from University Commercial District (UC) to Burman University District (BU) – as presented. The proposed re-designation will allow the Alberta Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church to develop a high school at this location.

Council also directed Administration to schedule a public hearing for Bylaw 400.26 at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2019.

Corporate Services

Bylaw 473 (Electrical Distribution Services)

Council approved first reading of Bylaw 473, the Electrical Distribution Service Bylaw, which prohibits other vendors from providing electric distribution service within the legal boundaries of the city of Lacombe.

The City of Lacombe has an Electric Distribution System Franchise Agreement with FortisAlberta (Bylaw 388). The proposed Bylaw 473 will ensure that electric distribution services stay with FortisAlberta for the duration of the Electric Franchise Agreement. It will allow the municipality to collect the applicable franchise fees and linear taxes, and provide residents with clarity as to the electric distribution service provider within Lacombe.

Municipal Policing Assistance Grant and Police Officer Grant

Council accepted the report on the status of the 2019-20 Municipal Policing Assistance Grant and the Police Officer Grant as information.

On July 5, 2019, the office of the Justice and Solicitor General sent out correspondence stating that of the grant amounts normally paid, municipalities will only receive 50 per cent at this time. The balance of the grants is subject to the approval of the provincial budget this fall. The total amount the City expected, and budgeted for, was \$404,456; however, only \$202,228 will be received, with the balance to be determined in the fall.

Census Report

Council accepted the 2019 Municipal Census report as information, and allowed the Chief Administrative Officer to submit the results to the Minister of Municipal Affairs. The City of Lacombe's official total population is 13,985, up from 13,057 in 2016.

Financial Services

Bylaw 474 (Repeal Taxes on Mobile Home Units Bylaw)

Council gave first and second readings to Bylaw 474, a bylaw to repeal the Mobile Unit Taxes Bylaw 238.

Administration recommends that Council consider repealing Bylaw 238, as it treats home owners in mobile home parks differently than other homeowners, and places an unusual burden on staff to collect property taxes.

Pre Budget Survey Results/Council Feedback Report

Council passed a resolution to accept the 2020 Pre-Budget Survey results as information. The survey gauged how the community felt about the value received from their tax dollars, and solicited suggestions to help pay for increasing costs.

The results revealed that over 70 per cent of survey respondents are somewhat satisfied to very satisfied with the services delivered by the City, with policing, fire services and trails among the top-rated areas.

Q2 Financial Variance

Council accepted the 2019 Q2 Operating Variance report as information. This new quarterly financial report shows the actual expenses and revenue from the first half of 2019, including variances from budgeted amounted from each City department.

Property Tax Request

Council declined a request from Burman University to reverse \$7,273.46 in late penalties on a number of tax rolls.

Infrastructure Services and Public Works

2019 Downtown Sidewalk Replacement

Council direct City administration to award the 2019 Downtown Sidewalk Replacement Program contract to Raiders Site Services Ltd. to an upset limit of \$155,897 plus GST. The sidewalks chosen for replacement in 2019 include 47 Street, 54 Street and select replacements along 52 Avenue.

Henner's Pond Outlet

Council awarded the Henner's Pond Outlet construction contract to Northside Construction Partnership at a cost of \$1,131,355 + GST. Council then directed City administration to enter into a contract with Al-Terra Engineering (Red Deer) Ltd. for project management, construction and post-construction engineering services, at a cost of \$48,083 + GST, and with Wood Canada Ltd. for materials testing during construction, at a cost of \$6,788 + GST.

This project will enable the stabilization of the water level at Henner's Pond and Williams Sough, to help ease concerns around the nearby walking trails, allow for future development to the north, east and west of the city, including the Charis Senior's Village complex, and enable the rehabilitation of a deteriorated section of C&E Trail, north of the roundabout.

Council and Legislative

Board/Committee Appointments

Council appointed Christina Lister to the Municipal Library Board for a term ending August 13, 2022, and appointed Debbi Gallant to the Municipal Planning Commission for a term ending August 13, 2022.

Motions Out of Camera

In Camera Reports

Council accepted the In Camera reports as information.

****The next scheduled Council Meetings are:***

- September 9, 2019, at 5 p.m. (Regular)***
- September 23, 2019, at 5 p.m. (Regular)***
- October 7, 2019, at 5 p.m. (Committee)***