



## PUBLIC HEARING

- Bylaw 2090-25 Land Use Bylaw Text Amendments (Airports)
- Bylaw 2092-25 Road Closure & LEASE

## BYLAWS

- Bylaw 2088-25 Bassano Airport - LUA - **Motion to approve 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2090-25 Land Use Bylaw Text Amendments (Airports) - **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2092-25 Road Closure & LEASE - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2089-25 Fire - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried.**
- Bylaw 2094-25 Animal Control - **Motion to approve 1st, 2nd & 3rd reading with consent was carried.**
- Bylaw 2095-25 Schedule of Fees - **Motion to approve 1st, 2nd & 3rd reading with consent was carried.**

## DELEGATIONS

- Capital Funding Request - Duchess Ag Society - **Motion to approve funding in the amount of one-third (1/3) of the cost to replace the Duchess Ice Plant was carried.**
- Capital Funding Request - Rolling Hills Ag Society- **Motion to approve funding in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the cost to replace the Rolling Hills Ice Plant was carried.**

## AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Hiring of Seasonal Labourers is complete with start dates beginning in mid-April.
- Capital purchasing was done earlier this year than normal to avoid additional costs due to tariffs.
- Emerson Bridge Park Campground is being prepared for the summer. Pre-registration for seasonal sites is open.
- The County Coyote Incentive Program saw 852 coyotes in January & February. March 31 is the deadline for the program.
- Progress is being made on maintenance at CDC South.

## ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Restricted Surplus Review & Approval of Year End Transfers - **Motion to approve the year-end transfer of unrestricted net assets to the restricted surplus funds was carried.**
- Policy Review - POL-O14-25 Restricted Surplus - **Motion to approve policy as presented was carried.**
- Approval to Sell Surplus County Owned Lot in Patricia - **Motion to approve the sale of Tax Roll 0001110300 in the Hamlet of Patricia in the amount of \$2100 subject to the lot being consolidated with the adjacent title was approved.**
- City of Brooks Request to Join Newell Regional Emergency Management Partnership - **Motion to accept the report as information and await the recommendation of the Newell Regional Emergency Advisory Committee before granting further Council consideration was carried.**
- Request for Proclamation - Resiliency Week - **Motion to approve that Council proclaim April 6 – 12, 2025 as "Resiliency Week" in the County of Newell was carried.**

## MUNICIPAL SERVICES

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Officers issued fourteen (14) warnings, five (5) tickets, and conducted fourteen (14) investigations.
- Officer participated in the Youth Police Academy in Brooks, with Safe Communities.
- Continues to work with Taber Police Service, implementing their services for enhanced Officer monitoring and changeover in records management system software.

### FLEET SERVICES

- Purchasing of inventory has been ongoing as a proactive measure to avoid tariffs.

### OPERATIONS

- Twenty-four (24) signs, hamlet snow plowing and ice control, and hauling hamlet snow to snow storage sites as warranted.
- Community Entrance Signs refinishing is complete. Install scheduled for spring.
- 2025 Dust Abatement Program is being prepared with applications going out the first week in April.

### ENGINEERING (Incl. WATER & WASTEWATER)

- Phase II Contract 3 (Bassano, Gem & Rosemary) construction continues, 66% completion.
- Contract 4 (Patricia, Scandia, Rainier & Bow City) construction was delayed due to cold weather.
- Four bridge replacements are nearly complete in design. Tender to be advertised mid-March.
- The bridge in the Bow City area, located on TR17-4 west of Hwy 539, is deferred until fall 2025 due the presence of Northern Leopard Frogs, a "threatened" species listed in Alberta's Species at Risk, within the project area.
- Lake Newell Resort Blocks 1 (Blue Heron) & 4 (White Pelican) Road Rehabilitation project is in design stages. An open house for residents is being considered for March 26.

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Engineering Supervisor to start March 14.
- An offer is out for the General Administrative Assistant employment opportunity. The advertisement drew almost 100 applications with minimal advertising!
- Lake Newell Resort Pathway Tender Award - **Motion to award construction of the pathway to Brooks Asphalt & Aggregate in the amount of \$1,560,868.84 was carried.**
- Policy Review - POL-O62-25 Vehicle/Equipment Recovery - **Motion to approve the policy as presented was carried.**

### FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

- Silver Sage Agricultural Society Meetings - request for County Councillor to attend monthly board meetings as a non-voting member. **Motion to not approve one Councillor to sit on the Board as a function of Council was carried.**
- HALO AGM on March 27.

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You can watch the meeting here > **March 6 MPC/Council Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 20. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the livestream.

