



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

## REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 19, 2024

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on November 19, 2024 at the County of Vermilion River Administration Office in Kitscoty. Council approved the following resolutions:

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Council met with Michael de Graaff regarding taxes and forgave the eight per cent penalty issued.

Council met with Maddy From representing Food Recycler

Council met with Les Thompson regarding taxes and forgave the eight per cent penalty issued.

Council met with Nigel McCarthy from Lloydminster Catholic School Division

Council met with Onion Lake RCMP Sgt. Jeffrey Carter for Quarterly Report

Council met with Beverly Heathcote regarding taxes and forgave the eight per cent penalty issued.

Council met with MPE Engineering representative Ivan Kagoro, Project Engineer and Ryan Sharpe regarding Blackfoot Lagoon proposed costs.

### **2025 STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (STIP) GRANT INFORMATION**

Council approved applying for TWP 494 from Highway 897 to RR 20 at a 14.6-meter design top with 9-meter interim gravel surface.

### **GAS ALBERTA INC 2024 ADVANCE INFORMATION CIRCULAR**

Council appointed Deputy Reeve Leslie Cusack as proxyholder to represent the interest of the County of Vermilion River as a Gas Alberta Shareholder at the 2024 Annual General Meeting scheduled for November 26, 2024

### **BILL C-293 AN ACT OF RESPECTING PANDEMIC PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS**

Council received the summary of Bill C-293 An Act Respecting Pandemic Prevention and Preparedness for information and directed Administration to send a letter to voice displeasure on the bill to the Senate, MP and MLA.

### **LIBRARIES - LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL FRAMEWORK OPERATION GRANT FUNDING 2024**

Council approved the 2024 additional funding for libraries local to the County of Vermilion River as presented and budgeted.

### **PRIVATE SALE AND RENTAL OF RESIDENCE AT NE-35-50-3W4M**

Council approved listing the residence at Lot 2 Block 2 Plan 9521666 within Pt. NE-35-50-3W4M privately for the price of \$525,000.00 plus GST.

Council approved renting out the residence at Lot 2 Block 2 Plan 9521666 within Pt. NE-35-50-3W4M at a competitive rate of \$2,300.00 per month that includes utilities (limited to natural gas and power) and insurance cost until such time as the property has been sold.

### **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUNDING OPERATIONS ALLOCATION**

Council approved the Community Enhancement Funding for facility, hall and event allocations for 2024 as presented.

### **AWARD OF SAFETY CODES SERVICES CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

Council awarded the three-year safety codes services contract to Superior Safety Codes Inc. and The Inspections Group Inc., effective January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - DEC. 10, 2024
- REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – JAN. 14, 2025
- REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – JAN. 28, 2025
- REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – FEB. 11, 2025
- POLICY AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING – FEB. 18, 2025
- REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL – FEB. 25, 2025

### **SAFETY CODES QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Council approved the updated Safety Codes Quality Management Plan as presented and directed Administration to obtain approval from the Safety Codes Council for the adoption of the County of Vermilion River Safety Codes Quality Management Plan.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

Council directed Administration to apply for the Northern and Regional Economic Development Program for 2025-2026.

Council directed Administration to apply for the Small Communities Opportunities Program for 2025-2026.

### **PURCHASING OF SUBDIVISION AND HAMLET SIGNAGE**

Council approved the purchasing of hamlet signage for Tulliby Lake, Rivercourse, McLaughlin and Streamstown.

### **COUNTY OF VERMILION RIVER CORPORATE REPORT**

Council approved the 2025 Corporate Report as presented.

### **POLICIES**

Council approved Policy AD 004 Purchasing as presented.

Council approved Policy PW 006 Dust Suppression as presented.

Council approved Policy SA 018 PPE – Safety Boot Allowance as presented.

### **BYLAWS**

Council passed Bylaw 24-21 Schedule A Amendment to Bylaw 21-22 Scale of Fees for Water and Sewer Utilities as presented.

Council passed Bylaw 24-20 Water and Wastewater Utility System Control Management as amended.

### **COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE 2025**

Council approved a 2.93 per cent Cost of Living Allowance increase based on the consumer price index for Alberta, for the last 12 months, averaged in October for all staff except the Chief Administrative Officer and those employees red circled, effective the first pay period of 2025.

Council approved no Cost-of-Living Allowance increase for 2025 for members of Council.

Council approved the 2025 rate of pay for the Chief Administrative Officer at \$210,000.00 plus Cost-of-Living Allowance of 2.93 per cent plus additional one week vacation effective the first pay period of 2025.