

MINUTES OF THE COUNTY OF STETTLER NO. 6 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024, COMMENCING AT 10:04 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE COUNTY OF STETTLER NO. 6 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, STETTLER, ALBERTA.

PRESENT: Reeve Larry Clarke
Councillor Ernie Gendre
Councillor Paul McKay
Councillor Justin Stevens
Councillor Les Stulberg
Councillor James Nibourg
Chief Administrative Officer Yvette Cassidy
Director of Communications Niki Thorsteinsson
Director of Municipal Services Andrew Brysiuk
Director of Corporate Services Christa Cornelssen
Legislative Assistant Michelle Hoover
Tax & Assessment Clerk Sharon Larsen

ABSENT: Councillor Dave Grover

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am, Friday, January 26, 2024, by Reeve Clarke.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

01.01.26.24 **Moved by Councillor Stulberg**

“that the agenda for the January 26, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as amended with the following:

- 4.2 Waterlines and Water Grant Discussion.”

Carried Unanimously

DELEGATION

None

COUNCIL’S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Breakdown of Railway Taxes

Council was presented a review of the current railway taxes throughout the County of Stettler. This review included historical information and a discussion on current usage.

02.01.26.24 **Moved by Councillor Gendre**

“that the Breakdown of Railway Taxes agenda item be received for information.”

Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

PERC and DIRC Application

Administration requires Council direction in order to pursue application for the Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC) and the Designated Industrial Requisition Credit (DIRC).

Councillor Stevens recused himself, due to conflict of interest.

03.01.26.24

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that Council directs Administration to submit a PERC application for the Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC) and Designated Industrial Requisition Credit (DIRC) in the amount of \$140,800.03.”

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Stevens rejoined the meeting.

The PERC and DIRC agenda item will be added to the February 2024 County of Stettler Council Meeting agenda as an Information Item.

Sharon Larsen left the meeting at 10:50 am.

COUNCIL’S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONT.

Waterlines and Water Grant Discussion

Administration provided an update on current applications and plans regarding waterlines. There are no results as of yet to share.

04.01.26.24

Moved by Councillor Stulberg

“that Council directs Administration to bring back costing and borrowing information to expand rural waterline access within the County of Stettler.”

Carried Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS CONT.

County of Stettler Shop Costing Rates

05.01.26.24

Moved by Councillor Stevens

“that Council directs Administration to bring back the 2024 County of Stettler Shop Costing Rates to a future Council meeting.”

Carried Unanimously

Council Package Financials

Administration reviewed the current formatting, scaling and information presented in the Council Package Financials. Council are happy with the current format as it offers transparency for County ratepayers.

Christa Cornelssen left the meeting at 11:57 am.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Rural Fire Update

Administration updated Council on the ongoing with Rural Fire. The Regional Manager of Fire Services has been on the ground for just under a month. And the shortlist of candidates for Rural Fire Chief is underway, with interviews scheduled for the upcoming weeks.

LUNCH

Reeve Clarke recessed the meeting at 12:20 pm for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:12 pm.

NEW BUSINESS CONT.

Succession Planning

06.01.26.24

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that the County of Stettler No. 6 Committee of the Whole Meeting enter into an in-camera session at 2:03 pm under *Section 19* of the Alberta FOIP Act: *Confidential evaluations.*”

Carried Unanimously

Niki Thorsteinsson and Michelle Hoover left the meeting.

07.01.26.24

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that the Committee of the Whole Meeting exit the in-camera session at 2:29 pm.”

Niki Thorsteinsson and Michelle Hoover rejoined the meeting.

Erskine Streetlights

08.01.26.24

Moved by Councillor Nibourg

“that Council directs Administration to approve the proposed Phases one and three ATCO streetlight improvements within Erskine with funds from the Rural Development Fund and

that the Erskine Streetlights item be added to the February 14, 2024 Council Meeting agenda for ratification.”

Carried Unanimously

POLICY REVIEW SCHEDULE

As part of the approval process, the policies will be posted on www.StettlerCounty.ca/Residents for public comments or concerns for a one-month period. Following that period, they will be presented before Council for review or amendment. The following policies were reviewed during this Committee of the Whole Meeting:

- Policy CN 1.4 – Technology, Internet and Network Usage
- Policy PW 2.11 – Texas Gates
- Policy PD 4.2 – Community and Road Naming Guidelines
- Policy AF 6.9 – Security Cameras
- Policy AF 6.18 – Booking and Use of County Meeting Rooms
- Policy AF 6.19 – Hours of Operation

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is Thursday, February 22, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

09.01.26.24

Moved by Councillor Stevens

“that the County of Stettler Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at 3:48 pm.”

Carried Unanimously



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer