



City Council Meeting Highlights September 16, 2019

Following a public hearing, City Council approved second and third reading of Bylaw #4595, a bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to close roads in the City of Medicine Hat. This Bylaw pertains to the proposed sale and lane closure at the former Riverside School.

Following an additional public hearing, City Council voted unanimously to postpone Bylaw #4596, a bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to amend Bylaw #4168, the Land Use Bylaw, until the next scheduled Regular Medicine Hat City Council meeting on October 7, 2019. The tabled amendment is intended to allow administration to implement policies and concepts identified in the Airport Area Structure Plan.

The Administrative Committee referred City Solicitor and City Clerk Organizational Realignment to Council for adoption on September 5, 2019. Council approved the recommendation to consider first reading of Bylaw #4600 to amend Bylaw #4311 to revise the administrative organization, whereby the City Solicitor and City Clerk offices will now report to the CAO rather than City Council, and to approve revisions to Policy 8016 revising staff recruitment and selection accordingly.

City Council received for information from Administrative Committee Tender Recommendation – MW19-114 Coburg Avenue Upgrades. The tender was awarded to the lowest bid meeting specifications MJP Enterprises in the amount of \$676,464.

Through Corporate Services Committee, City Council approved a municipal tax write-off of \$1,013.50 on a manufactured home for which tax recovery efforts have been unsuccessful. The manufactured home has been sold by owner, moved off the lot and cannot be located.

Also through Corporate Services Committee, City Council approved a recommendation to change the funding source for ten fleet units (to be purchased during 2019-2022) from debenture funding to the fleet reserve. Recent and projected savings in fleet have increased the capacity of the fleet reserve, and this change will save the City over \$100,000 in interest payments.

City Council approved second and third reading of Bylaw #4597, a bylaw to amend Bylaw #3302, the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) Bylaw. The change will simplify the monthly payment calculation, which is currently based on the previous year's taxes from January to June, and then adjusted from July to December based on the current year's taxes. The bylaw amendment will recalculate the TIPP once annually and allow for consistent payments from July to June each year.

City Council approved first reading of Bylaw #4600, a bylaw to amend Bylaw #4311, the Administrative Organization Bylaw.

Commissioner of Energy and Utilities, Brad Maynes, provided an update to City Council on the NGPR strategy and the City's plans to accelerate the abandonment and reclamation of uneconomic gas wells.

Under new business, City Council passed a resolution to ask the Alberta Urban Municipality Association to advocate for the Government of Alberta to modify the Municipal Government Act to clarify that a municipality should not be responsible for the repair and maintenance of a portion of a "public utility" unless it is an owner of that portion of the "public utility" and to provide transitional provisions to address existing situations where infrastructure cross parcel boundaries.

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Next City Council meeting to be held in City Hall Council Chambers

Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.