



Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers

Via Teleconferencing

August 24, 2020

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**
Moment of Reflection
2. **Public Hearing:** None
3. **Agenda – Amendments and Adoption**
3.1 August 24, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
4. **Adoption of Previous Minutes**
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5. **Bylaws/Policies:** None
6. **Old Business:** None
7. **New Business:** None
8. **Administration**
8.1 Sundre RCMP Detachment Crime Statistics, Apr 1 – Jun 30 Pg. 5
9. **Municipal Area Partnership (MAP):** None
10. **Council Committee Reports:** None
11. **Council Invitations / Correspondence**
11.1 Alberta Justice and Solicitor General Pg. 9
11.2 Westlock County, Letter to the Premier Pg. 11
12. **Closed Meeting**
12.1 Advise from Officials, Section 24 of the *FOIP Act*
13. **Return to Open Meeting**
14. **Adjournment**



Regular Council Meeting
Minutes
June 22, 2020

The regular meeting of Council of the Municipality of Sundre was held in Council Chambers in the Municipal Office on Monday, June 22, 2020 commencing at 6:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Terry Leslie
Councillor Todd Dalke
Councillor Cheri Funke
Councillor Paul Isaac
Councillor Charlene Preston
Councillor Richard Warnock
Councillor Rob Wolfe

STAFF

Chief Administrative Officer, Linda Nelson
Director of Corporate Services, Chris Albert
Development Office/Special Projects Administrator, Betty Ann Fountain
Development Assistant / Communications, Chelsea Mather

ABSENT

None

PUBLIC

There were 6 members of the public in attendance via conference call.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., with a moment of reflection on the business of the evening.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

AGENDA – AMENDMENTS AND ADOPTION

Res.133-22-06-20 MOVED by Councillor Isaac that the Agenda be approved as amended with the following changes:
1. Addition of Supplemental to Item 7.1– Report to Council; Hus
2. Addition of Item 8.3 – RFD to Council, Trees in the River
3. Addition of Supplemental to Item 9.2 – Report to Council, Memorial Garden
4. Remove Item 13.2 – recorded in error

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Res. 134-22-06-20 MOVED by Councillor Wolfe that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 8, 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATION

Parkland Regional Library

Res.135-22-06-20 MOVED by Councillor Preston that the Town of Sundre Council accept the presentation from Pat Toone, board member of the Parkland Regional Library Board as information.

CARRIED

BYLAWS & POLICIES

None

OLD BUSINESS

Hus Report

Initials

Res.136-22-06-20 MOVED by Councillor Funke that the Town of Sundre Council waive no portion of the connection fee.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Review Committee

Res. 137-22-06-20 MOVED by Councillor Warnock that the Town of Sundre Council approve the grant request from the Sundre & District Curling Club in the amount of \$10,000 as recommended by the Grant Review Committee.

CARRIED

Res. 138-22-06-20

Extension to Grants to Organizations Application Deadline

MOVED by Councillor Wolfe that the Town of Sundre Council approve the extension for Grants to Organizations application deadline to July 31, 2020 for any group wishing to host an event to stimulate the community spirit after the Phase-3 relaunch, and that Council allow the Sundre & District Curling Club to apply for the balance of the costs for repairing the roof, subject to the Curling Club applying for matching grants, as available.

CARRIED

Res. 139-22-06-20

Trees in the River

MOVED by Councillor Funke that the Town of Sundre Council direct Administration to send correspondence to MLA Jason Nixon, and with a copy to MP Earl Dreschen to inform the department of the concerns regarding the trees in the Red Deer River.

CARRIED

Res. 140-22-06-20

Grade 8 Sailing Trip

MOVED by Councillor Warnock that the Town of Sundre Council support the initiative to hire Grade 8 Sailing Trip students to assist with the landscaping project of Main Avenue West.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION

Res. 141-22-06-20

May Departmental Reports

MOVED by Councillor Funke that the Town of Sundre Council accept the Departmental Reports for May 2020 as information.

CARRIED

Res. 142-22-06-20

Memorial Park

MOVED by Councillor Preston that the Town of Sundre Council provide continual support for the Memorial Park.

CARRIED

Res. 143-22-06-20

2020 High School Graduation

MOVED by Councillor Isaac that the Town of Sundre Council accept Administration's verbal report in regard to 2020 High School Graduation as information

CARRIED

Res. 144-22-06-20

Office Protection Barriers

MOVED by Councillor Warnock that the Town of Sundre Council accept the Report to Council on Office Protective Barriers as information.

CARRIED

MUNICIPAL AREA PARTNERSHIP None

COUNCIL REPORTS None

COUNCIL INVITATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Res. 145-22-06-20 **Correspondence Minister of Environment & Climate Change – Pine Beetle**

MOVED by Councillor Dalke that the Town of Sundre Council accept the correspondence from the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment & Climate Change as information.

CARRIED

Res. 146-22-06-20 **Correspondence Minister of Seniors and Housing**

MOVED by Councillor Wolfe that the Town of Sundre Council accept the correspondence from the Honourable Josephine Pon, Minister of Seniors and Housing as information.

CARRIED

Res. 147-22-06-20 **Mountain View County**

MOVED by Councillor Funke that the Town of Sundre Council accept the correspondence from Mountain View County in regard to the extension of operations for Sundre Contracting as information.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETINGS – NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Mayor Leslie excused all public members at 7:47 p.m., advising the public to contact the Town for any motions that may come out of the closed session.

The following including Council were in attendance for the closed meeting session:

Staff: Linda Nelson, Chief Administrative Officer

Other: Michael Solowan

CLOSED MEETING

Topic of Closed Meeting

13.1 Advice from Officials Section 24 of the FOIP Act

Res. 148-22-06-20 MOVED by Councillor Funke that Council go into closed meeting at 7:50 p.m.

CARRIED

The Chief Administrative Officer left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

Res. 149-22-06-20 MOVED by Councillor Wolfe that Council return to open meeting at 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Res.150-22-06-20

MOVED by Councillor Dalke being that the agenda matters have been concluded the meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

CARRIED

These Minutes approved this 24th day of August 2020

Mayor, Terry Leslie

Chief Administrative Officer, Linda Nelson



REQUEST FOR DECISION

COUNCIL DATE	August 24, 2020
SUBJECT	2nd Quarter 2020 Sundre RCMP Report
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	8.1

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Sgt. Jody Achtymichuk, has provided the 2nd Quarter Report Stats for the Sundre RCMP Detachment for Council's review and information.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES:

Please see attached report.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Plan Priority 1. Sustainable Governance

1.1 Improve communication and transparency with our stakeholders.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Council accept the Sundre RCMP Detachment 2nd Quarter 2020 Statistics report as information.

MOTION:

That the Town of Sundre Council accept the Sundre RCMP Detachment 2nd Quarter 2020 Statistics Report as information.

ATTACHMENTS:

RCMP Detachment Report April 1 – June 30, 2020

Date Reviewed: <u>Aug 20/20</u>	Acting CAO: <u>Chris Abbott</u>
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Apr 1 to June 30

Town of Sundre - Sundre Detachment
Crime Statistics (Actual)
Q2: 2017 - 2020

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

July-20-20

CATEGORY	Trend	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 2017 - 2020	% Change 2019 - 2020
Homicides & Offences Related to Death		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Robbery		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Sexual Assaults		0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A
Other Sexual Offences		0	0	1	1	N/A	0%
Assault		14	6	10	14	0%	40%
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Extortion		0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A
Criminal Harassment		4	5	4	2	-50%	-50%
Uttering Threats		4	3	3	6	50%	100%
TOTAL PERSONS		22	15	18	24	9%	33%
Break & Enter		2	1	3	1	-50%	-67%
Theft of Motor Vehicle		4	4	5	3	-25%	-40%
Theft Over \$5,000		0	1	0	1	N/A	N/A
Theft Under \$5,000		16	11	5	5	-69%	0%
Possn Stn Goods		2	0	2	6	200%	200%
Fraud		12	4	10	9	-25%	-10%
Arson		0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A
Mischief To Property		14	11	12	10	-29%	-17%
TOTAL PROPERTY		50	33	37	35	-30%	-5%
Offensive Weapons		0	2	0	3	N/A	N/A
Disturbing the peace		9	4	4	12	33%	200%
Fail to Comply & Breaches		8	14	12	4	-50%	-67%
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		2	0	3	3	50%	0%
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		19	20	19	22	16%	16%
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		91	68	74	81	-11%	9%

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July-20-20

CATEGORY	Trend	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 2017 - 2020	% Change 2019 - 2020
Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Drug Enforcement - Possession		2	4	1	1	-50%	0%
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		0	3	2	1	N/A	-50%
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A
Total Drugs		2	7	3	3	50%	0%
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Federal - General		0	1	1	1	N/A	0%
TOTAL FEDERAL		2	8	4	4	100%	0%
Liquor Act		N/A	N/A	13	2	N/A	-85%
Cannabis Act		N/A	N/A	1	0	N/A	-100%
Mental Health Act		N/A	N/A	6	12	N/A	100%
Other Provincial Stats		N/A	N/A	8	11	N/A	38%
Total Provincial Stats		N/A	N/A	28	25	N/A	-11%
Municipal By-laws Traffic		N/A	N/A	1	0	N/A	-100%
Municipal By-laws		N/A	N/A	4	12	N/A	200%
Total Municipal		N/A	N/A	5	12	N/A	140%
Fatals		0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Injury MVC		3	0	2	0	-100%	-100%
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		N/A	N/A	12	4	N/A	-67%
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		N/A	N/A	3	3	N/A	0%
TOTAL MVC		N/A	N/A	17	7	N/A	-59%
Provincial Traffic		N/A	N/A	191	78	N/A	-59%
Other Traffic		N/A	N/A	5	1	N/A	-80%
Criminal Code Traffic		14	16	16	10	-29%	-38%
Common Police Activities							
False Alarms		N/A	N/A	8	7	N/A	-13%
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		N/A	N/A	3	1	N/A	-67%
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		N/A	N/A	14	12	N/A	-14%
Persons Reported Missing		N/A	N/A	4	0	N/A	-100%



REQUEST FOR DECISION

COUNCIL DATE	August 24, 2020
SUBJECT	Correspondence
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services
AGENDA ITEM	11

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Correspondence received by, and/or sent by Legislative Services during the period of June 23 and August 20, 2020.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Council accept the attached correspondence for information by passing a separate Motion for each item of correspondence.

MOTION:

That the Town of Sundre Council accept the correspondence from the Honourable Doug Schweitzer, Q.C., Minister of Alberta Justice and Solicitor General as information.

That the Town of Sundre Council accept the correspondence from Westlock County as information.

ATTACHMENTS:

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11.2

Date Reviewed: August 20, 2020

Acting CAO: *Chris Allent*



ALBERTA
JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL

*Office of the Minister
Deputy Government House Leader
MLA, Calgary - Elbow*

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JUL 21 2020

His Worship Terry Leslie
Mayor
Town of Sundre
717 Main Avenue West
PO Box 420
Sundre AB T0M 1X0

Dear Mayor Leslie:

Thank you for the letter of May 22, 2020, written on behalf of yourself and other central Alberta mayors and reeves regarding the Alberta Crown Prosecution Service (ACPS). I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

The Red Deer Crown Prosecution Office is currently functioning at full staffing levels with 12 Crown prosecutors. In determining appropriate staffing levels, data is collected on the number of stays and withdrawals, the workload of prosecutors in different offices, and the length of delays. Tracking this performance measurement data allows the ACPS to improve case management processes and identify priority areas to allocate resources and position allocation. However, as Albertans face increased economic uncertainty, the ACPS is mindful that additional resource requests must be balanced against a review of current practices with an eye to improving efficiency while ensuring public safety is not undermined.

To that end, this fall the ACPS and the Public Prosecution Service of Canada (PPSC) will implement pre-charge assessment at the Red Deer RCMP Detachment. An additional Crown prosecutor has been allocated to the Red Deer Crown Office to support this work. A pre-charge assessment system was piloted successfully with three other RCMP detachments in Alberta between October 2019 and March 2020. The system requires that a Crown prosecutor review and approve charges before they are laid by police. Early review of the case by a Crown prosecutor means that deficiencies in the investigation are found early and can be remediated, leading to stronger cases that are less likely to be stayed or withdrawn in court. Pre-charge assessment also prevents charges that do not meet the prosecutorial standard from being laid.

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This ensures that court, prosecutorial, and police resources are not wasted on files that cannot be pursued to trial. This reduces the workload for prosecutors and all other court participants and reduces the need to triage viable files because of a lack of court capacity.

Additionally, this year our government is increasing the number of articling students in Justice and Solicitor General from eight to 16, to help recruit lawyers to work as Crown prosecutors; this will again be increasing in 2021, to 20 articling students. This increase will also ensure rural Albertans are better served by the justice system by prioritizing placing the new students in rural Alberta and smaller judicial districts. The Red Deer Crown Prosecution Office will be receiving an articling student in 2021.

Thank you for writing and sharing your thoughts on crime and the justice system in your communities. The ACPS continues to work tirelessly to ensure that Albertans feel safe, secure, and protected.

Sincerely,

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Doug Schweitzer, Q.C
Minister of Alberta Justice and Solicitor General

cc: Honourable Jason Nixon, MLA, Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

August 18, 2020

The Honorable Jason Kenney
Premier of Alberta
Office of the Premier
307 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T6K2B6
Email premier@gov.ab.ca

Dear Premier Kenney

IMPACTS of PROPOSED ASSESSMENT MODEL – Westlock County

Westlock County is extremely concerned and feeling betrayed by a conservative government that would propose such dramatic and drastic changes to the assessment model for regulated properties for wells, pipelines and machinery and equipment. To attempt to replace industry revenues with rural municipal dollars, refocusing the cost onto the agriculture community is egregious to say the least. Not only do we oppose the proposed model in its entirety, we find it unfathomable that the Province of Alberta would consider a one-month consultation period with its rural municipal partners as adequate to review and assess such massive impacts.

We are unclear why the process to develop this model and these alternatives was handled behind closed doors, without the full consultation of the regional partners. Our representatives on the committee were not allowed to seek input or clarification from the elected officials or administrations. Such a process is completely void of transparency and certainly unusual behaviour of a senior government. Not only has the process lacked transparency the roll-out was left to the RMA to distribute. The GOA has not provided one shred of data or support for the changes proposed.

Based on what we have been given so far the model appears to:

- upend current assessment methodology
- be void of documentation and rationalization, and
- appear to lack justification or quantification of the analysis used.

The impact on current and future assessment and thus future revenue is impossible to determine, making budgeting almost impossible. Such an erosion of the assessment base without consultation or identifying a method of replacing lost revenue seems far reaching with the very real potential for financial disaster and the viability for our municipality.

We are having a difficult time comprehending how the province could consider reducing our assessment base between 24% and 31%. To address the assessment model if applied Westlock County would have to increase residential mill rate by between 24% and 31%, which is totally impractical. Such a loss of revenue would equate to between \$1,040,914 and \$1,355,380 at the 2019 mill rate. This assessment reduction does not appear to take into consideration asset depreciation related to assessment value. Nor does it address increasing hard costs that our municipality must pay each year. We would have to reduce our service and staff to the extent that would impact the viability of Westlock County. The staff reduction to address this reduction, we believe would be between 21% and 28%. When you only have 50 employees one can see that this is not sustainable.

Westlock County manages 2,300 km of roads and 207 bridges. We had a recent capacity study done by a third-party expert consulting firm that noted we are currently operating with 20% less staff than we should. Over the past 5 years we have been unable to collect \$1,828,000.00 from industry and this year we have a budget item to handle the additional \$1,000,000.00 of anticipated uncollectable taxes from non-residential taxpayers. The County infrastructure requires significant resources to address long standing issues. Currently we are simply maintaining and trying to keep up with minor repairs. For example, as a major band-aid this year we contracted a shoulder pull program of about 65 km's, which is all we could afford. Based on a quick estimate the County needs an additional \$5-10 million per year for the next ten years to begin to address the deteriorating infrastructure issues such as the roads and bridges that the industry uses.

We are also unable to fathom why the government would consider moving such a significant policy initiative forward in these very difficult times. We are led to believe that the reason is to help industry reinvest in Alberta. The evidence is clear that taxes are not the issue for industry. They would be happy to pay if they had better prices for their product and access to market. Both of which are outside the purview of the Province. In addition, there are only a handful of industry companies with offshore ownership that would benefit from this policy, and any profit they make in Alberta will not likely be reinvested in Alberta. A double loss on the backs of the agriculture municipalities.

Currently we are required to enter intermunicipal collaboration agreements with our neighbors including towns and villages. We provide funding for recreation and other amenities in our urban partner municipalities and these would have to be curtailed for Westlock County to remain viable. The impact on our regional partners will be significant if not devastating.

The industry representatives advise us that taxation is less than 2% of their operating costs, and they understand that they use County managed roads, bridges, and other infrastructure such as water points. Also, it is important to remember that in 1995 industry was exempted from paying education tax on M & E and Linear. This exemption is still in place today. They have enjoyed not paying their fair share of our education costs for the past 25 years; a significant saving, which has already been covered by all other property taxpayers.

Mr. Premier, please provide justification for your governments proposed changes. We suggest strongly that the justification is less than sufficient to make such a significant policy change. Perhaps a third party should be retained to provide a professional study of all assessments in Alberta with a clear term of reference and a mandate, that would support any changes to current assessment models.

Westlock County has a proud and distinguished relationship with our industry partners, and we are supporters of the oil and gas industry, therefore we are looking for a solution that supports industry competitiveness that does not cripple our local economy and municipal viability.

Should you require more detail please contact the undersigned or the Rural Municipalities of Alberta regarding impacts of the changes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Coleman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian Coleman, Deputy Reeve

Westlock County

cc: Honorable Kacee Madu, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Mr. Glenn van Dijken, MLA Athabasca, Barrhead, Westlock
Al Kemmere, President, Rural Municipalities of Alberta
All Rural Municipalities
Westlock County Council
Town of Westlock
Village of Clyde