



City of Lacombe

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

July 8, 2019

Presentation

Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP)

Chris Montgomery with Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) presented Council with an update on the current state of Canada's natural gas and oil industry. He indicated that while Canada is an environmentally responsible oil producer, pipeline capacity out of western Canada is full due to a lack of access to market for energy products and a lack of pipeline capacity, which is reducing the price for western Canadian oil. As well, proposed pipeline projects such as Keystone XL, Enbridge Line 3 and TransMountain Expansion are all facing challenges. Alberta's current oil production curtailment program is also harming rail economics.

On the natural gas front, there are significant bottlenecks in getting gas to the mainline, due to high volatility and lower prices. The need for liquid natural gas is greater than ever, and there are positive signs, such as plant conversions to natural gas-fired electricity; however, barriers remain.

Industry priorities include regulatory competitiveness and federal government policies, such as Bill C-69 and C-48 and a clean fuels standard; provincial red tape reduction and regulatory reform, and concerns around orphan wells, induced seismicity and water use.

Operations and Planning

Bylaw 400.23 (Land Use Bylaw)

Council approved Bylaw 400.23, which amends the Land Use Bylaw by amending various parts of Bylaw 400, after giving it third reading as amended to include a proposed change to add the creation of a site exception to allow a fitness facility (boxing club only) as a permitted use on 4823 45A Street.

General Engineering Services Selection Results

Council directed Administration to enter into a services agreement with Stantec Consulting for the purposes of General Engineering Services for a three-year term, with and option to renew for another three years at the City's discretion.

Design Guidelines - Updates

Council accepted the report on the 2019 Design Guidelines Update Project as information.

The 2019 Design Guidelines Update Project aims to reinforce the City's commitment to acting as stewards of the City's future infrastructure by ensuring that minimum acceptable design standards today are comparable to neighboring communities, consider the City's long term operational needs and maintenance requirements, and factor future growth.

50 Avenue paving between 58 Street and 76 Street

Council authorized Administration to utilize surplus funds from the 2019 Capital Works Program to mill and re-pave 1.2 kilometres of 50 Avenue as proposed.

Council and Legislative

Updated Strategic Plan

Council passed a resolution to endorse the 2019-2021 Strategic Plan, which is based on the original 2018-2021 original plan, and includes progress made and reprioritizations to date.

Bill 7 (Municipal Government Amendment Act)

Council direct Administration to draft a letter to MLA Ron Orr, outlining concerns with the proposed Bill 7.

Bill 7, passed by the Province on June 24, 2019, expands provisions in the MGA to allow municipalities, through the creation of a bylaw, to offer a wide range of property tax incentives for non-residential properties for the purposes of attracting and retaining economic development within their municipal boundaries.

North Red Deer Regional Wastewater Services Commission

Alternate Board Member

Council nominated Councillor Thalia Hibbs as the Alternate Director for the North Red Deer Regional Wastewater Services Commission. Council subsequently appointed Councillor Hibbs as the Alternate Director for the Commission.

Transportation Services

Rail Safety Assessment

Council directed Administration to bring forward all the recommended improvements for 2020 and/or 2021 budget deliberations to facilitate the highest level of safety at the crossings on the Leduc and Bretcher lines, subject to grant funding. If approved and constructed, the safety level achieved would enable full whistle cessation as a secondary benefit.

****The next scheduled Regular Council Meetings are:***

- August 12, 2019, at 5 p.m.***
- September 9, 2019, at 5 p.m.***
- September 23, 2019, at 5 p.m.***