

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 8:30 a.m. 1600 2nd Street NE Three Hills, AB T0M 2A0

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Kneehill County Regular Meeting of Council Minutes

April 8, 2025, 8:30 a.m. 1600 2nd Street NE Three Hills, AB T0M 2A0

Council Present: Faye McGhee, Deputy Reeve

Debbie Penner, Councillor Jerry Wittstock, Councillor

Laura Lee Machell-Cunningham, Councillor

Wade Christie, Councillor Kenneth King, Reeve

Council Absent: Carrie Fobes, Councillor

Staff Present: Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

Mike Ziehr, Director of Infrastructure

Kevin Gannon, Director of Community Services Theresa Cochran, Director of Corporate Services Marika Von Mirbach, Manager of Financial Planning Brandy Morgan, Planning and Development Officer Deanna Keiver, Planning and Development Officer Jenna Kester, Economic Development Officer

Rajeana Nyman, Property Tax & Utilities Administrator Wendy Gerbrandt, Economic Development Manager Carolyn Van der Kuil, Legislative Services Manager

1. Call Meeting to Order

Reeve King called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1.1 Agenda

1.1.1 Additions to the Agenda

Additions under Closed Session

11.4 Third Party Business (FOIP-Section 16)

11.5 Intergovernmental Relations (FOIP- Section 21)

1.1.2 Adoption of the Agenda

Resolution: 101/25

Moved by: Councillor Christie

That Council approve the agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2025

Resolution: 102/25

Moved by: Deputy Reeve McGhee

That Council approves the adoption of the minutes of the March 25, 2025,

Regular Meeting of Council, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Closed Session

Resolution: 103/25

Moved by: Councillor Christie

That this meeting goes into closed session at 8:33 a.m. for the following reason(s):

- Advice from Officials (FOIP-Section 24)
- Third Party Business (FOIP-Section 16)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution: 104/25

Moved by: Councillor Cunningham

That Council return to open meeting at 9:55 a.m. to hear the delegation scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9:55 a.m. - meeting recessed to allow return of public.

9:55 a.m. - meeting resumed.

3. Appointments

3.2 <u>Delegation-Hesketh Community Hall</u>

The Chair called for a recess at 9:55 a.m. and called the meeting back to order at 10:00 a.m. with all previously mentioned members present.

Harold Cooper, representing the Hesketh Community Association, presented an application to Council requesting funding through the Rural Community Hall Capital Grant Program.

Initials

11. Closed Session Cont'd

Resolution: 105/25

Moved by: Councillor Wittstock

That this meeting goes into closed session at 10:14 p.m. for the following reason(s).

Advice from Officials (Section 24)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution: 106/25

Moved by: Councillor Penner

That Council return to open meeting at 10:47 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:47 a.m. - meeting recessed to allow return of public.

10:47 a.m. - meeting resumed.

5. Community Services

5.1 Planning

5.1.1 <u>Bylaw 1916 Road Closure – Undeveloped Road Allowance East of Ptn. NE 8-</u> 33-23 W4 Plan 4910S Block W

Resolution: 107/25

Moved by: Councillor Wittstock

That Council move first reading of Bylaw 1916 to pursue the road closure of the undeveloped road allowance east of Plan 4910S Block W.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution: 108/25

Moved by: Councillor Christie

That Council move that a Public Hearing be scheduled for May 13, 2025, 10:00 a.m. as per Section 22 and 230 of the *Municipal Government Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.1.2 Bylaw 1917 A to LI- Request to Amend Land Use Bylaw 1808

Resolution: 109/25

Moved by: Councillor Wittstock

That Council move first reading of proposed Bylaw 1917 for the purpose of amending Land Use Bylaw 1808 by redesignating a portion of the SE 30-34-23 W4 from Agriculture District to Light Industrial District.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials

Resolution: 110/25

Moved by: Councillor Penner

That Council move to schedule the Public Hearing, as per Sections 216.4 & 606 of the Municipal Government Act, to be held on May 13, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Appointments

3.3 <u>Travel Drumheller Delegation</u>

The Chair called for a recess at 10:58 a.m. and called the meeting back to order at 11:01 a.m. with all previously mentioned members present.

Julia Fielding and Lana Phillips, representing Travel Drumheller, presented an update to Council on the organization's activities in 2024 and plans for the future.

5. Community Services

5.4 <u>Economic Development</u>

5.4.1 Travel Drumheller Annual General Meeting

Resolution: 111/25

Moved by: Councillor Penner

That Council approve the attendance of the Reeve and Deputy Reeve to attend the Travel Drumheller Annual General meeting on April, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Corporate Services

6.1 <u>Assessment, Taxes, and Ratepayer Impacts</u>

Resolution: 112/25

Moved by: Deputy Reeve McGhee

That Council recommend that the 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw be presented in

alignment with Scenario 1.

CARRIED

Initials

6.2 Bylaw 1913- Tax Rate Bylaw

The Chair called for a recess at 12:03 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 12:45 p.m. with all previously mentioned members present.

Resolution: 113/25

Moved by: Councillor Penner

That Council give first reading to Bylaw #1913- 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Bylaw 1915- Town of Trochu Senior's Living Complex NEW Borrowing Bylaw

Resolution: 114/25

Moved by: Councillor Cunningham

That Council grant second reading of Bylaw 1915, being a Bylaw providing a Loan Guarantee to the Town of Trochu as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution: 115/25

Moved by: Councillor Christie

That Council grant third and final reading of Bylaw 1915, being a Bylaw providing a Loan Guarantee to the Town of Trochu as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Legislative Services

7.1 <u>Trochu and District Agricultural Society Request</u>

Resolution: 116/25

Moved by: Councillor Penner

That Council provide the Trochu and District Agricultural Society sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00 to assist in the costs associated with hosting the 2025 Rope, Ride & Race Summer Event, with funds to come from the Community Enrichment Support Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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8. Disposition of Delegation & Public Hearing Business

8.1 <u>Hesketh Community Hall Rural Hall Capital Grant</u>

Resolution: 117/25

Moved by: Councillor Cunningham

That Council approve Rural Hall Capital Grant Funding in the amount of \$7,369.00 to the Hesketh Community Hall Association to assist in purchasing new tables and chairs for the facility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Travel Drumheller 2024 Review

Resolution: 118/25

Moved by: Deputy Reeve McGhee

That Council accepts the information as presented by Travel Drumheller.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Council and Committee Reports

Resolution: 119/25

Moved by: Councillor Christie

That Council accepts for information the following Council & Committee Report(s), as

presented:

Community Futures Wildrose

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Council Follow-Up Action List

Resolution: 120/25

Moved by: Councillor Cunningham

That Council receive for information the Council Follow-Up Action List as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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11. Closed Session Cont'd

Resolution: 121/25

That this meeting goes into closed session at 1:23 p.m. for the following reason(s).

- Third Party Business (FOIP- Section 16)
- Intergovernmental Relations (FOIP- Section 21)
- Third Party Business (FOIP- Section 16)

Resolution: 122/25

That Council return to open meeting at 2:11 p.m.

2:11 p.m. - meeting recessed to allow return of public.

2:11 p.m. - meeting resumed.

12. Motions from Closed Session

Resolution: 123/25

Moved by: Deputy Reeve McGhee

That Council direct Administration to bring forward a discussion regarding the exploration of relationship building with Indigenous Peoples to the next Strategic Planning Session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m. Kenneth King, Reeve Mike Haugen, CAO

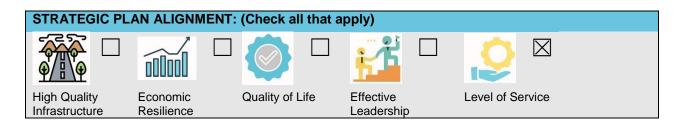


APPOINTMENTS

Subject: Delegation- Artis Exploration Ltd.

Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Prepared By: Carolyn Van der Kuil, Legislative Services Manager



ATTACHMENTS:

Artis Exploration Ltd. representative Bruce Nociar will present to Council at 10:00 a.m.

Delegation Request Form

APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved-



X

Delegation Request Form



Please submit completed form to carolyn.vanderkuil@kneehillcounty.com

MEETING DETAILS

Regular Council Meeting Date & Time: April 22, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

GUIDELINES

- Presentations are not to exceed 15 minutes, including questions, unless permitted by Council.
- The Delegation Request Form and related documents will become part of the public record and will be released/published in the agenda and minutes and will be made available to the public in a variety of methods.
- Persons interested in requesting a presentation to Kneehill County Council must supply all pertinent information including handouts, PowerPoint Presentations no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the scheduled Tuesday meeting. If your material is not published in the agenda, bring ten (10) copies with you to the meeting. Note: distributed documents will become part of the public record.
- The County's Council meetings are video recorded and live-streamed on the County's website.
- Kneehill County Council values respectful and constructive proceedings. All presenters are
 expected to engage with Council, staff, and other attendees in a courteous manner.
 Disrespectful or inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated and may result in the Chairperson
 concluding the presentation. The Chairperson may also direct anyone causing a disturbance or
 acting improperly to leave the meeting.
- The purpose of a delegation is to provide information to Council. The delegation is not intended to be a "back and forth" engagement or to function as a "question period".

Name: (Person Making presentation) Company or Group Represented: Contact Number: Email: Mailing Address:

This personal information is being collected under the authority of Section (c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used in scheduling you as a delegation before Council. If you have any questions about the collection of this information, please contact the FOIP Coordinator at 403-443-5541.



Delegation Request Form

Please submit completed form to carolyn.vanderkuil@kneehillcounty.com

PRESENTATION TOPIC

Will the presentation require PowerPoint facilities?	es ■ No □
The topic of the discussion is (be specific, provide details, required so that all necessary details may be considered.)	•
Evaluating the impact of tax revenue changes ar including the expiration of well and pipeline tax h infrastructure - while Artis remains proud to conti Over the past decade, Artis has made substantia boosted oil production, created local jobs, and genvironmental responsibility and community supplicitly organic, relying on local services, contractor Artis actively supports the community through do	iolidays and newly added inue investing in Kneehill County. al capital investments that have enerated royalties, all while prioritizing port. The company's growth has been rs, and collaboration with landowners.

Due to the end of the well and pipeline tax holiday and the continued development of oil and gas assets, Artis' municipal linear tax levy in 2025 will increase 126% compared to 2024, assuming no change to the non-residential mill rate.

scholarships for students, sponsorships and regular contributions to local charities and

PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

☐ Information Only ■ Request Action/Support ☐ Request Funds ☐ Other	
Desired Resolution (What is the decision you are asking to make?)	
Please consider implementing a reduction in the 2025 municipal mill rate.	

- Have you included all attachments?
- Does your summary contain all pertinent information?

events, while maintaining four field offices in the County.

- Have you provided enough information to enable Council to make an informed decision?
- Have you reviewed your presentation to ensure that it will fit within the specified timelines?

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Artis Background



- Artis is a private company, incorporated in 2015 focused on the exploration and development of the Duvernay sweet oil play in the Three Hills area within Kneehill County. This unique play (Trochu Duvernay Shale Basin) was founded and developed by Artis and Artis is currently the major operator focusing on the Duvernay in the Basin.
- Artis has invested significant amount of capital over the last 10 years, increasing oil
 production, generating royalties and creating jobs for the benefit of Albertans,
 exclusively in Kneehill County.
- Artis' growth has been fully organic, driven through the drill bit, which has resulted in the utilization of local services and contractors, collaboration with local landowners and significant contributions to the community. This includes supporting local accommodations and restaurants.

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Artis Background con't



Artis supports and nurtures relationships in Kneehill County, where we currently have four field offices.



Invested approximately \$5MM in donations and financial partnerships within the greater Kneehill County, Towns of Three Hills, Trochu, and Linden



7 scholarships awarded to local students 2023 & 2024



Sponsorship of the Three Hills Junior B hockey team



Contributions to the local food banks



Regular donations to the Trochu Library, Huxley Community Centre and the Elnora Brahma Rama are only a few of the local events and charities in which we participate

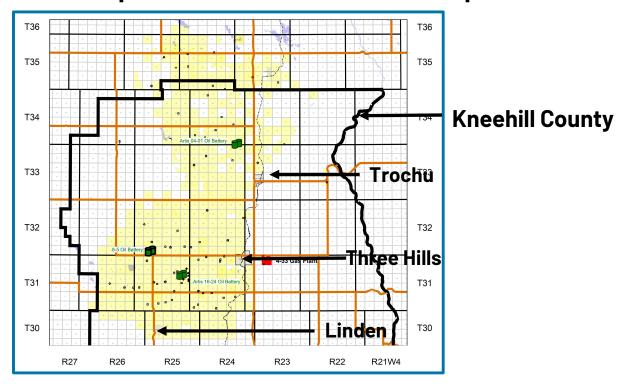
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- In addition to our philanthropic efforts and community impact initiatives, Artis has demonstrated being a good steward for Kneehill County.
 - Artis participates in roaming security to reduce crime in the greater Three Hills/ Trochu area.
 - Dust control, road maintenance (grading & gravel) and speed control on roads throughout the MD.
 - Construction of water disposal pipelines to reduce truck traffic.
 - Artis' operations prioritize the hiring of local staff and oilfield services.
 - Artis hires seven summer students per year from the community.
 - In 2017, Artis purchased an oil facility in Three Hills from a junior oil & gas company and directed the purchase price to pay an outstanding receivable with delinquent property taxes owing to Kneehill County.

Current Operations & Future Development Plans





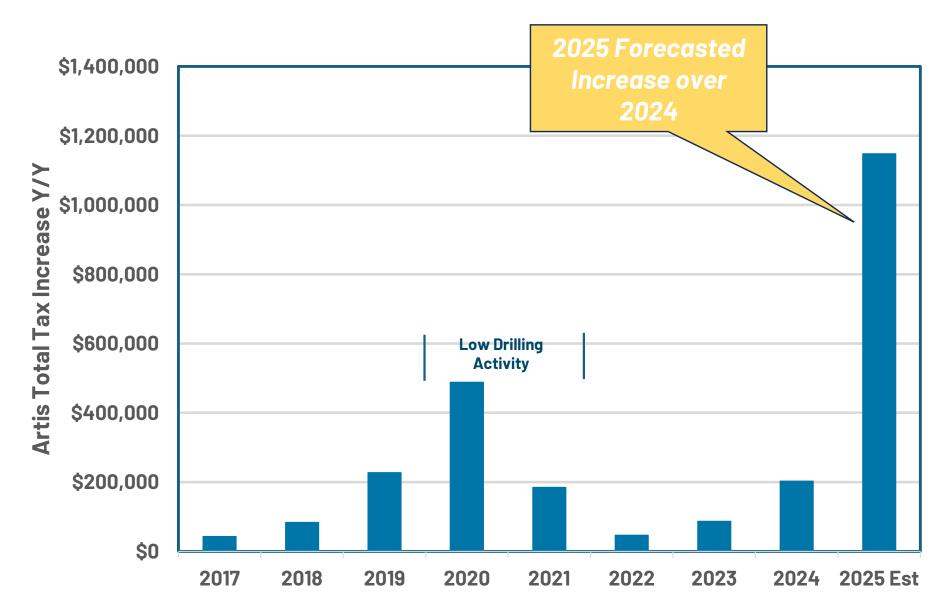
- Asset/production growth from 100 boepd to ~12,700 boepd over 10 years has been almost exclusively in Kneehill County.
- Artis takes great pride in maintaining excellent relationships with all of our stakeholders and is committed to making ongoing positive impacts in the community.

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Annual Property Tax Increases

ARTIS EXPLORATION

Depiction of the incremental change to Artis' annual tax levies



Artis Property Tax In Summary



New Taxable Assessments (2025)

- Previously exempt wells & pipelines: \$45.3M
- New 2024 constructions (wells/pipelines): \$19.3M
- Total New Linear Assessment: \$64.6M

Municipal Tax Impact (at 2024 mill rate)

- Total Increase in Linear Tax: +\$1M*
- Linear Tax Levy Increase: +126% vs. 2024

Additional Non-Linear Assessments (2025)

- New surface facility inventory: \$6.6M
- Estimated Additional Tax: \$100K

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^{*}Includes 5% increase in standardized assessment calculation for wells and pipelines in 2025



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Subject: 2024 Audited Financial Statements

Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Prepared By: Ashley Olson, Financial Controller
Presented By: Ashley Olson, Financial Controller

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)













High Quality Infrastructure Economic Resilience Quality of Life

Effective Leadership Level of Service

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite)- As per 276(1) of the Municipal Government Act (MGA), the County is required to prepare annual financial statements that follow the Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for municipal governments, which are the standards approved by the Public Sector Accounting Board also referred to as Public Sector Accounting Standards (PSAS).

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)- N/A

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024 were prepared by County Administration. These statements have been independently audited by MNP. Lindsey Bauman and Madison Bruce from MNP presented the audited financial statements and their audit findings to Council earlier today.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

The County's financial position for the year ended December 31, 2024, is favourable, reflecting the continued commitment of both Council and Administration to prudent financial management.

The external auditor's report confirms that the financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the County's financial position as of December 31, 2024 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended in accordance with Public Sector Accounting Standards (PSAS).

The financial statements present an overview of the County's financial health, detailing its assets, liabilities, and overall financial standing, including the accumulated surplus. Additionally, they summarize how the County generated revenue, allocated funds, and managed operational costs and financial obligations during the period.

Throughout the year, Administration has provided Council with a range of financial reports. While these reports may differ in format from the audited financial statements being presented, they all convey the same essential financial information.

The financial statements contain non-cash adjustments for items like the amortization of tangible capital assets and asset retirement obligations, which are not typically detailed in quarterly variance reports or the annual budget. However, items such as amortization are incorporated into the long-term financial planning of the County, and financial resources are earmarked or funded, mainly via contributions for reserves. Additionally, asset retirement obligations are being considered in the ongoing development of reserve strategy development. The financial statements include a complete reconciliation of the County's budget to the financial statements.

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REQUEST FOR DECISION

FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

The presentation of the annual financial statements does not have direct financial implications. However, the trends noted in these statements assist the Council in annual budget deliberations by providing additional context for long-term financial planning, including establishing service levels and identifying funding mechanisms.

The information in the financial statements is required for various external reporting related to provincial and federal government requirements.

RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:				
Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication				
Tools:	Public Notification	Other:		

ATTACHMENTS:

Kneehill County Audit Package 2024.pdf

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

- 1. That Council approves the 2024 Audited Financial Statements, as presented.
- 2. That Council provides further direction.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That Council accepts the 2024 Audited Financial Statements as presented.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

The financial statements will be posted on the Kneehill County website. Council approval of the statements will be noted on the County Page in The Capital. Audited financial statements and the Financial Information Return (FIR) will be submitted to the Minister by May 1st as per section 278 of the MGA.

APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved-





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Kneehill County

Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2024

Kneehill County

Financial Statements For the year ended December 31, 2024

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To the Reeve and Members of Council of Kneehill County:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Kneehill County (the "County"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the statements of operationscash flows, and changes in net financial assets for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the County as at December 31, 2024, and the results of its consoldiated operations, its remeasurement gains and losses, changes in its net financial assets and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the County in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Comparative Information

We draw attention to Note 3 to finanical statements, which explains that certain comparative information presented for the year ended December 31, 2023 has been restated. Our opinion is not modified in respect to this matter.

Other Matter

The financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2023 were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements on April 26, 2024.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the County's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the County or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the County's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or
 error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is
 sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material
 misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion,
 forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that
 are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness
 of the County's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the County's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the County to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Debt Limit Regulation

In accordance with Alberta regulation 255/2000, we confirm that the County is in compliance with the Debt Limit Regulation. A detailed account of the County's debt limit can be found in Note 22.

Supplementary Accounting Principles and Standards Regulation

In accordance with Alberta regulation 313/2000, we confirm that the County is in compliance with the Supplementary Accounting Principles and Standards Regulation and note the information required can be found in Note 21.

Lacombe, Alberta

April 22, 2025

Chartered Professional Accountants





Kneehill County Statement of Financial Position

			2023
December 31		2024	Restated
			(note 3)
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents (note 4)	\$	22,175,006	\$ 21,733,613
Investments (note 5)		54,465,926	51,511,836
Taxes receivable (note 6)		2,585,416	1,295,534
Accounts receivable (note 7)		1,604,475	1,712,656
Land held for resale		75,899	75,899
	\$	80,906,722	\$ 76,329,538
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		1,692,891	1,903,674
Employee benefit obligation (note 8)		692,583	786,437
Deposit liabilities		115,000	110,000
Deferred revenue (note 9)		178,646	235,453
Asset retirement obligations (note 10)		6,957,187	6,812,895
Liability for contaminated sites (note 11)		441,767	428,907
	\$	10,078,074	\$ 10,277,366
Net financial assets	_\$_	70,828,648	\$ 66,052,172
Non-financial assets			
Tangible capital assets (note 12)		113,832,902	113,990,731
Inventory for consumption (note 13)		7,444,324	7,645,837
Prepaid expenses		517,826	319,395
	\$	121,795,052	\$ 121,955,963
Accumulated surplus (note 15)	\$	192,623,700	\$ 188,008,135

Debt limits (note 22) **Contingencies** (note 23) **Commitments** (note 24)

Kneehill CountyStatement of Operations

For the year ended December 31		Budget 2024 (note 26)		2024		2023
Payanua		,				
Revenue Net municipal taxes (note 17)	\$	25,739,297	\$	24,867,757	\$	24,573,268
Government transfers for operating (note 18)	Ψ	506,647	Ψ	560,994	Ψ	709,810
Sales and user fees		1,831,844		1,935,193		2,010,642
Rental revenue		140,700		1,933,193		132,144
Investment income		766,784		3,714,740		3,126,948
Penalties and costs on taxes		83,500		103,403		140,441
Fines and costs		13,000		4,943		5,044
Other		86,100		202,848		182,514
Local improvement tax		235,323		273,766		322,495
Sales to other governments		98,000		111,277		112,755
Gain on disposal of assets		100,000		345,248		7,247
Cum on alopoour of accosts		29,601,195		32,261,042		31,323,308
Expenditures (note 19)						
Legislative		1,157,431		1,236,666		1,069,908
Administration and assessment		4,961,578		4,556,599		4,008,931
Protective services		2,751,884		2,606,670		2,274,875
Transportation		13,565,931		12,710,484		12,779,808
Water and wastewater		3,388,743		3,331,375		3,157,321
Waste management		598,809		651,362		558,958
Public health and welfare		203,613		181,216		187,118
Planning and development		616,060		597,894		608,385
Economic / agricultural development		1,455,388		1,261,160		949,844
Parks, recreation and culture		1,198,156		1,059,391		912,483
		29,897,593		28,192,817		26,507,631
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	_					
before other		(296,398)		4,068,225		4,815,677
						_
Other				E 47 240		2 624 200
Government transfers for capital (note 18)		-		547,340		2,621,390
France (deficiency) of management		(000 000)		4 04 = = 0 =		7 407 007
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures		(296,398)		4,615,565		7,437,067
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year		188,008,135		188,008,135		180,571,068
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$	187,711,737	\$	192,623,700	\$	188,008,135

Kneehill CountyStatement of Cash Flows

For the year ended December 31	2024	2023 Restated
Operating transactions		(note 3)
Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$ 4,615,565	\$ 7,437,067
Items not involving cash		, ,
Amortization of tangible capital assets	6,045,891	6,035,960
Net gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	(345,248)	(7,247)
Changes in non-cash operating balances		
Taxes receivable	(1,289,882)	(271,453)
Accounts receivable	108,181	(636,637)
Prepaid expenses	(198,431)	(46,588)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(210,783)	145,207
Inventory for consumption	201,513	750,332
Employee benefit obligation	(93,854)	(48,640)
Deposit liabilities	5,000	-
Deferred revenue	(56,807)	(2,640,571)
Asset retirement obligations	144,292	185,565
Liability for contaminated sites	12,860	12,432
	\$ 8,938,297	\$ 10,915,427
Capital transactions		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(6,576,509)	(6,140,707)
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	 1,033,695	479,272
	\$ (5,542,814)	\$ (5,661,435)
Investing transactions		
Purchase of short-term investments	\$ (2,954,090)	\$ (9,613,425)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	441,393	(4,359,433)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	\$ 21,733,613	\$ 26,093,046
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 22,175,006	\$ 21,733,613

Kneehill County Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets

For the way and d December 24	Budget	2024	2002
For the year ended December 31	2024	2024	2023
	(note 26)		
Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$ (296,398)	\$ 4,615,565	\$ 7,437,067
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(9,416,315)	(6,576,509)	(6,140,707)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	6,045,891	6,045,891	6,035,960
Net gain on sale of tangible capital assets	-	(345,248)	(7,247)
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	100,000	1,033,695	479,272
	(3,566,822)	4,773,394	7,804,345
Change in prepaid expenses	_	(198,431)	(46,588)
Purchase inventory for consumption	_	(2,806,164)	(3,888,862)
Use inventory for consumption	_	3,007,677	4,639,194
Ose inventory for consumption	 	3,007,077	4,009,194
Net change in net financial assets	\$ (3,566,822)	\$ 4,776,476	\$ 8,508,089
Net financial assets, beginning of year	\$ 66,052,172	\$ 66,052,172	\$ 57,544,083
Net financial assets, end of year	\$ 62,485,350	\$ 70,828,648	\$ 66,052,172

Kneehill County (the "County") is a municipality in the Province of Alberta and operates under the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA), R.S.A., 2000, c. M-26, as amended.

1. Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are the responsibility of management and have been prepared in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards (PSAS), as established by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB). The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies applied by the County:

a) Reporting Entity

The financial statements include the assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses, as well as changes in financial position of the County. The reporting entity consists of municipal operations and funds under the control of the County.

Entities where the County has shared but non-controlling influence, such as those governed independently, are excluded from the financial statements. The County may administer funds on behalf of such entities; however, as it does not have control, the related assets are held in trust and are not included in the County's financial statements.

The schedule of taxes levied includes requisitions collected on behalf of education, health, social, and other external organizations that are not part of the County's reporting entity. These amounts are offset by corresponding payments, with any over- or under-levies accounted for in accordance with the County's significant accounting policies.

Interdepartmental and organizational transactions and balances are eliminated in the financial statements.

b) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, which recognizes revenues as they are earned and measurable and expenses as they are incurred and measurable. Expenses are recorded when goods or services are received or when a legal obligation to pay arises.

Funds received from external parties, along with related earnings, that are restricted by agreement or legislation are recorded as deferred revenue until the related expenditures are incurred in accordance with the specified purpose.

Government transfers, contributions and other amounts received from third parties through legislation, regulation or agreement may only be used for specific programs, projects, or the acquisition of tangible capital assets. Similarly, certain user charges and fees are collected for services that have not yet been performed or goods that have not yet been received.

Revenue is recognized in the period in which the related expenses are incurred, the services are performed, the goods are provided, or the tangible capital assets are acquired.

c) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. Such estimates are based on management's best judgement, historical experience, and other relevant factors and may differ from actual results.

Significant areas subject to estimation include employee future benefit liabilities, amortization of tangible capital assets, asset retirement obligations, and the valuation of accounts receivable and accounts payable. In management's opinion, the estimates used in these financial statements are reasonable and are made in accordance with the County's accounting policies.

d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Management considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of acquisition to be cash equivalents.

e) Investments

Investments are recorded at cost unless there has been a decline in market value that is other than temporary in nature, in which case the investments are written down to market value.

f) Land Held for Resale

Land held for resale is recorded at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost includes expenditures for land acquisition and improvements necessary to prepare the land for servicing, such as clearing, stripping, and levelling. Related development costs incurred to provide infrastructure, including water and wastewater services, roads, sidewalks, and street lighting, are recorded as physical assets under their respective function.

g) Requisition Over-levy and Under-levy

Over-levies and under-levies arise from the difference between the actual property tax levy made to cover each requisition and the actual amount requisitioned.

If the actual levy exceeds the requisition, the over-levy is accrued as a liability and as a reduction in property tax revenue. Where the actual levy is less than the requisition amount, the under-levy is accrued as a receivable and as an increase in property tax revenue.

Requisition tax rates in the subsequent year are adjusted for any over-levies or under-levies of the prior year.

h) Asset Retirement Obligations

A liability for an asset retirement obligation is recognized at the best estimate of the amount required to retire a tangible capital asset at the financial statement date when there is a legal obligation for the County to incur retirement costs, the past transaction has, or event giving rise to the liability has occurred, it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up, and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made. The best estimate of the liability includes all costs directly attributable to asset retirement activities based on information available at year-end. The County uses cost escalation or current estimates, which approximates the estimated cost if work was to be completed as of the financial statement date.

When a liability is initially recognized, a corresponding asset retirement cost is capitalized to the carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset. The asset retirement cost is amortized over the useful life of the related asset. At each financial reporting date, the County reviews the carrying amount of the liability. The County recognizes period-to-period changes to the liability due to the passage of time as accretion expense. Changes to the liability arising from revisions to either the timing or the amount of the original estimate are recognized as an increase or decrease to the carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset. The County continues to recognize the liability until it is settled or otherwise extinguished. Disbursements made to settle the liability are deducted from the reported liability when they are made.

i) Contaminated Sites Liability

A liability for remediation of a contaminated site is recognized when contamination exceeds an environmental standard, the County is directly responsible or accepts responsibility, and management can reasonably estimate the cost of remediation, including post-remediation activities such as operation, maintenance, and monitoring. The liability is recorded net of any expected recoveries.

j) Revenue Recognition

Revenue from transactions without performance obligations is recognized when the County has the authority to claim or retain an inflow of economic resources and identifies a past transaction or event giving rise to an asset.

Revenue from transactions with performance obligations is recognized as the obligations are satisfied. User fees are recognized over the period of use, sales of goods are recognized upon delivery, and licenses and permits are recognized as revenue at issuance or over the period of the related obligation.

k) Tax Revenues

Tax revenues are recognized when authorized by bylaw, and the taxable event has occurred. Requisitions operate as a flow-through and are excluded from municipal revenue.

I) Government Transfers

Government transfers are recognized as revenue when authorized, eligibility criteria are met, and reasonable estimates of the amounts can be made. Transfers are not the result of an exchange transaction and are not expected to be repaid or provided a direct financial return.

m) Deferred Revenue

Funds received for specific purposes which are externally restricted by legislation, regulation, or agreement and are not available for general municipal purposes are accounted for as deferred revenue on the statement of financial position. The revenue is recognized in the statement of operations in the year in which it is used for the specific purpose.

n) Non-Financial Assets

Non-financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities and are held for the use in the provision of services. They have useful lives extending beyond the current year and are not intended for sale in the normal course of operations. The change in non-financial assets during the year and the annual surplus provide the change in net financial assets for the year.

i. Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. Cost includes all costs directly attributable to the acquisition or construction of the tangible capital asset, including transportation costs, installation costs, design and engineering fees, legal fees, and site preparation costs. Amortization is recorded on a straight-line basis over the estimated life of the tangible capital asset commencing once the asset is available for productive use as follows:

Land improvements	10 to 20 years
Buildings	25 to 50 years
Engineered Structures	
Water system	15 to 75 years
Wastewater system	25 to 60 years
Other engineered structures	6 to 100 years
Machinery and equipment	5 to 45 years
Vehicles	5 to 20 years

Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

ii. Contributions of Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets received as contributions are recorded at fair value at the date of the receipt and recorded as revenue.

iii. Leases

Leases entered into that transfer substantially all the benefits and risks associated with ownership are recorded as the acquisition of the tangible capital asset and the incurrence of an obligation. The asset is amortized in a manner consistent with the tangible capital assets owned by the County, and the obligation, including interest thereon, is liquidated over the term of the lease. All other leases are accounted for as operating leases, and the rental costs are expensed as incurred.

iv. Inventory for Consumption

Inventories of materials and supplies for consumption are valued at the lower of cost or replacement cost. Gravel inventory is maintained by perpetual records and recorded in the accounts to the extent of royalties, land costs, crushing costs incurred, hauling, and equipment rentals.

o) Financial Instruments

Cash and equity instruments quoted in an active market are measured at fair value (hierarchy level one – quoted market prices). All other financial instruments are measured at cost or amortized cost. The carrying amount of each of these financial instruments is presented on the statement of financial position.

Unrealized gains and losses from changes in the fair value of financial instruments are recognized in the statement of remeasurement gains and losses. Upon settlement, the cumulative gain or loss is reclassified from the statement of remeasurement gains and losses and recognized in the statement of operations. Since the County does not hold financial instruments requiring remeasurement at fair value at each reporting date, a statement of remeasurement gains and losses is not presented. Interest and dividends attributable to financial instruments are reported in the statement of operations.

When investment income and realized and unrealized gains and losses from changes in the fair value of the financial instruments are externally restricted, the investment income and fair value changes are recognized as revenue in the period in which the resources are used for the purpose specified.

For financial instruments measured using amortized cost, the effective interest rate method is used to determine interest revenue or expense.

For portfolio measurements measured at cost, the cost method records the initial investment at cost and earnings from such investments are recognized only to the extend received or receivable. When an investment is written down to recognize an impairment loss, the new carrying value is deemed the new cost basis for subsequent accounting purposes.

All financial assets are tested annually for impairment. When financial assets are impaired, impairment losses are recorded in the statement of operations.

Transaction costs are added to the carrying value for financial instruments measured using cost or amortized cost. Transaction costs are expensed for financial instruments measured at fair value.

p) Pension Expenditure

The County participates in a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan, which is accounted for as a defined contribution plan.

q) Future Changes in Accounting Standards

The Public Sector Accounting Board has approved the following accounting standards and conceptual framework, which are effective for fiscal years starting on or after April 1, 2026:

The Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting in the Public Sector

The Conceptual Framework is the foundation for public sector financial reporting standards. It replaces the conceptual aspects of Section PS 1000, Financial Statement Concepts, and Section PS 1100, Financial Statement Objectives. The conceptual framework highlights considerations fundamental for the consistent application of accounting issues in the absence of specific standards.

PS 1202 Financial Statement Presentation

This standard sets out general and specific requirements for the presentation of information in general-purpose financial statements. The financial statement presentation principles are based on the concepts within the Conceptual Framework.

The County is currently assessing the impact of the new conceptual framework and standard, and the extent of the impact of their adoption on the financial statements has not yet been determined.

2. Adoption of New Accounting Standard

Effective January 1, 2024, the County adopted the following accounting standards:

PS 3400: Revenue

This standard provides guidance on how to account for and report on revenue, specifically, the recognition, measurement and reporting of revenues that arise from transactions that include performance obligations and transactions that do not have performance obligations. Performance obligations are enforceable promises to provide specific goods or services to a specific payer.

PS 3160: Public Private Partnerships

This standard provides guidance on how to account for public private partnerships between public and private sector entities, where the public sector entity procures infrastructure using a private sector partner. The adoption does not have an effect on the County's financial statements as the County does not have public private partnerships.

The County adopted these standards on a prospective basis, and as a result the 2023 comparatives are not restated. There were no material changes as a result of adopting these standards.

3. Prior Period Adjustment

During the year, the County determined that certain government transfers had been recorded as accounts receivable and deferred revenue in the prior year without fully meeting the recognition criteria under PS 3410 – Government Transfers. As a result, the amounts were adjusted to reflect the appropriate accounting treatment.

The impact of this adjustment on the December 31, 2023 financial statements is as follows:

		2023		2023
	á	as Reported	Adjustment	Restated
Statement of Financial Position:				
Accounts Receivable	\$	5,979,653	(4,266,997)	\$ 1,712,656
Deferred Revenue	\$	4,502,450	(4,266,997)	\$ 235,453

4. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2024	2023
Current account	\$ 22,175,006	\$ 21,733,613

The County has an undrawn \$2,500,000 line of credit that is available should the need arise. The line of credit bears interest at prime minus 0.75%.

Included in the above amounts are the following amounts received from the Government of Canada and the Province of Alberta as conditional grants held exclusively for future projects.

	2024	2023
Municipal Sustainability Initiative - Capital	\$ 169,677 \$	215,453
Other	115,000	110,000
Rural Economic Development	3,290	_
Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program	-	20,000
Alberta Community Partnership - Municipal Internship	5,679	-
	\$ 293,646 \$	345,453

5. Investments

	2024	2023
Short-term notes and deposits	\$ 54,465,926	\$ 51,511,836

Short-term notes and deposits consist of funds held in Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs) and high-interest notice deposit accounts. The deposit accounts earn interest at rates ranging from Prime minus 1.65% to Prime minus 1.55%, while GICs have fixed rates ranging from 4.4% to 6.05%, with maturity dates between July 2025 and January 2026.

6. Taxes Receivable

	2024	2023
Current taxes and grants in place	\$ 2,551,456 \$	1,198,577
Non-current taxes and grants in place	308,700	229,377
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	(274,740)	(132,420)
	\$ 2,585,416 \$	1,295,534

7. Accounts Receivable

		2023
	2024	Restated
Trade receivables	\$ 1,350,287 \$	1,528,431
GST receivable	254,188	184,225
	\$ 1,604,475 \$	1,712,656

8. Employee Benefit Obligation

	 2024	2023
Accrued early retirement program	\$ 24,453	\$ 82,527
Accrued vacation pay	278,748	239,054
Accrued sick leave benefit	389,382	464,856
	\$ 692,583	\$ 786,437

The vacation and sick benefits liability is comprised of vacation and sick day credits that employees have earned as of December 31 and are deferring for future use. The early retirement program provided eligible employees with a percentage of their salary as an initiative to retire before the age of 65. Eligibility was limited to employees hired before January 1, 2007, who had reached at least 55 years of age. As of December 31, 2024, all eligible employees have retired. Accordingly, the remaining expected cash outflows related to this program total \$24,453, which will be fully expended in 2025.

Sick Leave Benefits

The County updated its sick leave policy as of November 30, 2021. Under the new policy, the County provides paid sick leave at a rate of 12 days per year, which can accumulate from year to year to a total of 50 workdays. Employees hired after November 1, 2021, are not entitled to payouts of accrued sick time.

Employees hired prior to November 1, 2021, are entitled to sick time payout upon retirement or termination at a rate equal to the top tier of their wage band as of November 30, 2021, regardless of future market changes or promotions.

- Upon 4 years of service, 50% of accrued days will be vested and can be paid out upon end of service to a maximum of 50 days.
- Upon 9 years of service, 75% of accrued days will be vested and can be paid out upon end of service to a maximum of 50 days.
- At or after 15 years of service, upon retirement and receiving a pension, 100% of accrued days will be vested and can be paid out upon end of service to a maximum of 50 days.

Under the previous policy, employees could accrue up to 100 days vested based on the above. Under the transition to the new policy in 2021, employees vested sick time based on years of service and the amount of sick time was recorded as of that date. Those employees with more than 50 days of accrued sick time at the time of the policy change received a payout of their accrued days in excess of 50 at their current pay rate.

9. Deferred Revenue

	Opening	Contributions	Revenue			2023
_	balance	received	recognized		2024	Restated
MSI Capital	215,453	-	(45,776)	\$	169,677	\$ 215,453
STIP Bridges	20,000	450,000	(470,000)		-	20,000
RED	-	32,000	(28,711)		3,290	-
ACP	-	60,000	(54,321) 5,679		5,679	-
_	235,453	542,000	(598,808)	\$	178,646	\$ 235,453

Deferred revenue is comprised of the funds noted above, the use of which, together with any earnings thereon, is restricted by agreement. These funds are recognized as revenue in the period they are used for the purpose specified.

Municipal Sustainability Initiative – Capital (MSI)

The Government of Alberta provides conditional funding to support various capital expenditures in the County, as outlined in the funding agreement.

Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) - Bridges

The Government of Alberta provides conditional funding for developing and maintaining local transportation infrastructure, restricted to eligible expenditures under the funding agreement.

Rural Economic Development (RED) Grant

The Government of Alberta provides conditional funding to support economic growth and diversification in rural communities, restricted to eligible expenditures per the funding agreement and program guidelines.

Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) – Municipal Internship

The Government of Alberta provides conditional funding to support municipal capacity building and professional development, restricted to eligible expenditures under the funding agreement.

10. Asset Retirement Obligations

Landfill

Solid waste closure and post-closure care requirements have been defined in accordance with industry standards and include final covering and landscaping of the landfill, removal of groundwater and leachates, and ongoing environmental monitoring, site inspection, and maintenance. The landfill's estimated liability is \$239,076 (2023 - \$232,117), which includes closure and post-closure costs. The existing landfill site is expected to reach capacity in (approximately) 2028.

Note 10 Asset Retirement Obligations (continued)

Remaining

The remaining tangible capital assets that contain an asset retirement obligation consist of machinery and equipment, engineered structures, land improvements, buildings and land. The estimated liability that makes up the remaining tangible capital assets is \$6,718,111 (2023 - \$6,580,778).

The costs were calculated according to assumed construction quantities and the quantum of service associated with the demolition and disposal of each quantity.

Remediation was calculated based on normal use of specific assets where the presence of contamination is expected and the quantum of service associated with the remedial activities.

Reclamation was calculated according to construction type, land use and disturbance area and the quantum of service associated with the activity.

All calculations for the County use the cost escalation method using an inflation rate of 3.0% for 2024 (2023 - 2.8%). The County has not designated assets for settling the abatement activities.

	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of the year	\$ 6,812,895	\$ 6,627,330
Accretion expense	144,292	185,565
Estimated total liability	\$ 6,957,187	\$ 6,812,895

11. Liability for Contaminated Sites

The County has identified one site that meets the criteria under this standard. This site was acquired through the tax recovery process, and the contamination is primarily associated with an underground storage tank and potential additional contamination from a former bulk fuel storage facility.

The estimated cost to remediate the site is \$441,767 (2023 - \$428,907). This estimate is based on the use of soil vapour extraction and air-sparging technology. The estimated costs include the installation of remediation equipment, and the operation of the equipment over a three-year period. The total costs have not been discounted to reflect the time value of money.

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12. Tangible Capital Assets

									2024
	Land	lm	Land provements	Buildings	Engineered Structures	achinery and Equipment	Vehicles	Work in Progress	Total
Cost, beginning of year	\$ 2,472,888	\$	3,692,414	\$ 21,129,758	\$181,164,341	\$ 12,253,050	\$ 11,950,328	\$ 229,020	\$ 232,891,799
Additions	-		33,286	24,223	-	957,851	4,024,483	1,536,666	6,576,509
Changes in work in progress	-		80,704	-	713,818	-	849,632	(1,644,154)	-
Write-downs & disposals	-		(85,791)	-	(63,200)	(972,704)	(869,509)	-	(1,991,204)
Cost, end of year	\$ 2,472,888	\$	3,720,613	\$ 21,153,981	\$181,814,959	\$ 12,238,197	\$ 15,954,934	\$ 121,532	\$ 237,477,104
Accumulated amortization, beginning of year	-		2,026,167	6,632,954	98,540,689	5,501,284	6,199,974	-	118,901,068
Amortization	-		144,975	507,969	3,681,349	698,329	1,013,269	-	6,045,891
Write-downs & disposals	-		(34,317)	-	(63,201)	(654,713)	(550,526)	-	(1,302,757)
Accumulated amortization, end of year	\$ -	\$	2,136,825	\$ 7,140,923	\$102,158,837	\$ 5,544,900	\$ 6,662,717	\$ -	\$ 123,644,202
Net carrying amount, end of year	\$ 2,472,888	\$	1,583,788	\$ 14,013,058	\$ 79,656,122	\$ 6,693,297	\$ 9,292,217	\$ 121,532	\$ 113,832,902

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Note 12 Tangible Capital Assets (continued)

										2023
	Land	lm	Land provements	Buildings	Engineered Structures	М	achinery and Equipment	Vehicles	Work in Progress	Total
Cost, beginning of year	\$ 2,472,888	\$	3,692,414	\$ 21,129,758	\$178,247,183	\$	10,834,874	\$ 11,629,624	\$ 174,782	\$ 228,181,523
Additions	-		-	-	2,835,627		2,179,912	803,228	321,940	6,140,707
Changes in work in progress	-		-	-	267,702		-	-	(267,702)	-
Write-downs & disposals	-		-	-	(186,171)		(761,736)	(482,524)	-	(1,430,431)
Cost, end of year	\$ 2,472,888	\$	3,692,414	\$ 21,129,758	\$181,164,341	\$	12,253,050	\$ 11,950,328	\$ 229,020	\$ 232,891,799
Accumulated amortization, beginning of year	\$ -	\$	1,882,602	\$ 6,126,849	\$ 94,819,430	\$	5,138,328	\$ 5,856,306	\$ -	\$ 113,823,515
Amortization	-		143,565	506,105	3,907,430		741,155	737,705	-	6,035,960
Write-downs & disposals	-		-	-	(186,171)		(378,199)	(394,037)	-	(958,407)
Accumulated amortization, end of year	\$ -	\$	2,026,167	\$ 6,632,954	\$ 98,540,689	\$	5,501,284	\$ 6,199,974	\$ -	\$ 118,901,068
Net carrying amount, end of year	\$ 2,472,888	\$	1,666,247	\$ 14,496,804	\$ 82,623,652	\$	6,751,766	\$ 5,750,354	\$ 229,020	\$ 113,990,731

13. Inventory for Consumption

	 2024	2023
Gravel	\$ 6,724,341 \$	7,086,090
Other transportation amounts	591,645	392,075
General department	128,338	167,672
	\$ 7,444,324 \$	7,645,837

14. Equity in Tangible Capital Assets

	2024	2023
Tangible capital assets	\$ 237,477,104	\$ 232,891,799
Accumulated amortization	(123,644,202)	(118,901,068)
Asset retirement obligation	(6,957,187)	(6,812,895)
	\$ 106,875,715	\$ 107,177,836

15. Accumulated Surplus

Equity in tangible capital assets Equity in other non-financial assets Unrestricted surplus	\$ 2024 106,875,715 7,962,150 4,415,489 119,253,354	\$ 2023 107,177,836 7,965,231 4,846,967 119,990,034
Reserves Operating reserves: Contingency Information technology Gravel Infrastructure Planning Parks	1,788,972 237,143 2,699,528 4,745,637 160,726 999,381	2,123,754 260,947 2,349,528 2,700,000 154,514 802,999
Transitional funds Revenue stabilization reserve	536,112 7,311,476 18,478,975	636,112 8,525,394 17,553,248
Capital reserves: Capital equipment replacement Buildings Bridges Roads Water Water service area Environmental Emergency disaster Hamlet infrastructure	8,678,310 2,991,550 2,628,755 22,943,339 5,686,605 5,870,638 1,950,541 836,024 3,305,609	9,915,101 2,417,460 1,401,737 20,347,099 4,570,644 5,870,638 1,950,541 686,024 3,305,609
Total reserves	\$ 54,891,371 73,370,346 192,623,700	\$ 50,464,853 68,018,101 188,008,135

Reserves represent funds set aside by bylaw or council resolution for specific purposes.

KNEEHILL COUNTY NOTES TO THE FINANICAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

16. Change in Accumulated Surplus

	Unrestricted surplus	Reserves	uity in tangible apital assets	uity in other on-financial assets	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 4,846,967	\$ 68,018,101	\$ 107,177,836	\$ 7,965,231	\$188,008,135	\$180,571,068
Excess of revenue over expenses	4,618,646	-	-	(3,081)	4,615,565	7,437,067
Net operating transfers to restricted surplus	(5,352,245)	5,352,245	-	-	-	- -
Accretion expense	144,292	-	(144,292)	-	-	-
Acquisition of capital	(6,576,509)	-	6,576,509	-	-	-
Disposals and write-down of assets	688,447	-	(688,447)	-	-	-
Amortization	6,045,891	-	(6,045,891)	-	-	-
Change in accumulated surplus	\$ (431,478)	\$ 5,352,245	\$ (302,121)	\$ (3,081)	\$ 4,615,565	\$ 7,437,067
Balance, end of year	\$ 4,415,489	\$ 73,370,346	\$ 106,875,715	\$ 7,962,150	\$192,623,700	\$188,008,135

17. Net Municipal Taxes

	Budget				
		2024		2024	2023
Taxation					
Farmland	\$	2,367,136	\$	2,367,133	\$ 2,014,058
Residential		1,972,120		1,973,309	1,895,509
Commercial		980,808		978,605	995,624
Linear property		20,652,283		19,349,463	18,989,528
Industrial		6,026,536		6,027,622	5,954,309
Minimum tax		79,033		78,694	60,464
Grants in lieu		1,359		1,359	1,363
Recreation levy		58,264		63,882	68,051
	\$	32,137,539	\$	30,840,067	\$ 29,978,906
Requisitions					
Alberta School Foundation Fund		6,213,183		5,567,567	5,229,893
Kneehill Foundation		84,113		304,137	83,013
Designated industrial property		100,946		100,606	92,732
	\$	6,398,242	\$	5,972,310	\$ 5,405,638
Available for general municipal purposes	\$	25,739,297	\$	24,867,757	\$ 24,573,268

18. Government Transfers

	Budget 2024	2024	2023
Operating Provincial government	 506,647	560,994	709,810
Capital Provincial government	-	547,340	2,621,390
Total government transfers	\$ 506,647	\$ 1,108,334	\$ 3,331,200

19. Expenses by Object

		Budget				
		2024 2024		2024		2023
Salaries and wages	\$	10,516,141	\$	10,609,947	\$ 9,193,498	
Contracted and general services		6,410,661		5,938,082	5,536,214	
Materials, goods, and utilities		5,288,279		3,783,670	4,134,361	
Transfer to local agencies		851,616		819,886	720,518	
Transfer to individuals and organizations		770,005		837,339	683,950	
Operating bank fees		15,000		13,710	17,565	
Amortization		6,045,891		6,045,891	6,035,960	
Accretion expense		-		144,292	185,565	
	\$	29,897,593	\$	28,192,817	\$ 26,507,631	

20. Municipal Employees Pension Plans

Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP)

Certain employees of the County are eligible to be members of the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP), a multi-employer pension plan which is covered by the Public Sector Pension Plans Act. The plan serves approximately 304,451 people and 444 employers. The plan is financed through contributions from both employers and employees, as well as investment earning generated by the LAPP Fund. LAPP provides defined pension benefits to its members, which are based on their length of service and salary.

The County contributes to the plan at a rate of 8.45% of pensionable earnings up to the Canada Pension Plan's Maximum Pensionable Earnings, and 11.65% for earnings exceeding that threshold. Employees contribute at a rate of 7.45% of pensionable earnings up to the Maximum Pensionable Earnings, and 10.65% for earnings above that threshold.

Contributions for the year were:

	 2024	2023
Employer contributions	\$ 633,217	\$ 586,793
Employee contributions	 560,984	534,727
	\$ 1,194,201	\$ 1,121,520

As LAPP is a multi-employer pension plan, these contributions represent the County's pension expense. No pension liability for this plan is recognized in the County's financial statements. The most recent actuarial valuation, as of December 31, 2023, indicated a surplus of \$15.1 billion (2022 surplus - \$12.7 billion) for basic pension benefits. The actuary does not allocate portions of the surplus or any unfunded liability to individual employers.

21. Salary and Benefits Disclosure

Disclosure of salaries and benefits for municipal officers and designated officers is required by Alberta Regulation 313/2000 and is as follows:

		Benefits &	Total	Total
	Salary	Allowances	2024	2023
Division 1 (1 person)	48,250	8,725	56,975	52,125
Division 2 (1 person)	43,400	8,425	51,825	48,388
Division 3 (1 person)	48,813	8,455	57,268	59,373
Division 4 (1 person)	56,075	8,575	64,650	54,238
Division 5 (1 person)	49,250	8,485	57,735	54,563
Division 6 (1 person)	50,063	8,635	58,698	55,050
Division 7 (1 person)	59,113	8,635	67,748	57,750
Chief Administrative Officer	226,733	55,562	282,295	274,286

Salary includes regular base pay, bonuses, overtime, lump sum payments, gross honoraria and any other direct cash remuneration.

Benefits and allowances includes the employer's share of all employee benefits and contributions or payments made on behalf of employees including pension, health care, dental coverage, group life insurance, accidental disability and dismemberment, vision coverage, professional memberships, tuition, travel, cell phone, car allowances, and long and short term disability plans.

\$28,813 (2023 - \$28,248) of the CAO salary cost is paid by Aqua 7 for the management contract.

22. Debt Limits

Section 276(2) of the Municipal Government Act requires that debt and debt limits as defined by Alberta Regulation 255/100 for the County are to be disclosed as follows:

	2024	2023
Total debt limit	\$ 48,391,563	\$ 46,984,962
Total debt	 20,000,000	20,000,000
Total debt limit available	\$ 28,391,563	\$ 26,984,962
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Debt servicing limit	 8,065,261	7,830,827
Total debt servicing limit available	\$ 8,065,261	\$ 7,830,827

The debt limit is calculated at 1.5 times the revenue of the County excluding transfers from governments of Alberta and Canada for the purposes of capital property (as defined in Alberta Regulation 255/2000) and the debt service limit is calculated at 0.25 times such revenue. Incurring debt beyond these limitations requires approval from the Minister of Municipal Affairs. These thresholds serve as guidelines used by Alberta Municipal Affairs to identify municipalities that could be at financial risk if further debt is acquired. The calculation alone does not represent the financial stability of the municipality. Rather, the financial statements must be interpreted as a whole.

The County has provided a loan guarantee of \$20,000,000 to the Town of Trochu to support the potential construction of the Trochu Seniors Supportive Living Facility Project. In compliance with Section 268 of the Municipal Government Act, the amount of the proposed loan guarantee does not cause the County to exceed its debt limit. If the Town of Trochu is unable to meet the terms of the loan, the County will utilize cash reserves or raise funds through taxation to fulfill the terms of the loan. The County's commitment to enter into this guarantee is conditional on the Town securing firm financial capital grant commitments of at least \$19,000,000 to undertake the project.

23. Contingencies

The County is a member of the Genesis Insurance Reciprocal Exchange. Under the terms of membership, the County could become liable for its proportionate share of any claim losses in excess of funds held by the exchange. Any liability incurred would be accounted for as a current transaction in the year the losses are determined.

24. Commitments

The County has entered into agreements that result in financial commitments over multiple years. These commitments are categorized as follows:

<u>Operating Leases</u> - The County has lease agreements for fleet vehicles, which require scheduled payments over their terms.

<u>Service Contracts</u> - The County has commitments for municipal and professional services, including assessment services, enforcement services, and waste management.

<u>Intermunicipal Agreements</u> - The County has funding commitments for fire protection and recreation services under formal agreements with other municipalities.

The estimated aggregate amount payable for the unexpired terms of these contractual obligations is as follows:

				2024	2023
Operating Leases			\$	220,397	\$ -
Service Contracts				498,190	435,985
Intermunicipal Agreements				262,125	536,154
			\$	980,712	\$ 972,139
	Operating	Service	Inte	ermunicipal	
	Leases	Contracts	Αg	reements	Total
2025	\$ 106,677	\$ 450,970	\$	262,125	\$ 819,772
2026	68,434	47,220		_	115,654
2027	30,191	-		-	30,191
2028	15,095	-		-	15,095
2029	-	-		-	-
Thereafter		-		-	-
Total as at December 31, 2024	\$ 220,397	\$ 498,190	\$	262,125	\$ 980,712
Total as at December 31, 2023	\$ -	\$ 435,985	\$	536,154	\$ 972,139

25. Funds Held in Trust

The County holds assets for the benefit of and stand in fiduciary relationship to the beneficiaries. The following trust funds and assets are excluded from the County's financial statements:

	 2024	2023
Kneehill Regional Family & Community Support Services	\$ 283,843	\$ 301,360
Doctors Recruitment	13,984	79,586
Kneehill Regional Partnership	61,040	55,275
	\$ 358,867	\$ 436,221

26. Budget

The budget adopted by Council on December 12, 2023, was not prepared on a basis consistent with that used to report actual results in accordance with Public Sector Accounting Standards (PSAS). Specifically, the budget was prepared on a modified accrual basis, while PSAS requires a full accrual basis for financial reporting.

The budget anticipated the use of surpluses accumulated in previous years to fund current year operating and capital activities. Furthermore, the budget expensed all tangible capital asset expenditures in the year of acquisition, rather than recognizing amortization expense over the assets' useful lives as required by PSAS.

As a result, the budget figures presented in the statements of operations and changes in net financial assets reflect adjustments to align with PSAS, reconciling the original budget adopted by Council on December 12, 2023, as follows:

		Amortization	Budget per Financial	Actual per Financial
	Budget	Allocation	Statements	Statements
Revenues	29,601,195	-	29,601,195	32,261,042
Government transfers for capital	-	-	-	547,340
Total revenues	29,601,195	-	29,601,195	32,808,382
Expenditures				
Legislative	1,157,431	-	1,157,431	1,236,666
Administration and assessment	4,832,765	128,813	4,961,578	4,556,599
Protective services	2,329,931	421,953	2,751,884	2,606,670
Transportation	9,432,024	4,133,907	13,565,931	12,710,484
Water and wastewater	2,425,673	963,070	3,388,743	3,331,375
Waste management	598,809	-	598,809	651,362
Public health and welfare	105,460	98,153	203,613	181,216
Planning and development	616,060	-	616,060	597,894
Economic / agricultural development	1,394,621	60,767	1,455,388	1,261,160
Parks, recreation and culture	958,928	239,228	1,198,156	1,059,391
Total expenditures	23,851,702	6,045,891	29,897,593	28,192,817
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	5,749,493	(6,045,891)	(296,398)	4,615,565
Reconciling:				
Proceeds on disposal of capital	100,000	-	100,000	
Capital expenditures	(9,416,315)	-	(9,416,315)	
Funded from reserves	10,467,163	-	10,467,163	
Inter-fund transfers	(6,900,341)	<u>-</u>	(6,900,341)	
	-	(6,045,891)	(6,045,891)	
Add back non-cash items:				
Amortization		6,045,891	6,045,891	

27. Segmented Information

The County provides a range of municipal services to support residents and businesses. For management and financial reporting purposes, these services are organized into functional segments, as outlined below.

The accounting policies for each segment align with those presented in Note 1 Significant Accounting Policies. Inter-segment transactions are eliminated, and revenues and expenses are allocated based on direct attribution or reasonable allocation methodologies. Taxation revenue has been allocated to general government except where specific tax revenues can be directly allocated to a service area.

Economic/Agricultural Development

The Economic Development Department supports business retention and expansion by connecting businesses with funding opportunities, regulatory guidance, and development initiatives that align with Council's Strategic Plan.

The Agricultural Services Department promotes responsible land use and sustainable agriculture, assisting landowners with weed, pest, and disease control, as well as soil and water conservation. These programs are delivered in collaboration with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development to support a resilient agricultural sector.

General Government

The general government segment includes legislative, and administrative and assessment services. Legislative services cover Council operations, governance, and records management, ensuring transparency and strategic decision-making. Administrative and assessment services support municipal operations through corporate administration, financial management, property assessment and taxation, communications, asset management, information technology, human resources, and geographical information systems (GIS).

Protective Services

The Protective Services Department oversees fire protection, emergency preparedness, and bylaw enforcement. Fire Services operate in partnership with five urban fire departments, while Peace Officers enforce municipal bylaws, protect infrastructure, and support other County departments.

Planning and Development

The Planning and Development Department administers land use planning and development processes, ensuring compliance with the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan. It also assists developers with area structure plan requirements and promotes responsible growth within the County.

Note 27 Segmented Information (continued)

Transportation Services

The Transportation Department manages the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges, including dust control. The County maintains over 200 bridge crossings and ensures transportation infrastructure supports agricultural and industrial growth. Services are also provided to major hamlets within the County.

Environmental Services

The Environmental Services Department oversees water, wastewater, and solid waste management, ensuring compliance with provincial regulations. It operates and maintains water distribution and wastewater infrastructure, including multiple water systems, pump houses, lagoons, and transfer sites. The department also provides potable water services, maintains wastewater systems, and promotes safe and efficient waste disposal, including recycling initiatives. Additionally, it operates the Class III Landfill and is contracted to manage the Aqua 7 Regional Water Commission's infrastructure.

Parks, Recreation and Culture

The Parks Department is responsible for the maintenance and operation of municipal parks, campgrounds, and green spaces. It ensures these areas are well-maintained to support recreation, social connections, and outdoor enjoyment for residents and visitors. The County also provides operational and capital contributions to recreational facilities within urban centers.

Public Health and Welfare

The County provides financial support for the Kneehill Regional Medical Clinic and manages operational expenses for 17 cemeteries in accordance with legislation and County policies.

KNEEHILL COUNTY NOTES TO THE FINANICAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Note 27 Segmented Information (continued)

For the year ended December 31	Protective Services	Economic/ Agricultural Development	Transportation Services	Environmental Services	Planning and Development	Parks, Recreation and Culture	Public Health and Welfare	General Government	2024 Total
Revenue									
Taxation	\$ - \$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,867,757	\$ 24,867,757
Government transfers for operating	-	216,247	-	-	-	-	-	344,747	560,994
Government transfers for capital	-	28,711	224,859	-	-	-	-	293,770	547,340
Sales and user fees	39,329	6,680	281,137	1,340,292	122,225	114,778	10,300	20,452	1,935,193
Sales to other governments	10,101	-	-	101,176	-	-	-	-	111,277
Investment income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,714,740	3,714,740
Fines and costs	4,943	-	-	4,717	-	-	-	98,686	108,346
Rentals	23,691	-	27,182	-	-	-	90,000	-	140,873
Local improvement tax	-	-	-	273,766	-	-	-	-	273,766
Other	3,690	-	168,100	6,371	-	-	-	369,935	548,096
-	81,754	251,638	701,278	1,726,322	122,225	114,778	100,300	29,710,087	32,808,382
Expenses									
Salaries and wages	886,640	575,095	4,201,701	1,078,793	521,774	405,479	49,228	2,891,237	10,609,947
Contracted and general services	399,572	430,481	2,510,505	606,957	75,945	203,852	22,200	1,688,570	5,938,082
Materials, goods, and utilities	89,234	187,317	1,864,371	1,283,195	175	93,093	11,635	254,650	3,783,670
Transfer to local agencies	686,951	-	-	-	-	63,882	-	69,053	819,886
Transfers to individuals and organizations	122,320	7,500	-	50,722	-	53,857	-	602,940	837,339
Operating bank fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,710	13,710
Amortization	421,953	60,767	4,133,907	963,070	-	239,228	98,153	128,813	6,045,891
Accretion expense	<u>-</u>	_						144,292	144,292
	2,606,670	1,261,160	12,710,484	3,982,737	597,894	1,059,391	181,216	5,793,265	28,192,817
Net surplus (deficit)	\$ (2,524,916) \$	(1,009,522)	\$ (12,009,206)	\$ (2,256,415)	\$ (475,669)	\$ (944,613)	\$ (80,916)	\$ 23,916,822	\$ 4,615,565

KNEEHILL COUNTY NOTES TO THE FINANICAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Note 27 Segmented Information (continued)

For the year ended December 31	Protective Services	Economic/ Agricultural Development	Transportation Services	Environmental Services	Planning and Development	Parks, Recreation and Culture	Public Health and Welfare	General Government	2023 Total
Revenue									
Taxation	\$ - \$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,573,268	\$ 24,573,268
Government transfers for operating	-	216,247	203,137	-	-	-	-	290,426	709,810
Government transfers for capital	-	-	58,635	-	-	-	-	2,562,755	2,621,390
Sales and user fees	64,601	23,103	332,013	1,341,490	123,544	93,686	11,825	20,380	2,010,642
Sales to other governments	21,631	-	-	88,736	-	-	-	2,388	112,755
Investment income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,126,948	3,126,948
Fines and costs	5,044	-	-	7,745	-	-	-	132,696	145,485
Rentals	22,422	_	19,722	-	-	-	90,000	_	132,144
Local improvement tax	-	-	-	322,495	-	-	-	_	322,495
Other	4,191	-	139,784	5,570	(30)	-	-	40,246	189,761
	117,889	239,350	753,291	1,766,036	123,514	93,686	101,825	30,749,107	33,944,698
Expenses									-
Salaries and wages	832,461	322,641	3,800,118	963,883	499,715	317,607	53,095	2,403,978	9,193,498
Contracted and general services	304,437	310,115	2,750,509	482,322	108,144	131,547	27,066	1,422,074	5,536,214
Materials, goods, and utilities	79,397	253,321	2,122,410	1,271,518	526	98,869	8,804	299,516	4,134,361
Transfer to local agencies	586,786	-	-	-	-	68,051	-	65,681	720,518
Transfers to individuals and organizations	66,098	3,000	-	50,722	-	54,630	-	509,500	683,950
Operating bank fees	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	17,565	17,565
Amortization	405,696	60,767	4,106,771	947,834	-	241,779	98,153	174,960	6,035,960
Accretion expense	<u>-</u>	-	<u>-</u>					185,565	185,565
	2,274,875	949,844	12,779,808	3,716,279	608,385	912,483	187,118	5,078,839	26,507,631
Net surplus (deficit)	\$ (2,156,986) \$	(710,494)	\$ (12,026,517)	\$ (1,950,243)	\$ (484,871)	\$ (818,797)	\$ (85,293)	\$ 25,670,268	\$ 7,437,067

28. Financial Instruments

The County is exposed to credit risk, liquidity risk, and interest rate risk from its financial instruments.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the County if a counterparty fails to meet its financial obligations. The County is exposed to credit risk on its investments, taxes receivable, and trade and other receivables.

The County minimizes credit risk on investments by holding funds in guaranteed investment certificates (GICs) and high-interest savings or deposit accounts with federally regulated financial institutions. These investments are considered low risk due to their guaranteed nature and the creditworthiness of the issuing institutions.

Credit risk related to taxes and other receivables arises from the possibility that taxpayers or customers may experience financial difficulty and be unable to meet their obligations. However, the large number and diversity of taxpayers and customers help mitigate this risk. The County regularly monitors outstanding receivables and assesses credit exposure based on historical collection patterns.

A single vendor accounts for a significant portion of the County's tax receivables but is adhering to a payment plan with all scheduled payments met as of the financial statement preparation date. While this concentration poses credit risk, the County considers it low based on the vendor's payment history.

The County holds cash and deposits with federally regulated financial institutions, with balances insured up to \$100,000 per account where applicable. Based on historical collection experience and the nature of its investments, the County assesses its overall credit risk as low.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the County may encounter difficulty meeting financial obligations. This risk arises from accounts payable and investments.

The County manages this risk by maintaining a balance of short-term or highly liquid investments and staggering maturity dates of investments to meet cash flow needs. Additionally, the County uses planning, budgeting, and forecasting to determine the funds required for normal operating requirements. The County measures its exposure to liquidity risk based on extensive budgeting.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market rates will affect investment income. As the County primarily invests in fixed-rate GICs and high-interest savings accounts, exposure to interest rate fluctuations is minimal. While future earnings may vary with changing rates, principal values remain protected.

29. Comparative Figures

Wherever necessary, comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with current year financial statement presentation.

30. Approval of Financial Statements

Council and Management approved these financial statements.





Kneehill County

2024 Audit Findings

Report to Council

December 31, 2024

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Overview

We are pleased to submit to you this Audit Findings Report (the "Report") for discussion of our audit of the financial statements of Kneehill County (the "Municipality") as at December 31, 2024 and for the year then ended. In this report we cover those significant matters which, in our opinion, you should be aware of as members of Council.

As auditors, we report to the members on the results of our examination of the financial statements of the Municipality as at and for the year ended December 31, 2024. The purpose of this Report is to assist you, as members of Council, in your review of the results of our audit.

This Report is intended solely for the information and use of Council and management and should not be distributed to or used by any other parties than these specified parties.

We appreciate having the opportunity to meet with you and to respond to any questions you may have about our audit, and to discuss any other matters that may be of interest to you.

Engagement Status

We have substantially completed our audit of the financial statements of the Municipality which has been carried out in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and are prepared to sign our Independent Auditor's Report subsequent to completion of the following procedure[s]:

- Receipt of the signed management representation letter;
- Discussion of subsequent events with Council;
- Council's review and approval of the financial statements.

No significant limitations were placed on the scope or timing of our audit.

Independent Auditor's Report

We expect to have the above procedures completed and to release our Independent Auditor's Report on April 22, 2025.

Unless unforeseen complications arise, our Independent Auditor's Report will provide an unmodified opinion to the members of the Municipality. A draft copy of our proposed Independent Auditor's Report has been included with this report. The matters disclosed in the Independent Auditor's Report are discussed further in the relevant sections of the Report.

Audit Reporting Matters

Our audit was carried out in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, and included a review of all significant accounting and management reporting systems, with each material year end balance, key transaction and other events considered significant to the financial statements considered separately.

Significant Audit, Accounting and Reporting Matters

Area		Comments
	Changes from Audit Service Plan	There were no deviations from the Audit Service Plan previously presented to you
	Final Materiality	Final materiality used for our audit was \$1,500,000 for December 31, 2024, and \$960,000 for December 31, 2023.
68	Identified or Suspected Fraud	Due to the inherent limitations of an audit and the nature of fraud, including attempts at concealment through forgery or collusion, an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards cannot be relied upon to detect fraud.
	Identified or Suspected Non-Compliance with Laws and Regulations	Nothing has come to our attention that would suggest any non-compliance with laws and regulations that would have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements.
	Matters Arising in Connection with Related Parties	No significant matters arose during the course of our audit in connection with related parties of the County.
A	Going Concern	No indicators that may cast doubt on the entities ability to continue as a going concern.
®	Auditor's Views of Significant Accounting Practices, Accounting Policies and Accounting Estimates	The application of Canadian public sector accounting standards allows and requires the Municipality to make accounting estimates and judgments regarding accounting policies and financial statement disclosures.

Area		Comments
		As auditors, we are uniquely positioned to provide open and objective feedback regarding your Municipality's accounting practices, and have noted the following items during the course of our audit that we wish to bring to your attention.
		The accounting policies used by the Municipality are appropriate and have been consistently applied.
	Financial Statement Disclosures	The disclosures made in the notes to the financial statements appear clear, neutral and consistent with our understanding of the entity and the amounts presented in the financial statements.
	Significant Deficiencies in Internal Control	Our audit process focuses on understanding the controls utilized in management's reporting systems, including for estimates, to the extent necessary to identify overall and specific financial reporting risks. This risk assessment allows us to concentrate our audit procedures on high risk areas and, where possible, place reliance on controls within the financial reporting system to reduce the extent of our testing. It is important to note that our assessment was not, nor was it intended to be, sufficient to comment or conclude on the sufficiency of internal controls. We are required under Canadian generally accepted auditing standards to communicate all significant deficiencies identified during an audit to the County on a timely basis. However, we may not be aware of all significant deficiencies that do, in fact, exist. While our review of controls was not sufficient to express an opinion as to their effectiveness or efficiency, no significant deficiencies in internal control have come to our attention.
	Matters Arising From Discussions with Management	We would like to formally acknowledge the cooperation and assistance we received from the management and staff of the County.
		There were no significant matters discussed, or subject to correspondence, with management that in our judgment need be brought to your attention.

Significant Risk Areas and Responses

Significant Risk Area	Response and Conclusion
Management override of internal controls	To respond to the overall risk of material misstatement due to fraud regarding management's override of controls, we performed the following procedures: 1. Test the appropriateness of journal entries recorded in the general ledger and other adjustments made in the preparation of the financial statements 2. Review accounting estimates for biases and evaluate whether the circumstances producing the bias, if any, represent a risk of material misstatement due to fraud, if applicable 3. Evaluate the rationale behind significant transactions that are not in the normal course of business and whether they have been entered into to engage in fraudulent financial reporting or to conceal misappropriation of assets. No issues found
Deferred revenue and restricted contributions Deferred revenue is complex in nature due to stipulations and recognition of revenue to match applicable expenditures. Contributions received are subject to restrictions imposed by the contributors and can only be recognized when expenditures related to the restricted use have been incurred. Risk of incorrect treatment or inaccurate adjustments with respect to applicable expenditures. Risk that government grant revenue and transfers are incorrectly recorded due to the complexity of the recognition.	We reviewed sample of grants assuming a high level of risk, for items received at year-end to ensure they are appropriately deferred if required. Additional testing completed on revenue to ensure its appropriately recorded as deferred versus revenue. Inquired with management on grants received in the year and process for recording deferred revenues. Financial statements in current year and prior year were restated to reflect the treatment of Government Transfers related to MSI, LGFF and CCBF funding not meeting the criteria of accounts receivable and deferred revenue. All other deferred revenue appropriately treated.

Other Areas

Area	Comments
Auditor Independence	We confirm to Council that we are independent of the Municipality. Our letter to Council discussing our independence is included as part of the additional materials attached to this report.

Area	Comments
Management Representations	We have requested certain written representations from management, which represent a confirmation of certain oral representations given to us during the course of our audit. This letter, provided by management, has been included as additional material to this report.
Summary of Significant Differences	A few significant adjustments were proposed to management with respect to the December 31, 2024 financial statements. A summary of significant differences has been included with this report.

We appreciate having the opportunity to meet with you and respond to any questions you may have about our audit, and to discuss any other matters that may be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

MNPLLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

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Notification of Changes

(See Attached)





Hot Topics for Those Charged with Governance

Winter 2024-25

Updated March 6, 2025





We've learned a few things over the years — and we want to share these experiences and ideas with you. What should management, audit committees, and boards be thinking about in 2025? We continue to be in an ever-evolving regulatory landscape and it continues to be crucial for organizations to stay ahead of key issues that can impact their operations and strategic decisions. This publication aims to provide you with valuable insights on some of the most pressing topics in the auditing and business landscape today.

In this ever-changing environment, it is essential for management, audit committees, and boards to be well-informed and proactive. We hope this document serves as a valuable resource as you navigate the challenges and opportunities ahead in 2025.

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1. Tariffs

On March 4, the United States imposed sweeping tariffs on Canadian goods imported into the U.S. In response, the Canadian government has imposed counter-tariffs on American goods imported into Canada. This will be a period of continuous change as the two nations work through negotiations. Interprovincial trade opportunities may emerge as Canada's provinces work together to reduce the negative impacts of tariffs. The effects of a trade conflict would negatively affect both imports and exports in Canada. Higher prices because of tariffs could lead to higher inflation and reduce demand for products in Canada and U.S. Beyond North America, lower global demand could in turn reduce commodity prices, including the price of oil. The threat of trade disruptions may stall planned investment projects and cross border contract negotiations.

Financial Impacts

- Increased costs and margins
 - One of the most immediate impacts of tariffs is the increase in the cost of imported goods. Companies that rely on materials, components, or finished products from the US may see their input costs rise. This can affect profit margins unless the additional costs can be passed on to customers through higher prices.
- Supply Chain Disruptions
 - Tariffs may lead to changes in supply chain dynamics. Businesses may need to source materials or products from alternative suppliers to mitigate the impact of tariffs.
- Changes in Inventory Valuation
 - The increased cost of goods due to tariffs can affect the valuation of inventory, which may result in net realizable value falling below costs incurred.
- Impact on Sales and Revenue
 - Tariffs can also impact sales and revenue, particularly if products become less competitive in the US market due to higher prices.
- Potential Impairments
 - Tariffs may lead to impairments of assets if the increased costs or decreased competitiveness result in lower-than-expected future cash flows.

How would this impact December 31, 2024 financials?

Any announced tariffs in 2025 are non-adjusting subsequent events under IAS 10/ASPE 3820 since they did not provide evidence of conditions that existed on December 31, 2024. These tariff announcements



and the related economic uncertainties could be a material non-adjusting subsequent event that requires disclosure for many entities.

Going concern assessment considerations:

- Uncertainties related to tariffs may create a material uncertainty over going concern as at December 31, 2024.
- Going concern assessments are required to consider all available information up to the date of
 issuance of the financial statements. Cash flow projections should factor in these uncertainties,
 especially for close calls or when the impact of tariffs could be significant given your business
 and/or industry.

Future Financial Reporting Periods

- Financial statements will need to include entity-specific disclosure of significant measurement uncertainties, judgments, assumptions and risks.
- Inventory valuation assessments
 - Uncertainties related to declines in demand, increases in costs of imported inputs, and tariffs on inventory sold to the U.S. may affect net realizable value assessments for inventory.
- Impairment assessments
 - Uncertainties related to tariffs may be indicators of impairment for long lived assets.
- Cash flow projections and/or discount rates should factor in these uncertainties.
- Allowance for doubtful accounts/ Expected credit losses
 - Tariffs could impact customers' ability to pay their debts, in particular for affected industries.
- Foreign currency adjustments due to changes in value of the Canadian dollar.
- Debt
 - Covenant violations due to a decline in operating results
- Fair value measurement of financial assets and liabilities
- Future / deferred income tax assets
 - It may be more difficult to support the probability of realization (including the estimate of the amount to be realized) due to the impact of economic uncertainties
- Agricultural inventory and productive biological assets valuation
- Liabilities potential penalties for contracts to be cancelled

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2. CAS 600 - The new revised group audit standard is here

What you need to know

The group audit standard, CAS 600 Special considerations – audits of group financial statements (including the work of component auditors), has been revised and is effective for audits of periods beginning on or after December 15, 2023.

CAS 600 (revised) includes new and revised requirements and application material that better aligns the standard with the recently revised quality management and risk assessment standards. The new and revised requirements also strengthen the auditor's responsibilities related to professional skepticism, planning and performing a group audit, two-way communications between the group auditor and component auditors, and documentation.

The changes made to CAS 600 (revised) are intended to:

- Introduce a risk-based approach for scoping and performing a group audit engagement to better align with the recently revised risk assessment standards
- Clarify the scope of the standard including whether, and how, the standard applies to entities with branches and divisions, shared service centers, and non-controlled entities
- Encourage proactive management of quality at the group engagement level and the component level
- Keep the standard fit for purpose in a wide range of circumstances and in a developing environment
- Reinforce the need for robust communication and interactions during the group audit
- Foster an appropriately independent and challenging skeptical mindset of the audit



3. Cybersecurity

Organizations understand that cyberattacks are a critical risk to the business, not only affecting daily operations, but causing long term damage to productivity, profitability, and their brand. The attack surface of an organization has never been higher - with additional third-party service providers, outsourcers, the proliferation of data in the cloud, the shadow use of not only IT but also data and Al. Organizations must prepare and secure a foundation for new data security, enhanced cyber insurance and compliance requirements, as well as privacy legislation.

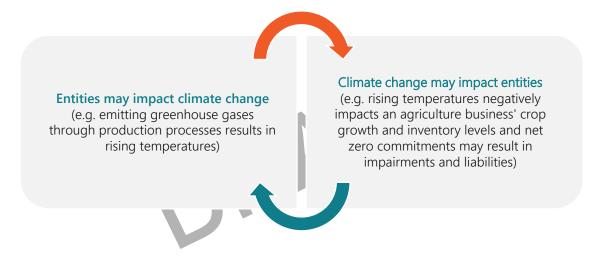
Questions to consider asking management include the following:

- Have you performed an Insider Risk Threat Assessment?
- What compliance requirements are applicable to us and our data?
- Where is our data? Who has access to that data?
- Are we prepared for the increased sophistication of threat actors leveraging AI toolsets?
- Have we considered assessing our vulnerability to insider threat?
- Are we prepared to deal with a data compromise?



4. Climate Risk in Financial Reporting

Separate from environmental, social, and governance reporting, investors and other stakeholders are increasingly interested in understanding the financial statement impacts of climate change because of its potential effect on organizations' business models, cash flows, financial position and financial performance. Most industries have been, or are likely to be, affected by climate change and efforts to manage its impact. However, some organizations, industries and activities will be affected more than others. Current accounting standards do not refer explicitly to climate-related matters. However, these matters must be considered in applying accounting standards when their effect is material in the context of the financial statements taken as a whole.



Examples

- Impairment considerations: The entity may be required to disclose how they considered climaterelated matters in their own impairment assessment even though the applicable financial reporting framework may not specifically require such disclosure.
- Going concern matters: Disruption to operations due to extreme weather patterns such as fire, tornadoes, flooding, drought, etc., where management may have indicated plans to relocate operations in an area less susceptible to extreme weather.
- Fixed asset considerations: A manufacturing plant's machinery may be impacted by changes in legislation that aims to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and therefore the useful life and residual values may decrease due to its earlier than planned discontinuation of use.



5. Service Organization

In today's complex business environment, the rise of new services and industries has led to more outsourcing to third-party organizations. To comply with Canadian auditing standards, we as your auditor must understand these third-party services to assess and address risks of material misstatements in the financial statements. As the first line of defense, management must be proactive in understanding these services to enable the auditor's compliance with the auditing standards.

What does this mean for you?

- Understand the outsourced services: Your management must have a clear understanding of the third-party services your organization uses. It is always good practice to inquire about the availability of a System and Organization Controls (SOC) report when engaging with any new third party organizations.
- Facilitate the auditor's need for information: We may ask detailed questions about your third-party relationship, including whether there are new service providers, changes to contracts, risk management process, IT environment and how transactions are handled, and the controls management implemented over the transactions handled by the third party.
- Documentation requirements: We may request documentation such as business plans, contracts, SOC reports, and Service Level Agreements (SLAs).
- SOC Reports: If a service organization relationship exists, management may need to obtain a SOC report, which is essential for assessing controls relevant to financial reporting.

 Management needs to review the list of complementary user entity controls ("CUECs") described in the SOC report and ensure that they have been implemented and that they are operating effectively at your organization. We may request evidence of this.
- **Potential Impact on Audit Opinion**: If the appropriate SOC reports are not available, or they are insufficient or if the service organization's controls are not effective, we may need to perform additional procedures or modify the audit opinion.



Standard-Setting Continues to Evolve

Actual / Expected Effective Date of New PSAS Accounting and Assurance Standards



 Listed Entity & PIE (revision to CAS 260 and CAS 700)



- PSAS Revised Conceptual
 Framework
- PS 1202, Financial
 Statement Presentation



- CAS 570 Going Concern*
- CAS 240 Fraud*
- CSSA 5000 Sustainability Assurance*



- Integrated Project –
 Audit Evidence, Risk
 Response, and
 Analytics* (2028)
- ESG MandatoryReporting (Unknown)
- Less Complex Entities
 (Unknown)
- Disruptive
 Technologies (Unknown)

MNP LLP Unit 201, 4711 – 49B Avenue Lacombe, Alberta T4L 1K1

To Whom It May Concern:

In connection with your audit of the financial statements of Kneehill County (the "County") as at December 31, 2024 and for the year then ended, we hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations made to you during the course of your audit.

We understand that your audit was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, the audit included an examination of the accounting system, controls and related data, and tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as you considered necessary in the circumstances, for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements. We also understand that such an audit is not designed to identify, nor can it necessarily be expected to disclose, misstatements, non-compliance with laws and regulations, fraud or other irregularities, should there be any.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. An item is considered material, regardless of its monetary value, if it is probable that its omission from or misstatement in the financial statements would influence the decision of a reasonable person relying on the financial statements.

Financial Statements

- 1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated September 26, 2024.
- 2. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements, and are reported in the appropriate period.
- 3. We acknowledge that we are responsible for the accounting policies followed in the preparation of the County's financial statements. Significant accounting policies, and any related changes to significant accounting policies, are disclosed in the financial statements. The selection of accounting policies is appropriate in accordance with the requirements of Canadian public sector accounting standards, and are applied consistently throughout the financial statements.
- 4. We have disclosed to you all significant assumptions used in making accounting estimates and judgements, and believe they are reasonable.
- 5. We are aware of and concur with the contents and results of the attached journal entries prepared by you, and accept responsibility for the financial statement effects of the entries.
- 6. We believe the effects of those uncorrected financial statement differences aggregated by you during the audit are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.
- 7. Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of Canadian public sector accounting standards.

- 8. All events or transactions that have occurred subsequent to the statement of financial position and for which Canadian public sector accounting standards require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed appropriately in the financial statements.
- 9. All plans or intentions that may affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities are appropriately reflected in the financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards
- 10. All liabilities, both known and contingent, requiring recognition or disclosure in the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Canadian public sector accounting standards have been adjusted or disclosed as appropriate.
- 11. All outstanding and possible claims, whether or not they have been discussed with legal counsel, have been disclosed to you and are appropriately reflected in the financial statements.
- 12. All assets, wherever located, to which the County had satisfactory title at the year-end, have been fairly stated and recorded in the financial statements. The assets are free from hypothecation, liens and encumbrances, except as noted in the financial statements. We have disclosed the nature and carrying amounts of any assets pledged as collateral. All assets of uncertain value, and restrictions imposed on assets, are appropriately reported in the financial statements.
- 13. All aspects of laws, regulations or contractual agreements, including non-compliance, are appropriately reflected in the financial statements.
- 14. All cash accounts have been appropriately recorded in the financial statements and all terms and associated conditions have been disclosed to you in full. We have provided you with the most current banking agreements.
- 15. Investments in marketable securities are appropriately recorded in the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Canadian public sector accounting standards. All events or circumstances giving rise to impairments are reflected in the financial statements.
- 16. Accounts and contributions receivable are correctly described in the records and represent valid claims as at December 31, 2024. An appropriate allowance has been made for losses from uncollectible accounts and for costs or expenses that may be incurred with respect to sales made or services rendered.
- 17. Inventory is correctly recorded in the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Canadian public sector accounting standards. All required provisions for slow-moving, obsolete, and unsaleable stock have been recorded. Inventory does not include any goods on consignment to others or goods invoiced to customers.
- 18. All charges to tangible capital assets and additions under capital leases represent capital expenditures. No expenditures of a capital nature were charged to operations of the County. Depreciation of tangible capital assets and equipment under capital leases has been recorded according to our best estimates of their useful lives. All events or circumstances giving rise to impairments are appropriately reflected in the financial statements.
- 19. Government transfers have been recognized when the transfer is authorized, and all eligibility criteria have been met.

- 20. Employee future benefits have been appropriately recorded in the financial statements according to the requirements of Canadian public sector accounting standards. All actuarial assumptions and valuations have been disclosed to you in full and are appropriate.
- 21. Revenue has been recognized only where sales have been made and items delivered, or services rendered, and the amounts have been collected or are collectible. Revenues do not include any amounts arising from consignment sales or from any other transaction from which the County is not entitled to the proceeds.
- 22. We have appropriately identified, recorded and disclosed all business combinations and changes in ownership interests during the year in accordance with the requirements of Canadian public sector accounting standards.
- 23. We have identified all financial instruments, including derivatives, and hedging relationships. These have been appropriately recorded and disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Canadian public sector accounting standards.
- 24. We have identified all known or potential contaminated sites and the costs associated with the remediation of these sites have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

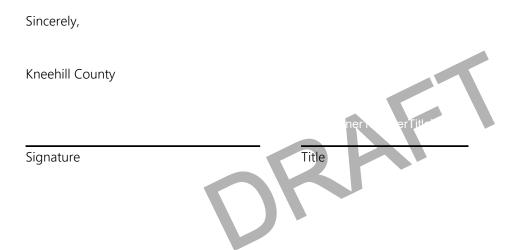
Information Provided

- 1. We have responded fully to all inquiries made to us and have made available to you:
 - A complete record of all financial records that are relevant to the preparation and presentation of the
 financial statements, related data and minutes of the meetings of the Council held throughout the year
 to the present date as well as summaries of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been
 prepared;
 - Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of your audit;
 - Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence
- 2. We acknowledge management's responsibility for the design, implementation and operation of controls that have been designed to prevent and detect fraud.
- 3. We have assessed the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud, and have determined such risk to be low.
- 4. Where the impact of any frauds or suspected frauds, and non-compliance or possible non-compliance with laws and regulations, has a material effect on the financial statements, we have disclosed to you all known significant facts relating thereto, including circumstances involving management, employees having significant roles over controls, and others. We have made known to you any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators and others. The effects of such events, if any, are properly presented in the financial statements.
- 5. We have disclosed to you all deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting of which we are aware.
- 6. We have disclosed to you all aspects of laws, regulations or contractual agreements that may affect the financial statements, including non-compliance.

- 7. We have disclosed to you the identities of all related parties to the County and all related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- 8. We have no knowledge of side agreements (contractual or otherwise) with any parties that have not been disclosed to you.
- 9. There are no discussions with your firm's personnel regarding employment with the County.

Professional Services

- 1. We acknowledge the engagement letter dated September 26, 2024, which states the terms of reference regarding your professional services.
- 2. We are not aware of any reason why MNP LLP would not be considered independent for purposes of the County's audit.





ubject: 2025 Trochu Recreation Area Special Tax Bylaw - 1914

Meeting Date: Monday, April 22, 2024

Prepared By: Rajeana Nyman, Property Tax Administrator
Presented By: Rajeana Nyman, Property Tax Administrator

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)



















High Quality Infrastructure

Economic Resilience

Quality of Life

Effective Leadership

Level of Service

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite)- Municipal Government Act, Section 382(1)

Special Tax Bylaw

- 1) Each council may pass a special tax bylaw to raise revenue to pay for a specific service or purpose by imposing one or more of the following special taxes:
 - (a) a waterworks tax;
 - (b) a sewer tax;
 - (c) a boulevard tax;
 - (d) a dust treatment tax;
 - (e) a paving tax;
 - (f) a tax to cover the cost of repair and maintenance of roads, boulevards, sewer facilities and water facilities;
 - (g) repealed 2008 cE-6.6 s55;
 - (h) a tax to enable the municipality to provide incentives to health professionals to reside and practice their professions in the municipality;
 - (i) a fire protection area tax;
 - (j) a drainage ditch tax;
 - (k) a tax to provide a supply of water for the residents of a hamlet;
 - (I) a recreational services tax.
- (2) A special tax bylaw must be passed annually.

Taxable property

383(1) The special tax bylaw authorizes the council to impose the tax in respect of property in any area of the municipality that will benefit from the specific service or purpose stated in the bylaw

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)- Bylaw 692

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BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The original Bylaw 692 was approved by Council following a public vote on April 14, 1972. This bylaw was enacted solely to generate revenue for the agreement between Kneehill County and the Town of Trochu, established under Bylaw 692. Each year, Council approves a Special Tax Levy on properties within a designated area to fund recreational services.

The tax is collected and remitted to the Town of Trochu as a year-end payment, based on their report, to fund 50% of the operational costs for the Trochu pool facility

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

For the coming year, we anticipate costs to remain relatively consistent with the final costs at the end of 2024. However, any over- or under-collection will be accounted for in the following year.

The 2024 ending balance for pool costs was \$63,882.05, while the total amount collected was \$70,979.34. This resulted in a variance of \$4,148.07 held in trust from the 2024 tax year. With funds remaining in trust, the requisition has been based on the collection amounts needed to meet an estimated \$63,882.05.

The following variables are considered in this requisition:

- Operational costs are provided to us by the Town of Trochu at year-end.
- Assessment revisions throughout the year, as changes to the 305 assessments can impact revenue.

Administration recommends a tax rate of 0.000218197 for the 2025 Trochu Recreation Special Levy, with an estimated total collection of \$59,733.89. This amount may be adjusted due to assessment revisions throughout the year.

FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

Upon approval of Bylaws 1913 and 1914, Administration will develop and send out the tax notification for June 1st.

RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:				
Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication				
Tools:	Individual Notification	Other:		

ATTACHMENTS:

Bylaw 1914 – 2025 Trochu Recreation Area Special Tax (proposed)

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

- 1. That Council approves the 2025 Trochu Recreation Special Levy.
- 2. That Bylaw 1914, being a bylaw to authorize the imposition of a special tax for the Trochu Recreation Area for the year 2025, is hereby given first reading.
- 3. That Bylaw 1914 is hereby given second reading.
- 4. That Council gives unanimous consent for third reading of Bylaw 1914 at this meeting.
- 5. That Bylaw 1914 is hereby given third and final reading.



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RECOMMENDED MOTION:

- 1. That First Reading be given to Bylaw 1914 that being a bylaw for the 2025 Trochu Recreation Area Special Tax.
- 2. That Second Reading be given to Bylaw 1914 that being a bylaw for the 2025 Trochu Recreation Area Special Tax.
- 3. That consideration to hold third reading be given to Bylaw 1914.
- 4. That Third Reading be given to Bylaw 1914 that being a bylaw for the 2025 Trochu Recreation Area Special Tax.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

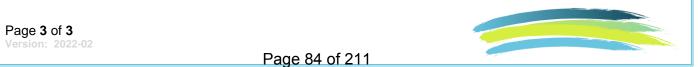
Administration will proceed with the preparation of the appropriate tax levies.

APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved-







BYLAW NO 1914

2025 TROCHU RECREATION AREA SPECIAL TAX

A BYLAW OF KNEEHILL COUNTY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO PROVIDE FOR A SPECIAL TAX TO RAISE REVENUE TO PAY ASSOCIATED COSTS OF THE TROCHU RECREATION AREA.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26, as amended, Section 382(1), a Council may pass a special tax bylaw for the purpose of raising revenue for a specific service or purpose, including a recreational services tax; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26, as amended, Section 382(2), a Council must pass a special tax bylaw annually; and

WHEREAS Council deems it appropriate to impose a special tax to raise revenue to pay the costs associated with the Trochu Recreational Services; and

WHEREAS a special tax bylaw authorizes the Council to impose the tax in respect of property in any area of the municipality that will benefit from the specific service or purpose stated in the bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of Kneehill County, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

PART ONE INTRODUCTION

1. TITLE

This Bylaw shall be known as the "2025 Trochu Recreation Area Special Tax".

2. CONDITIONS

- (1) This bylaw is enacted for the sole purpose of raising revenue to provide for the agreement between the Kneehill County and the Town of Trochu, established under Bylaw #692.
- (2) The Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized and directed to levy the rates of taxation, as established in this Bylaw, on the assessed value of the property as shown on the assessment roll of Kneehill County.
- (3) The area of Kneehill County that is affected by this recreation tax is indicated on the map attached as Schedule "A".

(4) The rate of the special tax imposed hereby on the assessment as outlined in Schedule "B" is 0.000218197 for a total revenue amount of \$59,733.98 for the 2025 tax year.

PART TWO TRANSITION

3. SEVERABILITY

(1) If a portion of this bylaw is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the invalid portion will be voided, and the rest of the bylaw remains valid and effective.

4. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This bylaw comes into effect upon third reading of this bylaw.

READ a first time on this 22nd day of April, 2025

READ a second time on this 22nd day of April, 2025

UNANIMOUS permission for third reading given in Council on the 22nd day of April, 2025

READ a third time and final time of this 22nd day of April, 2025.

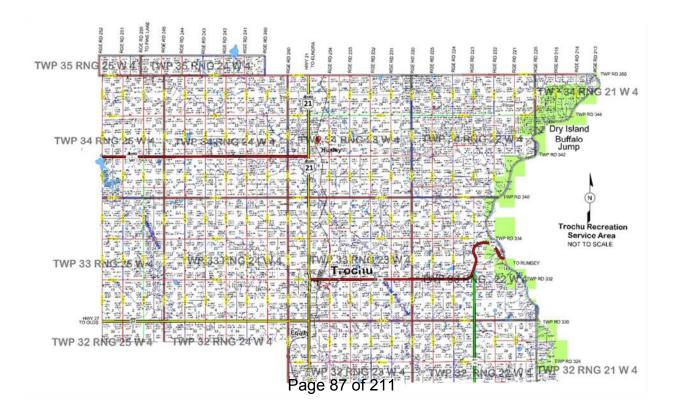
Reeve
Kenneth King
Chief Administrative Officer
Mike Haugen
Date Bylaw Signed

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SCHEDULE "A"

<u>SECTION</u>	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	MERIDIAN
19, 30, 31	32	21	4
19-36 inclusive	32	22	4
19-36 inclusive	32	23	4
31-36 inclusive	32	24	4
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28-34 inclusive	34	21	4
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1-3 inclusive	34	25	4
10-15 inclusive	34	25	4
22-27 inclusive	34	25	4
34-36 inclusive	34	25	4
1-6 inclusive	35	24	4
1 & 2	35	25	4

All properties located within the Hamlet of Huxley



Schedule "B"

Roll	Assessment	32222522000	\$35,650	32223312000	\$36,100
32211912000	\$3,930	32222532000	\$31,780	32223320600	\$5,540
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34240212000	\$14,140	34240842000	\$30,070	34241542000	\$223,540
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35250132000	\$277,710	50000032853	\$18,330	50000780018	\$24,420
35250142000	\$31,550	50000032876	\$7,990	50000850218	\$6,380
35250212000	\$23,250	50000033271	\$26,200	50000940001	\$12,810



Subject: 2025 Property Tax Bylaw – 1913

Meeting Date: Monday, April 22, 2024

Prepared By: Rajeana Nyman, Property Tax Administrator
Presented By: Rajeana Nyman, Property Tax Administrator

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)



















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RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite)-

Municipal Government Act - Property Tax Bylaw Section 353

- (1) Each council must pass a property tax bylaw annually.
- (2) The property tax bylaw authorizes the council to impose a tax in respect of property in the municipality to raise revenue to be used toward the payment of
 - (a) the expenditures and transfers set out in the budget of the municipality, and
 - (b) the requisitions.
- (3) The tax must not be imposed in respect of property
 - (a) that is exempt under section 351, 361, 362 or 364, or
- (b) that is exempt under section 363, unless the bylaw passed under that section makes the property taxable. RSA 2000 cM-26 s353;2024 c19 s12

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)-

Special Tax Levy - Trochu Recreation Levy comes forward in a separate Bylaw 1914

Local Improvement Bylaw's

Sunnyslope Bylaw 1627, 2011-2025 Kirkpatrick Bylaw 1620, 2011 - 2025 Selkirk Water Bylaw 1626, 2011 – 2025 Sunnyslope Bylaw 1643, 2012-2026 (8)



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BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

At the April 8 Council meeting, Administration presented the first reading of the 2025 Property Tax Bylaw – 1913. As no amendments were required then, the bylaw is now being brought forward for Second and Third readings.

The Property Tax Bylaw authorizes Council to impose a tax on property in the municipality to raise revenue to be used toward the payment of the expenditures set out in the County's Operating Budget.

Administration will administer and send out the combined assessment/taxation notices on or before June 1st. The Current Due Date & Penalty Bylaw 1890 states that taxes are due on or before October 31st.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

The annual 2025 Budget for Kneehill County estimated the municipal expenses to be \$32,127,835, with \$27,710,295 from taxation revenue and \$4,417,540 from other revenue sources. Total expenditures are \$32,127,835 with \$9,280,548 for future financial plans.

Therefore, the total amount to be raised by general municipal taxation is \$27,710,295.

Requisitions

In addition to the funds collected for Kneehill County operations and services, municipalities are required by legislation to collect and remit funds for various requisitions.

Alberta School Fund

Alberta School Foundation Fund collects a requisition through municipal taxes to provide Alberta's education system with a sustainable source of revenue to facilitate educational programs for schools across the province. The Province calculates the revenue based on equalized assessment values.

The municipality then divides the requisition amount by the taxable properties listed on the assessment roll to determine the provincial education tax rate for their municipality. The municipality uses this tax rate to levy the provincial education property tax on all taxable properties.

The Alberta School Fund requisition increased from \$5,572,896 in 2024 to \$6,268,673 in 2025. There is \$40,447.92 left to requisition for 2024 making the 2025 total \$6,309,119.78.

Designated Industrial Property

Designated Industrial Property (DIP) requisition is a fee charged by the province to assess linear properties within Kneehill County (wells, pipelines, telecommunications assets, etc.)

The County's 2025 obligations are \$104,112.68 to be collected from Linear and Designated Industrial owners, through a separate tax rate to pay the requisition.

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Kneehill Housing

Management bodies administer the senior's lodge program under the Alberta Housing Act and have legislated the authority to requisition taxes to assist with the costs of the accommodation services they provide to eligible seniors.

Kneehill County's 2025 Requisition Amount is \$311,682.17.

There is \$488.10 left to requisition for 2024, making the 2025 total \$312,170.27.

FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

The approval of the Tax Rate Bylaw ensures that the Administration can issue tax notices that provide the total taxation revenues as shown in the County's operating budget.

RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:					
Directive D	Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication				
Tools:	Individual Notification	Other:			

ATTACHMENTS:

2025 Property Tax Rate Bylaw - 1913

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

- 1. That Council gives second reading of Bylaw 1913 as presented.
- 2. That Council gives third reading of Bylaw 1913 as presented.
- 3. That Council requests additional information.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That Council gives second and third reading of Bylaw 1913 as presented.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

Administration will prepare and send out before or by June 1st the 2025 Tax Notifications as per the approved Bylaw.

APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved-

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BYLAW NO 1913

2025 PROPERTY TAX BYLAW

A BYLAW OF KNEEHILL COUNTY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO AUTHORIZE THE RATES OF TAXATION TO BE LEVIED AGAINST ASSESSABLE PROPERTY WITHIN KNEEHILL COUNTY FOR THE 2025 TAXATION YEAR.

WHEREAS, Kneehill County has prepared and adopted detailed estimates of municipal revenue, expenses and expenditures as required, at the Council meeting held on December 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS the estimated municipal revenues from all sources other than property taxation total \$4,417,540; and

WHEREAS the estimated municipal expenses set out in the annual budget for Kneehill County in 2025 total \$32,127,835 and the balance of \$27,710,295 is to be raised by general municipal property taxation; and

WHEREAS the estimated amount required for current and future financial plans to be raised by municipal taxation is \$9,280,648, which is included in the total expenditures for 2025; and

WHEREAS the County prepares an additional Bylaw for Special Tax Rates as per Division 5 of the Municipal Government Act, being the 2025 Trochu Recreation Area Special Tax Bylaw #1914;

THEREFORE, the total amount to be raised by general municipal taxation is \$27,710,295.

WHEREAS, the requisitions are:

Alberta School Fund	Requisition
Residential and Farmland	2,234,421.16
Non-Residential	4,034,250.70
Over/(Under) Levy	40,447.92
	6,309,119.78
Designated Industrial Property	104,112.68
Seniors Foundation	
All assessment	311,682.17
Over/(Under) Levy	488.10
	312,170.27

WHEREAS, the assessed value of all property in Kneehill County as shown on the assessment roll is:

General Municipal	
Residential	752,994,850
Farmland	151,625,750
Commercial	67,764,540
Federal Grants in Lieu of Taxes	259,020
Provincial Grants in Lieu of Taxes	68,560
Non Designated Industrial Property	44,245,680
Designated Industrial Property	380,740,420
Linear Property	1,104,461,920
	2,502,160,740

NOW THEREFORE under the authority of the Municipal Government Act, Kneehill County Council enacts as follows:

1. That the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized to levy the following rates of taxation on the assessed value of all property as shown on the assessment roll of Kneehill County:

Assessment	Tax Levy	Tax Rate
752,994,850	2,171,004.83	0.002883160
67,764,540	973,742.74	0.014369503
44,245,680	635,788.44	0.014369503
151,625,750	2,485,493.57	0.016392290
380,740,420	5,471,050.78	0.014369503
259,020	746.80	0.002883160
68,560	985.17	0.014369503
1,104,461,920	15,870,568.83	0.014369503
	100,912.15	
2,502,160,740	27,710,293.31	
Assessment	Requisition	Tax Rate
904,620,600	2,248,837.96	0.002485946
1,159,448,000	4,060,281.39	0.003501909
_	6,309,119.35	
Assessment	Requisition	Tax Rate
1,485,202,340	104,112.66	0.000070100
Assassment	Paguisition	Tax Rate
2,255,218,495	312,137.76	0.000138407
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2. That the minimum amount payable per parcel as property tax for general municipal purposes shall be \$175.

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3. The total Tax Rate for each Assessment Category is as follows:

	Municipal Levy	Alberta School Foundation Fund	Kneehill Housing Corporation	Designated Industrial Property	Total Tax Rate
Residential	0.002883160	0.002485946	0.000138407		0.005507513
Farmland	0.016392290	0.002485946	0.000138407		0.019016643
Grants in Lieu of Taxes	0.002883160				0.002883160
Machinery & Equipment / Power Generation	0.014369503		0.000138407	0.000070100	0.014578010
Non-Residential	0.014369503	0.003501909	0.000138407		0.018009819
Non DIP Industrial Property	0.014369503	0.003501909	0.000138407		0.018009819
Designated Industrial Property	0.014369503	0.003501909	0.000138407	0.000070100	0.018079919
Linear Property	0.014369503	0.003501909	0.000138407	0.000070100	0.018079919

4. This bylaw comes into force at the beginning of the day that it is passed unless otherwise provided for in the MGA or another enactment or in the bylaw. This bylaw is passed when it receives third reading, and it is signed in accordance with S.213 of the MGA.

READ a first time on this 8th day of April, 2025

READ a second time on this 22nd day of April, 2025

READ a third time and final time of this 22nd day of April, 2025

Reeve
Kenneth King
Chief Administrative Officer
Mike Haugen
Date Bylaw Signed



Subject: 2025 Dust Control Rates

Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Prepared By: Mike Ziehr, Director of Infrastructure
Presented By: Mike Ziehr, Director of Infrastructure

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)

















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RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite)- N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)- Kneehill County Policy #13-4.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Kneehill County Dust Suppression Policy 13-4 details that rates for the spec crude and calcium applications will be set based on product costs as of March of the current year.

The proposed 2025 rates for Calcium Dust Suppression are as follows:

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed 2025 rates for Calcium Dust Suppression are as follows:

	2024 Rate	2025 Rate
Full Calcium Chloride (2 Applications)	\$10.00 / metre	\$11.50 / metre
Top Spray Calcium (1 Application)	\$5.00 / metre	\$5.75 / metre
Spec Crude	\$56.00 / metre	\$56.00 / metre

A thorough cost analysis was performed on the 2024 Dust Control program. With refined tracking of gravel and dust control product volumes, equipment, and labour hours, a detailed estimate of cost per metre has been developed.

In 2024, 12 km of ratepayer-paid calcium chloride dust control applications were made, with a total volume of 328,000 litres of calcium applied to 73 separate paid locations. 1.4 km of spec crude was also applied to 4 separate locations.

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The 2024 costs to supply and install the calcium chloride are as follows:

Total	\$11.61 per lineal metre \$3.54 per foot
Equipment/labour	\$2.82 per lineal metre
Gravel cost	\$4.47 per lineal metre
Calcium Chloride product cost	\$4.32 per lineal metre

The 2024 costs to supply and install the spec crude are as follows:

Total	\$49.60 per lineal metre \$15.12 per foot
Kneehill County Equipment/labour	\$8.35 per lineal metre
Gravel cost	\$4.47 per lineal metre
Contractor equipment and product	\$36.78 per lineal metre

An analysis of the 2024 Dust Control program has verified that \$196,565 in revenue was generated and \$109,465 in expenses associated with purchasing the calcium chloride, spec crude material, and contracting the spec crude applicator truck. The difference of \$87,100 is attributable to gravel costs and Kneehill County equipment/labour.

The recommended rate for a full-service calcium chloride application in 2025 is \$11.50 per metre. This increase will bring the rates to approximate cost recovery based on current evaluations.

The installation costs for Spec crude dust control can vary significantly based on the number of application areas and the length of each installation. Numerous shorter installations spread across a wide area tend to be considerably more expensive than longer, continuous stretches due to increased mobilization, labour, and logistical complexities. Although the 2024 cost to install spec crude is estimated to be \$49.60 per metre, this is established on limited participation and does not necessarily reflect cost averaging over the last few years.

Based on this understanding, the rate for Spec Crude is recommended to remain at \$56.00 per metre, which estimates the costs of installation and County resources over an average installation length.

FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

Administration has determined the total cost of dust control applications based on several factors. While some costs, such as supplied product and contractor labour, have defined expenses, some assumptions have been made on gravel supply and installation costs and County equipment and labour expenses. These assumptions are continually refined through ongoing analysis of the County's expenses through Asset Management practices.

RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:			
Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication			
Tools:	Individual Notification	Other:	

ATTACHMENTS:

n/a

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COUNCIL OPTIONS:

- 1. That Council approve the recommended motions as presented.
- 2. That Council does not approve the recommended motions as presented.
- 3. That Council suggests alternate options to the motions.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That Council approve the 2025 dust suppression rates as \$11.50 per meter for full-service calcium chloride application and \$56.00 per meter for Spec Crude application.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

If Council approves the proposed rates, they will be advertised, and the dust control program will commence.

APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved-





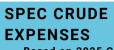
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DUST CONTROL INFORMATION



Based on 2025 Cost Breakdown



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PRODUCT

Calcium Chloride Cost: \$4.32/

meter

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CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT/ PRODUCT

Cost: Varies dependent on length Kneehill County will contract service provider to apply Spec Crude.



GRAVEL

Cost: \$4.47/ meter Gravel provides stability, and enhances dust suppression product absorption.

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EQUIPMENT/LABOUR

Cost: \$2.82/ meter

This cost includes a grader with an operator and a calcium truck with an operator.

KNEEHILL COUNTY EQUIPMENT/LABOUR

Cost: \$8.35/ meter This typically involves two graders with operators.



Total: \$11.61 per meter (\$3.54 per foot)

Total: Varies dependent on participation

APPLICATIONS

Applicants will complete an application based on their desired service. All services will be offered at rates that reflect the associated expenses and are subject to annual approval by Council.



This will be recorded as revenue in the budget each year; however, it represents income from applicants intended to offset the associated expenses.







Subject: Request to Amend Land Use Bylaw 1808 – Bylaw 1918 A to LRC

Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Prepared By: Brandy Hay-Morgan, Planning & Development Officer
Presented By: Brandy Hay-Morgan, Planning & Development Officer

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)

















High Quality Infrastructure

Economic Resilience

Quality of Life

Effective Leadership

Level of Service

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite)- Municipal Government Act, Alberta Utilities Commission Act, Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act

Municipal Government Act Section 216 Public Hearings, Section 606 Requirements for Advertising

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)- Bylaw 1772 Advertising Bylaw, Land Use Bylaw 1808, Municipal Development Plan 1905

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Nalini Ramdin is the current landowner of SW 29-31-24 W4, Plan 9410761 Block 1, and has granted Alexander Kozmak the authority (Agent) to apply to redesignate a portion of the land to Local Rural Commercial (LRC). The subject land is southwest of the Town of Three Hills, approximately 4.2 miles(6.75 km). Redesignating a portion of the land would allow automobile parts storage on the north portion of this property.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

The purpose of the Local Rural Commercial District is to allow commercial development in the rural part of the County. Motor Vehicle Servicing, Repair, and Storage is a Permitted Use within the Local Rural Commercial District, which would allow the applicant to store automobiles and parts on the premises.

Kneehill County's Land Use Bylaw 1808 defines "Motor Vehicle Servicing, Repair, and Storage" as a facility or area for the maintenance of motor vehicles and includes the supply and sale of fuels, oils, lubricants, tires and other parts and accessories and the storage and protection of vehicles, both indoors and in secured and screened compounds.

The property is accessed via TWP 314. The applicant intends to utilize the existing accessory buildings for automobile part storage and install screening, where automobiles will be kept until dismantled at the applicant's shop in Calgary.

Notices are a requirement of Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA). They must be done by an advertised method in accordance with Kneehill County's Advertising Bylaw 1772, which notes the Three Hills Capital and Kneehill County website as our official means for notification.

As part of our process, we continue to mail notices to adjacent landowners and referral agencies within one mile of the site who could be considered potentially affected parties. The internal Kneehill County

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departments are included in the agency referral. Landowners within a mile radius will also receive the referral notice.

A person who claims to be deemed affected must be allowed to be heard by Council. First Reading is the mechanism for moving an application into the process.

Below are the uses that can be introduced on the lands that have been redesignated into the Local Rural Commercial District.

Permitted Uses	
 (a) Accessory Building (b) Automotive and Recreational Vehicle Sales and Rentals (c) Culinary Herb Production (d) Cut Flower Market (e) Eating and Drinking Establishment (f) Gas Bar (g) Motor Vehicle Servicing Repair & Storage – Service Station (h) Office (i) Personal Services Facility 	(j) Public or Quasi-public Use (k) Public Utility Building (l) Restaurant (m) Retail Store (n) Security Suite (o) Solar, Private – Ground Mounted (p) Temporary Second Dwelling (q) Tourist Information Services & Facilities (r) Tree Farm (s) U-Pick (t) Veterinary Clinic
Discretionary Uses	
 (a) Accessory Use(s) (b) Agricultural Processing (c) Agricultural Support Service (d) Agricultural Tourism (e) Animal Shelter (f) Auction Mart (g) Auction Mart, Livestock (h) Brewery/Distillery & Sales (i) Bulk Fuel Depot (j) Campground/RV Park (k) Cannabis Retail Sales – Medical & Non-medical (l) Car/Truck Wash (m) Cheese Processing (n) Commercial Kennel (o) Commercial Storage (p) Drive-Through Business (q) Equipment Rentals (r) Farm and Industrial Equipment and Machinery Sales and Service (s) Financial Service (t) Funeral Home 	(u) Greenhouse, Commercial (v) Hemp Processing (w) Hotel (x) Housing, Employee (y) Landscaping, Commercial (z) Liquor Sales (aa) Market Garden (bb) Meat Market / Butcher (cc) Motel (dd) Portable Storage Container (ee) Recreational, Minor (ff) Recycling Collection Point (gg) Recycling Depot (hh) Storage Rental Facilities (ii) Riding Arena, Commercial (jj) RV Storage – Major (kk) RV Storage – Minor (II) Sign (mm) Veterinary Hospital (nn) Warehousing (oo) Wind Energy Conversion System, Private (pp) Wool Processing

FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

The operating budget is not affected. If the projects are successful, additional tax revenue will be included in our overall assessment.

There are no staffing implications to the recommended motion.





RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:				
Consultative Decision (Consulting the Public- Two Way Communication)				
Tools: Public Hearing Other:				

ATTACHMENTS:

Bylaw 1918

Local Rural Commercial District

Letter of Intent

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

- 1. That Council move First Reading of proposed Bylaw 1918 for the purpose of amending Land Use Bylaw 1808 by redesignating a portion of the SW 29-31-24 W4, Plan 9410761 Block 1 from Agriculture District to Local Rural Commercial District.
- 2. That Council move to schedule the Public Hearing, as per Sections 216 & 692 of the Municipal Government Act, to be held on May 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.
- 3. That Council move to schedule the Public hearing at an alternate date and time.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

- 1. That Council move First Reading of proposed Bylaw 1918 for the purpose of amending Land Use Bylaw 1808 by redesignating a portion of the SW 29-31-24 W4, Plan 9410761 Block 1 from Agriculture District to Local Rural Commercial District.
- 2. That Council move to schedule the Public Hearing, as per Sections 216.4 & 606 of the Municipal Government Act, to be held on May 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

Administration will ensure that the required notifications and advertising are made before the public hearing as per Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act.

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APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved-

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101. LRC - Local Rural Commercial

LRC

Purpose

To provide for commercial development within the County, including tourist uses which charge a fee.

Permitted Uses			
 (a) Accessory Building (b) Automotive and Recreational Vehicle Sales and Rentals (c) Culinary Herb Production (d) Cut Flower Market (e) Eating and Drinking Establishment (f) Gas Bar (g) Motor Vehicle Servicing Repair & Storage – Service Station (h) Office (i) Personal Services Facility 	 (j) Public or Quasi-public Use (k) Public Utility Building (l) Restaurant (m) Retail Store (n) Security Suite (o) Solar, Private – Ground Mounted (p) Temporary Second Dwelling (q) Tourist Information Services & Facilities (r) Tree Farm (s) U-Pick (t) Veterinary Clinic 		
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Land Use Bylaw 1808

(1) Subdivision Regulations

(a) Minimum Lot Area: 1 acre (0.4 ha)(b) Minimum Lot Width: 30.5 m (100 ft.)

(2) Development Regulations

primary Highways:

(a) Maximum Lot Coverage: Sixty Percent (60%)

(b) Maximum Height of any Principal or 12.0 m (39.4 ft.) Accessory Structure:

(3) Siting Regulations

(a) Minimum Yard, Front Setback from 30.5 m (98.4 ft.) the rights-of-way of Roads other than

(b) Minimum Yard, Front Setback from as required by Alberta Primary Highways: Transportation

(c) Minimum Yard, Side Setback:7.6 m (25 ft.)(d) Minimum Yard, Rear Setback:7.6 m (25 ft.)

(4) Parking

(a) Onsite parking requirements shall be determined by the Development Authority based on the evaluation of each individual application.

(5) Special Requirements

- (a) The exterior finish of any building shall be to the satisfaction of the Development Authority.
- (6) For development in the Local Rural Commercial District, the following criteria shall apply to each application:
 - (a) The development shall be located adjacent to a road that meets the standard local road or art road County standard.
 - (b) The access location shall be approved by the Development Authority in consultation with the County's Transportation Department.
 - (c) The development shall have good access to any highway. If multiple enterprises are included in one site an Outline Plan or Area Structure Plan will be required.
 - (d) The development shall have suitable access and/or service roads so as not to interfere with traffic, or create a hazard to traffic.
 - (e) In approving any developments that require upgrading of municipal roads to give proper access to the development, the applicant shall pay for the upgrading of the road in compliance with the County's current road building policy or GMSS.
 - (f) The development shall have adequate sewage disposal systems and available water supplies as required by appropriate authorities.
 - (g) If required by the Development Authority, the development shall also obtain approval under the Special Events Bylaw for specific events.

Land Use Bylaw 1808

(7) In addition to the regulations listed above, other regulations may apply. These include Part VII – General Land Use Regulations, Part VIII – Specific Land Use Regulations, Part IX – Landscaping, Fencing and Screening, Part X – Parking and Loading Regulations, and Part XI – Sign Regulations.



BYLAW NO. 1918

REDESIGNATION FROM AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO LOCAL RURAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

BEING A BYLAW OF THE COUNCIL OF KNEEHILL COUNTY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO AMEND LAND USE BYLAW NO. 1808

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, as amended, a Municipal Council has authority to govern and to pass bylaws respecting the municipality; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and expedient to amend Bylaw No. 1808 in the manner hereinafter.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of Kneehill County, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, and under the powers conferred upon it by the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26, and amendment thereto, enacts as follows:

1. THAT in PART XIV- LAND USE MAPS, the relevant 3.98 acres of SW 29-31-24 W4, Plan 9410761, Lot 1, shown in the sketch below, will be redesignated from A – Agriculture District to LRC- Local Rural Commercial District.



2.	EFFE	CTIVE	DATE
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(1) This bylaw comes into effect	upon third reading.
READ a first time on this 22 nd day of April, 2025.	
Public Hearing Date on this 27 th day of May 2025.	
READ a second time on this day of	, 2025.
READ a third time and final time of this day of	, 2025.
	Reeve
	Kenneth King
Date Bylaw Signed	
	Chief Administrative Officer
	Mike Haugen

I, Nalini Ramdin, owner of the above mentioned land, am looking to open and to operate a business of selling used auto parts.

Looking to use this land as a storage for vehicles (up to 40-50 vehicles) and used auto parts only. The business will operate mainly through generating online leads and delivering/shipping parts within North America. The intention is to use this land as storage only. This land will Not be used as a storefront ,nor a retail location; therefore the traffic to and from the location will be minimized and mainly restricted to employees.

Most of the vehicles are purchased at a

insurance auctions in Calgary and Edmonton. Rarely vehicles will be purchased from a private party or from outside of the province. The vehicles that are purchased from a private party will be subjected to a vin search at a registry to insure that these vehicles are not reported stolen. Insurance Auto Auction and Copart are the 2 main insurance auto auctions in Alberta.

After a vehicle is purchased it will be either delivered to Kneehill for storage, and later transported to a location in Calgary for dismantling. The parts will then be stored in the 2 barns in Kneehill.

It is to be noted that there will be absolutely no crushing of vehicles at the site.

The oils and the antifreeze and other fluids will be drained from the vehicles at the Calgary site. In the rare occasion that a vehicle might need to be drained on the Kneehill property, it will be done in one of the barns, and the liquids will be stored in appropriate bins and disposed of at appropriate waste/ recycling facilities. The plastics and other garbage will be loaded in a dump trailer and taken to a landfill.

It is important to mention that it is a priority for us to ensure that we are not disturbing anyone in the area. For this purpose we are suggesting to fence off the area of the land which would be used for storage of the parts and vehicles. Also to deliver vehicles only up to a certain hour of the evening around 8 pm and open to suggestions.

There are 2 main online platforms which will be utilized for advertising. First is the Facebook marketplace for local orders. Second is EBAY for international orders.

There will be NO retail customers coming directly to the location - operate only on delivery basis.

Finally we are willing to listen and work around suggestions of the community to ensure that we are not disturbing anyone's regular routines.

We hope that this letter of intent provides you with clarity on the type of business we are planning to use the land for. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

Nalini Ramdin.



Subject: Bylaw 1919, Procedural Bylaw

Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Prepared By: Carolyn Van der Kuil, Legislative Services Manager
Presented By: Carolyn Van der Kuil, Legislative Services Manager



















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RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite)- Municipal Government Act, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act (Bill 20)

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)- Bylaw #1846, Procedural Bylaw

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Following the proclamation of the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act (Bill 20) in October 2024, Administration conducted a review of Kneehill County's Procedural Bylaw to ensure compliance with the new requirements for virtual attendance at public hearings and the management of Council members' conflicts of interest.

During this time, Administration also completed a more thorough review of the bylaw as a whole and made proposed updates throughout for the purpose of enhancing the overall understanding and effectiveness of the bylaw.

The Committee of the Whole reviewed the proposed Bylaw on April 15, 2025, and suggested several changes, which are highlighted in blue font.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Changes to the Procedural Bylaw are required in response to the passing of Bill 20, which requires municipalities to allow virtual attendance to all public hearings. These changes have been reflected under section Section15 Electronic Meetings and Part 6 Public Hearings.

Bill 20 also specifically identified conflict of interest for members of a Council in the Alberta Municipal Government act (MGA) and added criteria around what could be considered a conflict of interest. These changes have been reflected under Section 41, Voting- Pecuniary Interest and Conflict of Interest.

Some other key changes to the bylaw include:

- Definitions included for Electronic Means, Group in Public Hearing, and Public Hearing Scheduled Through Special Council Meeting and the removal of the Friendly Amendment Definition.
- Role of Reeve- removing permission to invite people forward from the audience to speak.
- Acting Chair- No provisions were currently in place to select Acting Chair
- Regular Meetings of Council- More clarity on how regular meeting dates will be set.



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- Special Meetings- Change title to Special Council Meetings to align with Municipal Government Act Section 194
- Clarity regarding Organizational Meeting Procedures and agenda.
- Align delegation request deadlines with the corresponding deadlines for Administration's reports.
- Meetings by Electronic Means
 - Council members are still able to attend Council and Committee meetings by electronic means if they are unable to attend in person. The County will also maintain its practice of livestreaming Council Meetings, Committee of the Whole Meetings, Special Council Meetings, Organizational Meetings, and Public Hearings as it currently does.
 - The Public are now able to attend Public Hearings by Electronic Means.
 - Council members may attend closed sessions via electronic means during regular
 Council meetings or Committee of the Whole meetings. However, they cannot participate in closed sessions held during public hearings due to meeting security considerations.
 - Recording, Broadcasting and/or Streaming Council/Special/Committee of the Whole/Public Hearings/Organizational Meetings title changed to Recording and Live Streaming Meetings.
 - Addition of the Official record of meetings shall be the approved minutes as required by the Municipal Government Act.
 - Emergent Business- Wording County Manager changed to Chief Administrative Officer (CAO),
 - Proceedings-
 - Pecuniary Interest removed from here and placed into section 41
 - Recording of Motions removed from here and placed into section 40
 - Recorded Vote removed from here and placed into section 40
 - Voting on Motions title changed to Voting and Recorded Votes
 - No provision was in place for the process of how votes are taken regularly and during a recorded vote.
 - Voting-Pecuniary Interest and Conflict of Interest; Process identified if a Council has a Pecuniary Interest or a Conflict of Interest.
 - Public Hearings Part Six Amended for the allowance of virtual attendance at a public hearing.
 - A process has been outlined for participants who wish to speak virtually during a public hearing.
 - Anyone can still listen to and watch the public hearing through Kneehill County's Livestream without prior registration.
 - Only those who wish to speak virtually regarding the bylaw need to follow the specified registration process.
 - Process for meetings that will meet or exceed the seating capacity of Council Chambers
 - o Removal to any reference to Friendly Amendment.

The new proposed Bylaw #1919 would repeal and replace the current Procedural Bylaw # 1846.

FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:			
Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication			
Tools:	Individual Notification	Other:	



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ATTACHMENTS:

Proposed Bylaw# 1919

Current Procedural Bylaw 1846

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

- 1. Pass all three readings to Bylaw 1919 (with unanimous consent for third reading)
- 2. Pass two readings to Bylaw 1919 and bring third reading to the next Council Meeting.
- 3. Direct administration to bring further information
- 4. Receive for information.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That Council provide first reading to Bylaw 1919, that being a bylaw for the purpose of regulating meeting proceedings for Council and Council Committee meetings.

That Council provide second reading to Bylaw 1919, that being a bylaw for the purpose of regulating meeting proceedings for Council and Council Committee meetings.

That Council provide unanimous consent to hold third reading.

That Council provide third and final reading to Bylaw 1919, that being a bylaw for the purpose of regulating meeting proceedings for Council and Council Committee meetings.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved-





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BYLAW NO 1919

PROCEDURAL BYLAW

A BYLAW OF KNEEHILL COUNTY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING MEETING PROCEEDINGS FOR COUNCIL AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

WHEREAS Section 145 of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000 Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto authorizes Council to pass bylaws that regulates the procedure and conduct of Council and Council Committee meetings in order to promote orderly proceedings and to provide for open and effective government.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of Kneehill County, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

PART ONE – INTRODUCTION

1. TITLE

This bylaw shall be known as the "Procedural Bylaw".

2. DEFINITIONS

In this bylaw the following words and phrases mean:

"Act" means the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000 Chapter M-26, any regulations thereunder, and any amendments or successor legislation thereto.

"Adjourn" means to close and terminate the meeting or public hearing.

"Administration" means an employee, employed by the County.

"Agenda" is the list of items and orders of business for any meeting along with associated reports, policies, bylaws or other documents.

"Bylaw" means a Bylaw of Kneehill County.

"Chairman/Chair" means the person who has been given authority to direct the conduct of a meeting and when in attendance at a Council meeting, shall mean the Reeve or Deputy Reeve.

"Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)" is the administrative head of the municipality who is appointed by Council pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*.

"Closed Session" means a meeting of Council or Committee which is held in private without the presence of the public pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act.

"Committee" means a Council Committee, Board or other body established by Council pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*.

"Council" means the Reeve and Councillors, duly elected in the County and who continue to hold office.

"Councillors" means a duly elected Member of Council, including the Reeve.

"County" means Kneehill County.

"Committee of the Whole" A Council Committee where all members of Council sit as a committee and operates under informal rules to discuss emerging matters and may recommend matters discussed be brought back to a subsequent Council meeting for action.

"Council Committee" means a committee, board, or other body established by Council under Section 145-146 of the Municipal Government Act.

"Deputy Reeve" is the Councillor appointed by Council to act as Reeve when the Reeve is unable to perform the duties of the Reeve or if the office of Reeve is vacant.

"Electronic or other Communication Facilities" shall mean that members of Council may attend a Council or Committee meeting through electronic communications. This can include using a telephone with the use of the speaker, via personal computer, or other means of technology advances.

"Electronic Means" means an electronic or telephonic communication method that enables all persons attending a meeting to hear and communicate with each other during the course of the meeting.

"Emergent Business" is business that is an emergency situation that poses an immediate risk to health, life, property, environment or financial well-being of the County and calls for prompt action.

"Friendly Amendment" is an amendment to a Motion under debate that is perceived by all parties as an enhancement to the original Motion.

"Group in Public Hearing" A group in a public hearing refers to two or more individuals representing a shared position, interest, or organization on a matter before Council. Groups may include community organizations, associations, businesses, or individuals who have coordinated their presentation to provide a collective viewpoint.

"Significant Public Hearing" refers to a hearing of heightened public interest, where attendance is expected to reach or surpass the capacity of Council Chambers.

"Majority" means more than half of the Members present.

"Meeting" means an organizational, regular or special meeting of Council or Committee.

"Member" is duly elected member of Council or a duly appointed member of a committee who continues to hold office.

"Members at Large" is a member of the public appointed by Council to a Committee of Council.

"Motion" is a proposal for action by Council or Committee.

"Organizational Meeting" means a Meeting of Council held in accordance with Section 192 of the *Municipal Government Act* and Part 3 of this Bylaw.

"Point of Order" is a statement from a Member to call attention to any departure from the Procedural Bylaw.

"Point of Privilege" refers to all matters affecting the rights and privileges of Council collectively or any of its members individually.

"Public Hearing- Group" A group in a public hearing refers to two or more individuals representing a shared position, interest, or organization on a matter before Council. Groups may include community organizations, associations, businesses, or individuals who have coordinated their presentation to provide a collective viewpoint.

"Public Hearing Scheduled Through Special Council Meeting" Refers to a Public Hearing anticipated to generate significant public interest, with attendance expected to meet or

exceed the capacity of Council Chambers.

"Quorum" means the number of Members required for the legal conduct of the business of Council or a Committee. In the case of Meeting of Council, quorum is four (4) Members.

"Recording Secretary" means the person designated to record the minutes of a Council or Committee meeting.

"Regular Meetings" is a meeting of Council held in accordance with Section 193 of the Municipal Government Act.

"Reeve" means the Chief Elected Official of the County within the meaning of the Municipal Government Act.

"Special Meetings" is a meeting of Council held in accordance with Section 194 of the Municipal Government Act.

"Statutory Public Hearing" means a public hearing required by the *Municipal Government Act* or other legislation.

"Written Consent" means to give approval or consent either by email, text message, facsimile or by signed letter.

APPLICATION

- (1) This Bylaw shall govern Organizational Meetings, Regular Meetings, Special Meetings, and Council Committees established by Council and shall be binding upon all Committee members whether Members of Council or Members at Large.
- (2) When any matter relating to the meeting proceeding is not addressed in this Bylaw or in the *Municipal Government Act*, the matter will be determined by referring to the most recent version of "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised".
- (3) In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Bylaw and Robert's Rules of Order, the provisions of this Bylaw shall apply.
- (4) Notwithstanding Paragraph 3(1), where the Committee Bylaw or Terms of Reference establishes other procedures or gives the Committee the authorization to establish its own Meeting procedure, if there is a conflict between the Committee's established Meeting procedures and this Bylaw, that Committee's established Meeting procedure will have precedence over this Bylaw for the purposes of that Committee's Meetings.

PART TWO - ROLFS

3. REEVE

- (1) The Reeve, when present, shall preside as Chair over all meeting of Council, unless otherwise provided for in this Bylaw;
- shall preside over the conduct of the meeting, including the preservation of good order and decorum, ruling on points of order, replying to points of procedure and deciding all questions relating to the orderly procedure of the meeting, subject to an appeal by any Member of Council from any ruling of the Chair;
- ensures that each Councillor who wishes to speak on a debatable Motion is granted the opportunity to do so;
- (4) with the permission of Council, may invite persons forward from the audience to speak if it is deemed to be within the best interests of the issue being discussed;
- (5) has all the same rights and is subject to the same restrictions, as to participation in debate, as all other Councillors.

4. DEPUTY REEVE

- (1) The Deputy Reeve chairs Council meetings when the Reeve is absent or unable to act as Reeve and shall have all the powers and responsibilities of the Reeve under this Bylaw.
- (2) The Deputy Reeve will Chair Committee of the Whole Meetings. In the absence of the Deputy Reeve, the Reeve will assume the role of Chair.

5. ACTING CHAIR

- (1) An Acting Chair presides over Council meetings as the Chair when both the Reeve and Deputy Reeve are unable to perform the duties of the position.
 - a. The Chief Administrative Officer will preside over the selection of the Acting Chair. Once the Acting Chair is selected, they will preside over the remainder of the meeting.
 - b. An Acting Chair is chosen by general consensus of the members in attendance or, if required, by a resolution of the members in attendance.

PART THREE-COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

6. QUORUM

- (1) As soon as there is a quorum of members after the time set for the meeting, the Chair will call the meeting to order.
- (2) If there is no quorum present within half an hour after the time set for the meeting, the Chief Administrative Officer or designate shall, record the names

- of the members present and the meeting shall be adjourned.
- (3) If the Reeve or Deputy Reeve in the case of Council or Chair and Vice Chair in the case of Committee are not in attendance within fifteen minutes after the hour appointed for a meeting, and a quorum is present the CAO or designate shall call the meeting to order and a chairman shall be chosen by the members present to preside until the arrival of the Reeve or Deputy Reeve in the case of Council or Chair or Vice Chair in the case of Committee.

7. REGULAR MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

- (1) Shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month provided that where a regular Council meeting falls on a holiday, the meeting shall be held on the next following day, not being a holiday or on such other day as Council decides by Motion. At its organizational meeting, Council will establish the dates and time of regular Council and committee meetings for the ensuing year using the following criteria
 - a. Meetings shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. If that date falls on a holiday, the meeting shall be held on the following day.
- (2) All Councillors must be present when establishing the dates and times of regular Council meetings pursuant to section 193 (1) or the *Municipal Government Act*.
- (3) Council may by Motion, change a regularly scheduled meeting day if necessary due to conflicting dates of other meetings or conventions Council would be attending.
- (4) Meetings shall take place at the Kneehill County Municipal Office or at another location within the Municipality when Notice is given.
- (5) Regular meetings of Council shall commence at 8:30 a.m.
- (6) If Council changes the date, time or place of a regularly scheduled meeting, the municipality must give at least 24 hours' notice of the change to any Member of Council not present at the meeting at which the change was made, and to the public.
- (7) the CAO or designate will be responsible for posting public notice of changes to a Regular Meeting at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance by:
 - a. Posting a notice in the foyer and on the main entrance window at Kneehill County Administration Building;
 - b. Posting a notice on the County's website if time permits, and
 - c. Posting a notice in the local newspaper if time permits.

8. CANCELLATION OF MEETINGS

(1) A cancellation of a regular scheduled meeting must be made by resolution of

Council. If Council changes the date, time or place of a regularly scheduled meeting, the municipality must give at least 24 hours' notice of the change

- a. To any Member of Council not present at the meeting at which the change was made; and
- b. To the public.

9. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

- (1) A Special Council Meeting shall be scheduled when required by the Reeve or a majority of Council.
- (2) No less than 24-hours notice of a Special Council Meeting shall be provided to each Councillor and to the public. The notice shall state the time, date, place and in general terms the nature of the business to be transacted.
- (3) A Special Council Meeting may be held with less than 24 hours' notice to all Councillors and without notice to the public if at least two-thirds of the whole Council agrees to do this in writing before the beginning of the meeting.
- (4) The Agenda for a Special Council Meeting shall be restricted to the business stated in the notice unless all Councillors are present and a Motion is passed to deal with the additional matter.

10. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

- (1) An Organizational Meeting shall be held no later than two weeks fourteen days after the third Monday in October each year.
- (2) The CAO (or designate) shall fix the time, date, and place of the Organizational Meeting.
- (3) Council holds an annual organizational meeting pursuant to section 192 (1) of the Municipal Government Act for the purpose of appointing the Reeve and Deputy Reeve, establishing Council and committee meeting dates, appointing members to committees, and any other business included on or added to the organizational meeting agenda.
- (4) At the organizational meetings, Council:
 - a. Appoints the Reeve and Deputy Reeve for the ensuring one-year period;
 - **b.** Establishes the dates and times of regular Council, committee meetings and Organizational meetings as required;
 - ← Makes Council and Committee appointments as required, including appointments for council representatives, member at large positions, and Chair and Vice Chair Positions.
 - **d.** Determines the seating arrangements for the ensuing one year period using the following guidelines:

- i The seating arrangements of Council shall be determined at the Organizational Meeting. The Reeve shall occupy the center seat at the head of the Council table with the Deputy Reeve occupying the position directly to the Reeve's left. The seating positions of the remainder of Councillors shall be determined by each Councillor drawing a number between 1 and 5. Councillor seating will also be numbered from 1 through 5 as determined by the CAO or designate prior to Councillors drawing their number. The order of drawing is determined by the official Division number with Division 1 drawing first and Division 7 drawing last. In the event any Councillor is not present at the drawing, the Chief Administrative Officer, or designate, will draw for the Councillor(s) not present.
- e. Considers any other matter on or added to the organizational meeting agenda.
- (5) During organizational meetings:
 - The Chief Administrative Officer calls the meeting to order, presides over the appointment of the Reeve for the ensuing year and their oath of office; and
 - b. Once elected, the Reeve presides over the appointment of the Deputy Reeve for the ensuing year and all subsequent matters on the organizational meeting agenda.
- (6) During the appointment of vacant positions at the organizational meeting, or as otherwise required from time to time, the following procedures apply:
 - a. Candidates nominated for Reeve or Deputy Reeve will be announced out loud. Candidates will not be nominated by secret ballot.
 - b. If only one nomination is received for a vacant position, the nominee will be appointed by acclamation; or
 - c. If more than one nomination is received for a vacant position, a vote by secret ballot will be conducted using the following exhaustive ballot procedure:
 - i If no nominee receives a majority of votes on the first ballot, the nominee who received the least number of votes is dropped from the ballot and a subsequent ballot is conducted with the remaining nominees; and
 - ii On any subsequent ballots, the nominee who receives the least number of votes is dropped from the ballot until a nominee receives the majority of votes.

- (7) All appointments, including appointments determined by secret ballot, must be confirmed by resolution pursuant to section 185.1 (2) of the *Municipal Government Act*.
- (8) All ballots for secret ballot votes conducted at the organizational meeting are destroyed after the meeting is adjourned.
- (9) All Councillors before being appointed to a Council Committee or Board, must sign a Statement of Code of Ethics and Conduct Form that is attached to the adopted Councillor Code of Conduct & Ethics Bylaw.
- (10) Agenda- At the Organizational Meeting:
 - a. CAO or designate:
 - i call the meeting to order;
 - ii presides over the election of the Reeve for the ensuing one-year period; and
 - iii administers the Oaths of Office.

b. Reeve:

i presides over the election of the Deputy Reeve for the ensuing one year period.

c. Council:

- i All Councillors before being appointed to a Council Committee or Board, must sign a Statement of Code of Ethics and Conduct Form that is attached to the adopted Councillor Code of Conduct & Ethics Bylaw. (Moved to #9)
- ii appoints Council Committees and Board Members;
- iii conducts other business identified within the Organizational meeting Agenda.
- (11) The seating arrangements of Council shall be determined at the Organizational Meeting. The Reeve shall occupy the center seat at the head of the Council table with the Deputy Reeve occupying the position directly to the Reeve's left. The seating positions of the remainder of Councillors shall be determined by each Councillor drawing a number between 1 and 5. Councillor seating will also be numbered from 1 through 5 as determined by the CAO or designate prior to Councillors drawing their number. The order of drawing is determined by the official Division number with Division 1 drawing first and Division 7 drawing last. In the event any Councillor is not present at the drawing, the Chief Administrative Officer, or designate, will draw for the Councillor(s) not present.

(moved to 4 (d) i)

(12) Nominations

- a. Candidates nominated for Reeve or Deputy Reeve will be announced out loud. Candidates will not be nominated by secret ballot.
- b. If only one nomination is received for the position of Reeve or Deputy Reeve, that nominee shall be declared elected by acclamation.
- c. Where there is more than one nomination for Reeve or Deputy Reeve, voting shall be done by secret ballot.
- d. If, on the first ballot, no one Councillor receives a clear majority of the votes, the Councillor who received the least number of votes shall be dropped from the ballot and a second ballot shall be taken.
- e. On subsequent ballots, a Councillor who receives the least number of votes shall be dropped from the ballot until a Councillor receives a clear majority.
- f. Councillors hold office from the beginning of the Organizational Meeting following the General Election until immediately before the beginning of the Organizational Meeting following the next General Election, in accordance with the Local Authorities Election Act, R.S.A. 2000 Chapter L-21. (local authorities election act terms of office 9 (1)

11. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGS

- (1) The purpose of the Committee of the Whole is to allow Council to meet in a less formal and structured manner to:
 - a. Discuss issues of long term planning and policy development
 - b. Discuss complex administration, finance, zoning and land development issues; and
 - c. Consider any other matters that from time to time may require Council's in depth consideration
- (2) Committee of the Whole will meet for the purposes of discussion and possible recommendation to Council. No formal decisions will be made at Committee of the Whole meetings. Recommendations of the Committee of the Whole shall be voted upon at a future Council meeting.
- (3) Council Committee of the Whole may make motions for the following purposes:
 - a. for "procedural" purposes (adopting agenda and the previous Committee of the Whole minutes, and adjourning the meeting);
 - b. to make recommendation to Council or other Council Committee's regarding a matter discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting;

and

- to provide direction to Administration in the preparation and continued development of a matter being reviewed during the Committee of the Whole meeting.
- (4) Meetings of the Committee of the Whole shall be open to the public, unless the Committee moves into a closed session which complies with the MGA Section 197(2).
- (5) The Committee of the Whole meeting schedule shall be established by motion at the annual organization meeting or at a regular meeting following the organizational meeting, as may be appropriate.
- (6) Notice of Council Committee of the Whole meetings shall be posted on the County's website.
- (7) The agenda will be posted on the County website the Friday prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting.
- (8) Regular Committee of the Whole meetings will be held at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.
- (9) Minutes of a Committee of the Whole meeting shall be adopted by motion at the following Committee of the Whole meeting.

12. DELEGATIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

- (1) A member wishing to appear before Council, individually and as a group, must make a written submission to the CAO (or designate) to arrive no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Wednesday immediately prior to the Council meeting. Requests for individuals or groups to present to Council as a delegation shall be made 19 (nineteen) days prior to the requested meeting date. Exceptions for emergent issues may be made at the discretion of the CAO (or designate).
- (2) Delegations are scheduled at the discretion of the CAO (or designate), subject to:
 - a. the volume of material on any given agenda;
 - b. the number of requests for a specific meeting date and urgency of request; or
 - c. subject matter
- (3) The written submission will indicate the following information:
 - a. complete name of the presenter(s) and contact information (i.e. Mailing address, e-mail, telephone/fax number) and the organization they are representing (if applicable);
 - nature and purpose of the delegation and the material to be covered/presented;
 - c. any PowerPoint presentation or other material to be used or presented at the meeting.

- (4) Presentations will be directed to the Chair and will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes with an additional ten (10) minutes for questions for clarification by members and administration. The Chair may extend the time limits as necessary.
- (5) Information presented by the delegation will be restricted to the topic noted in the written submission and recorded on the meeting agenda.
- (6) Subsequent deputations from the same individual/group concerning a topic on which they have previously presented or spoken will not be permitted unless there is significant new information to be brought forward.
- (7) Delegations will not be heard regarding matters involving current or pending litigation, insurance claims, matters beyond the jurisdiction of Council, or Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act issues.
- (8) Delegations will not be permitted to speak regarding topics that will be the subject of an upcoming public meeting pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, unless exceptional circumstances apply which have been reviewed and approved by Council. Persons wishing to speak about such matters are requested to present their concerns and opinions at the scheduled public meeting where their comments can be considered along with all other submissions.

13. CLOSED SESSION

- (1) The Municipal Government Act permits Council or Committee to close all or part of the meeting to the public if a matter to be discussed is within one of the exceptions to disclosure contained in Division 2 Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
- (2) Before closing all or any part of the meeting to the public, a Council or Council Committee shall pass a motion
 - a. that includes the basis for which that part of the meeting is to be closed and;
 - The related section of FOIP that applies, under the Exception to Disclosure in Division 2 of Part 1 (Section 16 to 29) or under the regulations under subsection (7)
- (3) When a meeting is held in closed session, no Motion or Bylaw may be passed except a Motion to revert to a meeting held in public.
- (4) Where a Council or Council Committee closes all or part of a meeting to the public, the Council or Council Committee may allow one or more other persons to attend, as it considers appropriate.
- (5) A Subdivision Authority, Development Authority or Subdivision and Development Appeal Board established under Part 17 of the *Municipal Government Act* may deliberate and make its decision in a meeting closed to the public.

- (6) After the closed meeting discussions are completed, any members of the public who are present outside the meeting room must be notified that the rest of the meeting is now open to the public, and a reasonable amount of time must be given for those members of the public to return to the meeting before it continues.
- (7) In accordance with the MGA, Section 153 and the FOIP act, all members are required to keep in confidence matters discussed in closed session until the item is discussed at a meeting held in public.

14. MEETING THROUGH ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS MEETINGS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

- (1) Council may conduct any Council Meeting or Committee Meeting through electronic means in accordance with the requirements of applicable provincial and municipal legislation.
- (2) Council shall conduct all Public Hearings through electronic means in accordance with the requirements of applicable provincial and municipal legislation.
- (3) Anyone may participate in a Public Hearing through electronic means in accordance with the Act and the Public Hearing procedures outlined under Part Six of this Bylaw.
- (4) Public notifications of a meeting conducted through electronic means, including Public Hearings, shall include:
 - a. The type(s) of electronic means by which the meeting is to be held; and
 - b. The method by which members of the public may access the meeting and make submissions.
- (5) Council and committee members may attend Closed Sessions by electronic means for Council and Committee meetings if they are participating in the meeting electronically in accordance with this bylaw.
 - a. Where a Council or Committee closes all or part of a meeting to the public, Council may allow one or more other persons to attend by electronic means, as it considers appropriate.
- (6) Closed Sessions cannot be conducted through electronic means during a public hearing and Councillors participating in a meeting through electronic means cannot participate in closed sessions held at that meeting.
- (7) Pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act* a meeting of Council or Committee may be conducted by means of electronic or other communication facilities if:
 - a. notice is given to the public of the meeting, including the way in which it is to be conducted;
 - b. the facilities enable the public to watch and/or listen to the meeting at the place specified in the notice and a designated officer is in attendance

at that place; and

- c. the facilities enable all the meeting's participants to watch and/or hear each other.
- (8) Councillors participating in a meeting held by an electronic or other communication facility electronic means are deemed to be present at the meeting.
- (9) It is encouraged that physical attendance at meetings occurs regularly. However, there is no limit to the number of times a member of Council may participate electronically in a meeting.
- (10) A Member of Council, except for the Chair of the meeting, may participate in a meeting through electronic means-or other communication facility if:
 - a. The Member is in a location outside of Kneehill County for any reason;
 - The Member is in a location within Kneehill County but is unable to attend the meeting for personal or family reasons but desires to participate in the meeting electronically.a-meeting for medical reasons;
 - If that location is able to support its use, ensuring that all Council members participating in the meeting are able to communicate effectively.
 - d. The location is secure, appropriate for Council interaction and public viewing, and free from outside distractions.
- (11) The number of people participating by using the electronic means or communication facility will be limited by the system's capacity.
- (12) The meeting Chairman must be physically present at the meeting and cannot Chair the meeting through electronic means or other communication facility. To participate in a meeting electronically, the Chair must vacate the chair for that meeting.
- (13) The Chair shall announce to those in attendance at the Council meeting that a Council member or Administration member is attending the meeting by means of electronic means or other communication facility.
- (14) The Chair has the authority to end a member's use of electronic participation in an in-person meeting if, in their opinion, the use of electronic participation is disruptive to the meeting or the location of the member is not secure or is not appropriate. Council through resolution has the authority to deny the use of the electronic meeting participation if in their opinion the location is disruptive to the meeting, not secure, and it is located in any place deemed inappropriate.
- (15) To participate in a meeting through electronic means electronically or other communication facility, a member must notify the Chair and Chief Administrative

Officer as soon as they are aware of their need to participate electronically.

- (16) Notice of Proposed Use
 - a. Advise the CAO (or designate) of the phone number at which he or she will be available throughout the meeting.
 - b. Contact the Administration Office a half (1/2) hour before the start of the meeting to receive the electronic or other communication facility meeting codes.
- (17) In the case of an emergency, public health or disaster event:
 - a. Council can conduct their meeting electronically with all Council members and CAO participating electronically ensuring all requirements of Section 13 (1) are met. Section 13 (1) 199 of the Municipal Government Act are met.
- 15. RECORDING, BROADCASTING AND/OR STREAMING COUNCIL /SPECIAL/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/PUBLIC HEARING/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS-RECORDING AND LIVE STREAMING MEETINGS
 - (1) Council, Special, Committee of the Whole, Public Hearing and Organizational meetings and all other meetings may be audio and/or visually recorded, and /or live streamed to the public broadcast and/or streamed publicly, if the meeting location supports its use, with the exception of proceedings closed to the public provided for under Closed Sessions section of this Procedural Bylaw. with the exception of Closed Sessions.
 - (2) The use of audio and video recording devices and cameras by the press or the public is prohibited.
 - (3) If a Council, Special, Committee of the Whole, Public Hearing, Organizational meeting or any other meeting is recorded, and /or live streamed to the public recorded, broadcasted and/or streamed:
 - a. signage shall be posted to ensure presenters and members of the public are aware that public meetings may be recorded, and /or live streamed to the public audio and/or visually recorded, broadcast and/or streamed publicly and made available over the website.
 - b. at the commencement of each meeting, the Reeve or Chair shall notify those present, including members of the public, that the meeting is being recorded, and /or live streamed to the public recorded, broadcasted or streamed publicly through Kneehill County's website and/or online.
 - c. the Reeve or Chair has the discretion and authority at any time to direct the termination or interruption of the recording and /or live stream to the public recording, broadcasting and/or streaming of the meeting if

they he or she consider it prudent or advisable to do so.

- d. there may be situations where due to technical difficulties the recording, and /or live stream broadcasting and/or streaming will not be available. If such circumstances occur the Reeve or Chairperson will advise those present that the recording and/or live stream recording, broadcasting and/or streaming is not available. In the event the technical difficulties are not identified during the meeting, this information will be displayed on the website.
- e. the recording will be posted to the website within three (3) days of the meeting.
- (4) If there are technical difficulties while live streaming or recording:
 - Notice of technical difficulties will be provided on the County website;
 and
 - b. There will be no posted video of that meeting on the County public YouTube Channel website or website.
- (5) The official record of meetings shall be written, approved minutes as required by the *Municipal Government Act*, regardless if the meeting is recorded or livestreamed.
- (6) Copyright to recordings of Council meetings made available on the County's website is owned by Kneehill County. No part of the recorded materials posted on the County's website may be reproduced.

PART FOUR- AGENDA

16. AGENDA PREPARATION & DISBURSEMENT

- (1) The preparation and distribution of a Regular Council Meeting, Special Council Meeting, Organizational Meeting and Committee of the Whole Meeting agendas will be the responsibility of the Chief Administrative Officer (or designate). The Chief Administrative Officer (or designate) will ensure that:
 - a. Copies of the agenda's for meetings listed under Section 15 (1) are supplied electronically to all members of Council on the Thursday prior to the meeting, and
 - b. Agenda's for Meetings listed under Section 15 (1) are made available to members of the media and the public on the Friday prior to the meeting.

17. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- (1) The agenda prepared for each meeting shall be approved as the first order of business.
- (2) If an alteration to the order of business is desired for the convenience of the meeting, the Chair may make such alteration but shall not delete any portion of

the business set out in the agenda.

18. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

- Once the Council agenda has been published, requests to add an item to the agenda must be approved by Council.
- (2) The addition or deletion of agenda items after the agenda has been adopted requires a unanimous vote of Council.

19. EMERGENT BUSINESS

- (1) Emergent Business is an Agenda item that is not on the Agenda and because of time constraints must be brought before Council. The Emergent Business item:
 - a. shall be considered as an addendum to the Agenda; and
 - b. the County Manager Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) shall provide an explanation indicating the reasons and degree of urgency.

20. MINUTES

- (1) The minutes of the preceding meeting shall be the second order of business, so that any errors or omissions may be corrected by the Council.
- (2) The Recording Secretary will prepare the minutes of each Council Meeting and will distribute a copy of the minutes with a subsequent Council Meeting Agenda.
- (3) Any Councillor may make a Motion requesting that the Minutes be amended to correct any inaccuracy or omission.

21. ADJOURNMENT

- (1) A Motion to adjourn the meeting shall be in order except:
 - a. When a Member of Council is in possession of the floor; or
 - b. When it has been decided that the vote be now taken; or
 - c. During the taking of a vote

22. ADJOURNMENT TIME

(1) Adjournment time is at the conclusion of the agenda as adopted by Council or when a Motion to adjourn has been passed.

23. PROCEEDINGS

- (1) All discussions during a meeting must be directed through the Chair.
- (2) Moved to #41 Pecuniary Interest (Conflict)
 - a. Members of Council who have a reasonable belief that they have a pecuniary interest (as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*) in a matter before Council, any committee of Council or any board, commission, committee or agency to which they are appointed as a

representative of Council, shall, if present, declare and disclose the general nature of the pecuniary interest prior to any discussion of the matter, abstain from discussions or voting on any questions relating to the matter and shall remove themselves from Council Chambers until the matter is concluded. The minutes shall indicate the declaration of disclosure, the time at which the Member of Council left the rooms and the time the Member of Council returned.

(3) Temporary Absence

a. If a member arrives late, leaves before the Meeting is adjourned, or is temporarily absent from the Meeting, the Meeting Minutes shall reflect such absence and the time of the absence.

(4) Speaking to Motions

- a. All questions or debate must be directed through the Chair.
- b. Members of Council wishing to speak on a matter before the meeting should indicate their intention by raising their hand and being recognized by the Chair and should not speak more than once until every Member of Council has had the opportunity to speak except:
 - i to provide an explanation of the Member's previous remarks if misunderstood;
 - ii in the case of the mover, to answer questions from the floor directed to the Chair; and
 - iii to allow the mover to close debate after the Chair has called for further discussion and all other Members have had an opportunity to be heard.
- c. Any member may require the question or Motion under discussion, or any portion thereof, to be read at any time during debate, but not so as to interrupt a member while speaking.

(5) Interruption of Speaker

- a. A Member who is speaking may only be interrupted by another Member on:
 - i A Point of Privilege; or
 - ii A Point of Order
- b. A Member who is speaking when a Point of Order or Privilege is raised shall immediately cease speaking.

(6) Ruling on Proceedings

a. The Chair shall rule on a Point of Order or Privilege and no vote shall be

taken unless there is a challenge by a Member to the ruling.

- (7) Recording of Motions (moved to 40)
 - a. The minutes shall state who made the motion and whether the motion was "carried unanimously", "carried" or "defeated".
- (8) Recorded Vote (moved to 40)
 - a. A Member may request a recorded vote, before any vote is taken, on any Motion. The names of each member present, and whether they vote for or against, must be included in the minutes regardless of whether or not the resolution was passed unanimously.

PART FIVE - MOTIONS

24. GENERAL PROVISION OF MOTIONS

- (1) A Motion that has been moved shall not be required to be seconded.
- (2) A Member may move a Motion whether or not the Member intends to support it.
- (3) The Chair shall not call the question on any Motion until Council or Committee is completely satisfied that it is clear on how the Motion reads.
- (4) A recommendation in a report does not constitute a Motion until it is moved by a Member.
- (5) When a Motion has been made and is being considered, no Member may make another Motion except to:
 - a. Amend the Motion;
 - b. Amend the amendment to the Motion;
 - c. Withdraw the Motion;
 - d. Refer the main Motion;
 - e. Table the main Motion;
 - f. Move a Motion that has privilege that is:
 - i a Motion to recess;
 - ii a Motion to adjourn;
 - iii a Motion to set the time for adjournment;
 - iv a Motion to extend the time of the Meeting; or
 - v a Point of Privilege
- (6) When a Motion is before the meeting and the mover wishes to withdraw or modify it or substitute a different one in its place, and if no one objects, the

Chairman shall grant permission. However, if any objection is made, it is necessary to obtain leave by Motion to withdraw and this Motion cannot be debated or amended. Once a Motion is withdrawn, the effect is the same as if it had never been made.

(7) The mover of a Motion must be present when the vote on the Motion is taken.

25. DEBATE OF MOTIONS

- (1) Every main Motion is debatable with the exception of:
 - a. A Motion on a point of order
 - b. A Motion to adjourn
 - c. A Motion to table- time must be given
 - d. A Motion to withdraw a Motion, "Lay on the Table"
 - e. A notice of Motion

26. CLOSING DEBATE

- (1) A Member who moved the main Motion, may close debate after other Members have been given an opportunity to speak.
- (2) Before the debate is closed and the vote called, a Member may, request that the Motion be read aloud or ask a question that:
 - a. relates directly to the debate;
 - b. contains no argument: and
 - c. introduces no new material on the Motion
- (3) When a Member has closed debate the Chair shall immediately call for a vote on the Motion.
- (4) When the vote has been called for on the Motion, no Member shall debate further on the Motion or speak, except to request that the Motion be read aloud or viewed on the screen.

27. MOTION TO AMEND

- (1) A Member may not amend a Motion or make an amendment which:
 - a. does not relate to the subject matter of the main Motion; or
 - b. is contrary to the main Motion.
- Only one amendment to the main Motion and only one amendment to that amendment shall be allowed.
- (3) The amendment to the amendment must be voted on before the amendment.
- (4) An amendment to an amendment must be relevant to the amendment.

- (5) The main Motion shall not be debated until all amendments to it have been voted on.
- (6) Amendments shall be put in reverse order to which they have been moved.
- (7) With the exception of a Friendly Amendment, a Member, who moved a Motion, may not move an amendment to it.
- (8) Amendments deemed to be Friendly Amendments by the mover of a Motion shall not be subject to a vote and will not count towards the cap established in clause (2) of this section.

28. SPLITTING MOTIONS

(1) A Member may request that a Motion be divided if it contains parts that stand as complete propositions. Council and Council Committee(s) must then vote separately on each proposition.

29. WITHDRAWAL OF A MOTION

- (1) After a Motion has been moved and stated by the Chair, it is the property of the Council or Committee and may only be withdrawn by the mover with the unanimous consent of the Members present at the Meeting.
- (2) A Motion withdrawn shall not be recorded in the minutes.

30. MOTION TO RECESS

- (1) The Chair, without a Motion, may recess the meeting for a specific period.
- (2) Any Member may move that Council recess for a specific period.

31. MOTION TO ADJOURN

(3) A Motion to Adjourn is a Motion to bring a Meeting to an end.

32. MOTION TO REFER

(1) A Member may move to refer any Motion to the appropriate Committee or Administration for investigation and report.

33. MOTION TO RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION

(1) A Motion to Receive for Information is made to acknowledge an item, report or recommendation. No additional action is taken.

34. MOTION ARISING

- (1) A Motion Arising must
 - a. be directly related to and arise from an item which has just been considered; and
 - b. be made before another item is in front of the meeting.

35. MOTION TO TABLE

(1) A Motion to Table is made to place a main Motion and all pending amendments

- to the main Motion aside temporarily, with the intention of bringing them back either later in the same Meeting or at a later date for action.
- (2) A Motion to Table takes precedence over all other Motions connected with the Motion being tabled.
- (3) A Motion to Table must be made with reference to a set time, set date.
- (4) If the tabling Motion does not include the date of the meeting to which the tabled matter is to be brought forward, it will be brought forward to the subsequent meeting.
- (5) A matter tabled to a set date shall not be considered before that date, except by Special Motion.

36. MOTION TO LIFT FROM THE TABLE

- (1) A Tabled item shall be brought back with all of the Motions related to it, exactly as it was when laid on the table.
- (2) An item tabled to a set date shall be added to the agenda at the date without the requirement to lift from the table.

37. MOTION TO RECONSIDER

- Once a motion is voted on by either Council, Council Committee, Commission, Board or other body established by Council, that same Motion, regardless of whether it was "carried" or "defeated", cannot be reconsidered by Council unless:
 - a. Six months has passed since the date that the Motion was "carried unanimously", "carried" or "defeated"; or
 - b. A Motion to Reconsider is carried.
- (2) After a Motion has been voted upon, at any time during the remainder of the current meeting or during the next regular meeting, any Member of Council who voted with the prevailing side may make a Motion to Reconsider and shall state the reason for making a Motion to Reconsider.
- (3) Debate on the Motion to Reconsider must be confined to reasons for or against reconsideration.
- (4) If a Motion to Reconsider is carried, the question on which the vote is to be reconsidered becomes the next order of business.
- (5) Reconsideration of the question shall be open to debate, voted upon and shall require the votes of a majority of the Members of Council present to carry it.
- (6) A Motion that has been approved for reconsideration and passes automatically suspends the previous Motion.

38. NOTICE OF MOTION

- (1) A Member wishing to introduce a new matter for consideration, shall submit the Motion in writing to the CAO the Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. prior to the Council meeting at which the member wishes to introduce his/her Notice of Motion.
- (2) All Notices of Motion received at a Meeting shall;
 - a. Be added to the Agenda of the next Meeting; and
 - b. Include an administration report in response to the proposed Motion.
- (3) A Notice of Motion must give sufficient detail so that the subject of the Motion and any proposed Motion can be determined and it must state the date of the Meeting at which the Motion shall be made.
- (4) A Notice of Motion cannot be made at a Special Council Meeting.

39. MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

- (1) A Member may make a Motion to move into closed session which must:
 - a. be in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;*
 - b. Include the subject of the matters to be discussed.

40. VOTING ON MOTIONS VOTING AND RECORDED VOTES

- (1) Votes are taken as follows:
 - a. The Chair calls the question on the motion;
 - b. The Chair calls for those in favour of the motion and asks for a show of hands;
 - c. The Chair calls for those opposed to the motion and asks for a show of hands
- (2) After a Motion has been put to a vote by the Chair, no Member shall speak to the question, nor shall any other Motion be made until after the results of the vote have been declared. After the Chair calls for a vote on a motion, no member may speak to the motion or move another motion until the results of the vote are declared.
- (3) Each Member present at a Meeting shall vote on every Motion unless the Member is required or permitted to abstain from voting on the matter in accordance with section 183 (1) of the by the Municipal Government Act or other legislation.
- (4) A motion is carried when a Unless otherwise specified in this Bylaw, a Motion shall be carried when a simple majority of the Members present at a Meeting vote in favour of a the motion. A motion is defeated when it does not receive the required number of votes in favour or if the vote results in a tie.
 - a. Alternatively, a motion is carried when the specified number of members vote in favour of the motion as otherwise required by this bylaw, the *Municipal Government Act*, or other governing legislation.

- (5) Unless a vote is a recorded vote, the meeting minutes show the name of the member who moved the motion, who abstained or were absent from the vote, and whether the motion was carried, carried unanimously or defeated.
- (6) Recorded Vote:
 - a. Before the vote on a motion is taken, a member may request that the results of the vote be recorded pursuant to section 185 of the *Municipal Government Act*.
 - b. Votes are taken as follows:
 - i. The Chair calls the question on the motion;
 - ii. The Chair calls for those in favour of the motion and asks for a show of hands;
 - iii. The Chair calls for those opposed to the motion and asks for a show of hands
 - c. When a vote is recorded the vote, the meeting minutes show the names of the member who moved the motion, who voted in favour and in opposition to the motion, who abstained or were absent from the vote, and whether the motion was carried or defeated.
- (1) If there is an equal number of votes for or against a Motion or Bylaw, the Motion or Bylaw is defeated.
- (2) Each Member shall vote by the raising of the hand.

41. VOTING- PECUNIARY INTEREST AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- (1) Members of Council who have a reasonable belief that they have a pecuniary interest (as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*) in a matter before Council, any committee of Council or any board, commission, committee or agency to which they are appointed as a representative of Council, shall, if present, declare and disclose the general nature of the pecuniary interest prior to any discussion of the matter, abstain from discussions or voting on any questions relating to the matter and shall remove themselves from Council Chambers until the matter is concluded. The minutes shall indicate the declaration of disclosure, the time at which the Member of Council left the rooms and the time the Member of Council returned.
- (2) A Councillor who has reasonable belief that they have a pecuniary interest in any matter before Council, or any committee of Council, shall, if present, declare and disclose the general nature of the pecuniary interest prior to any discussion on the matter, abstain from discussions or voting on any question relating to the

- matter, and shall remove themselves as a member of Council from the Council Chambers until the matter is concluded.
- (3) A Councillor who has a reasonable belief that they have a conflict of interest in any matter before Council, or any committee of Council may, if present, declare and disclose the general nature of the private interest prior to any discussion of the matter, abstain from discussions or voting on any question relating to the matter, and may remove themselves as a member of Council from Council Chambers until the matter is concluded.
- (4) The minutes shall indicate the declaration of disclosure under the applicable section of the Act and this section of the Bylaw, and if applicable, the time at which the Councillor left the room, and returned.

PART SIX- PUBLIC HEARINGS

42. ADVERTISING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

- (1) The advertised Notice of the Public Hearing must be published at least once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in the local newspaper to which the proposed Bylaw, Motion relates, or in which the meeting or hearing is to be held. Public Hearings will be advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act and Kneehill County's bylaws, policies and procedures.
- (2) Public Hearing advertisements must include:
 - a. A deadline for submitting written submissions to be included in the Agenda and provided to Council as part of the Public Hearing; and
 - b. A deadline for registering to participate in the Public Hearing through electronic means; and
 - A link to our website outlining the process for providing written submissions and for registering to participate in the Public Hearing through electronic means;
- (3) The deadline for Written Submissions to be included in the Public Hearing Agenda Package shall be included in the advertised notice.

43. WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

- (1) Written Submissions received in response to the Notice of Public Hearing shall become a public record and shall be made available to the public and will be included in the Public Hearing Agenda Package.
- (2) Written Submissions submitted after the advertised deadline will not be accepted.
- (3) Written Submissions that contain personal attacks or have a derogatory tone shall not be included in the Public Hearing Agenda Package.

(4) Individuals who have submitted a letter may only address Council at the Public Hearing on new information not contained in the letter.

44. ATTENDING PUBLIC HEARING THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEANS

- (1) Anyone can listen to and watch the Public Hearing through Kneehill County's Livestream without prior registration, however, if the public would like to participate through electronic means and be added to the presenter list they would complete the following:
 - a. Register by calling the Kneehill County Administrative Office by 4:30 p.m. two business days prior to the scheduled Public Hearing date.
 - Administration will then provide instructions for accessing the Public Hearing through the email address provided by the registrant within 24 hours of the meeting.
- (2) In order to participate in Public Hearings through electronic means, registration must be completed by calling the Planning Department to get on the presenter list by 4:30 p.m. two business day prior to the scheduled Public Hearing date.
- (3) The Planning Department will then provide instructions on how to access the Public Hearing using the email address provided to the Planning Department within 24 hours of the meeting date.
- (4) Kneehill County will not accept electronic registrations received after the advertised registration deadline to participate in the Public Hearing.
- (5) Individuals or groups who have registered to participate in the Public Hearing through electronic means will only be accepted into the meeting if:
 - a. The participant name matches the name indicated on the presenter list; and
 - b. The participant email address matches the email address indicated on the presenter list.
- (6) No unregistered participants will be permitted into the electronic meeting for a Public Hearing.
- (7) The camera and microphone of participants through electronic means are to remain off and muted except when it is their turn to address Council.
 - a. The Chair may order the immediate removal of any electronic participants that are continuously disruptive to the Public Hearing, present in an inappropriate manner on camera (i.e. inappropriate attire or background/setting), and/or uses inappropriate language.

45. ATTENDING PUBLIC HEARING IN PERSON

(1) Persons Individuals and groups interested in speaking at a Public Hearing in

person shall -should register their name on the Speakers List prior to the Public Hearing and must indicate if they are either in support or in opposition of the proposed bylaw, resolution, or other matter subject to the Public Hearing.

46. COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

- (1) Public Hearings shall be held during regular or special Council Meetings.
- (2) Council shall hold a public hearing when the *Municipal Government Act* or other enactment requires Council to hold a public hearing on a proposed Bylaw or, a Motion or, any other matter at the direction of Council.
- (3) Public Hearings shall be held prior to second reading of the proposed bylaw or before Council votes on a Motion.
- (4) Council shall by Motion set a time, date and location of a public hearing.
- (5) Public Hearings shall accommodate participation through electronic means in accordance with the Act and this Bylaw.

47. SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC HEARING PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED THROUGH SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

- 1. If Administration anticipates that attendance for a Public Hearing will meet or exceed the seating capacity of Council Chambers, the hearing will be scheduled as part of a Special Council Meeting.
- 2. A large public hearing is defined as one where Administration anticipates that attendance will reach or exceed the seating capacity of Council Chambers.
- **3.** The seating capacity of Council Chambers is 43.
- 4. In accordance with Section 199 of the *Municipal Government Act*, all public hearings must now be conducted by electronic means. To comply with this requirement, all Public Hearing Scheduled Through Special Council Meeting large public hearings must be held in Council Chambers or in a facility that can provide reliable and consistent internet connectivity.
- Public Hearing advertisements will include a note encouraging individuals who wish only to view the hearing (and not speak) to watch the livestream. This is to ensure that space in Council Chambers is available for those who wish to participate and speak.
- During the registration process, speakers will be assigned a number. If Council Chambers is at capacity, registrants will be asked to wait in the customer service area (until it also reaches capacity) or outside. Speakers will be brought in when it is their turn to speak.

48. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA-PACKAGE

- (1) A Public Hearing package, will be prepared, containing more comprehensive information than the Council Agenda Package. The Public Hearing Package will:
 - a. The Public Hearing Agenda Package will be forwarded to Council before the public hearing in order for Council to have enough time to review all submissions before the hearing.
 - The public will be provided the public hearing package at the public hearing. will be made available on the County website for the public to download prior to the hearing.

49. PRESENTING TO COUNCIL PRESENTING IN PERSON AND THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEANS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

- (1) Persons interested in speaking at a Public Hearing should register their name on the Speakers List prior to the Public Hearing.
- (2) Persons who have already submitted a written submission may only address Council at the Public Hearing on new information not contained in the letter.
- (3) Persons addressing Council regarding the proposed Bylaw or Motion shall:
 - a. state their name and legal or municipal address, a person who does not identify him/herself will not be given the opportunity to speak;
 - b. indicate whether they have already submitted a written statement and confirm that the information they intend to present is new.;
 - c. indicate as to whether they are speaking on their own behalf or for another person or for a group;
 - d. indicate as to whether they are speaking in support of or in opposition to the proposed Bylaw or Motion;
 - e. state how they are affected by the proposed Bylaw or Motion; and must
 - f. address the Chair when responding to questions or providing information.
- (4) A person may authorize another individual to speak on their behalf if:
 - a. such authorization is in writing and proof of such can be provided to Kneehill County prior to the start of the Public Hearing.
- (5) An individual or group may speak only once at the public hearing.
- (6) Presentations by the applicant and the public may be made verbally, in writing or visually.
- (7) Any person who would like to present using an electronic presentation will bring their USB flash drive to the presenter desk, where a staff member will open the

- file at the presenter laptop.
- (8) The use of maps, videos, Power Point presentations and written presentations shall be collected by the Recording Secretary to be included in the Corporate Records for the meeting and may be made available to the public upon request. Presentations may include electronic components such as photos, videos, maps, PowerPoint presentation, written presentations, and furthermore, all presentation materials form part of the public record and will be collected by Administration and provided to the public in the post-meeting agenda package and upon request.

50. PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS

- (1) The Chair shall call for a Motion to go into the Public Hearing and note the time the Public Hearing is opened.
- (2) The Chair will announce the following:
 - a. That the public hearing procedure is included in the Public Hearing Package and a paper copy is available at the Recording Secretary's Desk.
 - b. That whoever wants to speak as a group or an individual to register their name on the speakers list.
 - c. That the use of audio and video recording devices and cameras by the press or public are prohibited.
 - d. That the Public Hearing is being recorded and live streamed and will be available to view by the public.
- (3) The Chair shall remind everyone who is wanting wants to speak as a group or an individual and to register their name on the speakers list.
- (4) The use of audio and video recording devices and cameras by the press or the public is prohibited.
- (5) The Public Hearing Procedure will be included in the Public Hearing Package and a paper copy will be made available at the Recording Secretary's Desk.
- (6) The Chair will then follow the Public Hearing process in the following order:
 - Administration will present information about the proposed bylaw(s).
 Council members are permitted to ask questions for clarification at this time.
 - b. The applicant will be provided the opportunity to speak following administration's report within a time period of 20 minutes. Questions of clarification from Councillors to the applicant are permitted after the report is provided.
 - c. Following that, any person or group individuals or groups wishing to speak to the bylaw will be asked to come called forward in the order as

they appear on the Speakers List. The Speakers List includes the names from both in-person registrations and those who registered to attend by electronic means before the deadline. provided by the Pations and Registration List Speakers List. They Speakers will provide their name and address and whether they have previously submitted a written response (i.e., letter/email). If a written submission has been provided and is included with the report to Council, the Chairperson will request presenters to please keep the oral presentation to new information.

- d. Each public presenter may speak only once at the public hearing and each presentation will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes. There is an indicator that shows a green light that changes to Yellow when 30 seconds are left, then the light changes to Red when time is up. If the Red light comes on, the presenter will be requested to wrap up the presentation. Group presentations are allowed a maximum of 10 minutes.
- e. When it appears that there are no more presenters, the Chairman will confirm that there are no other persons wishing to speak to the bylaw.
- f. Following the public presentations, the Chair will ask the applicant if they wish to offer a rebuttal. They have a maximum of 10 minutes for their rebuttal.
- g. Members of Council may request members of administration and/or the applicant to address any matters raised during the public hearing.
- h. Once the process is complete, the Chairperson will declare the public hearing closed and will call for a motion to close the Public Hearing and note the time the Public Hearing is closed.
- i. Once the Public Hearing is adjourned, the Chair shall advise that no further information on the matter shall be received by Council.
- (7) If a Public Hearing is postponed or recessed, Council shall not receive any additional submissions in relation to the subject matter until it reconvenes the Public Hearing.
- (8) Statutory Public Hearings must be closed before Council votes on the Bylaw.
- (9) After the Public Hearing is closed, Council may debate the proposed Bylaw or Motion and may do one of the following:
 - a. amend the Bylaw or Motion;
 - b. pass the Bylaw or Motion; or
 - c. defeat the Bylaw or Motion.
- (10) Members who are absent for the whole Public Hearing must abstain from voting on the matter.
- (11) Members who are absent for a part of the Public Hearing may abstain from

voting on the matter.

51. RECORD OF NAMES AT A PUBLIC HEARING

- (1) The Meeting Minutes shall record the names of all persons who:
 - a. Made a verbal submission to Council, and
 - b. Provided written submissions in response to the Notice of Public Hearing

PART SEVEN- BYLAWS

52. BASIC REQUIREMENTS

- (1) All proposed bylaws shall:
 - a. have a Bylaw number assigned by the CAO or designate;
 - b. have a concise title indicating the purpose of the Bylaw;
 - c. be presented in its entirety to all Councillors present at the Meeting prior to any Motion for first reading;
 - d. have three (3) separate distinct readings;
 - e. be presented in its entirety including any amendments, passed after first reading to all Councillors present at the Meeting prior to any Motion for third reading; and
 - f. not be given more than two (2) readings at one (1) meeting, unless the Councillors present at the Meeting unanimously agree to a Motion authorizing third reading.

53. INTRODUCING A BYLAW

- (1) Council shall hear an introduction to the proposed bylaw or Motion from Administration prior to first reading.
- (2) After first reading has been given, any Member may move the bylaw be read a second time.
- (3) When a bylaw is subject to a Statutory Public Hearing, the Public Hearing shall be held prior to second reading.

54. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

- (1) Any amendments to the bylaw that are carried prior to the vote on third reading shall be considered to have been given first and second reading and shall be incorporated in the proposed bylaw.
- Once a bylaw has been passed, it may only be amended or repealed by another bylaw made in the same way as the original bylaw, unless another method is specifically authorized by this Bylaw or another enactment.

55. DEFEATED BYLAWS

- (1) If a bylaw is defeated on third reading the previous readings shall be rescinded.
- (2) A bylaw shall be rescinded if the bylaw does not receive third reading within two years from the date of the first reading.

56. EFFECTIVE DATE

(1) A bylaw is effective from the date of third reading unless the bylaw, or any applicable statute provides for another effective date.

57. BYLAWS SIGNED AND SEALED

(1) The Chief Elected Official and the CAO or designate shall sign and seal the bylaw as soon as reasonably possible after third reading.

PART EIGHT- CONDUCT IN MEETINGS

58. PUBLIC CONDUCT

- (1) The members of the public during a Meeting shall:
 - a. not approach or speak to Council or Committee without permission of the Chair;
 - b. maintain order and quiet; and
 - c. not interrupt a speech or action of Council, Committee or another person addressing the Members.
- (2) The Chair may order a member of the public who creates a disturbance or acts improperly to be expelled from the Meeting.

59. MEMBER CONDUCT

- (1) During a Meeting, Members shall not:
 - a. speak disrespectfully, use offensive words, or un-parliamentary language;
 - b. address Members without permission;
 - c. break the rules of Council or Committee or disturb the proceedings;
 - d. leave their seat or make any noise or disturbance while a vote is being taken or the result declared; or
 - e. disobey the decision of the Chair on any question or order, practice or interruption.

60. BREACH OF CONDUCT

(1) A Member who persist in a breach of subsection $59(1) \frac{54(1)}{54(1)}$, shall follow the disciplinary procedure described in the Councillor Code of Conduct Bylaw.

61. CHALLENGE TO THE RULING OF THE CHAIR

(1) Any member may challenge the decision of the Chair on a Point of Order or

Privilege and if the decision of the Chair is challenged, the Chair shall briefly state the reason for the Chair's decision and then put the question to Council or Committee "Is the ruling of the Chair upheld?"

(2) Council or Committee shall decide the challenge without debate by voting and the decision of Council or Committee is final.

PART NINE-TRANSITION

62. SEVERABILITY

(1) If a portion of the Bylaw is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the invalid portion will be voided, and the rest of the Bylaw remains valid and effective.

63. EFFECTIVE DATE

(1) This Bylaw comes into effect upon third reading of this Bylaw.

64. BYLAW REPEAL

(1) Bylaw No. 1846 is hereby repealed.

READ a first time on this 22nd day of April 2025.

READ a second time on this 22nd day of April 2025.

UNANIMOUS permission for third reading given in Council on the 22nd day of April 2025.

READ a third and final time on this 22nd day of April 2025.

Reeve	Chief Administrative Officer
Kenneth King	Mike Haugen
Date Signed	





BYLAW #1846 PROCEDURAL BYLAW



BYLAW NO 1846

PROCEDURAL BYLAW

A BYLAW OF KNEEHILL COUNTY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING MEETING PROCEEDINGS FOR COUNCIL AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

WHEREAS Section 145 of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000 Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto authorizes Council to pass bylaws that regulates the procedure and conduct of Council and Council Committee meetings in order to promote orderly proceedings and to provide for open and effective government.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of Kneehill County, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

PART ONE - INTRODUCTION

1. TITLE

This bylaw shall be known as the "Procedural Bylaw".

2. DEFINITIONS

In this bylaw the following words and phrases mean:

"Act" means the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000 Chapter M-26, any regulations thereunder, and any amendments or successor legislation thereto.

"Adjourn" means to close and terminate the meeting or public hearing.

"Administration" means an employee, employed by the County.

"Agenda" is the list of items and orders of business for any meeting along with associated reports, policies, bylaws or other documents.

"Bylaw" means a Bylaw of Kneehill County.

"Chairman/Chair" means the person who has been given authority to direct the conduct of a meeting and when in attendance at a Council meeting, shall mean the Reeve or Deputy Reeve.

"Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)" is the administrative head of the municipality who is appointed by Council pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*.

"Closed Session" means a meeting of Council or Committee which is held in private without the presence of the public pursuant to Section 197 of the *Municipal Government Act*.

"Committee" means a Council Committee, Board or other body established by Council pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*.

"Council" means the Reeve and Councillors, duly elected in the County and who continue to hold office.

"Councillors" means a duly elected Member of Council, including the Reeve.

"County" means Kneehill County.

"Committee of the Whole" A Council Committee where all members of Council sit as a committee and operates under informal rules to discuss emerging matters and may recommend matters discussed be brought back to a subsequent Council meeting for action.

"Council Committee" means a committee, board, or other body established by Council under Section 145-146 of the Municipal Government Act.

"Deputy Reeve" is the Councillor appointed by Council to act as Reeve when the Reeve is unable to perform the duties of the Reeve or if the office of Reeve is vacant.

"Electronic or other Communication Facilities" shall mean that members of Council may attend a Council or Committee meeting through electronic communications. This can include using a telephone with the use of the speaker, via personal computer, or other means of technology advances.

"Emergent Business" is business that is an emergency situation that poses an immediate risk to health, life, property, environment or financial well-being of the County and calls for prompt action.

"Friendly Amendment" is an amendment to a Motion under debate that is perceived by all parties as an enhancement to the original Motion.

"Majority" means more than half of the Members present.

"Meeting" means an organizational, regular or special meeting of Council or Committee.

"Member" is duly elected member of Council or a duly appointed member of a committee who continues to hold office.

"Members at Large" is a member of the public appointed by Council to a Committee of Council.

"Motion" is a proposal for action by Council or Committee.

"Organizational Meeting" means a Meeting of Council held in accordance with Section 192 of the *Municipal Government Act* and Part 3 of this Bylaw.

"Point of Order" is a statement from a Member to call attention to any departure from the Procedural Bylaw.

"Point of Privilege" refers to all matters affecting the rights and privileges of Council collectively or any of its members individually.

"Quorum" means the number of Members required for the legal conduct of the business of Council or a Committee. In the case of Meeting of Council, quorum is four (4) Members.

"Recording Secretary" means the person designated to record the minutes of a Council or Committee meeting.

"Regular Meetings" is a meeting of Council held in accordance with Section 193 of the Municipal Government Act.

"Reeve" means the Chief Elected Official of the County within the meaning of the Municipal Government Act.

"Special Meetings" is a meeting of Council held in accordance with Section 194 of the Municipal Government Act.

"Statutory Public Hearing" means a public hearing required by the *Municipal Government Act* or other legislation.

"Written Consent" means to give approval or consent either by email, text message, facsimile or by signed letter.

APPLICATION

- (1) This Bylaw shall govern Organizational Meetings, Regular Meetings, Special Meetings, and Council Committees established by Council and shall be binding upon all Committee members whether Members of Council or Members at Large.
- When any matter relating to the meeting proceeding is not addressed in this Bylaw or in the *Municipal Government Act*, the matter will be determined by referring to the most recent version of "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised".
- (3) In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Bylaw and Robert's Rules of Order, the provisions of this Bylaw shall apply.
- (4) Notwithstanding Paragraph 3(1), where the Committee Bylaw or Terms of Reference establishes other procedures or gives the Committee the authorization to establish its own Meeting procedure, if there is a conflict between the Committee's established Meeting procedures and this Bylaw, that Committee's established Meeting procedure will have precedence over this Bylaw for the purposes of that Committee's Meetings.

PART TWO - ROLFS

3. REEVE

- (1) The Reeve, when present, shall preside as Chair over all meeting of Council, unless otherwise provided for in this Bylaw;
- shall preside over the conduct of the meeting, including the preservation of good order and decorum, ruling on points of order, replying to points of procedure and deciding all questions relating to the orderly procedure of the meeting, subject to an appeal by any Member of Council from any ruling of the Chair;
- ensures that each Councillor who wishes to speak on a debatable Motion is granted the opportunity to do so;
- (4) with the permission of Council, may invite persons forward from the audience to speak if it is deemed to be within the best interests of the issue being discussed;
- (5) has all the same rights and is subject to the same restrictions, as to participation in debate, as all other Councillors.

4. DEPUTY REEVE

(1) The Deputy Reeve chairs Council meetings when the Reeve is absent or unable to act as Reeve and shall have all the powers and responsibilities of the Reeve under this Bylaw.

(2) The Deputy Reeve will Chair Committee of the Whole Meetings. In the absence of the Deputy Reeve, the Reeve will assume the role of Chair.

PART THREE-COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

5. QUORUM

- (1) As soon as there is a quorum of members after the time set for the meeting, the Chair will call the meeting to order.
- (2) If there is no quorum present within half an hour after the time set for the meeting, the Chief Administrative Officer or designate shall, record the names of the members present and the meeting shall be adjourned.
- (3) If the Reeve or Deputy Reeve in the case of Council or Chair and Vice Chair in the case of Committee are not in attendance within fifteen minutes after the hour appointed for a meeting, and a quorum is present the CAO or designate shall call the meeting to order and a chairman shall be chosen by the members present to preside until the arrival of the Reeve or Deputy Reeve in the case of Council or Chair or Vice Chair in the case of Committee.

6. REGULAR MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

- (1) Shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month provided that where a regular Council meeting falls on a holiday, the meeting shall be held on the next following day, not being a holiday or on such other day as Council decides by Motion.
- (2) Council may by Motion, change a regularly scheduled meeting day if necessary due to conflicting dates of other meetings or conventions Council would be attending.
- (3) Meetings shall take place at the Kneehill County Municipal Office or at another location within the Municipality when Notice is given.
- (4) Regular meetings of Council shall commence at 8:30 a.m.
- (5) If Council changes the date, time or place of a regularly scheduled meeting, the municipality must give at least 24 hours' notice of the change to any Member of Council not present at the meeting at which the change was made, and to the public.
- the CAO or designate will be responsible for posting public notice of changes to a Regular Meeting at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance by:
 - a. Posting a notice in the foyer and on the main entrance window at Kneehill County Administration Building;
 - b. Posting a notice on the County's website if time permits, and

c. Posting a notice in the local newspaper if time permits.

7. CANCELLATION OF MEETINGS

- (1) A cancellation of a regular scheduled meeting must be made by resolution of Council. If Council changes the date, time or place of regularly scheduled meeting, the municipality must give at least 24 hours' notice of the change
 - a. To any Member of Council not present at the meeting at which the change was made; and
 - b. To the public.

8. SPECIAL MEETINGS

- (1) A Special Meeting shall be scheduled when required by the Reeve or a majority of Council.
- (2) No less than 24-hours notice of a Special Meeting shall be provided to each Councillor and to the public. The notice shall state the time, date, place and in general terms the nature of the business to be transacted.
- (3) A Special Meeting may be held with less than 24 hours' notice to all Councillors and without notice to the public if at least two-thirds of the whole Council agrees to do this in writing before the beginning of the meeting.
- (4) The Agenda for a Special Meeting shall be restricted to the business stated in the notice unless all Councillors are present and a Motion is passed to deal with the additional matter.

9. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

- (1) An Organizational Meeting shall be held no later than two weeks after the third Monday in October each year.
- (2) The CAO (or designate) shall fix the time, date, and place of the Organizational Meeting.
- (3) Agenda- At the Organizational Meeting:
 - a. CAO or designate:
 - i call the meeting to order;
 - ii presides over the election of the Reeve for the ensuing one-year period; and
 - iii administers the Oaths of Office.

b. Reeve:

- i presides over the election of the Deputy Reeve for the ensuing one-year period.
- c. Council:

- i All Councillors before being appointed to a Council Committee or Board, must sign a Statement of Code of Ethics and Conduct Form that is attached to the adopted Councillor Code of Conduct & Ethics Bylaw.
- ii appoints Council Committees and Board Members;
- iii conducts other business identified within the Organizational meeting Agenda.
- (4) The seating arrangements of Council shall be determined at the Organizational Meeting. The Reeve shall occupy the center seat at the head of the Council table with the Deputy Reeve occupying the position directly to the Reeve's left. The seating positions of the remainder of Councillors shall be determined by each Councillor drawing a number between 1 and 5. Councillor seating will also be numbered from 1 through 5 as determined by the CAO or designate prior to Councillors drawing their number. The order of drawing is determined by the official Division number with Division 1 drawing first and Division 7 drawing last. In the event any Councillor is not present at the drawing, the Chief Administrative Officer, or designate, will draw for the Councillor(s) not present.

(5) Nominations

- a. Candidates nominated for Reeve or Deputy Reeve will be announced out loud. Candidates will not be nominated by secret ballot.
- b. If only one nomination is received for the position of Reeve or Deputy Reeve, that nominee shall be declared elected by acclamation.
- c. Where there is more than one nomination for Reeve or Deputy Reeve, voting shall be done by secret ballot.
- d. If, on the first ballot, no one Councillor receives a clear majority of the votes, the Councillor who received the least number of votes shall be dropped from the ballot and a second ballot shall be taken.
- e. On subsequent ballots, a Councillor who receives the least number of votes shall be dropped from the ballot until a Councillor receives a clear majority.
- f. Councillors hold office from the beginning of the Organizational Meeting following the General Election until immediately before the beginning of the Organizational Meeting following the next General Election, in accordance with the Local Authorities Election Act, R.S.A. 2000 Chapter L-21.

10. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGS

(1) The purpose of the Committee of the Whole is to allow Council to meet in a less formal and structured manner to:

- a. Discuss issues of long term planning and policy development
- b. Discuss complex administration, finance, zoning and land development issues; and
- c. Consider any other matters that from time to time may require Council's in depth consideration
- (2) Committee of the Whole will meet for the purposes of discussion and possible recommendation to Council. No formal decisions will be made at Committee of the Whole meetings. Recommendations of the Committee of the Whole shall be voted upon at a future Council meeting.
- (3) Council Committee of the Whole may make motions for the following purposes:
 - a. for "procedural" purposes (adopting agenda and the previous Committee of the Whole minutes, and adjourning the meeting);
 - to make recommendation to Council or other Council Committee's regarding a matter discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting; and
 - to provide direction to Administration in the preparation and continued development of a matter being reviewed during the Committee of the Whole meeting.
- (4) Meetings of the Committee of the Whole shall be open to the public, unless the Committee moves into a closed session which complies with the MGA Section 197(2).
- (5) The Committee of the Whole meeting schedule shall be established by motion at the annual organization meeting or at a regular meeting following the organizational meeting, as may be appropriate.
- (6) Notice of Council Committee of the Whole meetings shall be posted on the County's website.
- (7) The agenda will be posted on the County website the Friday prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting.
- (8) Regular Committee of the Whole meetings will be held at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.
- (9) Minutes of a Committee of the Whole meeting shall be adopted by motion at the following Committee of the Whole meeting.

11. DELEGATIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

(1) A member wishing to appear before Council, individually and as a group, must make a written submission to the CAO (or designate) to arrive no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Wednesday immediately prior to the Council meeting.

- (2) Delegations are scheduled at the discretion of the CAO (or designate), subject to:
 - a. the volume of material on any given agenda;
 - b. the number of requests for a specific meeting date and urgency of request; or
 - c. subject matter
- (3) The written submission will indicate the following information:
 - a. complete name of the presenter(s) and contact information (i.e. Mailing address, e-mail, telephone/fax number) and the organization they are representing (if applicable);
 - nature and purpose of the delegation and the material to be covered/presented;
 - c. any PowerPoint presentation or other material to be used or presented at the meeting.
- (4) Presentations will be directed to the Chair and will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes with an additional ten (10) minutes for questions for clarification by members and administration. The Chair may extend the time limits as necessary.
- (5) Information presented by the delegation will be restricted to the topic noted in the written submission and recorded on the meeting agenda.
- (6) Subsequent deputations from the same individual/group concerning a topic on which they have previously presented or spoken will not be permitted unless there is significant new information to be brought forward.
- (7) Delegations will not be heard regarding matters involving current or pending litigation, insurance claims, matters beyond the jurisdiction of Council, or Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act issues.
- (8) Delegations will not be permitted to speak regarding topics that will be the subject of an upcoming public meeting pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, unless exceptional circumstances apply which have been reviewed and approved by Council. Persons wishing to speak about such matters are requested to present their concerns and opinions at the scheduled public meeting where their comments can be considered along with all other submissions.

12. CLOSED SESSION

- (1) The Municipal Government Act permits Council or Committee to close all or part of the meeting to the public if a matter to be discussed is within one of the exceptions to disclosure contained in Division 2 Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
- (2) Before closing all or any part of the meeting to the public, a Council or Council Committee shall pass a motion

- a. that includes the basis for which that part of the meeting is to be closed and;
- b. The related section of FOIP that applies, under the Exception to Disclosure in Division 2 of Part 1 (Section 16 to 29) or under the regulations under subsection (7)
- (3) When a meeting is held in closed session, no Motion or Bylaw may be passed except a Motion to revert to a meeting held in public.
- (4) Where a Council or Council Committee closes all or part of a meeting to the public, the Council or Council Committee may allow one or more other persons to attend, as it considers appropriate.
- (5) A Subdivision Authority, Development Authority or Subdivision and Development Appeal Board established under Part 17 of the *Municipal Government Act* may deliberate and make its decision in a meeting closed to the public.
- After the closed meeting discussions are completed, any members of the public who are present outside the meeting room must be notified that the rest of the meeting is now open to the public, and a reasonable amount of time must be given for those members of the public to return to the meeting before it continues.
- (7) In accordance with the MGA, Section 153 and the FOIP act, all members are required to keep in confidence matters discussed in closed session until the item is discussed at a meeting held in public.

13. MEETING THROUGH ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act* a meeting of Council or Committee may be conducted by means of electronic or other communication facilities if:
 - a. notice is given to the public of the meeting, including the way in which it is to be conducted;
 - the facilities enable the public to watch and/or listen to the meeting at the place specified in the notice and a designated officer is in attendance at that place; and
 - c. the facilities enable all the meeting's participants to watch and/or hear each other.
- (2) Councillors participating in a meeting held by an electronic or other communication facility are deemed to be present at the meeting.
- (3) It is encouraged that physical attendance at meetings occurs regularly. However, there is no limit to the number of times a member of Council may participate electronically in a meeting.
- (4) A Member of Council may participate in a meeting through electronic or other

communication facility if:

- a. The Member is in a location outside of Kneehill County for any reason;
- b. The Member is in a location within Kneehill County but is unable to attend a meeting for medical reasons;
- If that location is able to support its use, ensuring that all Council members participating in the meeting are able to communicate effectively.
- d. The location is secure, appropriate for Council interaction and public viewing, and free from outside distractions.
- (5) The number of people participating by using the electronic or communication facility will be limited by the system's capacity.
- (6) The meeting Chairman must be physically present at the meeting and cannot Chair the meeting through electronic or other communication facility.
- (7) The Chair shall announce to those in attendance at the Council meeting that a Council member or Administration member is attending the meeting by means of electronic or other communication facility.
- (8) Council through resolution has the authority to deny the use of the electronic meeting participation if in their opinion the location is disruptive to the meeting, not secure, and it is located in any place deemed inappropriate.
- (9) Notice of Proposed Use
 - a. Advise the CAO (or designate) of the phone number at which he or she will be available throughout the meeting.
 - b. Contact the Administration Office a half (1/2) hour before the start of the meeting to receive the electronic or other communication facility meeting codes.
- (10) In the case of an emergency:
 - a. Council can conduct their meeting electronically with all Council members and CAO participating electronically ensuring all requirements of Section 13 (1) are met.
- **14.** RECORDING, BROADCASTING AND/OR STREAMING COUNCIL /SPECIAL/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/PUBLIC HEARING/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS
 - (1) Council, Special, Committee of the Whole, Public Hearing and Organizational meetings and all other meetings may be audio and/or visually recorded, broadcast and/or streamed publicly, if the meeting location supports its use, with the exception of proceedings closed to the public provided for under Closed Sessions section of this Procedural Bylaw.

- (2) The use of audio and video recording devices and cameras by the press or the public is prohibited.
- (3) If a Council, Special, Committee of the Whole, Public Hearing, Organizational meeting or any other meeting is recorded, broadcasted and/or streamed:
 - a. signage shall be posted to ensure presenters and members of the public are aware that public meetings may be audio and/or visually recorded, broadcast and/or streamed publicly and made available over the website.
 - b. at the commencement of each meeting, the Reeve or Chair shall notify those present, including members of the public, that the meeting is being recorded, broadcasted or streamed publicly through Kneehill County's website and/or online.
 - c. the Reeve or Chair has the discretion and authority at any time to direct the termination or interruption of the recording, broadcasting and/or streaming of the meeting if he or she considers it prudent or advisable to do so.
 - d. there may be situations where due to technical difficulties the recording, broadcasting and/or streaming will not be available. If such circumstances occur the Reeve or Chairperson will advise those present that the recording, broadcasting and/or streaming is not available. In the event the technical difficulties are not identified during the meeting, this information will be displayed on the website.
 - e. the recording will be posted to the website within three (3) days of the meeting.
- (4) Copyright to recordings of Council meetings made available on the County's website is owned by Kneehill County. No part of the recorded materials posted on the County's website may be reproduced.

PART FOUR- AGENDA

15. AGENDA PREPARATION & DISBURSEMENT

- (1) The preparation and distribution of a Regular Council Meeting, Special Council Meeting, Organizational Meeting and Committee of the Whole Meeting agendas will be the responsibility of the Chief Administrative Officer (or designate). The Chief Administrative Officer (or designate) will ensure that:
 - a. Copies of the agenda's for meetings listed under Section 15 (1) are supplied electronically to all members of Council on the Thursday prior to the meeting, and
 - b. Agenda's for Meetings listed under Section 15 (1) are made available to members of the media and the public on the Friday prior to the meeting.

16. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- (1) The agenda prepared for each meeting shall be approved as the first order of business.
- (2) If an alteration to the order of business is desired for the convenience of the meeting, the Chair may make such alteration but shall not delete any portion of the business set out in the agenda.

17. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

- Once the Council agenda has been published, requests to add an item to the agenda must be approved by Council.
- (2) The addition or deletion of agenda items after the agenda has been adopted requires a unanimous vote of Council.

18. EMERGENT BUSINESS

- (1) Emergent Business is an Agenda item that is not on the Agenda and because of time constraints must be brought before Council. The Emergent Business item:
 - a. shall be considered as an addendum to the Agenda; and
 - b. the County Manager shall provide an explanation indicating the reasons and degree of urgency.

19. MINUTES

- (1) The minutes of the preceding meeting shall be the second order of business, so that any errors or omissions may be corrected by the Council.
- (2) The Recording Secretary will prepare the minutes of each Council Meeting and will distribute a copy of the minutes with a subsequent Council Meeting Agenda.
- (3) Any Councillor may make a Motion requesting that the Minutes be amended to correct any inaccuracy or omission.

20. ADJOURNMENT

- (1) A Motion to adjourn the meeting shall be in order except:
 - a. When a Member of Council is in possession of the floor; or
 - b. When it has been decided that the vote be now taken; or
 - c. During the taking of a vote

21. ADJOURNMENT TIME

(1) Adjournment time is at the conclusion of the agenda as adopted by Council or when a Motion to adjourn has been passed.

22. PROCEEDINGS

(1) All discussions during a meeting must be directed through the Chair.

(2) Pecuniary Interest (Conflict)

a. Members of Council who have a reasonable belief that they have a pecuniary interest (as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*) in a matter before Council, any committee of Council or any board, commission, committee or agency to which they are appointed as a representative of Council, shall, if present, declare and disclose the general nature of the pecuniary interest prior to any discussion of the matter, abstain from discussions or voting on any questions relating to the matter and shall remove themselves from Council Chambers until the matter is concluded. The minutes shall indicate the declaration of disclosure, the time at which the Member of Council left the rooms and the time the Member of Council returned.

(3) Temporary Absence

a. If a member arrives late, leaves before the Meeting is adjourned, or is temporarily absent from the Meeting, the Meeting Minutes shall reflect such absence and the time of the absence.

(4) Speaking to Motions

- a. All questions or debate must be directed through the Chair.
- b. Members of Council wishing to speak on a matter before the meeting should indicate their intention by raising their hand and being recognized by the Chair and should not speak more than once until every Member of Council has had the opportunity to speak except:
 - i to provide an explanation of the Member's previous remarks if misunderstood;
 - ii in the case of the mover, to answer questions from the floor directed to the Chair; and
 - iii to allow the mover to close debate after the Chair has called for further discussion and all other Members have had an opportunity to be heard.
- c. Any member may require the question or Motion under discussion, or any portion thereof, to be read at any time during debate, but not so as to interrupt a member while speaking.

(5) Interruption of Speaker

- a. A Member who is speaking may only be interrupted by another Member on:
 - i A Point of Privilege; or
 - ii A Point of Order

- b. A Member who is speaking when a Point of Order or Privilege is raised shall immediately cease speaking.
- (6) Ruling on Proceedings
 - a. The Chair shall rule on a Point of Order or Privilege and no vote shall be taken unless there is a challenge by a Member to the ruling.
- (7) Recording of Motions
 - a. The minutes shall state who made the motion and whether the motion was "carried unanimously", "carried" or "defeated".
- (8) Recorded Vote
 - a. A Member may request a recorded vote, before any vote is taken, on any Motion. The names of each member present, and whether they vote for or against, must be included in the minutes regardless of whether or not the resolution was passed unanimously.

PART FIVE - MOTIONS

23. GENERAL PROVISION OF MOTIONS

- (1) A Motion that has been moved shall not be required to be seconded.
- (2) A Member may move a Motion whether or not the Member intends to support it.
- (3) The Chair shall not call the question on any Motion until Council or Committee is completely satisfied that it is clear on how the Motion reads.
- (4) A recommendation in a report does not constitute a Motion until it is moved by a Member.
- (5) When a Motion has been made and is being considered, no Member may make another Motion except to:
 - a. Amend the Motion;
 - b. Amend the amendment to the Motion;
 - c. Withdraw the Motion;
 - d. Refer the main Motion;
 - e. Table the main Motion;
 - f. Move a Motion that has privilege that is:
 - i a Motion to recess;
 - ii a Motion to adjourn;
 - iii a Motion to set the time for adjournment;

- iv a Motion to extend the time of the Meeting; or
- v a Point of Privilege
- (6) When a Motion is before the meeting and the mover wishes to withdraw or modify it or substitute a different one in its place, and if no one objects, the Chairman shall grant permission. However, if any objection is made, it is necessary to obtain leave by Motion to withdraw and this Motion cannot be debated or amended. Once a Motion is withdrawn, the effect is the same as if it had never been made.
- (7) The mover of a Motion must be present when the vote on the Motion is taken.

24. DEBATE OF MOTIONS

- (1) Every main Motion is debatable with the exception of:
 - a. A Motion on a point of order
 - b. A Motion to adjourn
 - c. A Motion to table- time must be given
 - d. A Motion to withdraw a Motion, "Lay on the Table"
 - e. A notice of Motion

25. CLOSING DEBATE

- (1) A Member who moved the main Motion, may close debate after other Members have been given an opportunity to speak.
- (2) Before the debate is closed and the vote called, a Member may, request that the Motion be read aloud or ask a question that:
 - a. relates directly to the debate;
 - b. contains no argument: and
 - c. introduces no new material on the Motion
- (3) When a Member has closed debate the Chair shall immediately call for a vote on the Motion.
- (4) When the vote has been called for on the Motion, no Member shall debate further on the Motion or speak, except to request that the Motion be read aloud or viewed on the screen.

26. MOTION TO AMEND

- (1) A Member may not amend a Motion or make an amendment which:
 - a. does not relate to the subject matter of the main Motion; or
 - b. is contrary to the main Motion.
- (2) Only one amendment to the main Motion and only one amendment to that

- amendment shall be allowed.
- (3) The amendment to the amendment must be voted on before the amendment.
- (4) An amendment to an amendment must be relevant to the amendment.
- (5) The main Motion shall not be debated until all amendments to it have been voted on.
- (6) Amendments shall be put in reverse order to which they have been moved.
- (7) With the exception of a Friendly Amendment, a Member, who moved a Motion, may not move an amendment to it.
- (8) Amendments deemed to be Friendly Amendments by the mover of a Motion shall not be subject to a vote and will not count towards the cap established in clause (2) of this section.

27. SPLITTING MOTIONS

(1) A Member may request that a Motion be divided if it contains parts that stand as complete propositions. Council and Council Committee(s) must then vote separately on each proposition.

28. WITHDRAWAL OF A MOTION

- (1) After a Motion has been moved and stated by the Chair, it is the property of the Council or Committee and may only be withdrawn by the mover with the unanimous consent of the Members present at the Meeting.
- (2) A Motion withdrawn shall not be recorded in the minutes.

29. MOTION TO RECESS

- (1) The Chair, without a Motion, may recess the meeting for a specific period.
- (2) Any Member may move that Council recess for a specific period.

30. MOTION TO ADJOURN

(3) A Motion to Adjourn is a Motion to bring a Meeting to an end.

31. MOTION TO REFER

(1) A Member may move to refer any Motion to the appropriate Committee or Administration for investigation and report.

32. MOTION TO RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION

(1) A Motion to Receive for Information is made to acknowledge an item, report or recommendation. No additional action is taken.

33. MOTION ARISING

- (1) A Motion Arising must
 - a. be directly related to and arise from an item which has just been considered; and

b. be made before another item is in front of the meeting.

34. MOTION TO TABLE

- (1) A Motion to Table is made to place a main Motion and all pending amendments to the main Motion aside temporarily, with the intention of bringing them back either later in the same Meeting or at a later date for action.
- (2) A Motion to Table takes precedence over all other Motions connected with the Motion being tabled.
- (3) A Motion to Table must be made with reference to a set time, set date.
- (4) If the tabling Motion does not include the date of the meeting to which the tabled matter is to be brought forward, it will be brought forward to the subsequent meeting.
- (5) A matter tabled to a set date shall not be considered before that date, except by Special Motion.

35. MOTION TO LIFT FROM THE TABLE

- (1) A Tabled item shall be brought back with all of the Motions related to it, exactly as it was when laid on the table.
- (2) An item tabled to a set date shall be added to the agenda at the date without the requirement to lift from the table.

36. MOTION TO RECONSIDER

- Once a motion is voted on by either Council, Council Committee, Commission, Board or other body established by Council, that same Motion, regardless of whether it was "carried" or "defeated", cannot be reconsidered by Council unless:
 - a. Six months has passed since the date that the Motion was "carried unanimously", "carried" or "defeated"; or
 - b. A Motion to Reconsider is carried.
- (2) After a Motion has been voted upon, at any time during the remainder of the current meeting or during the next regular meeting, any Member of Council who voted with the prevailing side may make a Motion to Reconsider and shall state the reason for making a Motion to Reconsider.
- (3) Debate on the Motion to Reconsider must be confined to reasons for or against reconsideration.
- (4) If a Motion to Reconsider is carried, the question on which the vote is to be reconsidered become the next order of business.
- (5) Reconsideration of the question shall be open to debate, voted upon and shall require the votes of a majority of the Members of Council present to carry it.

(6) A Motion that has been approved for reconsideration and passes automatically suspends the previous Motion.

37. NOTICE OF MOTION

- (1) A Member wishing to introduce a new matter for consideration, shall submit the Motion in writing to the CAO the Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. prior to the Council meeting at which the member wishes to introduce his/her Notice of Motion.
- (2) All Notices of Motion received at a Meeting shall;
 - a. Be added to the Agenda of the next Meeting; and
 - b. Include an administration report in response to the proposed Motion.
- (3) A Notice of Motion must give sufficient detail so that the subject of the Motion and any proposed Motion can be determined and it must state the date of the Meeting at which the Motion shall be made.
- (4) A Notice of Motion cannot be made at a Special Council Meeting.

38. MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

- (1) A Member may make a Motion to move into closed session which must:
 - a. be in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;*
 - b. Include the subject of the matters to be discussed.

39. VOTING ON MOTIONS

- (1) Unless otherwise specified in this Bylaw, a Motion shall be carried when a simple majority of the Members present at a Meeting vote in favour of a Motion.
- (2) If there is an equal number of votes for or against a Motion or Bylaw, the Motion or Bylaw is defeated.
- (3) Each Member present at a Meeting shall vote on every Motion unless the Member is required or permitted to abstain from voting by the *Municipal Government Act* or other legislation.
- (4) Each Member shall vote by the raising of the hand.
- (5) After a Motion has been put to a vote by the Chair, no Member shall speak to the question, nor shall any other Motion be made until after the results of the vote have been declared.

PART SIX- PUBLIC HEARINGS

40. ADVERTISING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

(1) The advertised Notice of the Public Hearing must be published at least once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in the local newspaper to which the proposed Bylaw, Motion relates, or in which the meeting or hearing is to be held.

(2) The deadline for Written Submissions to be included in the Public Hearing Agenda Package shall be included in the advertised notice.

41. WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

- (1) Written Submissions received in response to the Notice of Public Hearing shall become a public record and shall be made available to the public and will be included in the Public Hearing Agenda Package.
- (2) Written Submissions submitted after the advertised deadline will not be accepted.
- (3) Written Submissions that contain personal attacks or have a derogatory tone shall not be included in the Public Hearing Agenda Package.
- (4) Individuals who have submitted a letter may only address Council at the Public Hearing on new information not contained in the letter.

42. COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

- (1) Public Hearings shall be held during regular or special Council Meetings.
- (2) Council shall hold a public hearing when the MGA or other enactment requires Council to hold a public hearing on a proposed Bylaw or, a Motion or, any other matter at the direction of Council.
- (3) Public Hearings shall be held prior to second reading of the proposed bylaw or before Council votes on a Motion.
- (4) Council shall by Motion set a time, date and location of a public hearing.

43. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA PACKAGE

- (1) The Public Hearing Agenda Package will be forwarded to Council before the public hearing in order for Council to have enough time to review all submissions before the hearing.
- (2) The public will be provided the public hearing package at the public hearing.

44. PRESENTING TO COUNCIL

- (1) Persons interested in speaking at a Public Hearing should register their name on the Speakers List prior to the Public Hearing.
- (2) Persons addressing Council regarding the proposed Bylaw or Motion shall state:
 - a. their name and legal or municipal address, a person who does not identify him/herself will not be given the opportunity to speak;
 - b. an indication as to whether they are speaking on their own behalf or for another person or for a group;
 - c. an indication as to whether they are speaking in support of or in opposition to the proposed Bylaw or Motion;

- d. how they are affected by the proposed Bylaw or Motion; and
- e. address the Chair when responding to questions or providing information.
- (3) A person may authorize another individual to speak on their behalf if:
 - a. such authorization is in writing.
- (4) An individual may speak only once at the public hearing.
- (5) Presentations by the applicant and the public may be made verbally, in writing or visually.
- (6) Any person who would like to present using an electronic presentation will bring their USB flash drive to the presenter desk, where a staff member will open the file at the presenter laptop.
- (7) The use of maps, videos, Power Point presentations and written presentations shall be collected by the Recording Secretary to be included in the Corporate Records for the meeting and may be made available to the public upon request.

45. PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS

- (1) The Chair shall call for a Motion to go into Public Hearing.
- (2) The Chair shall remind everyone who is wanting to speak as a group or an individual and to register their name on the-speakers list.
- (3) The use of audio and video recording devices and cameras by the press or the public is prohibited.
- (4) The Public Hearing Procedure will be included in the Public Hearing Package and a paper copy will be made available at the Recording Secretary's Desk.
- (5) The Chair will then follow the Public Hearing process in the following order:
 - a. Administration will present information about the proposed bylaw(s).
 - b. The applicant will be provided the opportunity to speak following administration's report within a time period of 20 minutes.
 - c. Following that, any person or group wishing to speak to the bylaw will be asked to come forward as they appear on the Speakers List. They will provide their name and address and whether they have previously submitted a written response (i.e., letter/email). If a written submission has been provided and is included with the report to Council, the Chairperson will request presenters to please keep the oral presentation to new information.
 - d. Each public presenter may speak only once at the public hearing and each presentation will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes. There is an indicator that shows a green light that changes to Yellow when 30 seconds are left, then the light changes to Red when time is up. If the

- Red light comes on, the presenter will be requested to wrap up the presentation. Group presentations are allowed a maximum of 10 minutes.
- e. When it appears that there are no more presenters, the Chairman will confirm that there are no other persons wishing to speak to the bylaw.
- f. Following the public presentations, the Chair will ask the applicant if they wish to offer a rebuttal. They have a maximum of 10 minutes for their rebuttal.
- g. Members of Council may request members of administration and /or the applicant to address any maters raised during the public hearing.
- h. Once the process is complete, the Chairperson will declare the public hearing closed.
- i. Once the Public Hearing is adjourned, the Chair shall advise that no further information on the matter shall be received by Council.
- (6) If a Public Hearing is postponed or recessed, Council shall not receive any additional submissions in relation to the subject matter until it reconvenes the Public Hearing.
- (7) Statutory Public Hearings must be closed before Council votes on the Bylaw.
- (8) After the Public Hearing is closed, Council may debate the proposed Bylaw or Motion and may do one of the following:
 - a. amend the Bylaw or Motion;
 - b. pass the Bylaw or Motion; or
 - c. defeat the Bylaw or Motion.
- (9) Members who are absent for the whole Public Hearing must abstain from voting on the matter.
- (10) Members who are absent for a part of the Public Hearing may abstain from voting on the matter.

46. RECORD OF NAMES AT A PUBLIC HEARING

- (1) The Meeting Minutes shall record the names of all persons who:
 - a. Made a verbal submission to Council, and
 - b. Provided written submission in response to the Notice of Public Hearing

PART SEVEN- BYLAWS

47. BASIC REQUIREMENTS

- (1) All proposed bylaws shall:
 - a. have a Bylaw number assigned by the CAO or designate;

- b. have a concise title indicating the purpose of the Bylaw;
- c. be presented in its entirety to all Councillors present at the Meeting prior to any Motion for first reading;
- d. have three (3) separate distinct readings;
- e. be presented in its entirety including any amendments, passed after first reading to all Councillors present at the Meeting prior to any Motion for third reading; and
- f. not be given more than two (2) readings at one (1) meeting, unless the Councillors present at the Meeting unanimously agree to a Motion authorizing third reading.

48. INTRODUCING A BYLAW

- (1) Council shall hear an introduction to the proposed bylaw or Motion from Administration prior to first reading.
- (2) After first reading has been given, any Member may move the bylaw be read a second time.
- (3) When a bylaw is subject to a Statutory Public Hearing, the Public Hearing shall be held prior to second reading.

49. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

- (1) Any amendments to the bylaw that are carried prior to the vote on third reading shall be considered to have been given first and second reading and shall be incorporated in the proposed bylaw.
- Once a bylaw has been passed, it may only be amended or repealed by another bylaw made in the same way as the original bylaw, unless another method is specifically authorized by this Bylaw or another enactment.

50. DEFEATED BYLAWS

- (1) If a bylaw is defeated on third reading the previous readings shall be rescinded.
- (2) A bylaw shall be rescinded if the bylaw does not receive third reading within two years from the date of the first reading.

51. EFFECTIVE DATE

(1) A bylaw is effective from the date of third reading unless the bylaw, or any applicable statue provides for another effective date.

52. BYLAWS SIGNED AND SEALED

(1) The Chief Elected Official and the CAO or designate shall sign and seal the bylaw as soon as reasonably possible after third reading.

PART FIGHT- CONDUCT IN MFFTINGS

53. PUBLIC CONDUCT

- (1) The members of the public during a Meeting shall:
 - not approach or speak to Council or Committee without permission of the Chair;
 - b. maintain order and quiet; and
 - c. not interrupt a speech or action of Council, Committee or another person addressing the Members.
- (2) The Chair may order a member of the public who creates a disturbance or acts improperly to be expelled from the Meeting.

54. MEMBER CONDUCT

- (1) During a Meeting, Members shall not:
 - a. speak disrespectfully, use offensive words, or un-parliamentary language;
 - b. address Members without permission;
 - c. break the rules of Council or Committee or disturb the proceedings;
 - d. leave their seat or make any noise or disturbance while a vote is being taken or the result declared; or
 - e. disobey the decision of the Chair on any question or order, practice or interruption.

55. BREACH OF CONDUCT

(1) A Member who persist in a breach of subsection 54 (1), shall follow the disciplinary procedure described in the Councillor Code of Conduct Bylaw.

56. CHALLENGE TO THE RULING OF THE CHAIR

- (1) Any member may challenge the decision of the Chair on a Point of Order or Privilege and if the decision of the Chair is challenged, the Chair shall briefly state the reason for the Chair's decision and then put the question to Council or Committee "Is the ruling of the Chair upheld?"
- (2) Council or Committee shall decide the challenge without debate by voting and the decision of Council or Committee is final.

PART NINE-TRANSITION

57. SEVERABILITY

(1) If a portion of the Bylaw is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the invalid portion will be voided, and the rest of the Bylaw remains valid and effective.

- **58.** EFFECTIVE DATE
 - (1) This Bylaw comes into effect upon third reading of this Bylaw.
- **59.** BYLAW REPEAL
 - (1) Bylaw No. 1821 is hereby repealed.

READ a first time on this 17^{th} day of August 2021.

READ a second time on this 14th day of September 2021.

READ a third and final time on this 14th day of September 2021.

Reeve

Jerry Wittstock

Chief Admir strative Officer

Mike Haugen

Date Signed

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REQUEST FOR DECISION

Subject: Artis Exploration Ltd.

Meeting Date: Monday, April 22, 2024

Prepared By: Carolyn Van der Kuil, Legislative Services Manager
Presented By: Carolyn Van der Kuil, Legislative Services Manager

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)















High Quality Infrastructure Economic Resilience

Quality of Life

Effective Leadership Level of Service

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite)- N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)- N/A

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Bruce Nociar, a representative of Artis Exploration Ltd., was scheduled to present to Council at 10:00 a.m. during today's meeting.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

The purpose of the presentation is to communicate the financial implications of tax revenue changes and assessment base adjustments, including the expiration of well and pipeline tax holidays and the addition of new infrastructure, as they relate to Artis Exploration.

FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:

Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication

Tools: Individual Notification Other:

ATTACHMENTS:

Delegation Request Form

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

- 1. That Council receive for information.
- 2. That Council direct Administration to provide further information.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That Council receive for information the presentation provided by Artis Exploration Ltd.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

N/A

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REQUEST FOR DECISION

APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved-





Delegation Request Form



Please submit completed form to carolyn.vanderkuil@kneehillcounty.com

MEETING DETAILS

Regular Council Meeting Date & Time: April 22, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

GUIDELINES

- Presentations are not to exceed 15 minutes, including questions, unless permitted by Council.
- The Delegation Request Form and related documents will become part of the public record and will be released/published in the agenda and minutes and will be made available to the public in a variety of methods.
- Persons interested in requesting a presentation to Kneehill County Council must supply all
 pertinent information including handouts, PowerPoint Presentations no later than 4:00 p.m. on
 the Wednesday prior to the scheduled Tuesday meeting. If your material is not published in the
 agenda, bring ten (10) copies with you to the meeting. Note: distributed documents will
 become part of the public record.
- The County's Council meetings are video recorded and live-streamed on the County's website.
- Kneehill County Council values respectful and constructive proceedings. All presenters are
 expected to engage with Council, staff, and other attendees in a courteous manner.
 Disrespectful or inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated and may result in the Chairperson
 concluding the presentation. The Chairperson may also direct anyone causing a disturbance or
 acting improperly to leave the meeting.
- The purpose of a delegation is to provide information to Council. The delegation is not intended to be a "back and forth" engagement or to function as a "question period".

Name: (Person Making presentation) Company or Group Represented: Contact Number: Email: Mailing Address:

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Have you included all attachments?

Does your summary contain all pertinent information?

Delegation Request Form

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PRESENTATION TOPIC

Will the presentation require PowerPoint facilities? Yes \blacksquare No \square						
The topic of the discussion is (be specific, provide details, and attach additional information, if required so that all necessary details may be considered.):						
Evaluating the impact of tax revenue changes and assessment base adjustments - including the expiration of well and pipeline tax holidays and newly added infrastructure - while Artis remains proud to continue investing in Kneehill County. Over the past decade, Artis has made substantial capital investments that have boosted oil production, created local jobs, and generated royalties, all while prioritizing environmental responsibility and community support. The company's growth has been fully organic, relying on local services, contractors, and collaboration with landowners. Artis actively supports the community through donations to municipal initiatives, scholarships for students, sponsorships and regular contributions to local charities and events, while maintaining four field offices in the County. Due to the end of the well and pipeline tax holiday and the continued development of oil and gas assets, Artis' municipal linear tax levy in 2025 will increase 126% compared to 2024, assuming no change to the non-residential mill rate.						
PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION						
 ☐ Information Only						
Please consider implementing a reduction in the 2025 municipal mill rate.						

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Have you provided enough information to enable Council to make an informed decision? Have you reviewed your presentation to ensure that it will fit within the specified timelines?



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Subject: **Council & Committee Report** Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 Prepared By: Carolyn Van der Kuil, Legislative Services Manager Presented By: Mike Haugen, CAO STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply) **High Quality Economic** Quality of Life Level of Service Infrastructure Resilience Leadership **RELEVANT LEGISLATION:** Provincial (cite)- N/A Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)- N/A **BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:** The purpose of the Council and Committee Reports is to provide each member with the opportunity to bring forward any matter of general interest to Council or the County. DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: Council reports will be included on the agenda when requested by Council and reports may be either in writing, verbal, or a combination of both. **FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:** The recommended motion does not have any financial implication. RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT: Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication Tools: Individual Notification Other: **ATTACHMENTS:** Council & Committee Reports **COUNCIL OPTIONS:** That Council accepts the Council and Committee report. **RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That Council accepts for information the Council & Committee Report, as presented. **FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:** N/A APPROVAL(S): Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer Approved-

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Kneehill Regional Family and Community Support Services March 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the Kneehill Regional Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) board was held at the Kneehill Regional FCSS Office in Three Hills, Alberta on March 11, 2025, commencing at 7:06 p.m.

PRESENT:

Kenneth King Kneehill County Councilor Representative and

Chairperson

Jaime Martel Town of Trochu Councilor Representative and

Vice Chairperson

Jason BatesVillage of Acme Councilor RepresentativeTrina AndersonVillage of Carbon Councilor RepresentativeMarilyn SeptTown of Three Hills Councilor Representative

Shelley Jackson Berry Kneehill Regional FCSS Director

Angie Stewart Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Heather Sweetman Village of Linden Councilor Representative

Board Package (attached and forming part of the minutes)

BOARD PACKAGE

The following documentation was distributed to the Board:

- Agenda
- January 14, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Kneehill Community Support Coach 2024 Annual Report
- KRFCSS Job Descriptions
- KRFCSS Director Work Tasks and Responsibilities
- KRFCSS Staff Pay Grids (Draft)
- Kneehill Regional FCSS Director's Report
- Kneehill Family and Marriage Counselling 2024 Annual Report
- KRFCSS 2025 Year to date Financials
- FWW 2025 Year to date Financials
- KRFCSS 2024 Year End Financials
- FWW 2024 Year End Financials
- Kneehill Grant Writer Program Budget

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. King called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

AGENDA

1.0 Adoption of Agenda

06/25 Mrs. Martel moved approval of the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES

2.0 Approval of Minutes

07/25 Mrs. Anderson moved approval of the January 14, 2025 regular

meeting minutes.

CARRIED

DELEGATION

3.0 Delegation

3.1 Kneehill Community Support Coach

FCSS Kneehill Community Support Coach Michaela Clark presented the 2024 Annual Report.

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BUSINESS 4.0 Business Pending from Minutes

ARISING 4.1 Kneehill Regional FCSS Staff Job Descriptions

4.2 Kneehill Regional FCSS Staff Pay Grids (Draft)

Items moved for discussion under FCSS Director Recruitment.

DIRECTOR'S <u>5.1 Director's Report</u> REPORT <u>FCSS</u>

• Written report attached.

FAMILY WELLNESS PROGRAM

Written report attached.
SENIORS OUTREACH
Written report attached.

08/25 Mr. Bates moved to receive the Director's report.

CARRIED

FIN REPORTS <u>6.0 Financial Reports</u>

The Board reviewed the financial reports.

09/25 Mrs. Sept moved to approve the 2024 year-end financial reports.

CARRIED

10/25 Mrs. Martel moved to approve the 2025 year-to-date financial reports.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS <u>7.0 New Business</u>

7.1 Kneehill Regional Grant Writer Program

11/25 Mrs. Anderson moved that KRFCSS take over the administration and

operation of the Kneehill Grant Writer Program and accept Budget

Option B \$35,640.00 from the Director's recommendations.

CARRIED

7.2 FCSS Director Recruitment

CLOSED SESSION 8.0 Closed Session

8.1 FCSS Director Recruitment

12/25 Mrs. Anderson moved the meeting closed at 8:21 p.m.

CARRIED

Mrs. Jackson Berry and Ms. Stewart left the meeting at 8:21 pm.

13/25 Mrs. Martel moved the meeting open at 9:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Kneehill Regional Family and Community Support Services March 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

NEXT MEETING 9.0 Next Meeting A special meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2025 at the Kneehill Regional FCSS office in Three Hills, Alberta, commencing at 7:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at the Kneehill Regional FCSS office in Three Hills, Alberta, commencing at 7:00 p.m. ADJOURNMENT 10.0 Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. Kenneth King, Chairperson

Angie Stewart, Recording Secretary

Kneehill

Faye McGhee, Division 1, Report

April 22, 2025 Council Meeting

Marigold Library AGM

Meeting Date: April 12

The executive has remained the same as last year which means President John Getz, (Village of Standard) returns for another year.

We received a clean audit. No Items were listed in the management letter for the 5th year!

Marigold Library Board meeting:

Meeting Date: April 12

There is a new online library catalogue called TRACpac+

CEO expressed gratitude for having had recently sign a five year fixed rate with the Trac Society which will result in very little affect from possible trade tariffs for purchases for the updating catalogue of sources.

The Marigold Library System Annual report will be distributed to our administration asap.

EDA Xperience Leaders' Summit:

Date: April 9-11

<u>Background</u>: Economic Developers Alberta, (EDA), Is a non-for-profit that supports community economic development through professional development opportunities, and programs including sharing best practices, providing access to courses and seminars, distributing timely information, and hosting world class events such as our EDA Xperience Leaders' Summit. Members include municipalities, towns, tourism groups, utilities, financial institutions, businesses, Regional Economic Development Authorities, Community Futures Development Corporations, federal, provincial, regional and municipal government agencies, students, non-profit organizations, and other groups and individuals that are either involved or interested in economic development.

The summit runs a very full agenda including breakout learning sessions and information presentations on Alberta's sector opportunities, economic trends, best practices, and networking opportunities. Information was shared by 116 speakers.

My overall value came through some of the resources that I was able to connect to that can support both and or CAEP in the work we are doing.



The highlights of my learning:

- 1. "Blue Gold", fiber optic infrastructure is said to the key to sustainable economy in all communities. This was explained and emphasized by various presenters.
- 2. Filling the workforce with talent and skill needed is a huge challenge facing all communities.
- 3. Communities have three components to sustainability: the social, economic and environment. I liked the quote, "Economy is the horse that drives the social program cart." (My thoughts are we need a strong social system to sustain the people of the community but as we have experienced over and over, the social programing only seems to gain financial support when economy is doing well.)
- 4. Telling your community story is an important tool for many dynamics of sustainability.
- 5. Lauren Pearson, (Community Development Project Lead, Community Futures Centre West) shared that 80% of business that survived beyond 5 years have accessed supports.
- 6. Massively many other items I could share and so I invite anyone interested to converse with me further.





Regular Board Meeting - Agenda

Town of Drumheller Council Chambers

1:30 PM - April 17, 2025

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER
- 2.0 ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

3.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Proposed Motion: That the Board adopt the agenda for the DDSWMA February 20, 2025, Regular Board Meeting as presented (or amended).

4.0 MEETING MINUTES

4.1 DDSWMA Budget and Regular Meeting minutes for February 20, 2025.

Proposed Motion: That the Board approves the minutes for the DDSWMA Regular Meeting of February 20, 2025, as presented.

4.2 DDSWMA Executive Committee Meeting minutes for January 17, 2025.

Proposed Motion: That the Board accepts the minutes for the DDSWMA Executive Committee Meeting of January 17, 2025, for information as presented.

4.3 DDSWMA Executive Committee Meeting minutes for March 21, 2025.

Proposed Motion: That the Board accepts the minutes for the DDSWMA Executive Committee Meeting of March 21, 2025, for information as presented.

5.0 DELEGATIONS

5.1 MNP – In-Person @ 13:45 h

6.0 DECISION ITEMS

6.1 30 yd Recycling Roll-Off Bin Asset Reduction

- The DDSWMA owns roughly 60 30 yd roll-off bins intended for cardboard recycling. These were historically used at the transfer sites. The current use of a compaction truck is more efficient.
- Haul-All (manufacturer) has assessed the bins to be worth \$2500 \$3000 each for resale.
- The DDRL would like to retain a few for future use on site.
- Wheatland County has extended an offer to purchase 40 of these bins at \$3000 each.
- Offers from others have been extended; these are not members; no price has been noted.

Proposed Motion: That the Board approve the sale of unwanted 30 yard roll off bins for \$3000/each.

- 6.2 Changes to "Non-Profit" Tipping Rate
 - Our fee schedule includes a non-profit rate for \$33.75/MT (regular regional waste tipping fee is \$65/MT)
 - There are no policies indicating how to treat non-profits as this time.
 - There have been no identified agreements between non-profits and the DDSWMA.
 - Current non-profits utilizing the specialized rate include the following:
 - o Drumheller Community Church
 - Atlas Coal Mine
 - o Church of the Nazarene
 - o St. Anthony's Parish
 - o D.A.R.T.S.
 - Wayne Community Association

It is recommended by Administration that all users pay for the service equally and that the DDSWMA Fee Schedule is amended to accommodate this change in fees. A notice period to those impacted should also be provided.

Proposed Motion: That the Board approves amendment to the DDSWMA 2025 fee schedule to remove the non-profit rate, effective June 1, 2025, with written notice to those impacted at least 30 days in advance.

7.0 DISCUSSION / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 7.1 YTD April 10, 2025 Financials Operational (attached)
- 7.2 Recycling YTD (as of March 31, 2025) (attached)
- 7.3 DDSWMA Balance Sheet YTD (as of April 10, 2025) (attached)
- 7.4 2023 Financial Audit Progress
 - 2023 Financial Audit underway.
- 7.5 Transfer Station MSW Hauling Contract RFP Update

- 7.6 Landfill Operation Services Contract RFP Update
- 7.7 Insurance Reviews (AMSC)
- 7.8 Computer OS Updating
- 7.9 2025 DDSWMA Groundwater Monitoring Report
- 7.10 2025 Airspace Report`
- 7.11 Letters to DDSWMA Board of Directors (from Rockyford and Standard attached)

Proposed Motion: That the Board accept as information all informational items as presented.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 EPR Steering Committee

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8.2 Policy Committee

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Proposed Motion: That the Board accept as information the Committee Reports as presented.

9.0 LANDFILL MANAGERS' REPORT

- 9.1 Action Items (attached)
- 9.2 Masterplan Update (DRAFT attached)
- 9.3 Approval Renewal Update
 - An extension for our approval has been granted by EPEA to allow for changes and adjustments to the approval based on findings resulting from the EPEA Inspection. Approval #47449-02-04 is attached for file/reference.
- 9.4 EPR Changes
 - As of April 1, 2025 the DDSWMA is under contract as a service provider to Circular Materials for collection and processing of PPP material, under contract for the collection and shipping of HSP and with Call2Recycle for the collection of household batteries.
 - Staff are working hard at implementing changes to operations to ensure the DDSWMA is meeting our contractual requirements. This includes changes to material collection and acceptance days at the recycling buildings, changes to reporting structures within the scale and accounting systems and learning the reporting portals for each PRO's site.
- 9.5 Alberta Environment and Protected Areas (AEPA) Inspection Update
 - No response from the letter sent to AEPA at this time

- Field Equipment has been sent for calibration and assessment of accuracy
- 9.6 Spring East Pond and Ridgeline Pond Release
 - Both ponds have been released and/or pumped to the Lower/Normal water level. Both ponds analytical lab testing returned compliant to allow the release. Waiting for the analysis of water released to ensure compliance during release. Handheld equipment was rented from an accredited lab equipment facility to ensure accuracy during in field testing.

Operations & Safety

- 9.7 Seasonal staff have been hired. Looking to hire a part time scale house attendant to cover summer holidays and Monday rushes when only one scale attendant is on schedule.
- 9.8 Oil Recycling Certificate

Proposed Motion: That the Board accept as information the Landfill Manager's Report as presented.

10.0 DDSWMA ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION - In Camera

Proposed Motion: That the Board go in camera to discuss confidential municipality updates.

Proposed Motion: That the Board go out of camera.

11.0 NEXT MEETING DATES

11.1 Executive Committee Meeting

May 16, 2025 @ 09:00 a.m. Council Chambers – Town of Drumheller, TEAMS

11.2 Regular Board Meeting

June 19, 2025 @ 13:30 p.m. Council Chambers – Town of Drumheller, TEAMS

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Proposed Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.



Regular Board Meeting - Agenda

Town of Drumheller Council Chambers

Sonya Adams (regrets)

Lyle Cawiezel

Larry Casey

Jason Bates

Trevor Snyder (regrets)

Trina Anderson

Jim Adams

Patrick Kolafa

Darryl Drohomerski (regrets)

Tim Frank

Debbie Penner

Reg Wiebe

Chris Reeds

Lorraine MacArthur

Bill Goodfellow

Larry R. Casey

Mark Landry

Scott Klassen

Ashley Turner – Recording Secretary

Esther Quiambao

Donna Peloquin

1.0 CALL TO ORDER 1:31pm P. Kolafa

2.0 ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Add: Transtor Pickup service as agenda item 7.12

3.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: M. Landry That the Board adopt the agenda for the DDSWMA February 20, 2025, Regular Board Meeting as amended. J. Adams **CARRIED**

4.0 MEETING MINUTES

4.1 DDSWMA Budget and Regular Meeting minutes for December 19, 2024.

Motion: S. Klassen moved that the Board approves the minutes for the DDSWMA Regular Meeting of December 19, 2024, as presented. M. Landry. **CARRIED**

1:30 PM - February 20, 2025

Landfill Manager

Village of Munson

Village of Standard

Village of Acme - via TEAMS

Village of Beiseker

Village of Carbon

Village of Delia

Town of Drumheller

Town of Drumheller

Village of Hussar

Kneehill County

Village of Linden

Village of Trochu

Village of Morrin

Village of Rockyford - via

TEAMS

Village of Standard

Starland County

Wheatland County

Town of Drumheller Town of Drumheller

Landfill Admin

4.2 DDSWMA Executive Committee Meeting minutes for January 17, 2025.

Minutes were not included in the package. Acceptance of minutes tabled until next meeting.

5.0 DELEGATIONS

- 5.1 ETGM2 @ 1400 hr. Postponed Date TBD
- 5.2 Communication Tools Inc. @ 14:00 hr. In Camera

Motion: M. Landry That the Board go in camera for Communication Tools Inc. delegation T. Frank at approximately 2:04pm. **CARRIED**

Motion: M. Landry moved that the Board go out of camera at 3:00pm. S. Klassen seconded. **CARRIED**

6.0 DECISION ITEMS

6.1 Policy Committee Terms of Reference (attached)

Motion: L. MacArthur moved that the Board approve the Policy Committee Terms of Reference as amended. T. Frank Seconded **CARRIED**

- 6.2 Commercial Cardboard Recycling in Drumheller
 - The DDSWMA owns ~ 17 6-yard front load cardboard recycling bins located at various businesses within the Town of Drumheller
 - Historically, the collection and disposal of this material was within the Towns' commercial collection contract
 - No written/formal agreements have been located for these bins/businesses
 - The Towns' new contract does not include these bins and provides businesses with opportunities to contract recycling services with the service provider
 - Service provider is currently working with the DDSWMA to continue providing this service for the short term
 - Long term servicing will come with a servicing cost to the DDSWMA
 - Recommendations are for the DDSWMA to discontinue this free service
 - Should the DDSWMA Board decide to discontinue the service, a two-month notice will be provided to the affected businesses, which would include the option to maintain the cardboard collection through the Town of Drumheller's Commercial Collections Contract.

Motion: S. Klassen moved that the Board approve discontinuance of the cardboard collection service to the in town businesses. L. Casey seconded. **CARRIED**

6.3 Dispersal of Commercial Front Load Cardboard Recycling Bins

- Picture of bin attached
- Towns' current commercial contractor has offered \$275 CDN/bin, removal/repair/upgrades at their cost.
- Average new cost \$1500 CDN
- Drumheller and District Landfill would like to retain 2-4 for use on site
- Membership interested in purchasing any at their cost to remove/repair/upgrade?
- Public sale?

Motion: L. MacArthur moved the Board approves the sale of the bins with options to sell to membership prior to the two months' notice period for removal from business lands. C. Reeds seconded. **CARRIED**

Further discussion needed:

- Members would be responsible for moving the bins to their respective locations.
- Would the price also be \$275 or would it be no charge as the bins were funded through a grant?

6.4 PPP Contract

- Contract attached
- Discussions regarding contract with EPR Steering Committee attached as 8.1 EPR Steering Committee Report

Motion: S. Klassen The Board approve the terms and conditions of the PPP Contract with Circular Materials as presented and moves to direct the DDSWMA to enter into agreement with Circular Materials as presented before March 21, 2025. C. Reeds seconded, **CARRIED**

6.5 HSP Contract

- Contract attached
- Discussions regarding contract with EPR Steering Committee attached as 8.1 EPR Steering Committee Report

Motion: M. Landry The Board approve the terms and conditions of the HSP Contract with Product Care as presented and moves to the DDSWMA to enter into agreement with Circular Materials as presented before March 21, 2025. J. Adams seconded, **CARRIED**

6.6 EPR Revenue/Subsidy

Motion: L. Casey The Board approve the placement of any revenues/subsidies coming from EPR programs into a dedicated reserve fund for 2025. L. MacArthur seconded **CARRIED**

6.7 HR Review Consultant

Motion: L. MacArthur directs the Manager of Landfill Operations to engage a HR Consultant to review and recommend changes to job descriptions, organizational chart, compensation and HR Policy C. Reeds seconded.

Discussion ensued resulting in an amended motion.

Amended Motion: L. MacArthur directs that the Secretary Treasurer to engage a HR Consultant to review and recommend changes to job descriptions, organizational chart, compensation and HR Policy. C. Reeds **CARRIED**

- 6.8 Approval Renewal/ Masterplan Scope Change (attached)
 - Budgeted \$80,000 for each piece of work (\$160K total)
 - Contract awarded for ~ \$133,000 as "one project"
 - The scope of work has changed to include the regulatory investigations and changes needed to bring us into compliance; specifically where the leachate collection, site run-off and the East Pond control structures are concerned
 - Work on assessment and design for "bridging" Stage 1 and 2 has used ~ \$15k of the budget. Hopes had been that this work would be completed within the contract as a "bonus"
 - The above was needed as no plans for next steps in waste placement; written or designed, were located
 - AE is working on high level costs for final design and construction of "marrying up" the two stages. Discussions and site visits with the regulators have occurred to ensure that we are designing a plan to fit best practices of today and the near future. Under the current approval, this area would not require a liner. Under best practices and ethics, a "piggy-back" liner and upgrades to the leachate collection system are needed.
 - Future work for changes to leachate collection, site run-off and the East Pond control structure modifications will be presented as individual tasks to assist with effective and proper budgetary tracking
 - Approval for this SC will allow us to continue moving forward into compliance.

Motion: C. Reeds The Board approve the scope change for Associated Engineering as presented. T. Frank seconded **CARRIED**

7.0 DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 7.1 YTD February 14, 2025 Financials Operational (attached)
- 7.2 Recycling YTD (as of February 14, 2025) (attached)
- 7.3 DDSWMA Balance Sheet YTD (as of February 14, 2025) (attached)
- 7.4 2023 LAPP and Financial Audit Progress
 - LAPP Audit Completed and submitted. 2023 Financial Audit underway.
- 7.5 Alberta Environment and Protected Areas (AEPA) Site Inspection Response_Amended (attached)
- 7.6 New Sign updating hours of operations and regulatory requirements (attached)
- 7.7 MH Enterprises Support Letter (attached)

- 7.8 Letter to the Minister re: EPR Contracts and Response
- 7.9 AB CARE Spring Conference (attached)
 - S. Klassen is attending and happy to report back to the board.
- 7.10 ERWAC SMWMAC Joint Meeting Minutes (attached)
- 7.11 EPEA Approval Extension Request (attached)
- 7.12 Transtor Pickup Service

Action item: Board would like a summary from before Christmas of all the delays that have happened with the waste collection contractor.

Discussion: Board would like a clause added to the contract that essentially states that if the contractor is unable to pick up waste within a reasonable time of the missed pick up that the municipalities can hire an independent 3rd party and the bill will be paid for by the contractor.

Motion: D. Penner That the Board accepts as information all informational items as presented. T. Frank seconded. **CARRIED**

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 8.1 EPR Steering Committee
 - February 5, 2025 Meeting Notes (attached)
- 8.2 Policy Committee
 - Elections at first meeting
 - Determine options for initial meeting date can be virtual

Motion: S. Klassen That the Board accepts as information the Committee Reports as presented. M. Landry seconded. **CARRIED**

9.0 LANDFILL MANAGERS' REPORT

- 9.1 Action Items (attached)
- 9.2 Masterplan Update
 - Timelines have been extended to allow for focus on the Approval renewal and regulatory issues.
 - Due to incomplete staged planning, consultants are preparing a change order
 to accommodate out of scope requests including the "bridging" of Stage 1 and
 Stage 2. This will include design and construction management for a
 "piggyback" liner and leachate management extensions. While the area has
 been previously approved for landfilling under current conditions (liner and
 leachate under Stage 2 only), consultants and myself agree this is no longer
 an acceptable practice. The piggyback liner with extended leachate collection
 will work to mitigate potential groundwater contamination from future
 landfilling.

9.3 Approval Renewal Update

- Due to concerns noted in the December 2024 Inspection Report, an
 extension request will be submitted to AEPA for the Approval renewal.
 Consultants are working on potential corrective actions meeting Best
 Practices, Standards, Codes, Regs etc. of today for concerns related to the
 East Pond, Leachate systems, run-off/drainage and other noted concerns
 which can have direct and indirect environmental consequences. This is
 preferred by AEPA vs. amendments over the next year to correct these
 issues. Potential costs for corrections will be brought forward as available.
- In-depth Landfill Gas Management Plan (LFGMP) identified as being a new requirement within Approval needs. Consultants have been engaged to review and provide recommendations to align with any current and upcoming federal or provincial regulations.
- 9.4 Training: Leadership Training for Women of Waste West

Bring forward to next meeting

- 9.5 HC Soil Use
 - ~\$8500 spent to date on "clean" clay.
 - Approximately \$150,000 required to complete next lift with clean clay.
 - Next lift will offer approximately one year of waste burial space
 - Work with consultants to correct berm degradation may mitigate some of this cost with an effective and economical long term solution (historically the berm was intended to ensure runoff from landfill hill was directed to the leachate collection system and has eroded/disappeared over time causing runoff to migrate to the East Pond stormwater pond)

Board would like clarification on this line item brought to the next meeting.

- 9.6 Septic Pump Install Updates
 - 2 pumps ordered for Septic System (T.K.N.T): ETA March 2025 (correct pumps determined with consult of the Drumheller WTP, TKNT and Bright Valley Electric)
 - Bright Valley Electric temporarily closed will hopefully know install dates March 3, 2025

Operations & Safety

- 9.7 Baler Inspections
 - New company used, new set of eyes, better availability, competitive pricing, Calgary based
 - Summit (cardboard) baler considered to be in good condition with a few minor adjustments to the "eyes"
 - 2 horizontal balers are considered obsolete and it has been suggested to run these balers in "manual" mode to prolong life
 - This information will be used in assessing future needs and addressing 2023 audit required asset assessments
- 9.8 Overhead doors have passed annual inspection

9.9 Landfill Fires

- Landfill Fire: January 6, 2025 (Called in to AEP: Reference #436571)
- Identified as a residential load, hot coals (BBQ or firepit) mixed in with load of furniture and saw dust. Quickly extinguished.

9.10 Recycling

February 6, 2025: Staff found live ammunition in the cardboard recycling. RCMP requested ammunition be stored on site or delivered. Due to liability, this is not an option for the DDSWMA. RCMP to come and collect. Spent ammunition has been found previously in the recycling, along with previously noted medical refuse. This material is noted to be coming from the "7-11" Town of Drumheller depot site.

Discussion: Donna noted that the RCMP wanted the live ammunition delivered. It was additionally recommended by the RCMP the landfill keep the ammunition until there is a certain amount collected, then the RCMP will collect when there is enough volume.

Issue of medical sharps found in the recycling was brought up.

Action Item: It is requested that the Landfill Manager investigate the costs and feasibility of a dedicated sharps recycling.

9.9 Training:

- Recycling Supervisor and Lead Hand attending Product Care Lab Pack HSP auditing training/discussions
- ICS 100 (1) 3 total trained
- Exceptional Customer Service (2)
- Leadership of Safety Excellence all current staff are trained per OHS requirements
- Workplace Harassment and Workplace Violence Prevention 2 staff require training per OHS requirements
- 1 staff signed up for SWANA Landfill Operator Basics eligible to write exam in fall
- 1 staff signed up for SWANA HHW

9.10 Safety Equipment

 Purchased BM Microchip gas detector for use when completing weekly inspections of leachate collection.

Motion: L. Casey That the Board accepts as information the Landfill Manager's Report as presented. D. Penner seconded. **CARRIED**

10.0 DDSWMA ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

• S. Klassen provided an update regarding Energy from Waste. Wheatland County has withdrawn from the program for various reasons.

11.0 NEXT MEETING DATES

11.1 Executive Committee Meeting

March 21, 2025 @ 09:00 a.m. Council Chambers – Town of Drumheller, TEAMS

11.2 Special Resolution Board Meeting

March 21, 2025 @ 09:00 a.m. Council Chambers – Town of Drumheller, TEAMS

Special Resolution Meeting is no longer required

11.3 Regular Board Meeting

April 17, 2025 @ 13:30 p.m. Council Chambers – Town of Drumheller, TEAMS

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion: C. Reeds That the meeting be adjourned at 3:35pm. M. Landry

Signature of DDSWMA Chair Signature of DDSWMA Secretary-Treasurer



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Subject: **Council Follow-Up Action List** Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 Prepared By: Carolyn Van der Kuil, Legislative Services Manager Presented By: Mike Haugen, CAO STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply) X High Quality **Economic** Quality of Life Level of Service Effective Resilience Infrastructure Leadership **RELEVANT LEGISLATION:** Provincial (cite)- N/A Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)- N/A **BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:** To request Council's acceptance of the Council Follow-Up Action List. DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: Please find attached the Council Follow-up Action List. The Council Follow-up Action List is a list of items from Council meetings that require follow-up. This document is regularly reviewed and updated after each Council meeting. **FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:** The recommended motion does not have any financial implications. **RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:** Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication Individual Notification Tools: Other: **ATTACHMENTS:** Council Follow-up Action List. **COUNCIL OPTIONS:** To receive the report regarding the Council Follow-up Action List for information. Council provide further direction or required changes/amendments. **RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That Council receive for information the Council Follow-up Action List as presented. **FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:** N/A APPROVAL(S): Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer Approved-

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Wiccing Dute	Wiotion II	Councillor Penner moved that Council authorize the use of	Action Required	Assigned To	Due Date	Status There has been little applicant
		\$10,000 from the 2023 Operating Budget – Strategic initiatives				There has been little applicant interest in this position. Member
30-May-23	208/23	for a regional economic development project at the Three Hills				parties are meeting later this month
30 Way 23	200/23	Airport in partnership with the Town of Three Hills and Prairie				to discuss next steps which may
		College.		Miko Haugan	2024 Q3	include cancellation.
				Mike Haugen	2024 Q3	Two have taken place. We are still
		That Council direct Administration to request Council				working to obtain a knowledgeable
13-Feb-24		presentations from the NRCB, AUC, and knowledgeable expert				speaker regarding the electrical grid.
	026/24	on Alberta electrical grid regarding processes, setbacks, and		NATIONAL CONTRACTOR N	02 2025	
	026/24	other information relevant to municipalities.		Mike Haugen/Carolyn V	Q2 2025	Applicant is currently investigating
						options and has indicated that they
25-Jun-24		That Council direct Administration to investigate options for				will be in contact with the County in
	196/24	upgrading the water service to the Three Hills Airport.		Mike Ziehr	Q2 2025	Q2 of 2025 with an update.
		That Council direct administration to further investigate the costs			Q1 2025	in progress
20-Aug-24	226/24	of providing solid waste services within Kneehill County and at		John Makiarnan		
	226/24	the Torrington site beyond the site's current lifespan. That Council direct Administration to provide a report on the		John McKiernan		RFD being brought forward 8 April
10-Sep-24		process and resources required to develop a land				2025
	261/24	acknowledgement protocol.	COMPLETED	Kevin Gannon	Q1 2025	
						RFP closed. Project awarded to
						Gane Vac Services and initial septic tank cleaning is to take place the last
						week of May, 2025. A general
						information sheet is being
						developed to deliver through the
24-Sep-24						utility bills and if needed, delivered
						as a door knocker to the residents. As well as this delivery process we
		That Council directs Administration to initiate a new service level				will also utilize 'Notify me' and the
		within the Hamlet of Huxley involving coordinating the pumping				social media channels/website.
		of private septic tanks once every two years, to be completed at				
	280/24	a cost recovery model, and commencing in the year 2025.		John McKiernan	Q1 2025	
22-Oct-24		That Council move that Kneehill County participate in the AUC				County is being represented by legal counsel in the upcoming hearing.
22 001 24	360/24	process regarding the Lone Butte Solar Project		Mike Haugen	Ongoing	counsel in the apcoming hearing.
		That Council donate the two Engines (Spare and Kneehill County				Scheduled for May 20th pick up and
22-Oct-24		Three Hills Station) to Alberta Society for Firefighters Abroad				Council picture
	362/24	Project Paraguay.		Deb Grosfield	20-May	
						Development of a draft document is starting now that other items have
22-Oct-24		That Council direct Administration to develop a Kneehill County				been completed. This has been
		Governance Model document for Council approval, with funding				altered for Q2 completion.
	368/24	coming from the 2024 approved Operating Budget.		Mike Haugen	Q2 2025	
12-Nov-24	381/24	That Council direct Administration to draft a policy regarding participation in AUC proceedings.	In process	Barb Hazelton	Q1 2025	Ongoing
	301/24	That Council direct Administration to amend the proposed Policy	process	Dario Hazeitori	Q1 2025	
14-Jan-25		13-2, Grader Gravel Services and to defer this discussion to a				
	003/25	future Council meeting.		Mike Conkin	Q2 2025	
		That Council direct Administration to place a discussion regarding				
14-Jan-25		industry road use agreements and development				
		permit/agreement as it relates to road use, to a future				
	004/25	Committee of the Whole Meeting. That Council approve first and second reading of Bylaw #1911,		Mike Ziehr	Q2 2025	
11-Feb-25		that being a bylaw to authorize the implementation of a				This item is slated for the May
	045-46/25	Community Aggregate Payment Levy.		Ushba Khalid	Q2 2025	agenda.
		That Council renames "Service Road" to "Kirkpatrick Close" and				
11-Feb-25	048/25	"Range Road 211" to "Deer Valley Lane" adhering to the Naming		Cody Dale-McNair		Notices are going out & signs are
	040/23	of County Roads Policy # 5-19, and authorizing the required		Cody Dale-McNair		being ordered
11 Mar 25		That Council direct Administration to request an engagement				
11-Mar-25		with the local Regional Director with Alberta Transportation				
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	074/25	regarding several provincial bridge and road issues.	COMPLETED	Mike Haugen	Q1 2025	We are awaiting a response.
11-Mar-25	074/25	regarding several provincial bridge and road issues. That Council authorize Administration to proceed with the land	COMPLETED	Wike Haugen	Q1 2023	we are awaiting a response.



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		That Council approve the use of a water truck and operator and	/teten neganea	7.05igiled 10	Due Dute	Status
25-Mar-25		supply water to fill barricades for the 2025 Three Hills Cruise				
	081/25	Weekend races.				
25-Mar-25		That Council approve the Braconnier Campground Picnic Shelter				
25-Md1-25	082/25	design as discussed.	COMPLETED			Completed no action required
	002/23	That Council increase the Private Cemetery mowing fees to \$500	COMITECTED			completed no action required
25-Mar-25		annually in 2026 and implement formal service agreements with				
	083/25	existing serviced cemeteries.				
25-Mar-25	005/25	That Council approve the provision of snow plowing services to	COMPLETED			
	085/25	Rural Community Centres, as requested, at a cost recovery basis. That Council approve hosting a Ratepayer Evening in Huxley and	COMPLETED			
		the second Ratepayer evening to take place at Horseshoe				IN progress. Events are booked-
25-Mar-25		Canyon in 2025, with the knowledge that extra costs may be				June 12 in Huxley, June 19 at
	087/25	incurred.				Horseshoe Canyon.
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25-Mar-25		That Council approves reserve contributions of \$2,758,304 as				
	088/25	detailed in Appendix G.				
25 May 25		That Council approves a draw of \$2,057 from the Contingency				
25-Mar-25	089/25	Reserve to fund over-budget Operating Projects as detailed in Appendix C.				
	003/23	That Council approves \$708,514 of Operating Project				
25-Mar-25		carryforwards, including funding sources, as detailed in Appendix				
	090/25	C.				
		That Council approves a draw of \$16,432 from the Building				
25-Mar-25		Capital Replacement Reserve and \$14,676 from the Roads				
	001/25	Reserve to fund over-budget Capital Projects as detailed in				
	091/25	Appendix D. That Council approves \$4,358,753 of Capital Project				
25-Mar-25		carryforwards, including funding sources, as detailed in Appendix				
	092/25	D.				
		That Council move first reading of Bylaw 1916 to pursue the road				
08-Apr-25		closure of the undeveloped road allowance east of Plan 4910S				
	107/25	Block W.				
08-Apr-25		That Council move that a Public Hearing be scheduled for May 13, 2025, 10:00 a.m. as per Section 22 and 230 of the Municipal				
08-Api-23	108/25	Government Act. ;				On the May 13, 2025 Agenda
		That Council move first reading of proposed Bylaw 1917 for the				
08-Apr-25		purpose of amending Land Use Bylaw 1808 by redesignating a				
		portion of the SE 30-34-23 W4 from Agriculture District to Light				
	109/25	Industrial District. That Council move to schedule the Public Hearing, as per				
08-Apr-25		Sections 216.4 & 606 of the Municipal Government Act, to be				
00 / Ip. 23	110/25	held on May 13, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.				On the May 13, 2025 Agenda
		That Council approve the attendance of the Reeve and Deputy				
08-Apr-25		Reeve to attend the Travel Drumheller Annual General meeting				
	111/25	on April 16th 2025.	COMPLETED			
08-Apr-25		That Council recommend that the 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw be				
00 Apr 25	112/25	presented in alignment with Scenario 1.	COMPLETED			
08-Apr-25		That Council give first reading to Bylaw #1913- 2025 Tax Rate				Second and Third Reading scheduled
	113/25	Bylaw.				for April 22
08 4 = 25		Council granted second and third reading to Bylaw 1915, being a				
08-Apr-25	114-115/25	Bylaw providing a Loan Guarantee to the Town of Trochu as presented.	COMPLETED			
	114-115/25	That Council provide the Trochu and District Agricultural Society	CONTELLED			
		sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00 to assist in the costs				
08-Apr-25		associated with hosting the 2025 Rope, Ride & Race Summer				
	1	Event, with funds to come from the Community Enrichment				
	116/25	Support Program.	COMPLETED			
08-Apr-25		That Council approve Rural Hall Capital Grant Funding in the				
	117/25	amount of \$7,369.00 to the Hesketh Community Hall Association				
	117/25	to assist in purchasing new tables and chairs for the facility.	COMPLETED			



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08-Apr-25	118/25	That Council accepts the information as presented by Travel Drumheller	COMPLETED			
08-Apr-25		That Council direct Administration to bring forward a discussion regarding the exploration of relationship building with Indigenous Peoples to the next Strategic Planning Session.;				