Smoky Lake County plans no tax rate hike this year

Smoky Lake County passed its 2019 budget based on a zero mill rate increase.

Tax revenue to be collected is expected to increase by about two percent, from just under $8.7 million budgeted in 2018 to nearly $9.0 million in 2019. CAO Cory Ollikka said that amount should be covered by the anticipated increase in assessment.

The total function budget (operations and capital) increased from $17.8 million in 2018 to $18.8 million in 2019.

Legislative expenses, which include councillor salaries and expenses, increased from $491,700 last year to $526,500 this year. That change includes a 1.5 percent cost of living increase to council salaries plus funds to cover the change in how councilor salaries are taxed.

Previously, one third of municipal councilors' salaries were tax free. This year, all five councillors, so they will continue to take home the same amount as before.

"That's what most municipalities are doing," said Reeve Craig Lukinuk.

A net decrease is anticipated for Protective Services, from a budget of $173,700 in 2018 to $153,100 in 2019. While Fire services showed a slight increase, Bylaw Enforcement costs decreased from a 2018 budget of $166,200 to the 2019 budget of $145,600.

The Transportation budget increased from just under $5.3 million in 2018 to just over $5.5 million for 2019. It includes $200,000 for bridge projects, $315,600 in road projects (cementing, gravelling and rehabilitation), and $4.2 million in operating and maintenance.

The Planning and Communication budget increased from $240,800 in 2018 to $394,200 in 2019. Department administrative costs increased from $240,800 in 2018 to $394,200 in 2019's $328,700. An additional staff member was budgeted for part of 2018 and all of 2019.

As well, a $40,000 increase was budgeted for part of 2018 and all of 2019.

The Administration budget increased slightly, from $930,500 in 2018 to $947,700 in 2019.

Although the overall change will be a zero increase, individual properties may see an increase or decrease resulting from changes in assessment.

Walls are going up as construction of the Metis Crossing cultural centre on the North Saskatchewan River south of Smoky Lake carries on through the winter.

One person went to hospital with minor injuries. Smoky Lake Fire Department, Smoky Lake EMS, RCMP and Atco Power responded to the crash. The power was shut off due to safety concerns on scene and was restored once the power company replaced the power pole.

Two trucks collided northwest of Smoky Lake Jan. 30, injuring one person and knocking over a power pole at the intersection of Twp 594 and RR 174.

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ADVERTISING DEADLINES

Thursday 2 p.m. for Tuesday edition
Seeds To Sprouts Childcare hopes to have a childcare facility operating in Thorhild by this summer. It will be located in Thorhild Central School (TCS) and offer daytime and after-school care.

Organizers Kelly Feledichuk, Krista Hawrelko and Brandy Hasiuk gave details of their childcare initiative to Thorhild County council Jan. 29. Council had included $15,000 in its 2019 budget as start-up funds for the child care facility.

“One of the biggest stresses as parents is childcare,” said Hawrelko. She gave her own circumstances as an example of how a local childcare facility would impact safety and the economy. She works in Fort Saskatchewan. Because there is no local childcare facility, she has to wake up her children early and take them with her.

“It’s scary for me to have to take them two hours every day on the highway,” she said. If she could access local childcare, not only would her children avoid lengthy daily travel, but she could take a different road into work and not have to go into the city of Fort Saskatchewan at all. She would do more shopping locally.

Hawrelko said the daycare would create local jobs, fill up areas in the local school and attract more young families to move here. There is an existing need for it, as a two week survey indicated there are 50 children aged one to 11 who require childcare. Seeds To Sprouts will be set up as a Society in order to access fundraising opportunities and grants. It will operate full time, 12 months of the year. TCS has designated two classrooms for day care use. Feledichuk listed the benefits of being in the school: eliminates transportation issues for before and after school care, is one stop for parents with children in daycare and school, uses existing amenities such as the playground and gymnasium, and creates synergies between the childcare society and school.

“We believe our daycare will benefit the community greatly,” said Feledichuk. She said that in the future, it could provide early drop-off and late pick-up options, have a modular room brought in beside the school, and work with the school programs through the cafeteria, Work Experience, class projects and mentorship.

At present Feledichuk, Hawrelko and Hasiuk are completing the Society registration and beginning the licencing process. They will shortly complete renovations at the school, furnish the daycare and advertise for staff.

They were commended by Reeve Kevin Grumetza.

“Very well done,” agreed coun. Richard Filipchuk, adding that he believes a daycare will attract people to move into the county.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Bylaw No. 06-19
Land Use Bylaw Amendment

Take notice that pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, as amended, Thorhild County Council has scheduled a Public Hearing in regard to the proposed Bylaw 06-19, being a Bylaw to amend Thorhild County Land Use Bylaw No. 1194-2015, as amended, as follows:

Changes the boundaries of the Environmental Reserve (PI District) adjacent to Lot 6A, Block 15, Plan 9123418, and adjusting the corresponding districting, as shown in Schedule “A” attached hereto.

Date: Tuesday February 26, 2019
Location: Thorhild County Council Chambers (801-1st Street, Thorhild)

The proposed Bylaw and Schedule “A” may be viewed at the County Office, is available on the Thorhild County Website http://www.thorhildcounty.com/ News/Public Notices, you may request a copy via email from kelly.patyre@thorhildcounty.com or by phone at 780-398-2802.

The Public Hearing on Bylaw 06-2019 will commence at 9:00 AM on Monday, February 25, 2019 at the Thorhild County Public Works office (white building with blue trim), PO Box 10, 21414 Twp. Rd. 600A, Thorhild, Alberta, T0A 3J0.

Complete details on the further requirements of this tender are at www.thorhildcounty.com.

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- Availability date

Tenders must be received no later than 11:00 AM on Monday, February 25, 2019 at the Thorhild County Public Works office (white building with blue trim), PO Box 10, 21414 Twp. Rd. 600A, Thorhild, Alberta, T0A 3J0.

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NOTICE OF DECISION OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Municipal Planning Commission for Thorhild County has approved the following Development Application(s):

1. Legal Description: NW 6-61-21-W4
Land Use Designation: Agricultural District
Proposal: Construct an addition with a 16’ front deck to an existing residence

Permit # 2280

Date of Decision(s): January 29, 2019

For further information on any of our programs, or to register, please contact Rebecca at 780-398-2804.
Hwy 18 limit may change to 70 past school

By this summer the 1.5 miles of Hwy 18 running from the west boundary of the Hamlet of Thorhild to the east boundary of the Thorhild Central School (TCS) property may have one speed limit instead of the three it presently has.

Speed limits and signs on a provincial highway are the responsibility of Alberta Transportation. During its Jan. 29 meeting Thorhild County council formally received the speed limit assessment on that section of highway done by Tetra Tech for Alberta Transportation. It recommended changing the school zone in front of TCS to a school area and setting the speed limit at 70 km/hour from the west edge of the hamlet to the east border of the school grounds.

If the provincial minister of Transportation approves that change, Thorhild County would extend the east border of the hamlet to the east boundary of the school property. That would enable the county Community Peace Officers (CPO) to enforce the 70 km speed zone.

“If the hamlet expanded to include the school, we could enforce it,” said CAO Wayne Filipchuk.

He explained that CPOs do not have authority on provincial highways except when enforcing speed limits that are lower than highway speed within a designated area such as a hamlet or town.

“I think it’s a good thing,” reeve Kevin Grumetza said. “Finally we’ll have some teeth behind it, and hopefully we’ll keep things safe for everybody. Now it’s 60 to 100 to 30. It’s all over.”

A school area sign is a warning to alert drivers that a school is near and to be cautious that children may be close by. Drivers are to pass through the area with extra caution, but the speed limit does not change from the previous posted limit.

A school zone has a 30 km/hr speed limit in effect on school days from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

When driving on Hwy 18 west toward Thorhild Central School the 100 km/hr speed limit changes to 30 km/hr at the school zone.

When the school zone ends, there is a 300 m stretch posted at 100 km/hr, then the speed limit changes to 60 km/hr at the hamlet’s east boundary. Outside of school zone hours the 100 km/hr speed limit is maintained past the school up to the hamlet boundary.

Franklin said it is a very simple process to extend the boundary of the hamlet. It is done by amending the Land Use Bylaw, which is done by council passing first and third readings of the bylaw, hold- ing a public hearing on it to gather feedback from residents, then considering amendments to the draft bylaw before passing of second and third readings of it.

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Despite those preparations, Franklin said the county will take no action until after the Minister makes a decision regarding the speed zone.

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Council unanimously passed an amendment to the 70 km/hr speed zone to Alberta Transportation.

A Aspen View Public Schools superintendent Neil O’Shea and TCS principal Kim Carson also supported the proposed change. In a Jan. 16 letter to Alberta Transportation Athabasca District Operations manager Paula Campbell, O’Shea wrote, “You are correct in stating that a speed limit that no one adheres to certainly creates a sense of false security. Kim and I support a consistent speed limit of 70 km per hour. We are confident that the consultants you have employed to study the issue have been thorough with their review, and we support their researched position.”

That said, O’Shea stressed the importance of “above average signage” from both directions advising drivers of the presence of the school.

TCS is a Kindergarten to grade 12 school that also has a Great Beginnings program for younger children.

Campbell said she would like to make the speed zone changes during the summer, so drivers can adjust to them before the start of the next school year.

At this time, when travelling east on Hwy 18, the speed limit changes from 100 km/hr to 60 km/hr at the west boundary of the Hamlet of Thorhild, is maintained through the intersection with Hwy 827 and across the railroad tracks, then reverts back to 100 km/hr. During school zone hours that 100 km zone is 300 m long, after which drivers have to be at 30 km/hr for the 500 m school zone, then return to 100 km once past it.

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Municipalities want larger share of casino funds for rural groups

If the provincial government accepts recommendations by the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Charitable Gaming Committee, local organizations that work in casinos to raise funds may see up to a 77 percent increase in the funds they get from casinos.

Smoky Lake County reeve Craig Lukinuk, who served on the RMA committee, said the plan to more evenly distribute casino funds will be submitted to The Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Commission (AGLC) review of Alberta’s charitable gaming model.

Lukinuk explained the RMA proposal would make casino revenues less inequitable by having each of the 10 casino regions contribute 20 percent of their revenue into a pool. That pool would then be distributed equally among the regions.

The result would be close to a 15 percent reduction in the revenues of the Calgary and Edmonton regions while the other eight regions would get revenue increases ranging from 23 to 117 percent.

Most organizations in this area fundraise through the St. Albert or Fort McMurray regions. If the RMA proposal is adopted, it would increase revenue received by organizations working St. Albert casinos from $19,400 to $74,600 per event.

Fort McMurray casino revenue would increase from $42,800 to $53,300 per event. Groups working Edmonton casinos would have a revenue decrease from $68,500 to $58,600 per event.

As part of the AGLC consultation, local charitable organizations are encouraged to complete by Feb. 8 the survey they were emailed. AGLC will offer a second consultation phase later in 2019, which will be open to broader stakeholders and include online surveys and town halls.

The current equity gap between urban and rural organizations that fundraise by working at casinos has been a concern to rural organizations for a number of years.

Winnings donated back

The Friends of the Thorhild Library Society announced the winner of the Christmas 50/50 draw is Fiona Kelly, who is a Registered Massage Therapist in Thorhild. Santa made the draw on Dec. 8 and Fiona very generously donated the winnings of $260 back to the Library Society.

The Friends of the Thorhild Library Society raises funds for the Library. New volunteers are always welcome. The next meeting of the Friends is on Feb. 20 starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Thorhild Library.
County residents divided over gravel extraction near Long Lake

Thorstield County residents continue to be divided over proposed gravel extraction developments near Long Lake and what process should be used to control, approve or deny applications for those developments.

Thorstield County held a public hearing Jan. 29 on its proposed bylaw to create a Natural Resources Extraction direct control district around Long Lake. That bylaw would put any future activities such as aggregate mining and timber harvesting in the area under the direct control of council. Companies proposing to conduct resource extraction would first have to rezone their sites.

Although only 13 members of the public attended the public hearing, about 140 people sent in written submissions. The verbal and written presentations were split between 16 people who supported the proposed bylaw and 7 who opposed it. One person, Gere Trout, spoke during the general comments section of the hearing.

Administration will summarize the content of the submissions and provide the summary and the submissions to council for review.

Dean Zaranudee, speaking for Stony Valley Contracting, supported the proposed resource extraction bylaw. He said there is a shortage of gravel in many municipalities, and it is in short supply within two hours of Edmonton. Stony Valley holds an undeveloped 66 acre surface mineral lease (SML) just west of the north end of Long Lake. Daryznik said it is within 800 m of the lake but not on an area under the direct control bylaw.

JLG Ball Enterprises president Lisa Ball also supported the bylaw. “It is essential to have natural resource extraction,” she said. Ball provided a number of statistics, including the following. A gravel pit such as she proposes on an 80 acre SML east of Long Lake employs over 30 people and puts $8.7 million per year into the local economy.

Another person in Alberta uses 10 to 15 tonnes of aggregate in their lifetime, in everything from toothpaste to houses to roads. It takes 10 truckloads of gravel to make one tonne.

Ball said her company is in the process of reclaiming a depleted gravel extraction site north of Long Lake. Reclamation is not finished, yet she was told by a recreational off highway vehicle group that they were enjoying the area that it looks like a park.

Vernon Tontensor of Tor Land Resources, who also has an 80 acre SML east of Long Lake, supported the bylaw. He said many of the questions and concerns area residents have about proposed gravel pits are answered through the provincial approval process. It is a robust process that addresses everything from noise, water and other environmental concerns to First Nations consultations.

Speaking on behalf of Tor and JLG contractor Elaine Lesuiv, some amendments to the draft bylaw. She proposed changing resource extraction from a discretionary to a permitted use and deleting references to sub-divisions because residential developments are very different from resource extraction and last much longer.

Mandy Melynk said it is time for council to consider public concerns and assist residents in coming to a resolution on this issue.

“Rural Alberta is trying to attract good, sustainable jobs,” Melynk said. “People hear want jobs. The amount of taxpayer money spent on this issue is ridiculous.” She said people will not stop using the park because of gravel extraction on the other side of the lake.

“Anybody making a decision on that land should go out there and stand on it,” said Albert Hemstra, who has property southeast of Long Lake. He opposed the bylaw because he feels gravel mining would be detrimental to the lake, the provincial park on its west side and the wild lands on its east side.

Jeff Trout, an outdoorsman and outfitter, opposed the bylaws because he felt gravel extraction within 900 m of the lake would be irresponsible and have a detrimental impact on wildlife and the land. “Unspoiled wilderness is priceless,” Trout said. “There’s no replacing it.”

Speaking during the general comments section of the public hearing, Trout said working in the oil patch showed him greed trumps the environment and making a direct control district is not the way to go because it “lacks input from the public and is arrogant.” He said there is no opportunity in that area for two of the discretionary uses listed in the bylaw: extensive agriculture and extensive livestock.

“How can you justify direct control if you haven’t seen the area?” Trout asked.

Planning and Development manager Wayne Shanks advised the direct control bylaws will apply only to proposed gravel extraction sites in that specific area around Long Lake. Sites must be rezoned before an application for a development permit can be submitted. He explained that having resource extraction as a discretionary use gives the county the ability to impose conditions that are more precise than are listed in the Land Use Bylaw. The bylaw gives the public opportunity to ensure all aspects are considered.

County Wayne Crosswell asked if the public would be able to appeal permits. Shanks said no, but commented that the permit, such as landscaping, could be appealed.

The written submissions were not read aloud or otherwise made public during the public hearing. Shanks explained that because most of them had been received that morning, staff did not have time to redact information such as addresses and phone numbers which, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the county cannot distribute to the public. He said that from the quick look he had taken of the letters, they expressed similar opinions to those expressed by speakers during the hearing.

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During the past two and a half months Andre Patriquin of A-J Cattle Co. fed his cows and fertilized a field without starting a tractor. He had 75 head of cows swath grazing on 70 acres of greenfeed oats west of Thorhild.

“They’re happy,” he said. “There’s not a whole lot left when they’re done.”

He seeded the field late, timing it so he could cut it with the kernels at the milk stage shortly before autumn frosts. That way the swathes did not lie on the ground for a lengthy time and were better preserved.

The cattle, mostly Red and Black Angus cows with some yearling heifers, went onto the field in early November. Patriquin used an electric fence to restrict the area they grazed. At first, when there was not much snow, the cattle would spread out to begin grazing. They were familiar with the fence and did not challenge it. The deer and moose were harder on the fence, and often left tracks and evidence of grazing in areas the cows had not yet accessed.

Patriquin moved the wire every six days. Although the snow became fairly deep, it did not form a crust until the last weekend in January. The fluffy snow made it easy for the cattle to dig up the swathes, but they managed alright even after a couple of warm days made a layer of ice on top of the snow.

“When I move them to a new piece, they find the swathes with their feet,” said Patriquin. “They walk until they hear the sound change under their feet, then stick their noses in and pull it up. Then they just follow the windrow.”

He said he couldn’t start a herd swath grazing with the present layer of snow because they wouldn’t know where or how to look for the swathes. Even his experienced cattle tended to bunch up a bit for the first day in a new section, until they uncovered several swathes.

Patriquin’s herd has now been moved back home. The swath-grazed field is mostly covered in snow. In spring, it’ll be pretty brown. Patriquin said when the snow melts there will be a cow pie every 10 inches.

Patriquin, his wife, Jenny, and their children, Ryley and Evan, have operated A-J Cattle Co. west of Thorhild for 19 years.
Smoky Lake County had 14 STARS missions last year

STARS air ambulance flew 14 missions to Smoky Lake County during 2018. Eight of them were to emergency scenes such as motor vehicle collisions; the other six were emergency inter-facility transfers.

STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society) senior Municipal Relations liaison Glenda Farnden described the STARS helicopters as airborne intensive care units that bring a hospital to patients. When she provided the 2018 statistics to Smoky Lake County council Jan. 31, she said mission related costs for 14 missions totals over $100,000. Farnden thanked council for its resolution to donate $5,000 per year to STARS, saying that type of commitment from various organizations gives STARS “solid sustainability.”

“You are a valued partner with STARS,” said Farnden. “Your money came in to offset those costs, so we can be part of your emergency services.”

In addition to emergency flights, STARS provides training to local organizations. Landing zone training with fire department members in Smoky Lake is scheduled for the first week of February and simulation training with STARS staff is planned at the hospital in Smoky Lake later this spring.

STARS is primarily funded through donations. In 2018 it received $3.7 million in funding from Alberta Health Services and $32 million from fundraising. The STARS Alberta lottery raised almost one third of that, $10.3 million.

“The lottery is our single largest funding source,” Farnden said.

The three STARS bases in Alberta, Calgary, Edmonton and Grande Prairie, spend almost half (47 percent) of their funds on aviation. Clinical gets 23 percent of the budget, administration 15 percent, dispatch and co-ordination nine percent, base operations four percent and education three percent.

STARS flew its first mission in December 1985. During its first year of operation it flew 50 missions. In 2018 it flew 2,999 missions from its six bases (three in Alberta, two in Saskatchewan and one in Manitoba) for an average of eight missions per day.

Smoky Lake County council received a framed picture with plaque from STARS senior Municipal relations liaison Glenda Farnden in recognition of the county’s past contributions to STARS and its commitment to donate $5,000 per year to the air ambulance organization. In the photo are councillors Lorne Halisky (L-R) and Johnny Cherniwchan, reeve Craig Lukinuk, Farnden, and councillors Randy Orzechowski and Dan Gawalko.

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Tips assist RCMP in arresting three for multiple break-ins

Redwater RCMP arrested three people and laid multiple charges at a Sturgeon County residence last week.

A comprehensive investigation into numerous Break, Enter and Theft complaints throughout the Redwater RCMP detachment area over the past few weeks, aided by tips from the public, led police to arresting the three suspects.

“In one case, the suspects were brazen enough to return to the same location a second time within a few days to continue committing further offences,” said Redwater RCMP detachment commander Sgt. Ed Bourque.

The investigation, including information from the public, led officers to a rural property in the Sturgeon County area on Jan. 29. Officers arrested a 37 year old Sturgeon County man who is well known to police. He was in possession of a stolen ATV and in contravention of his probation conditions. He faces charges of Possession of Stolen Property over $5,000, Possession of a Firearm / Ammunition while prohibited, and Breach of Probation.

A search warrant was executed and resulted in the arrest of two other habitual adult offenders and the recovery of a number of stolen ATVs and firearms. The second man arrested was a 31 year old from Redwater who had an existing warrant for Break, Enter and Theft over $5,000, and Mischief that occurred in March of 2017 in Thorhild County. Both men have judicial interim release hearings to determine the date of their next court appearance.

A 26 year old Blairmore woman was also arrested and is facing charges of Abstacturing a Peace Officer. She is scheduled to appear in Fort Saskatchewan Provincial Court on March 14.

Bourque said the Redwater RCMP commended the public for their assistance in solving these crimes and remind area residents to call police or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS if they notice suspicious activity or have information on criminal activity.

Common sense rules for construction zones

Letter to the editor;

I find myself delightfully surprised that the Government of Alberta actually brought in common sense legislation regarding road construction zones. After years of complaining, the will of the people was heard and heeded. I usually despise over-regulating industries by governments but I agree with what the government has written into law. Companies ought to have taken governments but I agree with what the government has written into law. Companies ought to have taken...
Bylaw Purpose:
The Public is hereby provided NOTICE of the following for Public Inspection:

Bylaw #672-2019 to amend the monthly water consumption rate for all Customers in the Town of Smoky Lake, provides for amendments to the water Bylaw (No. 671-2011) to increase the monthly water consumption rate for all Customers entitled to restrictions in the amount of water usage.

Date:  February 21, 2019
Residents and Businesses effective January 1, 2019.

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Date:  February 21, 2019
Residents and Businesses effective January 1, 2019.

Anyone who is interested in providing formal comments or feedback on the proposed bylaw is encouraged to attend the Council Meeting or submit written comments prior to 12:00 (noon) on March 14. Call The Review or Free Press 780-942-2023 ext. 200.

Location: Village of Waskatenau Council Chambers
Time:  9:15 a.m.

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Location: Village of Waskatenau Council Chambers
Time:  9:15 a.m.

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Box 6989, 52915 - Hwy 47, Edson, AB, T7E 1V3

and provide details of your claim.

If you do not file by the date above, the estate property can lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim you may have.

Legal Notices

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE
VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU

The Public is hereby provided NOTICE of the following for Public Inspection:

Notice of Amendment to the Water Consumption Rate for all Residents and Businesses effective January 1, 2019.

The Public Participation Process will be held as follows: Date: February 21, 2019 Time: 9:15 a.m.

Location: Village of Waskatenau Council Chambers
Address: 5008 – 51 Street, Waskatenau, Alberta T0A 3P0

Anyone who is interested in providing formal comments or feedback on the proposed bylaw is encouraged to attend the Council Meeting or alternatively present a written submission at the Village of Waskatenau Office prior to 12:00 (noon) on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

A copy of the information can be obtained at the Village of Waskatenau Office during normal business hours: Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For further information, please contact Bernice Mayh, CAD at (780) 358-2208.

Bernice Mayh, Chief Administrative Officer

Village of Waskatenau
For Sale by Public Tender:

Closing Date: February 8, 2019
Closing Time: 2 p.m.
Location: Aspen View Public School Division No. 70, 3060 48 Ave, Athabasca, AB
Tender Number: AVPS2019_2

Tenants are hereby called for the sale of the following items of surplus:

- 2 Each Athabasca Rotary L-1 • Model No. 870413
  1000 B/L Car Capacity
- 2 Each Athabasca Hopper L-1 • Model No. 120320
  12,000 B/L Car Capacity

"The above items can be viewed on February 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the "ted" Edin Fair Park Corporate School Division Office.

All bids packages can be picked up at Aspen View Public School Division Office at 3060 48 Ave, Athabasca, AB or requested via email to 780-942-2241.

For further information, please contact Erin Clas. Secretary Treasurer at 780-857-7080 Ext. 04.

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THE REVIEW, Redwater, Alberta, 780-942-2023, email: redwater@shaw.ca, www.cowleynewspapers.com, Tuesday, February 5, 2019, Page A11

Resource extraction process taking over a decade

Thorsby County’s draft Natural Resource Extraction Direct control district bylaw is the latest legislation in a lengthy process which included drafting the Long Lake Area Structure Plan (ASP). For Land Resources applied for its Surface Minerals Lease (SML) on the east side of Long Lake in 2006 and JLG Ball Enterprises in 2010. They received provincial approval and began jumping through a process of continually created municipal hoops. The current county Municipal Development Plan, which stipulates an ASP is required for such developments around Long Lake, was passed in January 2016.

A public hearing on the county’s draft Long Lake ASP was held in August 2017. In August and September 2017 council decided to have it come to public hearing, and against the present council was passed first reading of the first draft of the Natural Resource Extractions District bylaw which requires companies to apply for rezoning before a development permit application will be considered. A public hearing on that draft bylaw was held on Jan. 29. The 2017 split votes regarding passing the draft ASP carried by the three councillors who were dismissed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs but remained on council as their appeals worked through the courts. In October 2017 their dismissal was quashed by the court due to process of the judge determined Municipal Affairs had not provided the three with sufficient reasons for firing them and had not afforded them any right to be heard. The three dismissed councillors were Wayne Crossbow (who was re-elected in the 2017 general election in a three-way race that saw him win with 45 percent of the votes), Ken Character (who did not run for re-election) and Larry Siess (who did not run for re-election).

Reeve Kevin Grummett and former councillor Shelly Hanasyk (who had not run for re-election) voted in favor of including information from the public hearing in the ASP and against passing the draft ASP without amendments.
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Notice of Nomination for Directors

North Corridor Co-op

North Corridor Co-op is seeking nominations for election of Directors at the annual general meeting to be held April 10th, 2019.

• IF YOU have a genuine interest in becoming part of a nine member board that sets direction and policy for the Co-operative
• IF YOU have been a member prior to our fiscal yearend (Oct 31st)
• IF YOU have purchased at least $1000 in our last fiscal year and your account is not in arrears.
• IF YOU are not an employee or related to an employee of North Corridor Co-op.

THEN YOU QUALIFY TO BE A DIRECTOR

The nomination forms and qualifications requirements are available at our admin offices. 4 directors positions to fill 3 for 3 year terms & 1 for 1 year term.

For more information about the role of the director please contact Chris Weiss, General Manager at 780-689-3751 or a nomination committee director.
Charles Newell 780-991-1894  Irene Luchka 780-689-2442

As per our bylaws, all nominations are to be submitted to:
The Nominations Committee | North Corridor Co-operative | Box 8, Boyle Alberta, T0A 0M0
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