

Westlock County Council Briefs - April 10, 2007

Council received confirmation of approval of grant funding of \$445,088.00 for some upgrades to the County's water treatment facilities.

Council agreed to provide a letter of support to the Westlock Thunderbirds Football Team for an application for a grant to buy safety and training equipment.

Council discussed proposed closure of Township Road 634. An application was submitted, but some concerns remain with the proposed closure. Council directed Administration to review the matter again and return with a recommendation regarding the road closure and outlining related costs.

Council received information on the annual repair costs for the Terex motor-scrappers. There have been considerable problems with down time on the motor-scrappers, and it would be more economical for the County to do the work with other equipment. Council directed that the two motor-scrappers be sold.

Council authorized entry into lease contracts for two six wheel drive motor-graders and nine 140H motor-graders to replace the County's existing fleet.

Council adopted a new Safety Discipline Policy for all staff, as prepared by the County Safety Coordinator.

Council authorized Administration to release a request for proposals to develop a records management system for the County.

Council also directed that Administration take steps to initiate the Tangible Capital Assets project and Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.

Council accepted an offer from R. and L. Barnes to purchase Lot 9, Block 3, Plan 5644 H.W. for \$3,000.00, subject to conditions.

Council received an offer from the Gateway Research Organization (GRO) to purchase the Agricultural Service Board's grain weigh cart and cattle scale for \$2,000.00. GRO indicated, in their offer, that local 4H clubs would be allowed to continue using the cattle scale. Council authorized the sale of the equipment.

Council gave third reading to Bylaws No. 13-2007 and No. 14-2007 to allow subdivision of one parcel for country residential purposes on S.E. 05-59-26-W4.

Council conducted a Public Hearing regarding a requested re-zoning of Part of S.E. 05-58-27-W4 from Agricultural (A2) District to Country Residential (CR)

District. Area residents in attendance expressed a number of concerns with the proposal. A bylaw required for the proposal was defeated on second reading.

Council received a report outlining the costs and revenues of the County's water and sanitary sewer facilities in 2006. The report confirmed that the new fees established by Council in late 2006 are slightly below, but very close to, the actual cost of the operations to the County for the year.