

**WHEATLAND COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF
DECEMBER 17, 2019**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the Council of Wheatland County, held at the County Office, on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, with the following present:

Reeve:	A. Link, Division 2
Deputy Reeve:	S. Klassen, Division 5
Councillors:	J. Wilson, Division 1
	D. Biggar, Division 3
	T. Ikert, Division 4
	G. Koester, Division 6
	B. Armstrong, Division 7
Interim Chief	
Administrative Officer:	B. Henderson
Communications	
Specialist:	M. Soltys
Recording Secretary:	M. Desaulniers

Call to Order

Reeve Link called the meeting to order – time 9:00 A.M. Note: the meeting may be recorded and posted on County website or via social media.

The following were present when the meeting was called to order:

- Wheatland County Staff Member(s)
 - M. Boscarol – General Manager of Community & Development Services
 - M. Williams – Planner II
 - G. Allison – Planner I
- Several members of the General Public (note: members of the public entered and left at various times during the meeting)

RESOLUTION 19-12-42

Approval of
Agenda

WILSON MOVED approval of the agenda, as presented, with the following additions/revisions:

Under Agenda Item 2.4 – New Business

- 2.4.9 – Drumheller & District Solid Waste Management Association
- 2.4.10 – Alberta CARE Spring Seminar 2020

Under Agenda Item 3 – Correspondence / Information

- 3.2 – Alberta Municipal Affairs Correspondence – Re: Potential Opportunity to Meet with Minister of Municipal Affairs

Under Agenda Item 4 – Closed Session (In Camera)

- Closed Session [Legal Matter – FOIP Sec. 16] – Re: Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-12-43

Approval of
Minutes

ARMSTRONG MOVED approval of the December 3, 2019 Wheatland County Regular Council meeting minutes, as presented.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-12-44

Approval of
Minutes

WILSON MOVED approval of the December 3, 2019 Wheatland County Public Hearing minutes, as presented, for Bylaw 2019-22 and Bylaw 2019-25.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-12-45

Public Hearing(s)

LINK MOVED that the process for the Wheatland County Council meeting, as it pertains to the scheduled Public Hearing(s), will be as follows: Public Hearing; First Reading (if required); consideration for further readings of

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bylaw for those Public Hearings that have been closed. Further moved, that the above process will take place with the absence of resolutions to go into and out of Council before and after each public hearing.

- Carried.

Public Hearing – Bylaw 2019-26 (LU2019-09)

A Bylaw for the purpose of amending the Land Use Bylaw No. 2016-01 to redesignate land in order to facilitate the subdivision and consolidation into the parent parcel. A copy of the requests for decisions and supporting documentation was included in the agenda information package for Council review.

RESOLUTION 19-12-46

Bylaw 2019-26
(LU2019-09)

KLASSEN MOVED second reading of Bylaw 2019-26, this being a bylaw for the purpose of amending Land Use Bylaw 2016-01 to redesignate +/- 2.27 acres within SW-2-24-26-W4M from Agricultural General District to Country Residential District, as shown on the attached Schedule 'A'.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-12-47

Bylaw 2019-26
(LU2019-09)

IKERT MOVED third and final reading of Bylaw 2019-26, this being a bylaw for the purpose of amending Land Use Bylaw 2016-01 to redesignate +/- 2.27 acres within SW-2-24-26-W4M from Agricultural General District to Country Residential District, as shown on the attached Schedule 'A'.

- Carried.

Public Hearing – Bylaw 2019-33 (Kneehill County / Wheatland County Intermunicipal Development Plan)

A Bylaw for the purpose of adopting the Wheatland County and Kneehill County Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP). A copy of the requests for decisions and supporting documentation was included in the agenda information package for Council review.

Note: The Public Hearing for Bylaw 2019-33 was recessed to allow for further review of the Kneehill County & Wheatland County Intermunicipal Development Plan document.

Note: M. Williams (Planner II) left the meeting at this time.

Order of
Agenda

Reeve Link requested Council's permission to address agenda item 2.3.1 at this time - ('Alberta First Resolution' – revised version – Dec. 3, 2019). Note: there were no objections from Council.

Alberta First
Resolution

Reeve Link informed that, at the December 3rd Council meeting, there was a notice of motion put forth regarding the proposed Alberta First Resolution. At this time, Councillor Wilson presented an introduction to the proposed Alberta First Resolution and moved that Council adopt the resolution. Reeve Link informed that, although this is not a public hearing, Council will follow the public hearing process to hear from members of the public regarding this matter. Several members of the public addressed Council to express their opinions regarding the Alberta First Resolution (note: Council heard from those in favour of the resolution and from those who were opposed to the resolution or had concerns regarding the resolution).

Note: a recording of the Council meeting is available on the Wheatland County website for public viewing.

Recess

The meeting recessed for a short break – time 10:27 A.M. to 10:36 A.M.

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Alberta First
Resolution
(cont'd)

At this time, members of Council presented their comments regarding the proposed Alberta First Resolution, the role/duties of Council, and jurisdictional responsibility. Note: Several members of the public took this opportunity to further address Council regarding this resolution. Discussion ensued. For clarity, Reeve Link reviewed the process for resolutions – this resolution would require municipal and District 2 approval prior to being presented for consideration at the Rural Municipalities of Alberta Conference. As information, Reeve Link reviewed the results from the County's public engagement survey and informed that Council has also received correspondence and calls from County ratepayers/residents regarding this topic.

Councillor Biggar requested a friendly amendment to the resolution; that the statement under 'Further be it resolved' be removed in its entirety. (Note: Councillor Wilson did not accept the friendly amendment.)

Note: a recording of the Council meeting is available on the Wheatland County website for public viewing.

RESOLUTION 19-12-48
Amendment - Alberta
First Resolution

BIGGAR MOVED that the proposed Alberta First Resolution (revised version – Dec. 3, 2019) be amended to remove the following statement:

Further be it resolved: If the federal government does not deal with these demands in good faith; if they block, hinder, or otherwise prevent Alberta from exercising its rights as outlined above, that the Government of Alberta will hold a Referendum with a "clear question", as defined by The Clarity Act, on the secession of Alberta from the Canadian Confederation during the 31st Alberta General Election, which must be held between March 1st and May 31st, 2023.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-12-49
Alberta First
Resolution

WILSON MOVED that Wheatland County Council accept the proposed 'Alberta First Resolution', as presented/amended; further that Wheatland County submit the resolution to the Central Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) – District 2 General Fall Meeting for endorsement consideration.

Recorded Vote:

In Favour – Councillor Wilson, Councillor Biggar, Deputy Reeve Klassen, Councillor Ikert

Opposed – Reeve Link, Councillor Armstrong, Councillor Koester

- Carried.

Recess

The meeting recessed for a short break – time 12:35 P.M. to 12:47 P.M.

Canadian Badlands
Presentation

On behalf of Canadian Badlands, Lonna Hoggan (Executive Director) presented a verbal presentation to Council providing an update on the Canadian Badlands' organization, tourism, importance of ongoing municipal support and need for government funding. Note: in addition to the presentation, the representative provided Council with a copy of documents highlighting information on the following topics: the 'organization'; promoting/marketing tourism; municipal partnership; shareholder services; vision; project highlights; upcoming Tourism Conference; website; travel planner; destination marketing plan. Discussion ensued.

Recess

The meeting recessed for a lunch break – time 1:03 P.M.

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Call to Order Reeve Link called the meeting to order – time 1:34 P.M. The following County staff were present when the meeting reconvened: Interim CAO; Recording Secretary; General Manager of Community & Development Services; Communications Specialist.

Note: G. Allison (Planner I) entered the meeting during presentation of Bylaw 2019-27 (agenda item 2.1.3).

RESOLUTION 19-12-50

Bylaw 2019-27
(LU2019-10)

WILSON MOVED first reading of Bylaw 2019-27, this being a bylaw for the purpose of amending Land Use Bylaw No. 2016-01 to update Development Cell 4 of Direct Control District 7 Land Use District to include “Dwelling, Employee” as a discretionary use.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-12-51

Public Hearing –
Bylaw 2019-27

KLASSEN MOVED that a Public Hearing for Bylaw 2019-27 be scheduled for January 14, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in Wheatland County Council Chambers.

- Carried.

Bylaw 2019-38
Draft Addressing
Bylaw

General Manager M. Boscarior presented a ‘draft’ copy of a proposed Wheatland County Addressing Bylaw. Note: final approval of Bylaw 2019-38 would repeal the current Addressing Bylaw – 2016-23. The proposed new bylaw provides for a method of signage for two or more structures off of one primary access.

RESOLUTION 19-12-52

Bylaw 2019-38
Addressing Bylaw

BIGGAR MOVED first reading of Bylaw 2019-38, this being a bylaw of Wheatland County, in the Province of Alberta, to provide and implement an addressing system.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-12-53

Bylaw 2019-38
Addressing Bylaw

WILSON MOVED second reading of Bylaw 2019-38, this being a bylaw of Wheatland County, in the Province of Alberta, to provide and implement an addressing system.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-12-54

Bylaw 2019-38
Addressing Bylaw

IKERT MOVED that permission be granted to hold third and final reading of Bylaw 2019-38.

- Carried Unanimously.

RESOLUTION 19-12-55

Bylaw 2019-38
Addressing Bylaw

KOESTER MOVED third and final reading of Bylaw 2019-38, this being a bylaw of Wheatland County, in the Province of Alberta, to provide and implement an addressing system.

- Carried.

Note: G. Allison (Planner I) left the meeting – time 1:43 P.M. M. Ziehr (General Manager of Transportation & Agriculture) entered the meeting during presentation of agenda item 2.4.1).

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RESOLUTION 19-12-56

Reserve Bid -
Tax Auction

KOESTER MOVED approval that Wheatland County set a reserve bid and conditions for the properties to be offered at the January 9th, 2020 Property Tax Auction as follows; based on the information provided in the request for decision:

- Plan: 5345N; Block: A; Lots: 13, 14 (C-of-T 151204631) and lot 15(C-of-T 151204631001) tied by improvements to Roll # 5148522, a reserve bid of \$80,210; sold on an “as is” basis with conditions and reservations noted on certificates of title.
 - Plan: 5345N; Block: A; Lots: 20, 21 (C-of-T 101151023) vacant parcel Roll # 5148528, a reserve bid of \$14,300; sold on an “as is” basis with conditions and reservations noted on certificate of title.
 - Plan: 9210304; Block: 1; Lots: 13(C-of-T 171245168); vacant parcel Roll # 5148770, a reserve bid of \$18,900; sold on an “as is” basis with conditions and reservations noted on certificate of title.
- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-12-57

Refund of Credit
Roll #9456028

WILSON MOVED approval that Wheatland County refund the credit, in the amount of \$3,152.35, on the account for Property Tax Roll #9456028; based on information provided in the request for decision.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-12-58

Safety Day

ARMSTRONG MOVED approval of the closure of all Wheatland County Offices on Thursday, May 7th, 2020 from 12:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. for the 2020 Safety Day; based on information provided in the request for decision.

- Carried.

Office Closures

At the request of the Division 1 Councillor, Council and staff reviewed the office closures for the upcoming holiday season.

RESOLUTION 19-12-59

Office Closure

WILSON MOVED approval of the closure of all Wheatland County Offices from Tuesday, December 24th, 2019 at 12:00 P.M. to Wednesday, January 1, 2020, with offices reopening on January 2, 2020.

- Carried.

Interim Operating
Budget

A copy of the ‘Unapproved’ Wheatland County Interim Operating Budget (2020-2022) was included in the agenda information package. This information was previously reviewed by Council. In response to a previous request, Interim CAO B. Henderson provided additional information to Council regarding ‘donations to other organizations’. Discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION 19-12-60

Interim Operating
Budget

KOESTER MOVED approval of the ‘Interim Operating Budget’ (2020-2022), as presented/provided with the request for decision.

- Carried.

Interim Capital
Budget

A copy of the ‘Unapproved’ Wheatland County Interim Capital Budget (2020-2024) was included in the agenda information package. As information, Interim CAO B. Henderson provided a review of the interim capital budget and noted that this information was previously reviewed by Council. Discussion ensued.

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Capital Budget **WILSON MOVED** approval of the 'Capital Budget' (2020-2024), as presented/provided with the request for decision.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-12-62

Aggregate

Crushing Services **KLASSEN MOVED** approval of the selection of Sage Management Ltd. to provide Wheatland County with Aggregate Crushing Services for the next three years, 2020 to 2022 with an option to negotiate terms for years 2023 and 2024; based on information provided in the request for decision.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-12-63

Janitorial Services **WILSON MOVED** approval of the selection of Regency Cleaning Services Inc. to provide Wheatland County with Janitorial Services for the next three years, 2020 to 2022 with an option to negotiate terms for years 2023 and 2024; based on information provided in the request for decision.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-12-64

2020 ASB Prov. /

FarmTech Conf.

WILSON MOVED approval of the attendance of Agricultural Service Board Members (including the 'alternate' ASB member) and Administration to the 2020 Provincial ASB Conference scheduled for January 21st – 24th, 2020 in Banff, Alberta. Further that Agricultural Service Board members and Administration, who choose not to attend the 2020 Provincial ASB Conference, may attend FarmTech 2020 Conference scheduled for January 28th – January 30th, 2020 at the Edmonton Expo Centre at Northlands in Edmonton, Alberta. Further that approval of the above is based on the information provided in the request for decision.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-12-65

Financing – Re:

DDSWMA

BIGGAR MOVED approval that Wheatland County apply for a loan from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority, in the amount of \$600,000, on behalf of the Drumheller and District Solid Waste Management Association; and further that Administration bring back a Borrowing and Lending Bylaw for 1st Reading at the January 14th, 2020 Regular Council meeting; based on the information provided in the request for decision.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-12-66

Alberta CARE

Spring Seminar

WILSON MOVED approval for Councillor Armstrong and Deputy Reeve Klassen to attend the 10th Annual Alberta CARE Spring Seminar held on February 26th to February 28th, 2020 in Westlock, Alberta, with approval to include two overnight stays; based on the information provided by the Division 7 Councillor.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-12-67

Correspondence/

Information Items

KOESTER MOVED to accept the following items as information, as provided in the request for decision:

- Town of Strathmore Correspondence dated Dec. 3, 2019 – Re: 2017 CRISP Funding
- Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association – Re: 2019 Year End Report

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- Alberta Municipal Affairs (Office of the Minister) Correspondence dated Dec. 4, 2019 – Re: Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Funding
- Alberta Municipal Affairs (Office of the Minister) Correspondence dated Dec. 3, 2019 – Re: Shallow Gas Tax Relief Initiative
- Alberta Municipal Affairs (Office of the Minister) Correspondence – Re: Potential opportunity to meet with Minister.
 - Carried.

Note: Council agreed that the following item be forwarded to the January 14th, 2020 Regular Council meeting for further discussion:

- Alberta Municipal Affairs (Office of the Minister) Correspondence – Re: Potential Opportunity to meet with the Honourable K. Madu, Minister of Municipal Affairs, during the 2020 Spring Rural Municipalities of Alberta Convention.

RESOLUTION 19-12-68

Closed Session

LINK MOVED that the meeting go into 'closed session' (in camera) – time 2:33 P.M., pertaining to the following:

- Land Matter [FOIP Act – Sec. 16] – Re: Carseland Fire Hall
- Land Matter [FOIP Act – Sec. 21] – Re: Cooperative Stormwater Management Initiative
- Labour Matter [FOIP Act – Sec. 17] – Re: Personnel Matter
- Land Matter [FOIP Act – Sec. 16] – Re: Land & Development Matter
- Legal Matter [FOIP Act – Sec. 16] – Re: Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association

- Carried.

Note: the closed (in-camera) session took place in the Wheatland County Committee Room. The closed session included Members of Council. The Interim Chief Administrative Officer, General Manager of Community & Development Services, General Manager of Transportation & Agriculture and representatives from Transitional Solutions Inc (TSI) were present for a portion of the closed session. Due to other commitments, Councillor Koester left the meeting during closed session – time 3:46 P.M.

RESOLUTION 19-12-69

Closed Session

WILSON MOVED that the meeting come out of 'closed session' – time 3:48 P.M.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-12-70

Carseland Fire
Hall

BIGGAR MOVED approval to instruct Wheatland County Administration to proceed with the recommendations as discussed in camera regarding the Carseland Fire Station recommendations.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-12-71

Personnel
Matter

KLASSEN MOVED approval to direct Wheatland County Reeve to proceed on a personnel matter as discussed and agreed in-camera.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-12-72

Land & Development
Matter

WILSON MOVED that Council approve servicing for Plan 081 3350, Block 1, Lot 1, NW-9-22-22-W4M for water, wastewater, gas, electrical and transportation; based on the discussion held in camera.

- Carried.

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RESOLUTION 19-12-73

WHMB – Re:
Facility

WILSON MOVED approval that Wheatland County Council send a letter to Wheatland Housing Management Body regarding the site selection process and preferred location for the proposed new lodge facility.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-12-74

Land Purchase

WILSON MOVED approval to direct Wheatland County Administration to investigate the purchase of land; based on the discussion held in camera.

- Carried.

RESOLUTION 19-12-75

Adjournment

IKERT MOVED that the meeting adjourn – time 3:54 P.M.

- Carried.

Reeve

Interim Chief Administrative Officer

Recording Secretary