

BYLAW 2019-33 – (Wheatland County / Kneehill County IDP)
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES – MARCH 24, 2020

A Public Hearing for Bylaw 2019-33 was conducted via conference call in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199.

Participants:

Wheatland County Council:

Jason Wilson – Councillor, Division 1
Amber Link (Reeve) – Councillor, Division 2
Tom Ikert – Councillor, Division 4
Scott Klassen (Deputy Reeve) – Councillor, Division 5
Glenn Koester – Councillor, Division 6
Ben Armstrong – Councillor, Division 7

Wheatland County Staff:

Brian Henderson – Chief Administrative Officer
Matthew Boscarior – General Manager of Community & Development Services
Michael Ziehr – General Manager of Transportation & Agriculture
Mackenzie Soltys – Communications Specialist
Margaret Desaulniers – Recording Secretary

Absent:

Donna Biggar – Councillor, Division 3

Public Participants

One (1) member of the general public participated in the public hearing.

9:16 am

Call to Order

Call to Order by the Chair

The Chair, Reeve Link called the Public Hearing to order at 9:16 a.m.

Intro/Notifications

Note: all public notification requirements were met in accordance with the Municipal Government Act (MGA).

Application

A Bylaw of Wheatland County for the purpose of adopting the Wheatland County & Kneehill County Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) in accordance with Sections 230, 606, 631 and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, as amended.

Presentation

On behalf of the Community & Development Services Department, General Manager M. Boscarior presented the requests for decisions for Bylaw 2019-33; a bylaw for the development of the Wheatland County / Kneehill County Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP).

The Public Hearing for Bylaw 2019-33 on December 17th was recessed to allow the IDP Committee to further review the document. The IDP Committee met on Feb. 10th; the changes proposed by the Committee have been included in the IDP. General Manager Boscarior informed that written submissions received were provided to Council prior to the public hearing.

Note: requests for decisions and supporting documents pertaining to the public hearing and consideration for further readings of the bylaw were provided for Council review prior to the public hearing.

Comments

Wendy Clark provided a presentation to Council (Note: a copy of the presentation was provided to Council prior to the meeting. A hard copy of the presentation will be included with the filing of the public hearing minutes). During the presentation, the following was highlighted: concern - IDP document limits collaboration; reviewed proposed amendments; Rosebud River defines the border between the two municipalities; importance of protecting Rosebud River Valley (natural landscape; conservation efforts; ecological sensitive land). The following proposed amendments were highlighted in the presentation:

Section 4.2.12 (current wording) – All subdivision applications for lands within the Plan Area shall be referred to the other municipality for comment prior to a decision being rendered.

➤ Section 4.2.12 (proposed wording) - *All subdivision applications for lands*

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within the Plan Area including within an ASP or ACP shall be referred to the other municipality for comment prior to a decision being rendered.

Section 4.2.13 (current wording) – All discretionary use applications within the Plan Area where no ASP or ACP is in place shall be referred to the adjacent municipality for comment prior to a decision being issued.

- Section 4.2.13 (proposed wording) – *All discretionary use applications within the Plan Area shall be referred to the adjacent municipality for comment prior to a decision being issued.*

Proposed amendment for wording under ‘Natural Landscape’ pertaining to the Rosebud River/Valley:

- *The Rosebud River defines part of the border between the two Counties. The River Valley in both counties is environmentally significant. 4000 acres of the watershed are under Conservation Easement Agreements. Conservation efforts continue in the area.*

Discussion ensued regarding Ms. Clark’s proposed amendments to the Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) document. General Manager M. Boscariol noted the following: changes to an IDP document would need to be referred to the IDP Committee for review and approval; IDP is a statutory document mandated by the Municipal Government Act; deadline date to submit document is April 1st. As information, General Manager Boscariol reviewed background regarding an Area Structure Plan and proposed Badlands Motorsports Development in Kneehill County. Discussion continued.

9:57 am
Close

Call to Close by the Chair

The Chair, Reeve Link, closed the Public Hearing – time 9:57 a.m.

Note: these minutes are intended as a summary of the comments of the Public Hearing and not a verbatim recording of the discussion.

Chairperson – A. Link (Reeve)

Chief Administrative Officer – B. Henderson

Recording Secretary – M. Desaulniers