



2018 ANNUAL RATEPAYERS MEETING
Special Area No. 2, Subdivisions 1 & 5
Hanna Legion, June 28, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 pm, with approximately 4 ratepayers in attendance.

Mike Hart nominated James Madge for Chairman. Seconded by Bob Gainer. **Carried.**

Mike Hart moved the 2017 minutes be adopted as presented. Seconded by Bob Gainer. **Carried.**

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

James Madge – Subdivision 5:

Commented on:

- Henry Kroeger Water Commission, tank liner sealed
- CARA, soil lab grand opening

Kevin Bossert – Subdivision 1:

Sent regrets.

SPECIAL AREAS BOARD REPORTS

Jordon Christianson, Chair, Special Areas Board:

Commented on a number of items, including:

- Status of previous year's motions, including continuing power generation at Sheerness, numbers of lease quarters available for conversion, internet service with Netago, grass seed drill subsidized costs
- Motions from other ratepayer meetings this year include: irrigation, wind development, tax recovery land sale
- Special Areas Board Governance - 5 new councillors, Doug Noble replaces Bonnie Sansregret on Board to sit with Brent Horner and Daryl Swenson. Jordon's term expires in fall of 18 but a further term of 3 years has been awarded.
- ABC review of SAB - Municipal Affairs not prepared to move forward at present, has stopped the review of SAB and current governance will continue
- Hanna Climate Change Taskforce - potential solar project to create community fund
- Oyen Rail Project
- Special Areas Water Supply Project

Owen Francis, Director of Municipal Services:

Commented on a number of items including:

- Roads - Alberta Transportation agreement on secondary's, in second year of three-year agreement, GBC 886, FINAL Cement on 586 and 862 which will complete the cement stabilized grade program, 2018 construction, last year 44 km of paving on 876 which AB Transportation did fund 50%
- Water – Focusing on setting up Jenner Water treatment reduced from 7 days/week monitoring. Completed Wardlow distribution Building and truck fill,



continue formal agreements with small communities to offer relief personnel for water services

- Emergency Services
- Fire 2017 – 368 fire calls very busy and difficult for fire volunteers and their employers, had three ECCs open, Suffield Fire, October Snow storm and Hilda/Burstall fire. Regional Training Partnership continues, new equipment planned for Jenner, Empress, Veteran and Cereal. Fire Notification system
- Community Peace officers – increased patrol focused on 570/36 and 570/884 intersections and very high speeds
- Parks – upgrades at Carolside dam, restroom, garbage receptacles, plan netting to re-establish catch limits at Carolside

Darcy Ferguson, Director of Finance:

Commented on:

- Deficit spending
- Stabilizing assessment base
- Oil well drilling taxes up 1 million dollars
- Province covering education portion on bad debt
- 2018 budget
- Financial Statements
- Tax Receivables

Trent Caskey, Director of Property Administration:

Commented on:

- Wrap up of the 2004 TRLS, 56 % sold 3 agreements still in process
- Assessment Base, base year modifier caused the biggest drop
- Rate Reviews, cultivation rate remains the same, grazing lease rates linked to market, up slightly, Province is not going to change grazing rate either.
- Renewable Energy Projects – no allowance for renewable projects on Public Lands, setbacks for wind projects
- Community Pasture Update – rate at \$0.71/head/day, at 100% allotment exception of Remount where 20% reduction due to fire, TB situation now resolved
- Railway Policy, returning to parcel
- CARB Hearing
- Application of Public Lands Act and Special Areas Service Fee Regulations were to expire September 2018, but the expiry has been repealed
- Mapbook, legend to direct hunters

Discussion:

- GPS approach to Hanna Airport
- Hanna successful on the grant for the repaving the airport runway
- Bovine TB investigation
- Special Areas App
- Community Pastures policy
- Future tax recovery land sales



Motions:

SA2SUB1&5 - Motion 1: Bob Gainer moves that the Special Areas Board send a letter to CFIA to tell them that the results of the Bovine TB investigation were not satisfactory and that further explanation is required. Seconded by Mike Hart. **Carried.**

SA2SUB1&5 – Motion 2: Mike Hart moves that Special Areas supply 1 million dollars to further the SAWSP Project but upgrade the application to include burying the pipe, rather than using open canals or creek channels, for downstream use. Seconded by Bob Gainer. **Carried.**

SA2SUB1&5 – Motion 3: Clint Blair moves to increase the lands available for conversion from grazing lease to cultivation lease to eight quarters. Seconded Bob Gainer. **Carried.**

SA2SUB1&5 – Motion 4: Scott Viste moves that the Special Areas Board invest in a shredder or use a shredding service to destroy important documents. Seconded by Bob Gainer. **Carried.**

Nominations:

Bob Gainer nominated Scott Viste to the road committee for SA 2 Subdivision 1.

Clint Blair moved nomination cease.

Clint Blair moves for adjournment at 4:56 P.M.

Brett Richards

Brett Richards, Administrator
Special Area No. 2, Hanna