

Agenda
Special Council Meeting
March 4, 2020
Municipal Office 10:00 A.M.
Acadia Valley, Alberta

Monthly Statement review by two Councillors prior to call to Order.

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. New Business
 - a. Road Plan
 - b. MSI Projects
 - c. Budget Discussion
4. Adjournment



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Road Plan

Background

Annually the MD of Acadia has prepared a road plan to identify the areas that require gravelling as part of regular maintenance.

The MD has also taken on other road maintenance projects as required based on the condition of the infrastructure.

Discussion Items

A draft road plan will be provided to Council for discussion. Once projects have been identified, the associated costs will be incorporated into the next draft of the budget.

Options (administrative recommendation marked with "x"):

- #1 –

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MSI Projects

Background

At the February 2020 Council meeting, a list of the current MSI Projects was presented for discussion purposes. As part of year end processes, the Province will require that a Statement of Funding and Expenditures be submitted. As part of the process, the MD is able to close any projects that have been completed. Any unspent funds can then be allocated to other existing projects, or new projects that fit within the scope of the MSI Grant.

Discussion Items

Project	Remaining Allocated Funding
Fire Hall Purchase and Rehabilitation	\$110,730
Recreation Infrastructure Upgrades	\$155,093
Agricultural Equipment Purchases	\$11,486
Pickup Replacements	\$28,014
Water Truck Fill Station	\$33,737
Community Hall	\$296,193
Total	\$635,252

2020 Funding that can be allocated is approximately \$207,000.

Fire Hall Purchase and Rehabilitation

- All work contemplated under this project has been completed, and can be closed if Council doesn't have further work they feel needs to be done.

Recreation Infrastructure Upgrades

- This project should remain open to fund the remaining costs for the bathrooms. This amount isn't substantial, and could be funded from municipal funds to allow for the MSI funding to be reallocated.

Agricultural Equipment Purchases

- Further funds could be allocated to this project to fund the purchase of the ASB side by side and sprayer. Approximately \$32,000.

Pickup Replacements

- Further replacements for trucks are being contemplated in the budget. This amount could be increased to fund the replace an additional 2 trucks over the next two years. An initial estimate is that an increase to the project of approximately \$32,000 would be required.

Water Truck Fill Station

- If Council is not interested in moving forward with the installation of a tank at the truck fill station, this project should be closed.

Community Hall

- As we are progressing with the ICIP grant application, this funding needs to remain intact at this time. Funding for this project could be increased substantially to reduce the required contribution from municipal funds.



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Other projects that could be considered for funding would be road projects, allocate for the purchase of other replacement equipment, or any other projects that Council would like to consider.

Following this discussion, the numbers will be revised in the budget to reflect the direction that Council would like to go.

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Budget Discussion

Background

The proposed discussion for the March 4th, 2020 does not include the budget numbers. The intent is to discuss what Council would like to achieve within the budget, and the budget numbers will be updated to reflect that direction.

Discussion Items

Taxes

- Does Council have a target for what they would like to see for an increase or decrease in taxes?
 - This will not be uniform for each individual as assessment changes may not be equal for each property.
- Based on the Provincial Budget education property taxes have increased, which means municipal portion of taxes does not change, property taxes will still increase.

Staffing

- MD Staff have discussed many different options with respect to staffing, and feel that the best approach would be hiring someone into the existing role.
- With respect to summer staff, we have applied for the Canada Summer Jobs Program, and have not yet received a response. The budget may need to consider the full cost of having two summer staff. If no grants are received, the start and finish dates of the summer staff would be more flexible, and there would be no hiring restrictions.

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