

**Town of High River - Foothills County
Intermunicipal Committee Meeting**

July 2, 2024

1:00 pm

JOINT COUNCIL CHAMBERS



Present: Foothills County

Reeve Delilah Miller
Councillor RD McHugh (1:05)
Councillor Rob Siewert

Town of High River

Mayor Craig Snodgrass
Councillor Michael Nychyk

Staff Ryan Payne, CAO
Present: Heather Hemingway, Director of Planning
Drew Granson, Planner
Julie McLean, Deputy Director of Planning
Krista Conrad, Legislative Services

Reiley McKerracher, Acting CAO
Khalid Mohammed, Manager of Planning
& Development Services
Sarah Peck, Planner II
Nilendu Bala, Planning Technician
Jody Hipkin, Legislative Services

Regrets:

Councillor Jamie Kinghorn

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Snodgrass called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Siewert

That the agenda for the Intermunicipal Committee be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. REVIEW/CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES

3.1 Intermunicipal Committee – March 28, 2024

Moved By: Reeve Miller

That the minutes of the March 28, 2024 Intermunicipal Committee meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 Phase 1 Engagement - JPA 4 Context Study

Sarah Peck, Town of High River, and Julie McLean, Foothills County, presented the JPA 4 Phase 1 Engagement What We Heard Report.

Next steps are to plan an open house in the fall.

Moved by: Councillor Siewert

That the IMC accept for information the *What we Heard: Joint Planning Area 4 Context Study Phase 1 Engagement* and endorse posting the report on each municipality's website.

Carried

4.2 Rimrock Feedlot Discussion

Councillor Nychyk, Town of High River, asked if there is anything Foothills County can do to support residents that are affected by the Feedlot.

Reeve Miller, Foothills County, shared they are working on items that are within the control of Foothills County, such as the lighting.

Councillor Nychyk asked if there was any updates related to the smell.

Reeve Miller shared the smell is under the mandate of the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB).

Councillor Nychyk asked if there are areas where the Town and County can collaborate to lobby for a reduction of the smell for improved quality of life for both Town and County residents.

4.3 Town of Nanton Waterline Update

Reeve Miller, Foothills County, asked if the Town will be supplying water to the Town of Nanton as they have received the grant funding to proceed.

Mayor Snodgrass, Town of High River, shared there are no commitments at this time and Nanton is proceeding with an aquifer study to determine if there is sufficient water, not the Town.

4.4 Additional Space Requirements – Room Beside Kitchen

Reeve Miller, Foothills County, asked if the boxes could be moved to accommodate the sharing of the room behind Council Chambers.

4.5 2022 CAO Annual Shared Services Agreement Report

CAO Ryan Payne, Foothills County, shared the 2022 CAO Annual Shared Services Agreement Report.

Moved By: Reeve Miller

That the IMC accept for information the 2022 CAO Annual Shared Services Agreement Report.

Carried

5. GENERAL MUNICIPAL UPDATES

5.1 Flood Grant Funding

Councillor Siewert, Foothills County, asked about the grant funding and when remaining funds can be transferred to the County.

Mayor Snodgrass, Town of High River, advised he will follow up with the Town's Administration.

5.2 Rimrock Feedlot Smell

Councillor Nychyk, Town of High River, asked what the County is doing in regard to the Rimrock Feedlot smell and if there was potential for the two municipalities, the Town of High River and Foothills County, to collaborate for a stronger voice in advocacy.

Reeve Miller, Foothills County, shared they have expressed concerns to the Rimrock Feedlot and the response from Rimrock is to proceed with the biodigester as they feel this will help considerably with the smell.

Reeve Miller further shared there are several other smells in the area that may also be contributing to the smell, in general, so it is unfair to focus on only a single smell contributor.

Mayor Snodgrass, Town of High River, acknowledged there are other smells that may not be pleasant, but it was only Rimrock that exceeded or was of enough strength to be an issue.

Councillor Nychyk, Town of High River, thanked Reeve Miller for sharing the County's efforts regarding the smell and hopes the Town and the County can look at opportunities to collaborate in this regard.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Town of High River – Foothills County Intermunicipal Committee is to be determined.

7. ADJOURN

Mayor Snodgrass adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.