

## REGIONAL WASTEWATER MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 2022

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

LACOMBE AB

### In Attendance:

- Members:** Mayor Grant Creasey, Mayor, City of Lacombe  
Mayor Jamie Hoover, Mayor, Town of Blackfalds  
Councillor John Ireland, Councillor, Lacombe County
- Others:** Jordan Thompson, NRDRWWSC CAO  
Denise Bellabono, Administrative Assistant, NRDRWWSC  
Matthew Goudy, CAO, City of Lacombe  
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure & Property Services, Town of Blackfalds  
Tracey McKinnon, Sr. Manager of Finance, City of Lacombe
- Guests:** Joel Sawatzky, Stantec Consulting Ltd.  
Todd Simenson, Stantec Consulting Ltd.
- Regrets:** Tim Timmons, County Manager, Lacombe County  
Myron Thompson, CAO, Town of Blackfalds  
Michael Minchin, Director of Corporate Services, Lacombe County  
Amber Mitchell, Engineering Manager, City of Lacombe  
Chris Huston, Utilities Manager, City of Lacombe

### 1. Call to Order:

Chair Creasey called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

### 2. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda:

*MOVED by Councillor Ireland that the Regular Meeting Agenda for June 20, 2022, be adopted as presented.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

### 3. Adoption of Previous Minutes:

3.1. Regular Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2022.

*MOVED by Mayor Hoover that the minutes for April 4, 2022 meeting be adopted as presented.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

#### **4. Presentations:**

#### **5. Reports:**

##### **5.1 Administration**

CAO Thompson presented the Administration report rescheduling of the Board of Directors Training date of October 21, 2022. Gas prices were higher than expected through to April, in line with the budget for May. CAO Lund is exploring the options to tie-in to the NRDRWWSC wastewater line to address long-term treatment needs for the Town of Ponoka and will provide an update in June. Revenue is down 12.6% and expenses down 6% due primarily to lower year to date treatment costs. Pump updates were provided with a pump 103 to be installed in August.

*MOVED by Councillor Ireland that the Commission accept the June 20, 2022 Administration Report as information.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

#### **6. Old Business**

#### **7. New Business / Emergent Items:**

##### **7.1 Borrowing Bylaw First Reading**

Sr. Manager McKinnon presented Bylaw 9, a borrowing bylaw that provides the capacity to borrow for the final costs related to the construction of the wastewater system. The total cost of the wastewater line project is estimated at \$72.96 million, with the remaining expenditures anticipated to be completed by 2023.

*MOVED by Councillor Ireland that the Commission gives the first reading to Bylaw 9 as presented.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

*MOVED by Councillor Ireland that the Commission gives the second reading to Bylaw 9 as presented.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

*MOVED by Mayor Hoover that the Commission gives the third reading to Bylaw 9 as presented.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

##### **7.2 Alberta Municipalities Power and Buying Group**

CAO Thompson presented a power purchasing opportunity through Alberta Municipalities (AM). Participating in the procurement of electricity would require a 10 year contract and effective May 1, 2024, currently the Commission's contract with AM ends April 30, 2024. AM is offering a new power product that buys power directly from producer(s), giving a cost effective and long-term rate stability for the program. There are 75 municipalities signed up for the Power+ program purchasing pool.

Directors raised concerns about the short deadline from AM to commit to the Power+ program and inquired about the other power purchasing programs from RMA.

*MOVED by Councilor Ireland that the administration is directed to investigate power buying options with RMA and return with a report on purchase options at a future meeting. If RMA does not offer a group power purchasing program, the Commission authorizes the execution of the Power+ Contract to participate in the Alberta Municipalities (AM) Power+ for procurement of electricity for the North Red Deer Regional Wastewater Services Commission starting May 1, 2024.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8. Next Meeting:**

Monday, September 19, 2022, at 10:00 am, City of Lacombe Council Chambers.

**9. Adjournment:**

*MOVED by Councillor Ireland that the North Red Deer Regional Wastewater Services Commission meeting of June 20, 2022, be adjourned at 10:41 am.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Chair

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