

COUNTY OF PAINT EARTH NO. 18

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 7, 2025

9:00 A.M.

A G E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA
3. ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES
 - A. Regular County Meeting December 10, 2024
4. PUBLIC HEARING
 - A. None.
5. DELEGATIONS
 - A. None.
6. BUSINESS
 - A. BRAED 4th Annual Agriculture Industry Forum Sponsorship Request
 - B. RFD Halkirk FCSS
 - C. RFD Tax Sales- Reserve Bid and Terms of Sale for Roll #34160000
 - D. Winterfest 2025 In-Kind Support Request
7. BYLAWS
 - A. Bylaw 728-25 Corporation Borrowing
8. COUNCILLOR REPORTS
 - A. Verbal Reports.

9. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- A. Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Report
- B. Director of Public Works Report

10. FINANCIAL

- A. None.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Clearview Public Schools re: Road Maintenance- Winter Conditions
- B. Village of Halkirk Council Meeting Minutes December 12, 2024
- C. Funding through Canada's Coal Initiative- Infrastructure Fund

12. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

- A. *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.A. 2000 Chapter F-25: Part 1, Div 2, Sec 16(1)(a)(i), 24(1)(a), (b)(i), (c), (d)

13. ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Council Meeting Dates – February 4, 2025. Council Meeting dates are subject to individual change and commence at 9:00 a.m.

COUNTY OF PAINTEARTH NO. 18
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY DECEMBER 10, 2024

The Regular meeting minutes of the Council of the County of Paintearth No. 18 held in Council Chambers in the municipal office on December 10, 2024, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Reeve:	Stan Schulmeister
Councillors:	Terry Vockeroth, Sandy Shipton, Diane Elliott, George Glazier, Dale Norton, Maurice Wiart
Chief Administrative Officer:	Michael Simpson
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer:	Lana Roth
Public Works Director:	Bryce Cooke
Bylaw Enforcement Officer:	Colm Fitz-Gerald
Legislative Clerk:	Courtney Algot

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Schulmeister called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

12.10.24.964

Regular Council Meeting Agenda – December 10, 2024 — MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiart to adopt the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of December 10, 2024, as amended.

BUSINESS:

6 J. Alberta Community Partnership: Municipal Restructuring Grant Application
6 K. Administrative Policy AD026: Agricultural Education Grants in Paintearth County

BYLAWS:

7 A. Bylaw 727-24 County of Paintearth Election Bylaw

Carried

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

12.10.24.965

Regular County Council Meeting Minutes November 26, 2024 — MOVED by Councillor Norton that the Previous Regular County Council Meeting Minutes for November 26, 2024, be approved as presented.

Carried

PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

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DELEGATIONS:

William P. Walder and Joe Walder of Silver Spring Colony, entered chambers at 9:05 a.m. and delivered a presentation to Council regarding improving access along TWP 380 between Range Road 163 and Range Road 164, requesting County supports and a completion timeline of prior to Harvest in 2025.

12.10.24.966 **MOVED by Councillor Glazier that the presentation from Silver Spring Colony be accepted as information.**

Carried

William P. Walder and Joe Walder concluded their presentation at 9:15 a.m.

BUSINESS:

12.10.24.967 **RFD — Adoption of the 2025 Operating Budget– MOVED by Councillor Elliott that the County approves the 2025 operating budget as presented.**

Carried

12.10.24.968 **RFD — Adoption of the 2025 Capital Budget– MOVED by Councillor Vockeroth that the County approves the 2025 capital budget as presented.**

Carried

12.10.24.969 **RFD — County of Paintearth Organizational Chart – MOVED by Councillor Glazier that the County Organizational Chart, December 10, 2024, be adopted as presented.**

Carried

12.10.24.970 **RFD — Establish a Capital Waste-Water Reserve – MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiart that the County establish a waste-water capital restricted reserve account as per the RFD provided.**

Carried

12.10.24.971 **Transfer of Funds to Restricted Surplus Wastewater Reserve — MOVED by Councillor Vockeroth that \$250,000 from Restricted Surplus Water Projects be transferred to Restricted Surplus Wastewater Reserve.**

Carried

12.10.24.972 **RFD — Purchase of Diamond Utilities Module– MOVED by Councillor Norton that the County approve the purchase of the Diamond Utility Module for \$34,980 to be funded from administration equipment and furniture capital reserves.**

Carried

12.10.24.973 **RFD — Write off Outstanding Taxes for 2021 and 2022 for Customer #ALB048 – Roll # 46000130 – MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiart that the County write off account receivable ALB048 and Roll #46000130 in the amount of \$2,389.73.**

Carried

12.10.24.974 **RFD — Write off Outstanding Taxes for 2021 through 2023 for Customer #CAN007 Roll # 70005629 and 70005630 – MOVED by Councillor Glazier that the County write off account receivable CAN007 and Roll #70005629 and #70005630 in the amount of \$861.01.**

Carried

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- 12.10.24.975 RFD — Write off Outstanding Taxes 2021 through 2023 for Customer #QUA001 - Roll # 70009080— MOVED by Councillor Vockeroth that the County write off account receivable QUA001 and Roll # 70009080 in the amount of \$331.67.
Carried
- 12.10.24.976 RFD — Write off Outstanding Taxes 2021 for Customer #TRI001 - Roll # 70004010— MOVED by Councillor Elliott that the County write off account receivable TRI001 and Roll #70004010 in the amount of \$97.32.
Carried
- 12.10.24.977 RFD — Write off GIPOT Roll #40163410— MOVED by Councillor Shipton that the County write off Roll #40163410 in the amount of \$150.77
Carried
- 12.10.24.978 RFD — Alberta Community Partnership: Municipal Restructuring Grant Application — MOVED by Councillor Glazier that Council approves the submission of an Alberta Community Partnership grant application and Administration have an application submitted by January 15, 2025.
Carried
- William P. Walder and Joe Waldner exited chambers at 10:07 a.m.*
- L. Roth and C. Fitzgerald exited Chambers 10:08 a.m.*
- 12.10.24.979 Administrative Policy AD026: Agriculture Education Grants in Paintearth County — MOVED by Councillor Shipton that Administrative Policy AD026 “Agricultural Education Grants in Paintearth County” be approved and implemented in the County annual Operating Budget.
Carried
- BYLAWS:**
- 12.10.24.980 Bylaw 727-24 County Election Bylaw— MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiar that Bylaw 727-24, appointing Barb Kulyk as Returning Officer for the County of Paintearth, “County Returning Officer Bylaw” be given 1st reading.
Carried
- 12.10.24.981 Bylaw 727-24 County Election Bylaw— MOVED by Councillor Norton that Bylaw 727-24, appointing Barb Kulyk as Returning Officer for the County of Paintearth, “County Returning Officer Bylaw” be given 2nd reading.
Carried
- 12.10.24.982 Bylaw 727-24 County Election Bylaw— MOVED by Councillor Glazier that Unanimous Consent be granted for third and final reading of Bylaw 727-24.
Carried
- 12.10.24.983 Bylaw 727-24 County Election Bylaw— MOVED by Councillor Elliott that Bylaw 727-24 “County Election Bylaw” be given third and final reading.
Carried
- 12.10.24.984 Appointment of Returning Officer — MOVED by Councillor Vockeroth appointing Barb Kulyk as Returning Election Bylaw Officer for the County of Paintearth.
Carried

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- 12.10.24.985 Appointment of Deputy Returning Officer — MOVED by Councillor Elliott appointing Michael Simpson Substitute Returning Officer for the County of Painteath.
Carried

Recess – the meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m.

Reconvene – the meeting reconvened at 10:39 a.m.

C. Fitzgerald and L. Roth Entered Chambers at 10:39 a.m.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

- 12.10.24.986 Councillor Reports – MOVED by Councillor Norton to adopt the verbal Councillor Reports as information.
Carried

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

- 12.10.24.987 Halkirk Dissolution Open House Discussion Report — MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiat that the Council approve the Halkirk Dissolution Open House Discussion Summary Report as information and make the document available on the County website.
Carried

- 12.10.24.988 Chief Administrative Officer's Report — MOVED by Councillor Glazier to approve the Chief Administrative Officer's Report as presented.
Carried

- 12.10.24.989 Assistant Chief Administrative Officer's Report — MOVED by Councillor Norton to approve the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer's Report as presented.
Carried

L. Roth exited chambers at 11:05 a.m.

- 12.10.24.990 Director of Public Work's Report — MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiat to approve the Director of Public Work's Report as presented.
Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 12.10.24.991 Palliser Municipal Services RE: Notice of Proposed Municipal Development Plan for Town of Coronation — MOVED by Councillor Norton that the letter sent by Palliser Municipal Services regarding the Town of Coronation's Proposed Municipal Development Plan be received and filed.
Carried

- 12.10.24.992 Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs Rick McIver Regarding Halkirk Dissolution — MOVED by Councillor Glazier that the letter sent by Municipal Affairs Minister Rick McIver regarding the Halkirk Dissolution be received and filed.
Carried

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12.10.24.993 Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs Rick McIver Regarding the RMA Meeting between the Minister and Council Nov. 5th, 2024 — MOVED by Councillor Elliott that the letter sent by Municipal Affairs Minister Rick McIver thanking Council and summarizing the discussions be received and filed.

Carried

CLOSED SESSION:

12.10.24.994 Closed Session — MOVED by Councillor Norton that the County move to closed session at 11: 14 a.m. to discuss items under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter F-25: Part 1, Div 2, Sec 16(1)(a)(i), 24(1)(a), (b)(i), (c), (d).

Carried

12.10.24.995 Closed Session — MOVED by Councillor Norton that the County return to an open meeting at 11:50 p.m.

Carried

Recess – the meeting recessed at 11:51 a.m. to allow return of the public.

Reconvene – the meeting reconvened at 11:52 a.m. with no public present.

12.10.24.996 Tax Arrears Payment Agreement — MOVED by Councillor Shipton that Council enter into the draft agreement with the taxpayer in accordance with Section 347(1) of the *Municipal Government Act* to address outstanding taxes as outlined in Court of King’s Bench, Action Number 2402 00076 under the terms and conditions presented to Council.

Carried

12.10.24.997 Intermunicipal Recreation Funding Agreement Council Negotiation Appointees — MOVED by Councillor Vockeroth that Councillors Elliott, Glazier and Reeve Schulmeister be appointed to review and negotiate with the CAO and representatives from the Town of Coronation Council and Administration and that Councillor Norton, Deputy Reeve Wiart and Reeve Schulmeister be appointed for the negotiation with the CAO and members of the Town of Castor Council and Administration; both agreements being for the purpose of intermunicipal recreation funding for operating and capital needs.

Carried

12.10.24.998 Meeting Request with Alberta Transportation — MOVED by Councillor Glazier that the Chief Administrative Officer contact the Ministry of Transportation to discuss the service levels and obligations of contractors maintaining highways in Paintearth County.

Carried

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2024**

ADJOURNMENT:

Reeve Schulmeister adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

These minutes approved this ____ day of _____, 20_____.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer



December 18, 2024

Council and CAO
Paintearth County
Box 509
Castor, AB T0C 0X0

BRAED's 4th Annual Agriculture Industry Forum – February 27, 2025

We are pleased to let you know that the Battle River Alliance for Economic Development will be hosting its 2025 annual gathering of regional agriculture leaders and supporters at the Galahad Agriplex.

BRAED's 4th **Annual Agriculture Industry Forum** will feature experts who have deep understanding of developments and trends that impact this vital industry particularly in this region. Last year we focussed on drought resilience and crop research with speakers including

- Todd Aasen, Alberta Government Drought Response Team
- Susanna Bruneau, Battle River Watershed Alliance
- Francois Paradis, Director of Applied Research, Lakeland College
- Khalil Ahmed, Battle River Research Group

This year's Forum will focus on resilience on the farm, from the farm family to drought to business planning. We are currently speaking with industry leaders in the region to finalize the 2025 forum program and will be releasing out full list of speakers in early January.

Paintearth County's consistent and reliable attendance at our industry events is very appreciated. Given this ongoing interest we are hoping the County will consider sponsoring the **4th Annual Agriculture Industry Forum** for \$1000. This partnership will be recognized in promotions and communications from January 15 to February 26 2025 and on the day of the event. Our recent event promotions have included LinkedIn notices, KNOTice and Starting Line mentions, partner FaceBook posts and direct emails to industry leaders.

Thank you for considering BRAED's request for support. We are looking forward to another outstanding event.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. Goulet".

Cathy Goulet
Executive Director





County of Paintearth No. 18

Request for Decision

Title: Halkirk FCSS

Meeting: Regular Council

Meeting Date: January 7, 2025

Issue/Background:

With the Village of Halkirk dissolution an amending agreement is required for Halkirk FCSS. They will be amending Halkirk's agreement to end December 31, 2024 and the County of Paintearth agreement will be amended to include Halkirk.

A motion is required by the County of Paintearth Council reflecting that the County is willing and able to take over the FCSS program in Halkirk and understands that this will result in an addition to the County budget for 2025. The budget addition has been included in the 2025 operating budget that was passed on December 10, 2024.

Financial:

Policy/Legislation:

Recommendations:

1. That the County of Paintearth is willing and able to take over the FCSS program in Halkirk and has included this contribution in the 2025 operating budget that was approved on December 10, 2024.
2. Council provides further direction or required changes/amendment

Prepared By: Lana Roth, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer



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Request for Decision

Title: Tax Sales – Reserve Bid and Terms of Sale for Roll #34160000

Meeting: Regular Council

Meeting Date: January 7, 2025

Issue/Background:

Tax Roll #34160000 – Is bare land located in the hamlet of Throne. The landowner, whose last known address was Lacombe, AB, has not paid taxes since March 2020. All correspondence sent by mail has been returned to our office, and other attempts to locate this ratepayer have been unsuccessful. The services of Commercial Credit Adjusters (CCA) were used and this avenue of locating the landowner has been unsuccessful as well.

As there was a tax sale of a similar property in Throne in March 2021 for comparison, our assessor has recommended a value of \$750 - \$1,000. Current assessment for this property is \$870.

Attached is the aerial photo showing the land, highlighted in blue.

Financial:

At present the balance on this roll is \$429.62. This amount does not include any of the Tax Recovery costs which will need to be added to the current outstanding amount.

Policy/Legislation:

Tax Roll #34160000

1. This property was placed on the Tax Arrears List on March 30, 2023. MGA Sec 412 (1), (2),
2. Notification was sent to the person liable to pay arrears and that the property was placed on the tax arrears list. MGA Sec 412 (3)
3. Registrar’s endorsement of Duplicate Certificate of Title for each parcel with a Tax Recovery Notification received. MGA Sec 413 (1)
4. Costs for Registrar’s endorsement was added to the property. MGA Sec 413 (3)
5. If prior to the sale tax arrears, penalties and costs are paid in full, the tax recovery notification will be removed and property removed from sale. MGA Sec 415 (1), (2), (3)
6. The date set for Public Auction must be set between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025. MGA Sec 418 (2)
7. Council must set Reserve Bid at market value. MGA Sec 419 (a)
8. Council must set any terms and conditions that apply to the sale of the property. MGA Sec 419 (b)
9. The public auction must be Advertised in the Alberta Gazette not less than 40 days and not more than 90 days prior to the date of the auction. MGA Sec 421 (1) (a)
10. Must Place in one issue of the local newspaper, not less than 10 days and not more than 20 days from the date of the public auction. MGA Sec 421 (1) (b)
11. A copy of the Gazette advertisement not less than four weeks before the date of the auction must be sent to: Owners of the parcel and registered interests on the DCT. MGA Sec 421 (4) (a) (b) (c)

ROLL NO 34160000
LINC NO 0019896695
LOT 9 & 10
BLK 3
PLAN 586AJ



6.0

From: [REDACTED]
Date: January 3, 2025 at 1:18:26 AM MST
To: Michael Simpson <msimpson@countypaintearth.ca>
Subject: Winterfest 2025

Hi Michael

Castor Winterfest is slated for Feb 1st this year and I would like to make my annual ask of firewood, fire pits and picnic tables for use at the elevator for cowboy camp and sleigh rides.

Is this something the County would be able to provide again?

Thank you

Diana Boxma [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

BYLAW NUMBER 728-25
OF THE COUNTY OF PAINTEARTH NO.18
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

WHEREAS the Council of the County of Paintearth No. 18 (hereinafter called the "Corporation") in the Province of Alberta, considers it necessary to borrow certain sums of money for the purpose of covering general expenses and covering current expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Section 256, it is hereby enacted by Council of the Corporation as a Bylaw that:

1. The Corporation borrow from Alberta Treasury Branches ("ATB") up to the principal sum of \$2,000,000.00 repayable upon demand at a rate not to exceed 15% for a period not to exceed one (1) year, and such interest will be calculated daily and due and payable monthly on the last day of each and every month.
2. The Chief Elected Officer and the Chief Administrative Officer are authorized for and on behalf of the Corporation:
 - (a) to apply to ATB for the aforesaid loan to the Corporation and to arrange with ATB the amount, terms and conditions of the loan and security or securities to be given to ATB;
 - (b) as security for any money borrowed from ATB
 - (i) to execute promissory notes and other negotiable instruments or evidences of debt for such loans and renewals of all such promissory notes and other negotiable instruments or evidences of debts;
 - (ii) to give or furnish to ATB all such securities and promises as ATB may require to secure repayment of such loans and interest thereon; and
 - iii) to execute all security agreements, hypothecations, debentures, charges, pledges, conveyances, assignments and transfers to and in favour of ATB of all or any property, real or personal, moveable or immovable, now or hereafter owned by the Corporation or in which the Corporation may have any interest, and any other documents or contracts necessary to give or to furnish to ATB the security or securities required by it.
3. The source or sources of money to be used to repay the principal and interest owing under the borrowing from ATB are:
 - taxes, reserves or grants.
4. The amount to be borrowed and the term of the loan will not exceed any restrictions set forth in the Municipal Government Act.
5. In the event that the Municipal Government Act permits extension of the term of the loan and in the event the Council of the Corporation decides to extend the loan and ATB is prepared to extend the loan, any renewal or extension, bill, debenture, promissory note, or other obligation executed by the officers designated in paragraph 2 hereof and delivered to ATB will be valid and conclusive proof as against the Corporation of the decision of the Council to extend the loan in accordance with the terms of such renewal or extension, bill, debenture, promissory note, or other obligation and ATB will not be bound to inquire into the authority of such officers to execute and deliver any such renewal, extension document or security.

Bylaw 728-25
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Received First Reading this ____ Day of _____, 2025 on a motion of Councillor _____
Carried

Received Second Reading this ____ Day of _____, 2025 on a motion of Councillor _____
Carried

Councillor _____ moved to proceed to Third Reading
Carried Unanimously

Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this ____ Day of _____, 2025 on a motion of Councillor

Carried

Signed by the Chief Elected Official and Chief Administrative Officer this ____ Day of _____, 2025

Stanley Schulmeister, Reeve

Michael Simpson, Chief Administrative Officer



County of Paintearth No. 18

Assistant CAO Report

Meeting: Regular Council

Meeting Date: January 7, 2025

1. County
 - a. Work has started on year end procedures for all income statement and balance sheet accounts. Auditors will be coming back to our office on
 - b. Year end roll over occurred on December 31 – thank you again to Council for closing the office to the public at noon on the 31st to allow our staff to complete these procedures.
 - c. January 3 – annual Central square update to our accounting software for payroll updates. Now that this has occurred HR specialist is able to go in and update all payroll codes as per new union agreement.
 - d. Work with HR Specialist and Union to finalize and update union changes to sick leave and vacation leave
2. PEPS
 - a. PEPS meeting scheduled for December 18 was cancelled due to the weather. PEPS has applied for the SCOP grant to assist with costs associated with the Vet Clinic in Coronation and applied for grant funding to be able to run the BSP program like what was ran through BREOC. Klay with Alberta Counsel submitted the application on our behalf.
3. BREOC
 - a. meeting scheduled for December 18 was cancelled due to the weather.
4. Halkirk
 - a. Waiting for access to Muniware system for Halkirk (accounting software)
 - b. Waiting for access to ATB accounts for Halkirk
 - c. Work is underway in getting the utilities module up and running in our database. December 30 and January 6 had online sessions with Central Square to start creating inventory codes and rates. Gathered information from Halkirk on water meters and gas meters. Hopeful we will be able to do February utility bills in the new software.

Prepared By: Lana Roth, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

COUNTY OF PAINT EARTH NO 18

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2024

	2023	2024	2024		
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Difference	% Remaining
Revenue					
Sales to Other Governments	\$67,880.97	\$44,500.00	\$49,675.89	(\$5,175.89)	(\$0.12)
Sales & User Charges	275,681.47	430,254.00	321,337.04	108,916.96	0.25
Licenses & Permits	46,465.52	16,000.00	24,911.20	(8,911.20)	(0.56)
Government Transfers	602,766.10	580,251.00	1,021,758.32	(441,507.32)	(0.76)
Rental Revenue	345.00	200.00	230.00	(30.00)	(0.15)
Lease & Royalties	16,086.81	15,000.00	16,289.08	(1,289.08)	(0.09)
Return on Investment	1,816,662.51	950,450.00	1,879,810.06	(929,360.06)	(0.98)
Penalties & Costs	100,195.42	100,000.00	92,077.56	7,922.44	0.08
Other Revenue	18,064.63	79,000.00	67,160.66	11,839.34	0.15
Gain on Sale	183,274.33	10,000.00	69,786.58	(59,786.58)	(5.98)
Total Revenue	3,127,422.76	2,225,655.00	3,543,036.39	(1,317,381.39)	(0.59)
Expenses					
General	466,612.81	371,500.00	14,071.83	357,428.17	0.96
Legislative	627,601.84	1,073,500.00	734,664.16	338,835.84	0.32
Administration	1,704,493.92	2,069,250.00	1,830,590.44	238,659.56	0.12
Fire Protective Services	208,625.57	223,500.00	172,149.79	51,350.21	0.23
Disaster & Emergency Services	44,125.29	65,250.00	55,829.68	9,420.32	0.14
Ambulance Services	10,495.00	12,500.00	514,810.35	(502,310.35)	(40.18)
Bylaw Enforcement	370,497.89	466,500.00	385,728.62	80,771.38	0.17
Public Works	6,052,218.69	8,519,286.00	6,995,928.61	1,523,357.39	0.18
Water Supply	445,269.77	483,900.00	461,010.30	22,889.70	0.05
Waste Water	38,895.00	25,500.00	39,043.10	(13,543.10)	(0.53)
Garbage Collection					
Family & Community Support Services	101,768.88	105,000.00	102,789.35	2,210.65	0.02
Cemeteries					
Municipal Planning & Development	149,759.98	214,800.00	189,386.37	25,413.63	0.12
Subdivision		85,000.00		85,000.00	1.00
Agricultural Service Board	505,996.84	650,200.00	618,823.65	31,376.35	0.05
Recreation Board	453,212.20	550,000.00	168,042.00	381,958.00	0.69
Parks & Recreation	83,936.57	92,700.00	64,517.04	28,182.96	0.30
Culture	40,840.00	42,000.00	42,126.84	(126.84)	0.00
Gas Production					
Requisitions	114,625.00	149,000.00	121,825.00	27,175.00	0.18
Total Expenses	11,418,975.25	15,199,386.00	12,511,337.13	2,688,048.87	0.18



County of Paintearth
No. 18

Director's Report

Department: Public Works

Meeting: Regular Council Meeting

Date: January 7, 2025

1. Hauling gravel from Handhills to Castor Colony couple more weeks.
2. Supply of 100,000 t started crushing. Hopefully start hauling by Jan. 13th week.
3. Cutting firewood for the parks in two different locations.

Prepared By: Bryce Cooke



December 19, 2024

County of Paintearth
01 Crowfoot Crossing
TR374 +HWY 12
Castor, AB T0C 0X0

RE: Road Maintenance - Winter Conditions

Dear Council Members,

On behalf of the Clearview Public Schools Board of Trustees, I would like to extend our gratitude for the excellent work your team does in maintaining safe and accessible roadways, particularly during the challenges of winter weather. The proactive and efficient approach taken by Paintearth County, especially in prioritizing school bus routes, is truly appreciated.

We greatly appreciate the leadership of Bryce Cooke, Director of Public Works, and his team. Their swift and effective response during the first significant snowfall this season ensured that our students and staff faced few disruptions in the Paintearth area. Knowing that school bus routes are cleared quickly provides peace of mind to families.

Our partnership is a vital part of ensuring the well-being of our community, and we are thankful for the continued support and open communication. While we may not need to communicate frequently, the times we do highlight the supportive and collaborative relationship between our organizations.

Please convey our thanks to Bryce and his team for their efforts. The dedication and professionalism they demonstrate make a meaningful difference for our students, families, and staff. We look forward to continuing this positive collaboration and are always happy to support any initiatives that further enhance road safety in our shared community.

Warm regards,

Guy Neitz
Board Chair
Clearview Public Schools
gneitz@clearview.ab.ca



**Village of Halkirk
Council Meeting Minutes
Halkirk Seniors Center
December 12th, 2024**

In attendance: Mayor Jan Koenraadt, Deputy Mayor Dennis Cordel, Councilor Ross Elsasser, and CAO Marcy Renschler.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Jan Koenraadt called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
2. **Adoption of Agenda:**
 - #2024-012-01:**
Moved by Deputy Mayor Dennis Cordel the adoption of the Agenda. Carried.
3. **Adoption of the Minutes:**
 - 3.1 #2024-11-02**
Moved by Councilor Ross Elsasser to accept the November 14th, 2024 Council meeting Minutes as presented. Carried.
4. **Delegations:**
 - 4.1 No Delegation
5. **Financial Reports**
 - #2024-12-03**
 - 5.1 Moved by Mayor Jan Koenraadt to approve the Accounts Payable for December 12th, 2024. Carried.
 - #2024-12-04**
 - 5.2 Moved by Deputy Mayor Dennis Cordel to approve the Final November 2024 Final Payments. Carried.
 - #2024-12-05**
 - 5.3 Moved by Councilor Ross Elsasser to approve the November Bank Reconciliation. Carried.
6. **Business From Previous Meetings:**
 - 6.1 MSI/CCBF/LGFF Funding Grant Application Money:**
 - #2024-12-06**
Moved by Deputy Mayor Dennis Cordel to move the Grant money of \$109,776 and \$255,360 received in November to the Village Savings Accounts. Carried.
 - 6.2 MPE Lagoon Grant:**
CAO Marcy Renschler reported that the final inspection was held on Dec. 11th, 2024.

7. New Business:

7.1 Order of Council 362-2024

#2024-12-07

Moved by Mayor Jan Koenraad to received the Dissolution Order of Council 362-2024 as information. Carried.

7.2 OA Report of Unadopted Minutes of November 14th, 2024

#2024-12-08

Moved by Deputy Mayor Dennis Cordel to receive the OA Report as information. Carried.

7.3 Administrative Functions:

#2024-12-09

Moved by Councillor Ross Elsasser to give the County of Paintearth administrative functions for the Village of Halkirk. Carried.

8. Reports

1. Council Reports:

Mayor Jan Koenraad reported that he had attended the PEPS meeting.

Deputy Mayor Dennis Cordel reported that he attended the Lodge Meeting and their supper and concert is Dec. 13th, 2024.

Councillor Ross Elsasser has not attended any meetings to date.

2. Administrator Report:

#2024-12-10

Moved by Deputy Mayor Dennis Cordel to accept the CAO Report as presented. Carried.

9. Correspondence:

9.1 No Correspondence

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting: No further meetings scheduled.

11. Closed Session:

11.1 Nothing

12. Adjournment of Meeting:

#2024-12-11

Moved by Jan Koenraad, Dennis Cordel, and Ross Elsasser to adjourn the final meeting for the Village of Halkirk. Carried.

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Prairies Economic Development Canada and
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Développement économique Canada pour les Prairies et
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développement économique du Nord

December 16, 2024

Mr Glaizer Glaizer
Councilor
County of Paintearth No. 18
Box 509
Castor, AB T0C 0X0

Dear Mr Glaizer,

I am pleased to inform you that the County of Paintearth's funding proposal to upgrade and develop wastewater and stormwater easement infrastructure in Paintearth County has been approved for funding through the Government of Canada's Coal Transition Initiative – Infrastructure Fund. Congratulations to you, your team members, and all partners involved in this project.

The Government of Canada remains steadfast in its commitment to building an innovative, inclusive, and environmentally sustainable economy that fosters growth and prosperity for all Canadians. I want to thank you and your organization for your efforts and contributions to that shared goal.

PrairiesCan's mandate is to support the economic growth and diversification in the Prairie provinces. The department assists businesses, communities, and not-for-profit groups across the Prairies to create long-lasting jobs and thriving communities. Projects such as this also support regional sustainable economic growth opportunities under the Framework to Build a Green Prairie Economy.

PrairiesCan and my office are looking forward to working with you and will contact you to discuss next steps to align communication efforts and identify future announcement opportunities.

I would like to extend my best wishes for the successful realization of your project's objectives and am interested to learn about your progress on the project and its positive impacts for Canadians on the Prairies.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Dan Vandal, P.C., M.P.

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