



Council Highlights

Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting November 10, 2021

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*Council Highlights briefly identify decisions made by County of Stettler Council. We encourage residents, businesses and stakeholders to keep in touch with Council news and decisions. Council meetings are live streamed on the **Stettler County YouTube channel**. Official minutes are posted on the County of Stettler website at www.stettlercounty.ca.*

DELEGATIONS

Stettler Public Library presented their budget requesting a 0% increase and an annual update. The Library has been lending an average of more than 10,000 items per month for the past three months. The Library had over 5,000 visitors in August and nearly 3,000 in September. Computer use sees from 300–500 uses per months and Wi-Fi has 300–600 clients per month using it for 5,000–10,000 sessions.

Stettler Society for Prevention of Family Violence presented their annual campaign of November's proclamation of Prevention of Family Violence Month. Banners are up raising awareness in our community at the RCMP station; Stettler Public Library plus a rose campaign at local businesses and a calendar.

A Tax Agreement request was received In Camera under FOIPPA s. 16: *Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party.*

REQUESTS FOR DECISION

- A waterline hook up request was denied and referred to Council's upcoming budget workshops, due to budget restrictions.
- Union Hall's request for funding assistance, due to an ongoing inability to fundraise throughout COVID-19, was approved.
- Emergency Management Committee set their annual meeting date for January 13.
- Council accepted the Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission 2022 Budget as presented.
- **Two requests for late tax payment penalties were denied.**
- Council Committee members with Joint Water Servicing with Rochon Sands set the date for a meeting for December 1.

INFORMATION REQUESTS

Street Lights: Council requested Administration gather and present information to the public on ATCO protocols to have street lights replaced when they are burned out. Two ratepayer requests have been received by the County recently, requesting street light repair in the hamlets of Erskine and Botha.

BYLAWS

Bylaw 1670-21 – Regional Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

This Bylaw would allow the County of Stettler to contract Parkland Community Planning Services to provide a Regional Board. This allows the County to remain at arms length from SDAB appeals, and the cost to participate in a Regional Board managed by PCPS is similar.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

This Bylaw would allow the County of Stettler to contract Parkland Community Planning Services, non profit group, to handle our Subdivision Development Appeal Board. The public hearing for this bylaw has been set for December 8, 2021 at 1:00 PM

INFORMATION

FCSS is conducting the Growing Smiles fundraiser again in support of Stettler Crisis Aid. Watch soon on the sale of Poinsettias, Wreaths and Christmas arrangements.

Councillors from the County and Town are invited to attend Stettler FCSS Harm Reduction information session on Monday, Nov. 15 at 5 p.m. to bring awareness and understanding of the program and its benefits to the community. There will be a number of presenters from Turning Point in Red Deer with open dialogue.

FCSS will host an **IN THE KNOW** Workshop on Nov. 26 via Zoom. Registration information is available on our website.

Council approved a letter of support for the Alberta Regional Rail in their endeavor to establish a passenger rail service in the Calgary-Edmonton corridor.

Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Council Meeting – Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Agricultural Services Board Meeting – Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Municipal Planning Commission Meeting – Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Council Meetings are held in Council Chambers 6602-44 Avenue, Stettler Alberta. ***Council meetings are occurring in person and via live stream. Please see Stettler County's YouTube channel for complete meeting.***

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