

Councillor Riddell Priorities Committee Councillor Report – October 18, 2016

BACKGROUND: As per Bylaw 46-2015 (A Bylaw of Strathcona County to Establish the Committees of Council) states under 6.1 that: "Councillors appointed to a Committee by Council shall be responsible to keep Council informed as to Committee activities.

Also, policy number GOV-001-019 (County Representation on External Boards/Committees/Commissions) states the following under Guideline #3: "Each Elected Representative so selected shall ensure that a report of the authority's activities is presented to Council as often as is reasonable but no less than semi-annually".

It is with these 2 governance documents in mind that I submit the following report on the some of the activities of committees I sit on that might be of interest to council.

1) Community Living Advisory Committee (CLAC):

The CLAC Committee was formed under the Social and Cultural Pillars of Council's Strategic Plan and was officially established under Bylaw 46-2015 effective January 1, 2016.

Currently there are 8 voting members who represent diverse ages, interests, experiences and backgrounds. Both Councillor Anderson and myself have been appointed to this committee as Council advisors.

The Committee itself provides a mechanism for direct input and interaction between Council and the citizens of Strathcona County. The Committee provides strategic policy advise relating to the municipal functions of a livable community by providing feedback on related policies and plans and review and make recommendations regarding fundamental community needs.

The Committee, although fairly new, have been active on a number of fronts and have participated in many meetings and presentations, the details of which will be shared with Council during the annual reporting of this Committee to Council by the Chair. They have also positioned themselves to have an active and important role to the update of the Social Sustainability Framework Renewal project and will be sharing with you how they hope to accomplish this important task.

2) AAMDC Zone 5:

I attended the Regular Meeting of this Association on September 23, 2016 as a representative from Strathcona County and to present on our behalf the proposed resolution in regards to the Norther Gateway Pipelines for consideration. The assembly voted unanimously to support this resolution going forward to the AAMDC Fall Conference this November.

3) Capital Region Northeast Water Services Commission (CRNWSC):

The Capital Region Water Commission has a long history going back to its inception in 1967. Currently, the following members now make up the Board: City of Fort Saskatchewan, Towns of Redwater, Gibbons and Bon Accord and the Counties of Sturgeon and Strathcona.

As per their Bylaw, 2 members from Strathcona County are appointed and have voting privileges. Those members currently are Councillor Bidzinski and myself.

At the Commission meeting held on September 28, 2016, the Commission supported Strathcona County`s desire to exist from the Management Contract through a negotiated Termination Agreement. The Commission also accepted a new Management Contract from a private vendor who will continue with the management of the regional water system. The Commission also had preliminary discussions on the proposed capital funding structure to the 5 year capital plan and during their budget deliberations on December 2nd will approve the rates that Strathcona County can expect to see in the upcoming years.