

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FALHER, ALBERTA, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009

PRESENT: Reeve: Donald Dumont  
Councillors: Robert Brochu  
Donald Gosselin  
Luc Desaulniers  
Andre Trudeau  
Richard Aubin  
Administrator: Lucien Turcotte  
Recording Secretary: Rita Therriault  
Smoky River Express Reporter Emily Plihal

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Dumont at 10:04 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

090201 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the agenda as amended.

The following item was added to the agenda

- Next meeting date

Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING

090202 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, the minutes of the regular meeting held January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 were approved as circulated.

Carried.

MINUTES OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Councillors were presented with the following minutes for information;

- Minutes of the Smoky River Regional Economic Development Board of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Emily Plihal joins the meeting at 10:10 am**

MONTHLY AND BUDGET REPORTS

090203 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, monthly and budget reports for the month of January 2009 were approved as presented.

Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2009

090204 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council appoints the firm of Sylvain and Doran as auditor for the Municipal of Smoky River No.130 for the 2009 fiscal year.

Carried.

2009 AAMD&C SPRING CONVENTION

090205 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approves sending the Director of Operations, the Municipal Administrator and all of Council to the 2009 AAMD&C Spring Convention.

Carried.

Wayne Franklin of Alberta Transportation will not be at the Spring Convention therefore he will be invited to a council meeting.

CULVERT INSTALLATION – RAN MAR DOZING

090206 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council accepts Ran Mar's application for 2009 culvert installation and road repair.

Carried.

BYLAW NO. 802 – to amend a municipal development plan

Public Hearing minutes of February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 were presented to Council and are attached to these minutes.

A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Smoky River No.130 in the Province of Alberta, amending the Municipal Development Plan Bylaw No. 765.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMOKY RIVER NO. 130 IN OPEN MEETING HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Section 5, Map 3-Siting Restrictions for Confined Feeding Operations, of the Municipal Development Plan be amended by the removal of B8 and C3 Recreational Area Restrictions around the intersection of Highway 744 and Highway 676, being no longer an area required to be preserved as a recreational area

090207 2. That Section 5, Map 3-Siting Restrictions for Confined Feeding Operations, of the Municipal Development Plan be further amended by removing the name 'Whitemud Hall'

On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council give second reading to By-Law No.802.

Motion defeated.

PEACE RIVER VICTIM SERVICES

090208 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approves a financial contribution of \$1.00 per capita for Peace River Victim Services.

Carried.

FINANCIAL REQUEST – 2009 ATOM PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT

090209 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council agreed to support the 2009 Atom Provincial Tournament as per request; of 50% of the ice time cost and Municipal District Souvenir pins (for the players to exchange with other provincial teams).

Carried.

DELEGATION – K. BRECKER – 2010 ALBERTA SUMMER GAMES

Kevin Brecker of Peace River presented to Council the proposal for the 2010 Alberta Summer Games municipalities partnership

Mr. Brecker discussed the following points:

- The games are scheduled for July 19 to 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- The athletes will be from the of 12 to 17 years old.
- There are 9 partnering communities proposed.
- Expectations for 3,000 volunteers 3,000 athletes 8,000 spectators
- There are 15 sports scheduled.
- Venues will be spread between the partnering communities
- Budget of \$2,250,000.00
- Regional visibility

The request for the partnership with the Municipal District of Smoky River No.130 is \$27,000 cash, \$25,000 in kind.

Tourism, cultural, regional and recreation facilities enhancement are a few of the benefits opportunities.

090210

On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approves partnering with the other Municipalities on the 2010 Alberta Summer Games by contributing \$27,500 cash and \$25,000 in kind

Carried.

CLEARING TENDER – MCLENNAN/PEAVINE ROAD

090211

On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council award the clearing and timber salvage tender on the McLennan/Peavine road to Northwest Dirt Construction Ltd for the amount of \$376,840.00.

Carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE

090212

On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approves changing the next meeting date to Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Carried.

**Emily Plihal left the meeting at 11:41 am**PROPOSED CHANGED TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT FRAMEWORK

090213

On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approves sending a response letter to the Solicitor General Fred Lindsay with copies to our MLA, Hector Goudreau our MP, Chris Warkentin and AAMD&C, addressing the following points; Council does not support paying policing for communities under 5,000 in population. It was suggested that funds could be obtained by eliminating the long gun registry and redirect the monies into policing.

Carried.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE FALHER ARENA

The official opening of the Falher arena is set for 2 pm on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Councillor Aubin will be attending on behalf of the Municipal District of Smoky River No.130. A reply will be sent to the organisers confirming Richard's attendance.

LUNCH

090214 On motion of Reeve Dumont, Council recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

Carried.

SKI HILL MANAGER'S REPORT

Ski Hill Manager Clem Bourgeois submitted a written report to Council discussing the following matters:

- Skiers Count
- Monies received to date
- Accident report
- Stolen sled
- Grand Opening
- Water Break

090215 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, Council approved the Ski Hill Manager's report.

Carried.

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES' REPORT

The Director of Agricultural Services Report was reviewed by Council with an overview of the following items:

- Letter Jason Krips, Industry Development and Food Safety
- Notes from the last Council meeting
- Report on the A.S.B. meeting
- Wild Board Eradication/Control Program
- ARD Tag Reader Program
- Weed Control Act Regulation
- Northland Family Award 2009
- Meetings and conferences
  - February 5<sup>th</sup> – Peace Region Forage Seed Agronomy
  - March 3<sup>rd</sup> – SARDA AGM
  - March 6 – AAAF Executive meeting in Leduc
  - March 10 to 11 -
  - March 19-21 – SARDA Trade Show
  - March 25<sup>th</sup> – Surface Rights Group AGM
  - March 26<sup>th</sup> – Transportation/Railway weed info
  - March 31<sup>st</sup> – Peace River AAAF Industry Pest Awareness Little Smoky
  - April 7<sup>th</sup> – Peace River AAAF Industry Pest Awareness Rycroft
  - July 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> tour

090216 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, Council nominates the family of Mr. Terry & Melisa Chaibos for the Northland Family Award 2009.

Carried

090217 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved the Director of Agricultural Services' Report as presented.

Carried.

COUNCILLORS' CONCERNS

The following concern was mentioned;

- BBQ for citizens

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

Director of Operations, Clem Guenette, presented his report to Council with an overview of the following items:

- Truckfill returns
- Monthly Equipment Costs
- Monthly Downtime
- Brushing and Burning
- McLennan to Peavine Connector Road
- Bridge File 70802 Bremont's Bridge
- Graveling Cost for 2008
- Construction Report
- AMIP Program
- Cleaning of Ditches
- Winagami – Beaver problem
- Truck parking
- South Interceptor

Council indicated that a Notice needs to be inserted in the Smoky River Express, regarding Policy 125 regarding snow removal and ditch cleaning as per bylaw 703.

090218 On motion of Councillor Aubin, the Director of Operations' report was approved as presented.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Turcotte reported to Council on the following matters:

- Regional Committee Meeting
- Ski Hill Opening
- Committee Meeting
- Law Seminar – RMRF
- Access to Winagami Lake – West Side
- Fire Hall Committee Meeting
- Cat Graders – M Series
- Mackenzie Municipal Service Agency – Membership
- Administrator's Refresher Course
- Director of Protective Services
- Sub Division Appeal Development Board training
- Contingency funds
- MLA, Pearl Calahasen Celebration in High Prairie
- Tax Assessments

090219 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, a meeting is scheduled for Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am for the Committee as a whole.

Carried

090220 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council changed the date of the Ski Hill Grand Opening from Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, to March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

Carried.

090221 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, the Administrator's report was approved as presented.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was brought to Council for their consideration:

- 1) Alberta Association of M.D.'s & Counties
  - Contact Newsletter issues #3, 4, 5, 6
  - Changes Coming to Navigate Waters Protection Act
  - December 2008 Board Activities
  - District No.5 Meeting – January 19, 2009
  - TransCanada Pipeline Application and the Alberta Association of Pipeline Landowners
  - Impact of the Federal Budget on Municipalities
  - Special EOEP Course Offering
  - Input Needed for Changing Law Enforcement Framework
  - Spring 2009 Convention Registration Now Open
  - Spring 2009 Convention March 23 to 25 – agenda
  - Recent Rural Health and Wellness Initiatives Update
  - Change in ICSP Deadline
  - Data Concerns with ERCB records for Linear Assessment
- 2) Hon. Luke Ouellette, Minister of Transportation
  - Gas Tax Funds – formerly the New Deal for Cities and Communities
- 3) Hon. Hector Goudreau, MLA Dunvegan – Central Peace
  - Building Canada Fund – Communities Components
- 4) Federation of Canadian Municipalities
  - Federal budget delivers new infrastructure funding and strengthens Federal-Municipal partnership
  - 1,000 municipal infrastructures projects would create thousands jobs if funded
  - Strong case for increased funding for Cities and Communities
  - In preparation for Speech from the Throne and Federal Budget release
- 5) Smoky River Regional Physician Recruitment and Retention
  - Physician Retention
- 6) Peace Library System
  - Membership
- 7) Clear Hills County
  - The future of Health Care for Albertans
- 8) Royal Canadian Mounted Police
  - 2009/2010 priorities
  - Municipal/Provincial Police Service Agreements
- 9) Peace Country Health
  - In Your Community - newsletter
- 10) Northwest Corridor
  - In The Corridor - newsletter
- 11) Dunvegan - Central Peace Constituency meeting
- 12) Agriculture Service Board Correspondence
- 13) Bills for Payment

ADJOURNMENT

090222

On motion of Reeve Dumont, the meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Carried.

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Municipal Administrator