

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FALHER, ALBERTA, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2011

PRESENT: Reeve: Robert Brochu
Councillors: Donald Dumont
Donald Gosselin
Raoul Johnson
André Trudeau
André Cloutier
Administrator: Lucien G. Turcotte
Recording Secretary: Rita Therriault
Smoky River Express Reporter: Richard Froese

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Brochu at 10:02 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

- 110901 On motion of Councillor Dumont, Council approved the agenda with the following additions as presented.
- a) Brushing Blind Corners
 - b) Water Co-op
 - c) Physician Recruitment Committee
 - d) Peavine Road Update

Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING

- 110902 On motion of Councillor Johnson, the minutes of the regular meeting held August 10th, 2011 were approved as presented.

Carried.

MINUTES OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The following minutes and reports were circulated as information to Council:

- Falher Chamber of Commerce request for input on Name Change
- Alberta Association of M.D.'s & Counties Zone 4, minutes of August 12th, 2011
- High Prairie School Division minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 24, 2011

MONTHLY AND BUDGET REPORTS

- 110903 On motion of Councillor Johnson, the monthly and budget reports for the month of August 2011 were approved as presented.

Carried.

PAYMENT TO COUNCILLORS – 3rd quarter

- 110904 On motion of Councillor Dumont, Council approved the payment to Councillors for the 3rd quarter of 2011.

Carried.

Councillor Cloutier entered the meeting at 10:10 am.

2011 A.A.M.D. & C. FALL CONVENTION

110905 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved that all members of Council, CAO and Director of Operations attend the 2011 Fall Convention, November 22nd to 24th in Edmonton.

Carried.

BRUSHING BLIND CORNERS AND ROAD ALLOWANCE

A study for the cost of brushing roads allowance and blind corners is to done, project could be MSI. This will be discussed with the Director of Operation later this afternoon.

SMOKY RIVER WATER CO-OP

The Smoky River Water Co-op is working on Phase 7C and 8 and is requesting funding.

110906 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council will allocate \$220,000 from 2012 budget to the Smoky River Water Co-op. That a letter of intent be provided so that they can go ahead with their project.

Carried.

DELEGATION – A.Dion

Mr. Alain Dion of Dion Computers met with Council to discuss and provide information on the options for the proposed purchase of some electronic tablets for Council and Senior Staffs.

PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

The term of reference for the Physician Recruitment Committee was presented to Council for comments.

Council wished to discuss this matter at the Smoky River Regional Committee meeting of September 20th, 2011.

PEAVINE ROAD UPDATE

Reeve Brochu gave an update on the Peavine Road Project.

Council approved looking into the Peavine Road connector route change, as an alternate option, which would be going north to connect the two municipalities of Peavine and McLennan.

Councillor Johnson left the meeting at 11:43 p.m.

Smoky River Express Reporter Richard Froese left the meeting at 11:43 p.m.

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES' REPORT

Mr. Norm Boulet, Director of Agricultural Services, gave his report to Council with an overview of the following items:

- Spraying Program Update
- Mowing Program Update
- Weed Inspections
- Incinerator
- Container Crushing
- Farm Family Award
- 2011 Regional ASB Conference and Resolutions
- 2013 Provincial ASB Conference
- 2011 Farm Women's Conference
- Provincial ASB Summer Tour
- Upcoming Meetings & Events

- 110907 On motion of Councillor Dumont, Council approved Councillor Trudeau to attend the Farm Family Award in Edmonton on November 9th, 2011.
- Carried.
- 110908 On motion of Councillor Dumont, Council approved Reeve Brochu and Councillors Dumont, Johnson and Cloutier and ASB Director Norm Boulet to attend the 2011 Regional ASB Conference in LaCrete on November 2nd.
- Carried
- 110909 On motion of Reeve Brochu, Council approved submitting the AFSC Seeding intention dates resolution to the Regional ASB Conference. Reeve Brochu will move and Councillor Dumont will second the Resolution at the Conference.
- Carried.
- 110910 On motion of Reeve Brochu, Council approved giving \$200.00 to the 2011 Farm Women's Conference.
- Carried.
- 110911 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the Director of Agricultural Services' Report as presented.
- Carried.

DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES' REPORT

The Director of Protective Services, Derian Rosario presented his report to Council which included an overview of the following items:

- Primary Response Incidents
- Total Incidents and Man Hours for Region
- Level of Service Review
- Dispatching Issues
- Recruitment and Retention
- Other Identified Issues
- Drouin Fire

- 110912 On motion of Councillor Dumont, Council approved the Director of Protective Services' Report as submitted.
- Carried.

LUNCH

110912 On motion of Reeve Brochu, Council recessed for lunch at 12:22 p.m and reconvened at 12:49 p.m.

Carried.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

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

- 2011 Gravelling Program
- Twp Rd 782 & Twp Rd 792; Calcium Stabilization West of Sec. 744
- Gravelling Dirt Roads
- Road Bans
- Flash Flood Damages
- Council Tour – June 28, 2011
- Guy Access Overlay
- Gilwood Road – Twp Rd 740; East of Sec. 747
- Road Maintenance
- MSI Projects
- Bridge File Projects
- Ski Hill Items
- Truckfill Returns
- Monthly Equipment Costs
- Monthly Downtime
- Smoky River Water Co-op – South of Guy
- Jasmin Drainage – Louis Tokarz
- Denis Pele - request for access upgrade
- Hunter access to RR202 by Hwy2 at Lind's Bridge
- Rural Addressing
- Peavine Road Connector
- Brushing the Road Allowance
- Dirt Roads – rebuilds on MSI
- MSI Application – Brushing project

110913 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, Council granted Kevin Cymbaluk, Director of Operation, the authority to apply Road Bans when necessary. The Director of Operation shall continue to have this authority for the term of his employment.

Carried.

110914 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the streets and avenues maps for the hamlets of Guy and Jean Cote to implement the civic address system.

Carried.

110915 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, the Director of Operations' report was approved as presented.

Carried.

COUNCILLORS CONCERNS

- Brushing at Desilets
- Hamlet of Guy – Wolfe's parking lot
- Peace Regional Water Program

COUNCILLORS CONCERNS - continued

- Landfill in Jean Cote – uncovered loads
- Drainage Ditch – Sylvain/Lamoureux - AAMD& C Convention - Transportation meeting Item
- Transportation study to widen the Girouville access
- Oil Companies – gravel size

110916 On motion of Councillor Cloutier, Council approved applying to the Peace Region Water Program to remediate water shortage in a drought season.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Turcotte reported to Council on the following matters:

- Payment to Councillors
- Smoky River Regional Council Committee
- Land Use Framework Position Paper
- Farewell Party – Ian & Penny Fox
- Leading the North Conference
- Rural Addressing System
- MMSA Legal Seminar – Brownlee LLP
- TRAVIS System
- Girouville Access – Widening of S.R. 744
- Brushing and Cleaning of Transportation Ditches
- Self-Propelled Trimmer
- St. Jean Baptiste Parking Area
- AAMD & C Satisfaction Survey
- Andre Simard – 50 Years of Service
- Fire Services – Falher/Girouville
- Meeting with the Lawyer in Edmonton in regards to the Mader/Ouellette fires

110917 On motion of Councillor Cloutier, Council approved the following to attend the Mackenzie Municipal Service Agency Legal Seminar of Brownlee LLP on October 5th, 2011, Administrator Lucien Turcotte, Director of Corporate Services Rita Therriault, Development Officer Dave Gervais and Councillor Andre Trudeau.

Carried.

110918 On motion of Councillor Cloutier, Council approved the purchase of two Self-Propelled Trimmers for the hamlets at the cost \$1,459.00 each.

Carried.

110919 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the Fire Services contract increase to \$40,000.00 to the Town of Falher and \$8,000.00 to the Village of Girouville, commencing in 2012.

Carried.

110920 On motion of Councillor Dumont, 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 Newsletters – August 11th, 17th, 24th, 31st and September 7, 2011
 - Member Bulletin – Collaborative Governance Videos on YouTube
 - Member Bulletin – The EOEP Makes Professional Development Easier and More Cost Effective
 - Member Bulletin – MCCAC Municipal Energy Consumption Database
 - Member Bulletin – Comprehensive Regional Infrastructure Sustainability Planning
 - Member Bulletin – Resolutions Tips and Tools
 - Member Bulletin – Let's Resolve: Municipal Dispute Resolution Workshops Announced
 - Member Bulletin – What's New with Land-use in Alberta?
 - Member Bulletin – AAMD & C Announces 2011 Scholarship Winners
 - Member Bulletin – AAMD & C Fall 2011 Convention Registration Now Open
 - Executive Highlights – July 2011 Executive Board Activities
 - Executive Highlights – August 2011 Executive Board Activities
- 2) Government of Alberta
 - Province improves rural access to water in Peace Region
- 3) Envision Edmonton
 - Request for Funding
- 4) Alberta Municipal Affairs
 - 2010 Financial Information Return
 - Let's Resolve Training Program – 2011-12 Workshop Season
- 5) Conseil de développement économique de l'Alberta
 - Invitation to a Supplementary AUMA Session
- 6) Alberta Environment
 - Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Fall 2011 Convention
- 7) Alberta Municipal Health and Safety Association
 - September 2011 Newsletter
- 8) Alberta Culture and Community
 - Memo – The Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards Program
- 9) Covenant Health
 - "Catholic Sisters' Legacy Recognition Day"
- 10) St. Jean Baptiste Historical Society
 - Representation Request for Guy & Jean Cote
- 11) Alberta Capital Finance Authority
 - Reminder to Borrow in December and Sample Timeline for Passing By-Laws

CORRESPONDENCE - continued

- 12) Elected Officials Education Program
 - Fall and Winter Courses
- 13) Alberta Sustainable Resource Development
 - New Public Lands Administration Regulation
- 14) Northern Sunrise County
 - Provincial ASB Conference 2013 Location
- 15) Denis and Lynn Pelé
 - Access to Farmland
- 16) Smoky River Regional Physician Recruitment & Retention
 - Committee Governance
- 17) Bills for Payment

ADJOURNMENT

110921

On motion of Reeve Brochu, the meeting adjourned at 2:54 pm.

Carried.

Reeve

Municipal Administrator