

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FALHER, ALBERTA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008

PRESENT:
Reeve: Donald Dumont
Councillors: André Trudeau
Donald Gosselin
Luc Desaulniers
Municipal Administrator : Lucien Turcotte
Recording Secretary : Lynn Pelé
Smoky River Express Reporter : Emily Plihal
Absent: Robert Brochu
Richard Aubin

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Dumont at 10:00 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

- 080301 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved the agenda as presented with the addition of the following:
- Powerline Extension – SE 25-77-24-W5M
 - Invitation to High Prairie Recreation Centre Opening
- Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING

- 080302 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, the minutes of the regular meeting held February 13th, 2008 were approved as presented.
- Carried.

MINUTES OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The minutes of the last Committee of the Whole, High Prairie School Division #48, Smoky River F.C.S.S., AAMD&C Northern District Four Zone and Smoky River Regional Economic Development Board meetings were circulated as information to Council.

- 080303 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held February 26, 2008 were approved as presented.
- Carried.

MONTHLY AND BUDGET REPORTS

- 080304 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, the monthly and budget reports for the month of February 2008 were approved.
- Carried.

POWERLINE EXTENSION – NW 18-77-20-W5M

- 080305 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council granted approval to ATCO Electric for a powerline extension in the NW 18-77-20-W5M for Mr. Richard Maisonneuve.
- Carried.

POWERLINE EXTENSION – SE 25-77-24-W5M

- 080306 On motion of Councillor Dumont, Council granted approval to ATCO Electric for a powerline extension in the SE 25-77-24-W5M for Garry and Adele Skrepnek.
- Carried.

PAYMENT TO COUNCILLORS

- 080307 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved payment to Councillors for the first quarter of 2008. Carried.

AMENDMENTS TO POLICIES 30, 83, 112 and 114

- 080308 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved changes to Policy 30-Vacation Leave, Policy 112-Snowplow Flags for Driveways, Policy 114-Road Bans in M.D. No. 130 and adopted Policy 83-Clubroot of Canola as presented and as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. Carried.

FIRE GUARDIANS – Appointment of

- 080309 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council appointed the Regional Fire Chief, Gerald Lanctot and Dave Gervais as fire guardians for the 2008 fire season. Carried.

2007 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- 080310 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, Council adopted the 2007 Financial Statement as submitted by Sylvain & Doran, C.G.A. Carried.

2008 AMENDED EQUALIZED ASSESSMENT

- 080311 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the 2008 amended taxable Equalized Assessment in the amount of \$279,409,865.00. Carried.

ICSP FINAL REPORT

- 080312 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved the final ICSP report as required by the New Deal for Cities and Communities Grant. Carried.

INVITATION TO HIGH PRAIRIE RECREATION CENTRE OPENING

- 080313 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved Councillor Desaulniers' attendance at the grand opening of the Gordon Buchanan Recreation Centre in High Prairie. Carried.

DELEGATION – Smoky River Surface Rights Society

Cory Labrecque, Chair and Daniel Gauthier, Director of the Smoky River Surface Rights Society discussed the following matters with Council:

- Society Status
- Quick Review of Budget
- Goal to Establish Database
- Meeting with Surface Rights Federation
- Other Societies Fund by Membership
- Other Municipalities' Practices
- Request to Advertise In Paper Contact Numbers for Oil Activity Complaints

DELEGATION – Smoky River Surface Rights Society (continued)

- Road Bonds – Money Up Front
- Request for Grant from M.D. to Set Up Database and for Operations

080314 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, Council tabled this request to the next regular meeting when all councillors are in attendance. Carried.

DELEGATION – F.O.U.L.

Denis Sauvageau, President, Leo Lemire, Sylviane Tardif, Diane Lefebvre, Michelle Pitre, Gerry Noel, Gislain Tardif and Viviane Laliberte of the Friends of an Unpolluted Lifestyle (FOUL) discussed the following matters with Council:

- Results of Air Quality Monitoring by Mobile Trailer
- PASZA Air Monitoring at Tardif's Residence
- NRCB Presentation to Council
- Decision Allowing CFO's at Historic Barn Sites
- Changes to Legislation and How It Affects Our Municipality's Municipal Development Plan
- Update on Bio-Digester
- Tours of Highland Feeders Feedlot/Iron Creek Colony
- Powerpoint Presentation to Alberta Pork Questioning Benefits of Bio-Digester
- Manitoba's Moratorium
- Additional Correspondence

LUNCH

080315 On motion of Reeve Dumont, Council recessed for lunch at 12:05 pm and reconvened at 1:15 pm. Carried.

Smoky River Express Reporter Emily Plihal left the meeting at 12:05 pm.

COUNCILLORS' CONCERNS

- Guy Dump Road Too Narrow

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES' REPORT

Director of Agricultural Services, Normand Boulet, presented his report to Council with an overview of the following items:

- 2010 A.S.B. Provincial Tour
- Authorized Assistant Training Workshop
- AAAF Education Committee
- SARDA Annual General Meeting
- VSI Users
- Farm Women's Conference
- Capital Purchases

080316 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, Council approved the Director of Agricultural Services Report as presented. Carried.

DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES' REPORT

Director of Protective Services, Ian Fox, presented his report to Council with an overview of the following items:

- Call Volume
- Numbers and Types of Calls
- Volunteer Hours
- Municipal Sponsorship Grant
- Chief's Truck
- Fire Hall
- Training and Development
- Rapid Attack/Wildland Unit
- Ambulance Issues
- Calls and Permits
- Traffic Sentry
- Meetings Attended
- Building Permits
- New Dispatch Agreement
- New Bunker Gear
- Disaster Plan Update
- Northern Sunrise County Letter

080317 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved the Director of Protective Services' Report as presented. Carried.

SKI HILL MANAGER'S REPORT

Ski Hill Manager Clem Bourgeois reported to Council on the following:

- Skier Count
- Revenue to Date
- Accident Update
- Helmets Available at Hill
- Purchase of Tables and Chairs (Sponsors)
- Snow Tube Run
- ACFA Cabins Update
- Chalet Rental

080318 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the Ski Hill Manager's Report. Carried.

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
- Bridge File 71456 – Boisvert's Bridge
- Gravel Sources
- Peavine Flood Control Drainage Project
- M.D. Map Updates
- 2008 Gravelling Program
- Livestock Crossing Signs
- Power to Impose and Remove Road Bans

080319 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council delegated the authority to impose and remove road bans to the Director of Operations. Carried.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT - continued

- 080320 On motion of Councillor Dumont, the Director of Operations' report was approved as presented.
- Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Turcotte reported to Council on the following matters:

- Payment to Councillors
- Administrator's Refresher Course
- 2008 A.A.M.D. & C. Spring Convention
- Donation – Ski Hill
- Law Seminar - RMRF
- Ski Hill Opening - Chalet
- BMO Term Savings – Term Investment
- Committee Meeting
- Staff Issues
- Landfill and Lift Station Operators Compensation

- 080321 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, council agreed to include lift station operators and landfill operators in any wage adjustments.
- Carried.

- 080322 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, 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
- Executive Highlights
- District Highlights
- Partners In Trade Newsletter
- Telus Communications Lawsuit Re: Linear Assessment
- Reeves/Mayors Meeting Agenda and Minutes
- Rural Matters! Issuing a Call for Volunteers
- Proposed AAMDC Resolution: Emergency Response Along Fort McMurray Traffic Corridors
- Consultation: Alberta First Responders Radio Communications System
- Emergency Registration of 2% Liquid Strychnine Concentrate
- Request for Input: Bill C32-Fisheries Act
- Advisory Services Announces New Partner
- AAMDC Commissions Commemorative Book
- Citizen Engagement Toolkit Training Session
- Revised AAMDC Strategic Plan
- Proposed 2008/09 Membership Fee Formula
- Resolutions for AAMDC Spring 2008 Convention
- Municipal Restructuring Grant Program Updated
- Railway Noise and Vibration Complaint Guidelines
- Micro-Generation Regulation Implemented By Government of Alberta

2) Alberta Infrastructure & Transportation

- Bridge File 70802 Project and Expenditure Approval
- Regional Director for Peace Region

CORRESPONDENCE – continued

- 3) Alberta Environment
 - Operational Assistance Pilot Program
 - AAMDC 2008 Convention
- 4) Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - Assessment Review Board Training Sessions
 - Tangible Capital Assets Grant
 - Assessment Bulletin
- 5) Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF)
 - Applications Refused
- 6) Federation of Canadian Municipalities
 - Budget 2008 Delivers Good News for Cities and Communities
- 7) Peace Country Health
 - Quick News Board Highlights
 - Peace Country Regional Health Centre Newsletter
 - High Prairie Health Complex New Facility Update
 - Updated Contact method for Representation at EOC
 - Board Response to SRRC Letter of Concerns
- 8) Integrated Life Care Inc.
 - ILC Response to SRRC Letter of Concerns
- 9) Kneehill County
 - Alberta Justice Response Regarding Release of Information –Clubroot Disease
- 10) ATCO Electric
 - The Future Today: Engaging the Next Generation
- 11) Bills for Payment
- 12) ASB Correspondence

ADJOURNMENT

080323

On motion of Reeve Dumont, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Carried.

Reeve

Municipal Administrator