

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FALHER, ALBERTA, TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009

PRESENT:

Reeve: Donald Dumont
Councillors: André Trudeau
Donald Gosselin
Luc Desaulniers
Robert Brochu
Richard Aubin
Municipal Administrator : Lucien Turcotte
Recording Secretary : Rita Therriault

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Dumont at 10:11 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

- 090301 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved the agenda as amended.
- a) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held February 27th and March 9th, 2009.
 - b) FCSS Annual Meeting
- Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING

- 090302 On motion of Councillor Aubin, the minutes of the regular meeting held February 18th, 2009 were approved as presented.
- Carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- 090303 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, the minutes of the Committee of the Whole held February 27th, 2009, were approved as presented.
- Carried.
- 090304 On motion of Councillor Brochu, the minutes of the Committee of the Whole held March 9th, 2009 were approved as presented.
- Carried.

MINUTES OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The minutes of Smoky River Regional Economic Development Board meeting of February 9, 2009 and the AAMD&C Northern District Four Zone meeting held February 13, 2009 were circulated as information to Council.

MONTHLY AND BUDGET REPORTS

- 090305 On motion of Councillor Aubin, the monthly and budget reports for the month of February 2009 were approved.
- Carried.

SUBDIVISION – SE 28-74-19-W5M

090306 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved the proposed subdivision in the SE 28-74-19-W5M for a farmstead separation for David Rhine subject to the following conditions:

- All outstanding property taxes be paid in full;
- A Developer's Agreement be entered into with the Municipal District of Smoky River No.130

Carried.

SUBDIVISION – NW 36-75-22-W5M

090307 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, Council approved the proposed subdivision in the NW 36-75-22-W5M for recreational residential use at 5 Star Golf Club Area subject to the following conditions:

- All outstanding property taxes be paid in full;
- A Developer's Agreement be entered into with the Municipal District of Smoky River No.130
- Access to the subdivision is obtained by registered easement or formal registered agreement.

Carried.

PAYMENT TO COUNCILLORS

090308 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved payment to Councillors for the first quarter of 2009.

Carried.

FIRE GUARDIANS – Appointment of

090309 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council appointed the Regional Fire Chief, Gerald Lanctot and Dave Gervais as fire guardians for the 2009 fire season.

Carried.

SMOKY RIVER DARE PROGRAM

090310 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved a donation of \$1,000.00 towards the Smoky River DARE Program.

Carried.

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES' REPORT

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

- Update since the last Council/ASB Meeting
- The Loading Chute
- Wild Boar Eradication/Control Program
- TransCanada Pipelines Ltd. changed to Federal Jurisdiction
- Northlands Farm Family Award 2009
- Mountain Pine Beetle Program
- VSI Program
- Meetings and Conferences

090311 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the Director of Agricultural Services Report as presented.

Carried.

JEAN COTE'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

090312 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved a \$5,000.00 donation to Jean Cote's 75th Anniversary celebration to be paid out of the 2010 budget year.

Carried.

FCSS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Council is invited to the FCSS Annual General Meeting on March 31st, 2009. Councillor Brochu will be representing Council.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES – development support

090313 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved sending a letter to the Municipal District of Big Lakes supporting their desire to see a commitment from the federal and provincial agencies to cut the red tape delaying the recreational development project at Lesser Slave Lake with regard to the creation of a campground and marina.

Carried

DELEGATION – RCMP

Sergeant Jed Dentinger from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police discussed the following matters with Council:

- Reports on 2008
- Police presence
- DARE Program
- Staffing – bilingual/unilingual status
- Public Relations in the newspaper
- Drug investigations
- 2008 Statistics
- PPSA meeting
- 2009-2010 Goals and Priorities
- Question/Answer Period

COUNCILLORS' CONCERNS

- Street addresses
- Jean Cote Recycle Bins

LUNCH

090314 On motion of Reeve Dumont, Council recessed for lunch at 11:36 pm and reconvened at 12:49 pm.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Turcotte reported to Council on the following matters:

- Payment to Councillors
- Administrator's Refresher Course
- 2009 A.A.M.D. & C. Spring Convention
- Municipal/Provincial Police Services Agreement
- Council Room Renovation
- Janitorial Contract
- M.D. Fire Hall

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - continued

- A.S.B. Committee Meeting
- Regional Meeting of Councils

Reeve Dumont will be representing the M.D. in Peace River on April 2nd, 2009 at the information session regarding the Municipal and Provincial Police Service Agreement.

Council requested a second quote for council table and counter top.

- 090315 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the Building Canada Funds Grant application for the \$3,660,000.00 Fire Hall building project.
- 1 against
5 for
Carried.
- 090316 On motion of Councillor Aubin, the Administrator's report was approved as presented.
- 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
- Brushing and Burning
- Power to Impose and Remove Road Bans
- Bridge File 70802 – Bremont's Bridge
- McLennan to Peavine Connector Road
- Gravel Cost for Hauling and Placing

- 090317 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council gave Clem Guenette, Director of Operations the power to impose and remove road bans.
- Carried.
- 090318 On motion of Councillor Aubin, the Director of Operations' report was approved as presented.
- Carried.

SKI HILL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Weather not co-operating
- Skier count
- Ski Hill Income
- Water freeze up in Chalet
- Security at the Hill – Cameras and Alarms
- Equipment insurance
- Snowmobile insurance replacement

- 090319 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved the Ski Hill Manager's Report.
- Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was brought to Council for their consideration:

- 1) Alberta Association of M.D.'s & Counties
 - Contact Newsletter – Issue 2009-7,8,9 & 10
 - District Highlights – Pembina District No. 3 Meeting
 - District Highlights – District No. 1 Meeting - Lethbridge
 - Federation of Canadian Municipalities Highlights
 - Update and Reminder for Changing Law Enforcement Framework
 - AUMA Survey on Local Governance Reform
 - Proposed 2009/10 Membership Fee Formula
 - Invitation to Participate in Geophysical Audit
 - Policy Paper for Review – Building a Highway Network: Who Pays For Highway Improvements as a Result of Development
 - Spring 2009 Convention Keynote Speaker and Workshop Profiles
 - Bill 202 – Creation of a Municipal Auditor General
 - Rural Municipal Action on Climate Change
 - Rural Connectivity Series: Corridor Communications
 - Update Regarding Review of Low-Hazard Fireworks
 - Canada-wide Strategy for the Management of Municipal Wastewater Effluent Approved by CCME
- 2) Alberta Municipal Affairs
 - Canadian Labour Mobility
- 3) Brownlee LLP
 - Licensing of Grader Operators
- 4) Clear Hills County
 - Quality and Future of Health Care for Albertans
- 5) Municipal District of Big Lakes
 - Wild Boar Bounty
 - Tube Run Contribution Decision
 - Shadow Creek Development
- 6) Municipal District of Greenview No. 16
 - Tube Run Contribution
- 7) Mr. Gilbert & Lorene Owens
 - Gravel Request
- 8) Mr. Louis & Doris Henley
 - Gravel Request/Road Improvement
- 9) Alberta Energy
 - Application by TransCanada Pipelines Ltd. to be federally regulated
- 10) Alberta Health Services
 - Newsletter - McLennan
- 11) Peace Region Economic Development Alliance
 - Newsletter – March 2009
- 12) Bills for Payment
- 13) ASB Correspondence

ADJOURNMENT

090320

On motion of Reeve Dumont, the meeting adjourned at 2:48 pm.
Carried.

Reeve

Municipal Administrator