

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FALHER, ALBERTA, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

- 080401 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the agenda as presented with the addition of the following:
- Greg Radstaak - Resignation
  - Letter – Big Lakes

Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING

- 080402 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, the minutes of the regular meeting held March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 were approved as presented.

Carried.

MINUTES OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The minutes of the last High Prairie School Division #48 and Smoky River Regional Economic Development Board meetings were circulated as information to Council.

MONTHLY AND BUDGET REPORTS

- 080403 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, the monthly and budget reports for the month of March 2008 were approved.

Carried.

POWERLINE EXTENSION – SE 34-77-24-W5M

- 080404 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council granted approval to ATCO Electric for a powerline extension in the SE 34-77-24-W5M for Alberta Transportation and Infrastructure.

Carried.

POWERLINE EXTENSION – SW 14-78-23-W5M

- 080405 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council granted approval to ATCO Electric for a powerline extension in the SW 14-78-23-W5M for Rene Blanchette.

Carried.

2008 AIRPORT BUDGET

- 080406 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the 2008 Smoky River Airport Commission budget as presented for a total of \$63,150.00.

Carried.

BYLAW NO. 790 - Purchase of Bobcat

A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 in the Province of Alberta to provide for the purchase of a Bobcat skid steer loader.

- 080407 First Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Aubin. Carried.
- 080408 Second Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Trudeau. Carried.
- 080409 Councillor Desaulniers moved that Bylaw No. 790 receive Third and Final Reading at this time. Carried Unanimously.
- 080410 Councillor Gosselin moved that It receive Third Reading and be Finally Passed. Carried.

BYLAW NO. 789 – Purchase of Graders and Wings

A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 in the Province of Alberta to provide for the purchase of new motor graders and wings.

- 080411 First Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Trudeau. Carried.
- 080412 Second Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Brochu. Carried.
- 080413 Councillor Gosselin moved that Bylaw No. 789 receive Third and Final Reading at this time. Carried Unanimously.
- 080414 Councillor Desaulniers moved that It receive Third Reading and be Finally Passed. Carried.

SMOKY RIVER SURFACE RIGHTS SOCIETY'S REQUEST

- 080415 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council disapprove the funding request from the Smoky River Surface Rights Society. 3 For, 3 Against Defeated.
- 080416 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approve a one time grant of \$5,000.00. 3 For, 3 Against Defeated.

RESIGNATION – Greg Radstaak

Councillor Desaulniers notified Council that a resignation was received from Economic Development Officer Greg Radstaak.

LETTER – Big Lakes/Greenview

- 080417 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council agreed to send a letter to the M.D. of Big Lakes and the M.D. of Greenview requesting funds for the purchase of helmets for the Little Smoky Ski Area. Carried.

DELEGATION – A.A.M.D. & C.

President Don Johnson and Executive Director Gerald Rhodes of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties attended the Council meeting for a round-table discussion including the following items:

- Release of Landwork document
- Road Construction through crown land-problems with Sustainable Resource Development
- Rural Water Distribution
- Education Mill Rate
- Cattle Industry

DELEGATION - STARS

Glenda Farnden and Andy Stewart of Alberta Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society presented information to Council about a STARS update and the rural helipad project and more specifically the following items:

- Funding for operations – Minimum of \$2 per capita per year for 3 years

080418 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved funding to STARS for \$2 per capita for the next three years.

Carried.

DELEGATION – Smoky River F.C.S.S.

This delegation was rescheduled for the regular June Council meeting.

LUNCH

080419 On motion of Reeve Dumont, Council recessed for lunch at 12:20 pm and reconvened at 1:25 pm.

Carried.

DELEGATION – Falher Alfalfa

Victor Cloutier and Paulette Carrier of Falher Alfalfa Ltd. discussed the following matters with Council:

- Opportunities to purchase lots/buildings/shops

COUNCILLORS' CONCERNS

- Concerns of hiring a Councillor for Contract Work
- ASB/Research Association ratios
- Request to brush road near Winagami Lake
- Request for Whitemud community sign

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES' REPORT

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

- Clubroot Workshops
- Roadside Spray Request Form
- A.S.B. Meeting
- Rental Equipment
- Staffing
- Rural Emergency Plan

080420 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the Director of Agricultural Services Report as presented.

Carried.

IN-CAMERA

080421 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council agreed to go into camera to discuss land issues.

Carried.

080422 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council went out of camera at this time.

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
- Cancellation of Birch Hills Extrication Agreement
- Disaster Agency Meeting Held
- Rapid Attack Unit
- Battery Checks
- Training for New Gas Detectors
- Meetings Attended
- School Visit – Fire Prevention Magician
- Courses Attended
- Nampa Fire/Northern Sunrise County Fire Chief
- Mutual Aid Agreements
- High Prairie First Response Activities
- UFA Exercise
- SRD 2008 Fire Plan
- Capital Purchases for 2008/09
- Letter of Reference – McLennan Station
- 2008 Training Schedule
- Medical Response – Delta and Echo Only
- 2008 Purchases for Donnelly
- McLennan Fire Hall Building Repairs
- Fire Hall

080423 On motion of Councillor Aubin, 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
- Surveillance System

080424 On motion of Councillor Aubin, 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
- Peavine Flood Control Drainage Project
- Road Bans
- 2008 Gravelling Program
- Peavine to McLennan Connector Road
- Bonding of Roads
- Bobcat trailer
- Grader Fenders

- 080425 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved 1 day of special leave for employee #143 to attend a funeral. Carried.
- 080426 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, the Director of Operations' report was approved as presented. Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Turcotte reported to Council on the following matters:

- Sale of Surplus Material
- Administrators' Refresher Course
- Regional Committee Meeting
- 2008 Committee Meeting
- Telus Communications Lawsuit
- Northern Alberta Elected Leaders Meeting
- Falher and Area C.A.P.S.
- Promotional Items

- 080427 On motion of Councillor Dumont, a committee of the whole meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Carried.
- 080428 On motion of Councillor Brochu, 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
  - Partners In Trade Newsletter
  - Model Process Pilot Project Letter of Interest
  - Resolution 14-07F: New Code of Practice for Fire Fighters Legal Implications
  - Update: Telus Lawsuit Regarding Linear Assessment
  - Premier to Make One of First Appearances Since Re-election at AAMDC Convention
  - AAMDC Welcomes the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
  - Premier Stelmach Announces Cabinet
- 2) Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing

- Municipal Internship Program

CORRESPONDENCE – continued

- 3) Smoky River Economic Development
  - Support for Regional Tourism Master Plan
  - AAMDC 2008 Convention
- 4) Peace Country Health
  - Quick News Board Highlights
  - High Prairie Health Complex New Facility Update
- 5) Peace Library System
  - Board Meeting Highlights
- 6) Northern Alberta Development Council
  - Northern Alberta Elected Leaders Terms of Reference
- 7) Bills for Payment
- 8) ASB Correspondence

ADJOURNMENT

080429

On motion of Reeve Dumont, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Carried.

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Municipal Administrator