

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FALHER, ALBERTA, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2009.

PRESENT:
Reeve: Donald Dumont
Councillors: André Trudeau
Donald Gosselin
Luc Desaulniers
Robert Brochu
Richard Aubin
Municipal 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 10:05 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

- 090401 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the agenda as revised.
- a) Fire truck for Five Star
 - b) Blind Curve
 - c) Appointment of weed and pest inspectors
 - d) Water Coop Financial Support

Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING

- 090402 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, the minutes of the regular meeting held March 10th, 2009 were approved as presented.

Carried.

MINUTES OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The minutes of the last Smoky River Airport Commission, Peace Library System, FCSS, High Prairie School Division #48 and Smoky River Regional Economic Development Board meetings were circulated as information to Council.

MONTHLY AND BUDGET REPORTS

- 090403 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, the monthly and budget reports for the month of March 2009 were approved.

Carried.

SUBDIVISION – SW 30-75-22-W5M

- 090404 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the proposed subdivision in the SW 30-75-22-W5M for a farmstead separation for Denis & Jacqueline Begin 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 balance of quarter to be installed by developer at his sole expense.

Carried.

BYLAW NO. 803 - Purchase of New Truck

A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 in the Province of Alberta to provide for the purchase of a new 2009 Ford F150 4x4 Pickup truck.

- 090405 First Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Aubin.
Carried.
- 090406 Second Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Gosselin.
Carried.
- 090407 Councillor Brochu moved that Bylaw No. 803 receive Third and Final Reading at this time.
Carried Unanimously.
- 090408 Councillor Desaulniers moved that it receive Third Reading and be Finally Passed.
Carried.

BYLAW NO. 804 – Purchase of Service Truck

A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 in the Province of Alberta to provide for the purchase of a 2004 Ford 550XLT 4x4 service truck.

- 090409 First Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Desaulniers.
Carried.
- 090410 Second Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Gosselin.
Carried.
- 090411 Councillor Brochu moved that Bylaw No. 804 receive Third and Final Reading at this time.
Carried Unanimously.
- 090412 Councillor Brochu moved that it receive Third Reading and be Finally Passed.
Carried.

2008 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 090413 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council adopted the 2008 Financial Statement as submitted by Sylvain & Doran, C.G.A.
Carried.

2009 AIRPORT BUDGET

090414 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the 2009 Smoky River Airport Commission budget as presented for a total of \$75,400.00.

5 for
1 opposed
Carried.

Discussion occurred on possible fertilizer storage for the Airport.

MAY COUNCIL MEETING – Date Change

090415 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council agreed to reschedule the May regular meeting to May 6th, 2009 at 10:00 am.

Carried.

FIVE STAR GOLF ASSOCIATION – Fire Truck

Councillor Gosselin requested that the old M.D. fire truck be permanently parked at Five Star for fire protection. The only fire truck available in the region now belongs to McLennan which the Five Star committee needs to approach regarding its purchase. As of now there is some fire protection available with a pump and accessories provided by the MD.

FIVE STAR GOLF ASSOCIATION – Condomising

The Five Star committee is looking at condomising the existing lots. They will be coming to the MD for the necessary information to proceed with this project.

BLIND CURVE

Councillor Brochu explained the work done on the old highway by Mr. Jones's place. Some of the cost would fit into the Viewline Intersection Program. Councillor Brochu requested that half of this project cost be allocated under this program. Council was in agreement.

DELEGATION – Whitemud Community Centre

Norm Cote, Lynn Pele, Art Gervais and Gerry Drouin, representing the Whitemud Community Centre, attended the Council meeting to request the removal of "circles" as shown on Map #3 of Bylaw #765.

Mr. Cote explained that the committee came to terms with the Hutterite Colony and would like to have the circles at Whitemud removed. The Whitemud Community Centre committee does not have alternative sites for their hall as of yet due to prohibitive costs. Mr. Cote also indicated that the new hall will need to be protected by circles.

BYLAW NO.805 – amending bylaw no.765

090416 On motion of Councillor Aubin, council received first reading of Bylaw # 805 to modify the Municipal Development Plan Bylaw #765 by removing the circles as shown on Map #3.

Carried.

BYLAW NO.805 – continued

090417 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, a public hearing was scheduled for June 1st, 2009 at 10:00 am for the amendment to Bylaw #765.

Carried.

Smoky River Express reporter Emily Plihal left the meeting at 11:17 pm

APPOINTMENT OF WEED & PEST INSPECTORS

090418 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council appointed Raymond Rey, Kathy Clifford and Susanne Ouellette as Inspectors under Section 5 of the Weed Control & Section 9 of the Agricultural Pests Act for 2009.

Carried.

WATER CO-OP FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Council received a letter from the Smoky River Water Co-operative Ltd. requesting financial support.

Council is in agreement that the MD provide interim financing to the Water Co-op to help proceed with the 2009 CAMRIF Water Distribution Project. It is understood that there will be no cost to the MD.

The Water Co-op committee is requested to have a project budget prepared and presented to Council to access the monies set aside in the M.D.'s water reserves.

LUNCH

090419 On motion of Reeve Dumont, Council recessed for lunch at 11:50 pm and reconvened at 1:05 pm.

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
- Road Bans
- 2009 Gravelling Program
- McLennan to Peavine Connector Road
- AMIP 2009 – Project 52 – Falher to Girouxville Market Road
- CAT Governmental Training and Safety Days
- Division Budget
- Gravelling on bus route (ticket done)
- Road Bands and Permits

Consensus was to get an appraisal on the land affected by the possible Right of Ways for the Peavine Road access.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT – continued

AMIP Project 52 – Falher to Girouxville Market Road proposal is expected to double in cost from the first projections. Director of Operations Guenette is to inspect and report to council on the technology being used by the M.D. of Northern Lights on a similar project. He will also obtain proposals and costing for the next meeting.

Council agreed to send 2 persons to the CAT Governmental Training and Safety Days.

090420 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:

- Skier Count
- Revenue to Date
- Tube Run Grant
- Rental Equipment Grant
- Security Cameras
- Helmet Program
- Customer Complaints
- Four Foot Wall at the Chalet Kitchen
- Budget
- Drag Line
- Gravel at the top of the hill
- Summer Rental – Chalet or property
- ACFA Buildings

Information on the ACFA buildings will be gathered and their Manager will be contacted regarding removal of said buildings.

090421 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved the Ski Hill Manager's Report.

Carried.

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES' REPORT

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

- Mountain Pine Beetle Program
- Staffing
- Smoky River Agricultural Trade Show
- Meetings and Conferences
- ASB Meeting
- Monsanto Scholarship Program
- Mowing Program

090422 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, a Committee of the Whole meeting was scheduled for April 29th, 2009 at 10:00 am. The morning will focus on the ASB program with the afternoon focus being policy review and budget preparation.

Carried.

090423 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the Director of Agricultural Services Report as presented.

Carried.

DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES' REPORT

Director of Protective Services, John McDermott was introduced to Council. He then presented his report to Council with an overview of the following items:

- Relocating to the area
- Fire Hall Canada Fund Grant
- Meeting with Administrations and Councils
- Volunteer Recruits
- Courses and Training
- Bill 43 – medical director appointee

090424 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the Director of Protective Services' Report as presented.

Carried.

COUNCILLORS' CONCERNS

- Ditch Cleaning on the baseline

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Turcotte reported to Council on the following matters:

- Sale of Surplus Material
- Administrators' Refresher Course
- Regional Committee Meeting
- Peavine/McLennan Road
- Director of Protective Services
- Telus Lawsuit
- Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency
- New Deal Projects: GPS
- Committee Meeting
- Wild Rose Foundation-2009 Provincial Budget
- Benefit Package/Long Term Seasonal Employees
- Council Room Reno
- Municipal Building Reno/Insurance Repairs

Council set a Reserve Bid of \$4,000 on the 20' Goose Neck Trailer.

Council approved to invest in cost sharing of \$100,000 with the other regional municipalities towards a second house for Physician Recruitment.

090425 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved payment in the amount of \$6,391.87 to settle the Telus Tax litigation.

Carried.

Councillor Aubin and CAO Turcotte will be attending the Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency meeting in Grimshaw on Monday, April 27th, 2009.

090426 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the removal of the Guy Booster Station project from the New Deal for Communities and Cities program.

Carried.

Council approved the construction of the Council Chamber's Cabinet and Council tables by Kitchen Cabinets of LaCrete.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - continued

090427

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 – Volume 2009 – Issues 11,12,13 & 14
 - Partners In Trade Newsletter – Tradeshow Preview
 - TRAVIS Information
 - Rural Connectivity Series: AEDA and ABCtech Reports
 - Changes to Agriculture Equipment Transportation Regulations
 - Rural Connectivity Series: AXIA Report
 - Update on Bill 202: Municipal Auditor General
 - Update on Bill 19: Amendments Proposed and Minister Hayden Speaking at Convention
 - Bill 23: Assessment Complaint and Appeal System Changes
 - Call Out: Member Representation Needed for Alberta Traffic Safety Plan Engineering Committee
 - Policy Change to the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI)
 - Rural Connectivity Series: Grant Dollars Available for Connectivity Initiatives
 - Highlights: FCM Board of Directors' Meeting
- 2) Alberta Transportation
 - Funding for Bridge File #74385
- 3) Heart River Housing
 - Supportive Living Projects and Lodge Modernization
- 4) Northern Alberta Development Council
 - Boreal Birding Network
- 5) Alberta Solicitor General & Minister of Public Security
 - Law Enforcement Framework
- 6) Alberta's Official Opposition
 - Budget 2009
- 7) Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development
 - Extension Model Initiative
 - Agricultural Service Board Grant Program
- 8) Clear Hills County
 - Invitation to Annual Barbecue
- 9) Northern Sunrise County
 - Support for the Grande Prairie Regional Health Facility
- 10) Alberta Health and Wellness
 - Municipal Ambulance Grant Program
- 11) Alberta Health Services
 - In Your Community Newsletter
 - Health Matters Digest

CORRESPONDENCE – continued

- 12) Federation of Canadian Municipalities
 - Federal Infrastructure Update
- 13) Northern Sunrise County
 - Regional Forestry Sector
- 14) In The Corridor
 - New Letter March 2009
- 15) Bills for Payment - later this month
- 16) ASB Correspondence

ADJOURNMENT

090428

On motion of Reeve Dumont, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Carried.

Reeve

Municipal Administrator