

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FALHER, ALBERTA, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2008

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

- 080601 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the agenda as presented with the addition of the following:
- Drainage Ditch Re-alignment

Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING

- 080602 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, the minutes of the regular meeting held May 14<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 Family & Community Support Services meetings were circulated as information to Council.

MONTHLY AND BUDGET REPORTS

- 080603 On motion of Councillor Aubin, the monthly and budget reports for the month of May 2008 were approved.

Carried.

PAYMENT TO COUNCILLORS

- 080604 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved payment to Councillors for the second quarter of 2008.

Carried.

PAYMENT TO VARIOUS BOARD MEMBERS

- 080605 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved payment to various board members for the first half of 2008.

Carried.

BYLAW NO. 792 – Purchase of a New Trailer

A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 in the Province of Alberta to provide for the purchase of a new trailer.

- 080606 First Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Desaulniers.  
Carried.
- 080607 Second Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Aubin.  
Carried.
- 080608 Councillor Gosselin moved that Bylaw No. 792 receive Third and Final Reading at this time.  
Carried Unanimously.
- 080609 Councillor Trudeau moved that It receive Third Reading and be Finally Passed.  
Carried.

BYLAW NO. 793 – Purchase of a JD 7230 Tractor

A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 in the Province of Alberta to provide for the purchase of a JD 7230 tractor.

- 080610 First Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Brochu.  
Carried.
- 080611 Second Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Gosselin.  
Carried.
- 080612 Councillor Desaulniers moved that Bylaw No. 793 receive Third and Final Reading at this time.  
Carried Unanimously.
- 080613 Councillor Trudeau moved that It receive Third Reading and be Finally Passed.  
Carried.

BYLAW NO. 794 – Purchase of a Degelman Mower

A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 in the Province of Alberta to provide for the purchase of a Degelman mower.

- 080614 First Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Aubin.  
Carried.
- 080615 Second Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Trudeau.  
Carried.
- 080616 Councillor Brochu moved that Bylaw No. 794 receive Third and Final Reading at this time.  
Carried Unanimously.
- 080617 Councillor Desaulniers moved that It receive Third Reading and be Finally Passed.  
Carried.

BYLAW NO. 795 – Purchase of a Degelman Sidearm

A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 in the Province of Alberta to provide for the purchase of a Degelman Sidearm.

- 080618 First Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Trudeau.  
Carried.
- 080619 Second Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Aubin.  
Carried.
- 080620 Councillor Gosselin moved that Bylaw No. 795 receive Third and Final Reading at this time.  
Carried Unanimously.
- 080621 Councillor Desaulniers moved that It receive Third Reading and be Finally Passed.  
Carried.

SML LEASE AGREEMENT – MD of Big Lakes

- 080622 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved entering into an agreement with the MD of Big Lakes to operate a gravel pit in the NW 20-74-20-W5M, Surface Materials Lease 980139, apportioned 70% Big Lakes and 30% Smoky River.  
Carried.

LETTER OF SUPPORT – Rural Health Week

- 080623 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council agreed to submit a letter of support to acknowledge Rural Health Week from June 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> and the importance of those working in the health care field.  
Carried.

DRAINAGE DITCH RE-ALIGNMENT

Councillor Aubin informed Council of the benefit of re-aligning a drainage ditch in his division. Council will revisit this issue with the Director of Operations during his report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Turcotte reported to Council on the following matters:

- Payment to Councillors
- FCM Conference
- Regional Committee Meeting
- WCB Special Dividends
- Fire Hall – Engineered Plans
- Bremont's Bridge: File No. 70802
- Director of Corporate Services
- MD Website
- Rural Matters National Symposium
- Water Commission – SCADA System for Lift Stations
- AAMDC Zone Meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup> in Wabasca
- Meeting With Greenview

- 080624 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council agreed to send Councillor Aubin to the Rural Matters Conference in place of Councillor Gosselin.  
Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - continued

- 080625 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, the Administrator's report was approved as presented.
- Carried.

DELEGATION – Smoky River Water Co-op

Rita Maure, Gerry Noel, Rene Blanchette of the Board of Directors of the Smoky River Water Co-op met with Council to discuss the following matters:

- Customer/Membership Update (165/105)
- Limited Grants Available
- Costs of Water Lines, Engineering Studies, Feasibility Plans
- Goal is to Have Access for All Ratepayers in Municipality
- Request to Commit \$150,000 Annually Cumulatively
- M.D. Would Have Control Over This Reserve
- Importance and Usage of Potable Water

- 080626 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council agreed to set aside \$150,000 annually into a reserve for the Smoky River Water Co-op with the condition that municipal approval must be obtained before funds are dispersed.
- 5 For.  
1 Against.  
Carried.

DELEGATION – Gilbert Demeule

Gilbert and Theresa Demeule met with Council to discuss flooding concerns in his area and more specifically the following matters:

- Possible Flooding Concerns
- Ratepayers Affected
- Construction and Location of a Ditch
- Approximate Cost of \$4,500
- Present Flow of Water
- Scope of Initial Project

Director of Operations Clem Guenette will meet with Mr. Demeule and Mr. Mike Lussier to further investigate this problem. Results will be brought back to the next council meeting.

LUNCH

- 080627 On motion of Reeve Dumont, Council recessed for lunch at 12:05 pm and reconvened at 1:15 pm.
- Carried.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

Mr. Clem Guenette, Director of Operations', presented his report to Council and included an overview of the following items:

- Truckfill Returns
- Monthly Equipment Costs
- Monthly Downtime
- Bridge File 70802 – Bremont's Bridge
- Purchase of a Wheel Loader
- 2008 Graveling Program
- Creek Crossings on Private Land
- Bridge Priorities
- BF 71271 Lucas' Bridge
- Goose Neck Trailer/D8 Cat
- Peavine Road

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT - continued

- 080628 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council agreed to purchase a Cat 950H loader at the purchase price of \$215,404 from Finning Ltd. of Peace River.
- Carried.

The drainage ditch re-alignment brought forth as Other Business by Councillor Aubin will be tabled pending further cost estimates.

- 080629 On motion of Councillor Brochu, the Director of Operations' report was approved as presented.
- Carried.

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES' REPORT

Mr. Normand Boulet, Director of Agricultural Services', presented his report to Council and included an overview of the following items:

- Staffing & Programs
- Roadside Spray Request Form
- Clubroot Report
- Crop Reporting
- Oilfield/Construction Equipment Coming In To The Area
- New Weed Control Act

- 080630 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council agreed to send a letter to the Minister of Agriculture with a copy to MLA Goudreau outlining the municipality's concerns on the new Weed Control Act Bill 23.
- Carried.

- 080631 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the Director of Agricultural Services' Report as presented.
- Carried.

COUNCILLORS' CONCERNS

- Council Tour
- Additional Gravelling of Roads With MSI Funds
- MD Contributions Towards Jean Cote 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Vandalism of PASZA Mobile Testing Units/Data
- Update on Whitemud Hall
- New Economic Development Officer

DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES' REPORT

The Director of Protective Services' report was reviewed by Council and included an overview of the following items:

- Call Volume
- Numbers and Types of Calls
- Volunteer Hours
- STARS Per Capita Funding
- Mutual Aid Agreements
- McLennan EOC
- Disaster Planning Course
- Rapid Attack Unit – CIP Application
- Status On Trucks
- Sale of SCBA – Where Do Proceeds Go
- Training
- DG/Tech Rescue Trailer Completion
- Vacation Time
- Search and Rescue Meeting
- Emergency Response Plans
- Communication Issues

- Fire Hall

DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES' REPORT - continued

- 080632 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council agreed to purchase Lot H Block 1 Plan 0520014 for 3.844 acres in the Town of Falher from Mr. Claude Levesque in the amount of \$20,000.00 per acre.
- 5 For.  
1 Against.  
Carried.
- 080633 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the Director of Protective Services' Report as presented.
- Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was brought to Council for their consideration:

- 1) Alberta Association of M.D.'s & Counties
  - Contact Newsletter
  - Proposed AAMDC Policy On Involvement in Member Legal Matters
  - Realignment of AAMDC Standing Issue Committees
  - Featured Speakers Announced for Centennial Convention
  - Government Releases Draft Land Use Framework
- 2) Alberta Transportation
  - Grant Program Funding
- 3) Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing
  - 2008/09 Unconditional Municipal Grant
- 4) Smoky River Family & Community Support Services
  - Affordable Housing Seminars
- 5) Alberta Health and Wellness
  - Response to Letter Regarding Ground EMS
- 6) Alberta Emergency Management Agency
  - Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal of Canada
- 7) Alberta Shock Trauma Air Rescue Foundation
  - Thank You for Contribution
- 8) Northern Alberta Development Council
  - 2006-07 Annual Report
- 9) Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency
  - MMSA Monitor Newsletter
- 10) Peace Library System
  - 2007 Annual Report
- 11) Workers Compensation Board
  - 2007 Special Dividend
- 12) No Limitz Music
  - Peace Country Artist & Songwriters Conference
- 13) Government of Alberta
  - Draft Land-Use Framework

CORRESPONDENCE – continued

- 14) Alberta Environment
  - Full Cost Accounting - Municipal Drinking Water Systems

15) Bills for Payment

16) ASB Correspondence

ADJOURNMENT

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On motion of Reeve Dumont, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Carried.

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Municipal Administrator