

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Dumont at 10:05 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

- 080701 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved the agenda with the following additions:
A) Letter of Support – Jean Cote’s 75th Anniversary
B) Letter of Support – Heart River Water Shed
Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING

- 080702 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, the minutes of the regular meeting held June 11th, 2008 were approved as presented.
Carried.

MINUTES OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

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

MONTHLY AND BUDGET REPORTS

- 080703 On motion of Councillor Brochu, the monthly and budget reports for the month of June 2008 were approved as presented.
Carried.

M.D. SIGNING AUTHORITY

- 080704 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved giving signing authority to one of Reeve Donald Dumont or Deputy Reeve Richard Aubin **and** one of Municipal Administrator Lucien Turcotte or Director of Corporate Services Rita Therriault.
Carried.

2008 ZONE MEETING – Wabasca

- 080705 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved sending the following Councillors and the Director of Corporate Services to the 2008 Summer Zone Meeting in Wabasca on August 8th, 2008:
- Donald Dumont
 - Robert Brochu
 - Luc Desaulniers
 - Richard Aubin
 - Rita Therriault
- Carried.

BYLAW NO. 796 – Purchase of 950H Wheel Loader

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

- 080706 First Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Trudeau.
Carried.
- 080707 Second Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Brochu.
Carried.
- 080708 Councillor Gosselin moved that Bylaw No. 783 receive Third and Final Reading at this time.
Carried Unanimously.
- 080709 Councillor Desaulniers moved that It receive Third Reading and be Finally Passed.
Carried.

SMOKY RIVER TOURIST ASSOCIATION PROPOSAL

Council discussed the proposal that was received by the Smoky River Tourist Association.

LETTER OF SUPPORT - JEAN COTE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

- 080710 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved sending a letter of support to the Jean Cote Cultural & Community Development Society to accompany their Community Initiative Program grant application towards the 75th Anniversary celebration in Jean Cote.
Carried.

LETTER OF SUPPORT – HEART RIVER WATER SHED

- 080711 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved sending a letter in support of the Heart River Watershed Management Plan providing that no further financial contributions are made.
Carried.

WEED AND PEST CONTROL INSPECTORS – J. Beaudoin

- 080712 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council, in accordance with Section 5 of the Weed Control Act and Section 10(1) of the Agricultural Pest Act, appointed Joshua Beaudoin as a weed inspector and pest control inspector for the Municipal District of Smoky River for the 2008 season.
Carried.

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES' REPORT

The Director of Agricultural Services Report was reviewed by Council with an overview of the following items:

- Weed Inspection Update
- Spraying Program Update
- Mowing Program Update
- Staffing Issue
- Crop Reporting
- New Weed Control Act
- Growing Alberta Gala
- Alternative Roadside Seeding

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES' REPORT - continued

- 080713 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved the Director of Agricultural Services' Report as presented.
- Carried.

DELEGATION – Smoky River FCSS

Penny Fox, Director of the Smoky River Family & Community Support Services met with Council to discuss the following matters:

- 2008 Projects & Events
- Annual Statistics
- Old Tyme Family Nite
- FCSS Story Book
- FCSS Funding

Reporter Emily Plihal left the meeting at 11:55 am.

LUNCH

- 080714 On motion of Reeve Dumont, Council recessed for lunch at 11:55 am and reconvened at 1:10 pm.
- Carried.

COUNCILLORS CONCERNS

- A – Economic Development Minutes
- B – Gravel Source

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 70802
- 2008 Graveling Program
- Purchase of Used Culvert
- Bridge File 71271
- Gravel Crushing
- Peavine South Interceptor Drainage Project
- Road Side Ditch Erosion – NE 34-75-22-W5M
- M.D. Road Tour
- AMIP Update
- Timekeeper for contractors

- 080715 After due discussion, Councillor Gosselin moved that a timekeeper be hired by the municipality to supervise major undertakings by contractors.
- 2 For.
3 Opposed.
Defeated.

- 080716 On motion of Councillor Brochu the Director of Operations' report was approved as presented.
- Carried.

WATER & SEWER MAINLINES – New Fire Hall

- 080717 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved sending a letter to the Town of Falher indicating its intent to construct a new fire hall on Lot H, Blk 1, Plan #052-0014 and approving the cost sharing concept for providing water and sewer mainlines (approx. \$110,917) to this property.
- Carried.

ROAD CLOSURE – M.D. Properties

- 080718 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council moved that a request for a road closure (First Street West) between the M.D. properties be made to the Town of Falher and that the M.D. properties, Lot A & B, Plan #772-0054 and Lot C & D, Plan #902-3602, be consolidated into one parcel.
- Carried.

FIRE HALL ENGINEERING

- 080719 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved the hiring of Bearden Engineering Consultants Ltd. to do the construction plans for the new fire hall.
- Councillor Brochu Opposed.
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
 - DG/Tech Rescue Trailer Completion
 - Mutual Aid Agreements
 - Status on Truck
 - Allocation of sale of SCBA funds
 - Vacation Time
 - Training
 - CAN-TF2 Meeting – Apply to “Stage 2”
 - Joint Field/Dispatch Use of Repeater
 - Fire Hall
- 080720 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the Director of Protective Services' Report as presented.
- Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Turcotte presented his report to Council addressing the following matters:

- 2008 Summer Zone Meeting
- Civic Holiday
- Smoky River Regional Committee
- PC Golf Tournament
- Annual BBQ – Clear Hills County
- Bremont Culvert
- Smoky River Water Commission – Water Line
- Meeting with M.D. of Greenview
- Fire Hall Construction
- Whitemud Water Reservoir

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - continued

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On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the Administrator's Report as presented.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was brought to Council for their consideration:

- 1) Alberta Association of M.D.'s & Counties
 - Contact Newsletters
 - Rural Matters National Conference
 - Partners In Trade Newsletter
 - Executive Highlights – May 2008 Board Activities
- 2) Alberta Environment
 - Cost Shared Maintenance Grant Program
- 3) Alberta Municipal Affairs
 - Municipal Sustainability Initiative
 - Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence
 - 2007 Financial Information Return & Statements
- 4) Federation of Canadian Municipalities
 - Members' Advisory – Municipal Partnership Program – Cambodia
 - AVIS Benefits
 - Canadian Red Cross Society Auxiliary Role Project
- 5) Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development
 - Wild boar control
- 6) Northern Sunrise County
 - Open Skies Policy – Edmonton City Centre Airport
- 7) Peace Region Economic Development Alliance
 - Members' Report
- 8) Alberta Health and Wellness
 - Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Governance Transition
 - Emergency Medical Services - Governing Responsibility
- 9) Alberta Health Services Board
 - Peace Country Health Newsletter
- 10) Northern Alberta Development Council
 - NADC Communiqué
- 11) Smoky River Community Adult Learning & Literacy
 - Appreciation
- 12) Canadian Federation of Independent Business
 - Alberta Property Tax Report
- 13) Northern Alberta Elected Leaders
 - Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2008
- 14) ASB Correspondence
- 15) Bills for Payment

ADJOURNMENT

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

Carried.

Reeve

Municipal Administrator