

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FALHER, ALBERTA, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2008

PRESENT: Reeve: Donald Dumont
Councillors: Robert Brochu
Donald Gosselin
Luc Desaulniers
Andre Trudeau
Richard Aubin
Acting Administrator: Rita Therriault
Recording Secretary: Lynn Pelé
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

- 080801 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the agenda with the following addition:
A) Delegation – Agricultural Service Board

Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING

- 080802 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, the minutes of the regular meeting held July 9th, 2008 were approved as presented.

Carried.

MINUTES OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The minutes of the Smoky River Family & Community Support Services meetings were circulated as information to Council.

MONTHLY AND BUDGET REPORTS

- 080803 On motion of Councillor Aubin, the monthly and budget reports for the month of July 2008 were approved as presented.

Carried.

SUBDIVISION – Time Extension

- 080804 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved a time extension to a subdivision in the SE 6-76-20-W5M for Mark Horvath until August 31, 2009 as per Section 657(6) of the Municipal Government Act.

Carried.

2008 TAX SALE

- 080805 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council set the 2008 tax sale for November 28th, 2008 at 2:00 pm at the M.D. Office with the reserve bids as per attachment.

Carried.

MUNICIPAL FIRE BAN

- 080806 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council decided not to impose a municipal-wide fire ban at this time.

Carried.

BYLAW NO. 797

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

- 080807 First Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Trudeau.
Carried.
- 080808 Second Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Aubin.
Carried.
- 080809 Councillor Desaulniers moved that Bylaw No. 797 receive Third and Final Reading at this time.
Carried Unanimously.
- 080810 Councillor Gosselin moved that It receive Third Reading and be Finally Passed.
Carried.

AGRICULTURAL DISASTER

- 080811 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council declared this municipality an agricultural disaster.
4 For.
2 Against.
Carried.

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
- Fire Chief's Truck
- Equipment Maintenance/Upgrades
- Inspections Performed
- Training
- Funding Possibilities
- Annual Breathing Air Analysis and Filter Changes
- New Fire Hall
- Speed Sentry Warranty
- Fire Hall Tour
- New Provincial Emergency Communications
- Fireworks Retailers/Wholesalers
- New Curling Rink
- Volunteer Tax Exemptions
- Fire Ban

- 080812 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council agreed to send a letter to Member of Parliament Chris Warkentin supporting Bill C-219.
Carried.
- 080813 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the Director of Protective Services' Report as presented.
Carried.

DELEGATION – NRCB

Mr. Vince Murray, NRCB attended the council meeting to discuss four new applications received and more specifically:

- Separator for solid and liquid manure
- Construction of pads for solid manure storage
- Dilute/recycle water (reverse osmosis)
- Process to assist with digester system
- Changes to sow barn site: new foundation and ring to existing tank, pre-mixing in old cone bottom, fixed film reactor to constantly stirred vessel
- Waste water must still be injected as per existing permit since liquids will still be considered liquid manure
- Digesters are notoriously sensitive
- Assumption is solid manure must adhere to AOPA

Council had no concern regarding the new applications other than application of liquid manure (injection) and solid manure (AOPA standards) continue to adhere to the existing permits.

Reporter Emily Plihal left the meeting at 11:45 am.

COUNCILLORS CONCERNS

- Dust Control From Oil Companies and Maintenance of Same
- Tender Prices for Road Construction
- No Cell Phone Usage During Meetings
- Ensure Comments are Correct Before Discussing at Meetings
- Extreme Washout in Whitemud – Council Tour
- Concerns Regarding Economic Development Program

LUNCH

080814

On motion of Reeve Dumont, Council recessed for lunch at 12:10 pm and reconvened at 1:10 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
- 2008 Graveling Program
- Meeting With Alberta Transportation Minister
- Caron's Gravel Pit
- Gravel Crushing
- AMIP 2008

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

Carried.

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES' REPORT

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

- From Last Council Meeting
- Spraying Program Update
- Mowing Program Update
- Weed Inspection Update
- Crop Reporting

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES' REPORT - continued

- New Weed Control Act
- Pesticide Container Collection

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

Carried.

DELEGATION – Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development

Eileen Chauvet and Maureen Vadnais from Alberta Agriculture and more specifically the Agricultural Service Board Program attended the meeting to discuss the audit of the ASB Grant Program and more specifically requested feedback for the 2009 grant review.

Here are some of the issues that were brought forth:

- Reflection of increases in expenses (fuel, wages, etc.)
- Make mowing program expenses eligible for grant monies
- Agricultural Service Board Act review postponed to 2010
- Feasibility of offering legislative course again with FOIP module
- Connect/communicate more with municipalities
- Capital costs are not included at present
- Grant process is simple enough already

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Director of Corporate Services Rita Therriault presented the Administrator's Report to Council addressing the following matters:

- 2008 Tax Collection
- 2008 ARMAA Conference
- Albert Fontaine Beautiful Yard Award
- Ski Hill Financial Statement
- Bremont Culvert
- MD Tour
- AMIP Allocation
- 2008 PC Alberta Annual Meeting
- Additional Work at Ski Hill Chalet
- Canadian Union of Postal Workers
- Declaration of Agricultural Disaster
- Sessions with Ray Danyluk, Municipal Affairs
- Online Survey About Tomorrow's Seniors
- Council Room Design
- Northern Alberta Premier's Dinner

080817

On motion of Councillor Gosselin, Council moved that a 52 x 6 foot deck be constructed on the north side of the ski hill chalet at a cost of approximately \$2,200.00.

4 For.
2 Against.
Carried.

080818

On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council agreed to send a letter to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review with a carbon copy to MP Chris Warkentin supporting regulation of Canada Post Offices.

Carried.

080819

On motion of Councillor Trudeau, 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
 - Partners In Trade Newsletter
 - Mark Oberg for Vice President
 - Request for Input: Website User Survey
 - Municipal Careers Marketing Strategy
 - Rural Matters! Evaluation Summary Available
 - Call for Nominations: Alberta Safety Codes Councils
 - Elected Officials Education Program: New Courses Available
 - Long Service Awards and In Memoriam Now Open
 - Notice of Proposed Amendments to AAMDC Bylaws
- 2) Alberta Transportation
 - 2008 Transportation Grant Funding
- 3) Alberta Municipal Affairs
 - Minister's Regional Consultation Sessions
- 4) Smoky River Tourist Association
 - Request for Annual Membership
- 5) Minister Employment and Immigration
 - Response to Letter Re Bill 23 Weed Control Act
- 6) Federation of Canadian Municipalities
 - Green Municipal Fund Offers – Brownfield Remediation
 - Online Tool Calculates Benefits of Infrastructure Investments
- 7) Local Authorities Pension Plan
 - Notice of LAPP Contribution Rate Increase
- 8) Municipal District of Greenview No. 16
 - Joint Council Meeting
- 9) Municipal District of Big Lakes
 - Open Skies Policy
 - Alberta Health Services Board
- 10) Northern Sunrise County/Town of Peace River
 - Protocol for Regional Cooperation
- 11) Alberta Health Services
 - High Prairie Health Complex Newsletter
 - In Your Community (McLennan)
 - Alberta Health Services Restructures to Improve Access and Enhance Patient Care
- 12) Regional EMS Foundation
 - Board Recruitment
- 13) Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development
 - Nominations for Safety Training Advisory Committee
- 14) Smoky River Agricultural Society
 - Albert Fontaine Beautiful Yard Award
- 15) Alberta Shock Trauma Air Rescue Foundation (STARS)
 - 2007 Annual Report

CORRESPONDENCE - continued

16) ASB Correspondence

17) Bills for Payment

ADJOURNMENT

080820

On motion of Reeve Dumont, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.
Carried.

Reeve

Municipal Administrator