

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FALHER, ALBERTA, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2008

PRESENT:
Reeve: Donald Dumont
Councillors: Robert Brochu
Donald Gosselin
Andre Trudeau
Richard Aubin - late
Administrator: Lucien Turcotte
Recording Secretary: Rita Therriault

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Dumont at 10:12 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

081101 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the agenda with the following additions:

- a) Premier's Dinner – Grande Prairie
- b) Power Line Extension – NW 03-78-21-W5M

Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING

081102 On motion of Councillor Brochu, the minutes of the regular meeting held October 8th, 2008 were approved as circulated.

Carried.

MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

081103 On motion of Councillor Brochu, the minutes of the organizational meeting held October 8th, 2008 were approved as circulated.

Carried.

MINUTES OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Councillor were presented with the following minutes for information;

- minutes of the organizational meeting of the Board of Trustee of the High Prairie School Division No.48 held October 15th,
- minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustee of the High Prairie School Division No.48 held October 15th,
- minutes of the regular meeting of the Smoky River Economic Development Board held September 2nd,
- minutes of meeting of the Smoky River Community Adult Learning and Literacy Council held September 30th.

MONTHLY AND BUDGET REPORTS

081104 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, the monthly and budget reports for the month of October 2008 were approved as presented.

Carried.

POWER LINE EXTENSION – to relocate power poles

- 081105 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved ATCO Electric power line extension on the NW 19 & SW 30-77-20-W5M to relocate power poles within our right-of-way on our behalf.

Carried.

POWER LINE EXTENSOIN – NW 03-78-21-W5M

- 081106 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved ATCO Electric power line extension on the NW 03-78-21-W5M for the Smoky River Water metering station.

Carried

PREMIER'S DINNER

Councillor Brochu mentioned that he can give the tickets to the Premier's Dinner to another Councillor wishing to go.

Councillor Aubin joins the meeting at this time.2009 MOWING PROGRAM EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

- 081107 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the purchase of the Tractor, Mower and Sidearm from Ross Ag at a cost of \$56,675 for the Ag Service Board department of the M.D. of Smoky River No.130.

4 for
1 against
Carried.

BYLAW NO. 799 – 2009 Mack GU813 Truck

- 081108 A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Smoky River No.130 in the Province of Alberta to authorize the purchase of a Mack Gu813 Truck for the public works department of the M.D. of Smoky River No.130

- 081109 First Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Gosselin.

Carried.

- 081110 Second Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Brochu.

Carried.

- 081111 Councillor Trudeau moved that Bylaw No. 799 receive Third and Final Reading at this time.

Carried Unanimously.

- 081112 Councillor Aubin moved that It receive Third Reading and be Finally Passed.

Carried.

LETTER OF SUPPORT – Heart River Housing

- 081113 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved sending a letter to the Heart River Housing in support towards their affordable Supportive Living Initiative grant application.
- Carried.

FALHER REGIONAL SWIMMING POOL

- 081114 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, Council approved a swimming pool budget increase from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for 2009.
- Carried.

DELEGATION – Terry & Melissa Chaibos

Terry & Melissa Chaibos presented their concerns on the following points:

- Landowners indiscriminately remove soil from ditches
- Enhance water flow when dirt removed from ditches
- Restriction on use of soil removed from municipal ditches
- Are verbal permission given to remove the soil from ditches?
- Bylaw enforcement

DELEGATION – ARCIS Corporation

Nigel Gentry, Project Manager, Participation Surveys of ARCIS Corporation is requesting Council permission to perform seismic operation along the road allowances.

- 081115 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved that ARCIS Corporation perform seismic operation along the road allowance following the Acts and Regulations according to the map presented.
- 3 for
2 against
Carried.

LUNCH

- 081116 On motion of Reeve Dumont, Council recessed for lunch at 12:23 p.m. reconvened at 1:29 p.m.
- Carried.

RECREATION CAPITAL FUNDING PROGRAM

- 081117 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the Town of Falher's application for \$125,565 under the Recreation Capital Funding Program from the 2008 budget.
- 4 for
1 against
Carried.
- 081118 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the Jean Cote Cultural & Community Development Society and the Guy Donnelly Sportex Society applications payable under 2009 budget pending final documentation provided.
- Carried

FINANCIAL INDICATOR GRAPHS

The Financial Indicator Graphs prepared by the Financial Advisory Services of the Local Government Services Division of Alberta Municipal Affairs was presented to Council for information.

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
- Programs Report
- V.S.I. Services Ltd.
- Pesticide Container Collection
- Wild Boar Program
- A.S.B. Regional Conference
- Lacombe County Spray Trucks
- Suggestion to ARD
- Upcoming workshops

- 081119 On motion of Councillor Brochu that we support the new inclusive fee structure for V.S.I. Service Ltd.
- Carried.
- 081120 On motion of Councillor Aubin, that council we approve the following resolution for pest control to be presented at the ASB Regional Conference on November 4th.
- That the Peace Region's Agricultural Service Boards request Alberta Agriculture and Food increase the wild boar at large pilot program funding from \$50 to \$100 per pair of ears in the Peace Region until Dec. 31st, 2009.
- Carried.
- 081121 On motion of Councillor Aubin, that Council approved the Director of Agricultural Services' Report as presented.
- 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 Hall engineers drawing
- Bearden Engineering meeting on November 19th at 2:00pm
- New Fire Truck - 1404 in shop with broken springs
- STARS grant received for Donnelly – purchased radios
- Alberta First Responders Radio System
- Completed EMS letter
- Meeting with Alberta Emergency Management Ass.

- 081122 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the Director of Protective Services' Report as presented.
- Carried.

COUNCILLORS CONCERNS

- Turning lane at the Galeon Gas Plant in Donnelly
- Road 1 mile east of gas plant needs to be looked at
- PASZA meetings information
- Meeting with Hutterite & Minister Goudreau

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

Director of Operations, Clem Guenette, presented his report to Council with an overview of the following items:

- Truck fill returns
- Monthly Equipment Costs
- Monthly Downtime
- 2008 Graveling Program
- Demeule / Lussier Ditch on CN Property
- Gravel Crushing
- Washout along NE 34-75-22-W5M – Clem Aubin's
- 2009 Culvert Requirements
- 2009 Grader Blade Requirements
- 2008 AMIP
- Intersection treatment for blind corners
- Units going to action
- Mowing of draining ditch

Reeve Dumont brought forth the issue of ditching on private property and road allowance which will be discussed at a future meeting.

Councillor Brochu raised the issue to access the Winnagami Lake from the McLennan Conservation area and beaver dams flooding this property.

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| 181123 | On motion of Councillor Aubin, that Council approve going to tender for 2009 Culvert Requirements. | Carried |
| 081124 | On motion of Councillor Trudeau, that Council approve going to tender for 2009 Grader Blade Requirements. | Carried |
| 081125 | On motion of Councillor Aubin, the Director of Operations' report was approved as presented. | Carried. |

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Turcotte reported to Council on the following matters:

- 2008 AAMD & C Convention
- Regional Meeting – September 23, 2008
- Dissolution Study – Nampa
- Street Closure – 1st Street West
- Rural Addressing System
- Wage Negotiation
- Staff Mileage Allowance
- Performance Bonus
- Festival of Trees
- Physician Recruitment Strategy
- Council Committee Meeting
- Christmas Party
- Janitor's Contract

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - continue

- Hutterite Development – Whitemud
- Ski Hill Chalet – Grand Opening
- Council Legislative Duties\
- Performance Appraisal – CAO
- FCM – Grants in lieu for CBC Communication Towers

- 081126 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council award a mileage allowance to all staff, minimum gross earnings exceeding \$1,000.00, at a rate of 200 km at \$0.50 per km to help defray cost of employees using their personal vehicle for municipal purpose.
- 4 for
1 against
Carried.
- 081127 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, to give a performance bonus up to 2.5% of salary based on the employees yearly review.
- Carried.
- 081128 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, that council approved in principle the physician retention project for the purchase of a house in partnership with the other local municipalities.
- Carried.
- 081129 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, 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 issues #41, 42, 43,
 - Water for Life Implementation Survey
 - Centennial Gala Golden Tickets
 - Bylaw Amendments to be considered
 - Notice of AAMDC Financial Statements
 - AUMA Municipal Water Conservation Workshop
 - AAMDC Advocacy Report Card: Fall 2008
 - AAMDC Represents Members Interest on Alberta Fire Chiefs' Association Task Force
 - Alberta First Responders Radio Communication System update
 - Resolution Response: Immigration and Certification for Medical Staff
 - AAMDC Fall 2008- Submitted Resolutions
 - Ambulance Transition Update: Contract Negotiations
 - FCM Election Update: Assessment of Election Platforms
 - 2008 AAMDC Compensation Survey Results

- 2) Hon. Hector Goudreau, MLA Dunvegan
 - CIP Rural Emergency Response Initiative equipments \$75,000.00

CORRESPONDENCE - continued

- 3) Town of Falher
 - Dissolution study
 - Road Closure of 1stA Street West
- 4) V.I.S. Services (1998) Ltd.
 - AGM
 - Fee Schedule for 2009
- 5) Alberta Municipal Affairs
 - MSI capital project funding requirement
- 6) Federation of Canadian Municipalities
 - Statement by FCM President on the Federal Election Result
 - National Do Not Call List – update on municipal impact
- 7) Northern Alberta Development Council
 - Sponsorship opportunity for 2009 Challenge North Conference
 - Communiqué, newsletter
- 8) Peace Region Economic Development Alliance
 - Members' Report
- 9) Northern Sunrise County
 - County News – Municipal Corporate Review
- 10) Lac La Biche County
 - Recommendation on Membership for 2008 AAMD&C AGM
- 11) Clear Hills County
 - 2008 Fall Convention
- 12) Interchange Public Affairs
 - Election 2008
- 13) University of Alberta
 - Seniors' Falls Prevention Month
- 14) ASB Correspondence
- 15) Bills for Payment

ADJOURNMENT

081130

On motion of Reeve Dumont, the meeting adjourned 5:31 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Municipal Administrator