

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

PRESENT:

Reeve: Donald Dumont
Councillors: Robert Brochu
Donald Gosselin
Luc Desaulniers
Andre Trudeau
Richard Aubin
Recording Secretary: Rita Therriault

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Dumont at 10:02 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

090701 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the agenda as presented.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

a) The public hearing for By-Law 805 was opened by Reeve Dumont at 10:03 a.m. and closed at 10:11 a.m. (See notes attached to these minutes)

b) The public hearing for By-Law 813 was opened by Reeve Dumont at 10:12 a.m. and closed at 10:13 a.m. – see notes attached to these minutes)

MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING

090702 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, the minutes of the regular meeting held June 10th, 2009 were approved as presented.

Carried.

MINUTES OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The minutes of the last Smoky River Regional Economic Development Board and Reeve's and C.A.O.'s Meeting meetings were circulated as information to Council.

MONTHLY AND BUDGET REPORTS

090703 On motion of Councillor Brochu, the monthly and budget reports for the month of June 2009 were approved as presented.

Carried.

SUBDIVISION – SE 31-77-20-W5M

090704 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the proposed subdivision in the SE 31-77-20-W5M for a farmstead separation for William Brunin subject to the following conditions:

- all outstanding property taxes are paid in full, and
- a Developer's Agreement is entered into with the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130.

Carried.

SUBDIVISION – SE 35-76-19-W5M

090705

On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the proposed subdivision in the SE 35-76-19-W5M for a farmstead separation for Daniel Dubrulle and Krystina Gagne subject to the following conditions:

- all outstanding property taxes are paid in full, and
- a Developer's Agreement is entered into with the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130.
- Access to the balance of the quarter to be installed by developer at his sole expense, if required.

Carried.

TOWN OF MCLENNAN – financial assistance request

090706

On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council tabled to the afternoon the decision on the financial assistance to repair a portion of the road from the McLennan Water Plant to the Market Road.

Carried.

BYLAW NO. 805 – To Amend the Municipal Development Plan

Reeve Dumont stated that council sought legal advice about the letter received from the Friends of an Unpolluted Lifestyle with reference to the Land Use Bylaw section 5.4.4 "if an amendment has been refused pursuant to this Bylaw or ultimately after appeal, the submission of another application for Bylaw amendment on the same parcel of land for the same or similar use shall not be accepted by the Development Officer until six months after the date of the refusal," which is correct. The Municipal Development Plan is a different plan and is not affected by the Land Use Bylaw rules and regulations.

The other issue addressed by Reeve Dumont is of one councillor deemed to be in conflict; there is no pecuniary interest no financial gain from any councillors or their immediate family.

Councillor Brochu, stated that precedent setting is not an issue as every case on the Municipal Development Plan is treated individually.

Councillor Desaulniers stated that it is a better location where the new colony plans to be now. The other choice is moving west of the golf course, on top of the hill, on one of the Twilight Colony's quarters which is in direct line of the Five Star golf course.

Reeve Dumont agreed that the Municipal Development Plan is a guideline that allows council its periodic review and amendments to this document over time to make sure that it is still in line with the needs of the MD's residents.

Councillor Trudeau stated that the Twilight Hutterite Colony will build for sure and no matter where, there will be some effect.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 in open meeting hereby enacts as follows:

1. That Section 5, Map 3-Siting Restrictions for Confined Feeding Operations, of the Municipal Development Plan be amended by the removal of B8 and C3 Recreational Area Restrictions around the intersection of Highway 744 and Highway 676, being no longer an area required to be preserved as a recreational area.
2. That Section 5, Map 3-Siting Restrictions for Confined Feeding Operations, of the Municipal Development Plan be further amended by removing the name 'Whitemud Hall'.

BYLAW NO. 805 - to amend the Municipal Devp. Plan - continued

090707 Second Reading to By-Law 805 was given upon a motion of Councillor Brochu.

Carried.

090708

Councillor Aubin moved that By-Law 805 receive Third Reading and be Finally Passed.

Carried.

BYLAW NO. 813 – to amend the Land Use Bylaw - rezoning

A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 in the Province of Alberta to rezone land in NW & SW 1-78-21-W5TH and NW 36-77-21-W5TH according to the Donnelly Corner Area Structure Plan.

090709 Second Reading to By-Law 813 was given upon a motion of Councillor Trudeau.

Carried.

090710

Councillor Brochu moved that By-Law 813 receive Third Reading and be Finally Passed.

Carried.

TOWN OF FALHER WITHDRAWAL – Regional Economic Devp.

Council received an official letter that the Town of Falher is serving notice to withdraw from the Smoky River Regional Economic Development agreement. The Town will remain a member until the end of the year. Council requested to have this issue on the agenda of the Smoky River Regional Committee.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD – appointment to

090711 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council tabled to the next meeting, the appointment of a representative to the Smoky River Regional Economic Development Board.

Carried.

SMOKY RIVER WATER COMMISSION – access road washed out

Council will discuss this issue with Clem Guenette, Director of Operations this afternoon.

SMOKY RIVER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – letter of support

090712 On motion of Councillor Trudeau. Council approved sending a letter to the Smoky River Agricultural Society in support of the Portable Mini Golf System project.

Carried.

CANADIAN UNION OF POSTAL WORKERS – resolution & petition

Reeve Dumont is declaring conflict and abstaining from the discussion.

Whereas the report of Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review (CCSR) recommends that the current moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns be replaced with a mechanism involving new rules and procedures, including the ability to replace public post offices with private outlets.

CANADIAN UNION OF POSTAL WORKERS – resolution & petition - continued

Whereas the report also recommends that rural mailbox delivery be reconsidered.

Whereas these recommendations, if implemented by the federal government, would undermine public postal service and jobs in our community and fundamentally change the nature of Canada Post's retail and delivery network.

Whereas the report proposes that Canada Post's highly inadequate community consultation process be used when closing or "rationalizing" a post office/outlet and that a similar process be used when replacing rural mailbox delivery with delivery to a community box, green box or post office.

Be it resolved that the Municipal District of Smoky River No.130 write to Rob Merrifield, the Minister responsible for Canada Post, and request that the government preserve public postal service and jobs in our community by rejecting CPCS recommendations that would:

- 1) Put an end to the moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns and give Canada Post the flexibility to close post offices covered by the current moratorium or convert these public post offices to private outlets.
- 2) Cut delivery to rural mailboxes without exploring all options or properly consulting with residents or the representatives of rural delivery workers.

Be it further resolved that we request that Minister Merrifield consult with the public, postal unions and other major stakeholders to develop a uniform and democratic process for making fundamental changes to Canada Post's retail and delivery network.

090713

On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the resolution put forward by Canadian Union of Postal Workers.

Carried.

COUNCILLORS CONCERNS

- Complaints regarding debris on MD roads
- Miscellaneous budget went down this spring
- McLennan Lake Project
- Ditch at Desilet
- Study for Water at Gervais/Dubrulle/Valiquette
- Wash out in Whitemud – Aubin
- Scrap metal - MD dumps
- Rocks and wash outs

IN CAMERA SESSION

090714

On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council went into camera at 11:30 a.m. for personnel issues.

Carried.

090715

On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council went out of camera at 11:56 a.m.

Carried.

LUNCH

- 090716 On motion of Reeve Dumont, Council recessed for lunch at 11:57 am and reconvened at 1:14 pm.
- Carried.

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES' REPORT

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

- Mowing Program Update
- Weed Inspectors Update
- Grasshoppers
- From last council meeting
- Upcoming meetings & events

- 090717 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the Director of Agricultural Services' Report as submitted.
- Carried.

DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES' REPORT

Director of Protective Services, John McDermott's report was reviewed by Council with an overview of the following items:

- Call Volume
- Numbers and Types of Calls
- Volunteer Hours
- Joint Fire Quality Management Program (QMP) Revision
- Peace Region Mutual Aid Agreement
- E911/Dispatch Services Review
- Fire By-Law Review
- Smoky River Water Commission – water usage
- Fire Chief activities report

- 090718 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the Director of Protective Services' Report as submitted.
- 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
- 2009 Graveling Program
- McLennan to Peavine Connector Road
- Bridge File 74385 (Mencke's Culvert)
- Bremont Bridge
- Employment issues
- Budget vs disaster funding for flooding area
- Tickets not requested by council to be reported prior to work
- Kimiwan Lake Beautification – study Gervais/Dubrule/Valiquette
- Aubin washout – road closure
- Find Supply for rocks to fill in recurring washouts
- Water commission: repair access at river pumphouse
- McLennan road to water plant financial assistance
- Fence at the landfill in Jean Cote
- Unsightly yard in Jean Cote

SMOKY RIVER WATER COMMISSION – access road washed out

Director of Operation, Clement Guenette, will do an inspection of the site in question and will report to next council meeting.

TOWN OF MCLENNAN – financial assistance request

- 090719 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council agreed to provide in-kind assistance to repair a portion of the road from the McLennan Water Plant to the Market Road by delivering 3 Super-B loads of gravel and contributing a few hours of grader work.
- Opposed 1
For 5
Carried.
- 090720 On motion of Councillor Aubin the Director of Operations' report was approved as presented.
- Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The administrator's report was presented to Council addressing the following matters:

- 2009 Summer Zone Meeting
- Civic Holiday
- PC Golf Tournament
- Falher/Girouxville CN Rail Line
- Promotional Items
- Falher Dissolution
- 2009 PC Alberta Convention
- Free RCH Mower Demonstration

- 090721 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the Administrator's Report as submitted.
- Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was brought to Council for their consideration:

- 1) Alberta Association of M.D.'s & Counties
 - R.W. Hay Award: Call for Nominations
 - Contact Newsletter, June 26th, July 3rd,
 - Hon. Luke Ouellette, Infrast. & Transp. meeting notes
 - Process for dealing with flowing seismic shot holes
 - Rural Connectivity Gap Analysis
 - Bill 202: Municipal Auditor General (MGA amendment 2009)
 - Input Required: TRAVIS Fee Structures
 - Community Adjustment Fund Application
 - Draft Paper on Municipal Viability and Community Sustainability
 - Deadline Approaching: Input Required for Changes in Agriculture Equipment Transportation Regulations
 - Update on RCMP Ability to Videoconference
- 2) Peace Library System
 - Town of Falher Dissolution
- 3) Family & Community Support Services
 - June Report
 - September provincial community recruitment and retention workshop

CORRESPONDENCE - continued

- 4) Alberta Municipal Affairs
 - Municipal Internship Program for Administrator
- 5) High Prairie School Division
 - HPSD Central Source newsletter
- 6) Smoky River Water Commission
 - Water related costs in fire fighting
- 7) Municipal District of Big Lakes
 - Letter to Minister of Health & Wellness Hon. Ron Leipert
 - First Nation Consultation
- 8) Lakeside Golf & Country Club
 - Replacement of rough mower
- 9) University of Alberta
 - Local Government Certificate Program
- 10) County of Paintearth No.18
 - Letter to Agriculture and Rural Devp. Dept Minister John Knapp
- 11) Three Little Pigs Housing Corporation
 - Newsletter
- 12) Highline Manufacturing Ltd.
 - Invitation to RCH mower demonstration
- 13) Alberta Research Council
 - Study shows superiority of Peace grown flax
- 14) Peace Air Shed Zone Association
 - Board Meeting minutes of June 10, 2009
 - Presentation information
 - Board Meeting minutes of June 16, 2009
- 15) Northwest Corridor Development Corporation
 - In the Corridor newsletter
- 16) Smoky River Regional Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee
 - Physician Recruitment
- 17) ASB Correspondence
- 18) Bills for Payment

ADJOURNMENT

090722

On motion of Reeve Dumont, the meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Municipal Administrator