

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FALHER, ALBERTA, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12th, 2009

PRESENT:
Reeve: Donald Dumont
Councillors: Robert Brochu
Donald Gosselin
Andre Trudeau
Richard Aubin
Acting Administrator: Rita Therriault
Recording Secretary: Lynn Skrepnek
Smoky River Express Reporter: Susan Thompson

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

- 090801 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the agenda with the following additions:
A) Washout in Whitemud
B) Gravelling Dirt Roads
C) Power line Extension – NE 13-80-21-W5M

Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING

- 090802 On motion of Councillor Aubin, the minutes of the regular meeting held July 8th, 2009 were approved as presented.

Carried.

MINUTES OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The minutes of the High Prairie School Division and the Smoky River Family & Community Support Services meetings were circulated as information to Council.

MONTHLY AND BUDGET REPORTS

- 090803 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, the monthly and budget reports for the month of July 2009 were approved as presented.

Carried.

SUBDIVISION – NW 9-77-21-W5M

- 090804 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, Council approved the proposed subdivision in the NW 9-77-21-W5M for a natural agricultural severance for Claude Levesque 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.

PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT & RETENTION – House Purchase

- 090805 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the contribution of \$61,585.00 to come out of the ambulance reserve toward the purchase of a house in McLennan for use by local physicians.

Carried.

PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT & RETENTION – House Purchase

090806 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved obtaining a joint mortgage, for the physician's house, with all municipalities involved (Town of McLennan, Town of Falher, Village of Girouxville & Village of Donnelly) in the amount of \$225,000.00.

Carried.

SUBDIVISION – Time Extension

090807 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, Council approved a one year time extension to a subdivision in the SE 6-76-20-W5M for Mark Horvath until August 31, 2010 as per Section 657(6) of the Municipal Government Act.

Carried.

2009 TAX SALE

090808 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council set the 2009 tax sale for November 27th, 2009 at 2:00 pm at the M.D. Office with the reserve bids as per attachment.

Carried.

J.S.C.D. SALVAGE – SCRAP METAL CLEANERS

Council decline the proposal presented by J.S.C.D Salvage at this time.

WASHOUT IN WHITEMUD

Councillor Gosselin proposed a possible solution to fill the washout located in Whitemud in the manner of crushed concrete. More information was required to make a final decision.

GRAVELLING ON DIRT ROADS

Councillor Trudeau proposed that we impose restrictions on the gravelling of dirt roads because of reduced gravel inventory and prohibitive costs.

090809 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved that each division be allocated a maximum of 2 miles of dirt road per calendar year in the graveling program. Any excess requires council's approval.

090810 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, that Council tabled motion 090809 until next meeting.

Defeated.

090811 Reeve Dumont call for the vote on motion 090809.

Carried.
3 For.
2 Against.

POWERLINE EXTENSION – NE 13-80-21-W5M

- 090812 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council granted approval to ATCO Electric to install a new pole and tap off existing service in the NE 13-80-21-W5M for Mr. Gilbert Bessette.
- Carried.

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES' REPORT

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

Program Update:

- Mowing Program Update
- Spraying Program Update
- Weed Inspection Update

From Last Council Meeting:

- Highline Mowers

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- Shelterbelt Tree Information Meeting – August 11, 2009
- Canola Crop Walk – August 19, 2009
- Peace Region AAAF Meeting – August 28, 2009
- AAAF Executive Meeting – September 10, 2009
- Regional ASB Conference – October 16, 2009

- 090813 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the Director of Agricultural Services' Report as presented.
- Carried.

LUNCH

- 090814 On motion of Reeve Dumont, Council recessed for lunch at 12:10 pm and reconvened at 1:20 pm.
- Carried.

DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES' REPORT

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

- Joint Fire Quality Management Program (QMP) Revision
- Peace Region Mutual Aid Agreement
- E911/Dispatch Services Review
- Fire By-Law Review – Fireworks/Fire Bans
- Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG's)
- Professional Development / Education
- Water Resources

- 090815 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the Director of Protective Services' Report as presented.
- Carried.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

Director of Operations, Clem Guenette, was absent for this meeting so Utilities Officer, Dave Gervais gave an oral report on the following items:

- Erosion – Slim's Creek/SR Water Commission/R. Cloutier
- Lepage Road RR221
- Mencke's Culvert Completion
- AMIP 792 Completion
- Leo Otis Road
- Rebuilt 792 West
- Landfills – Extend Summer Hours
- JSCD – Proposal
- Smoky River Water Co-op Pre-Construction Meeting

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT - continued

- Smoky River Water C-op – booster stations
- Smoky River Water Commission Erosion (near 5 Star)
- Twilight Colony Construction Update
- Blue Bridge Campsite/Bridge
- Development permits

090816 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Utilities Officer Dave Gervais' oral report was approved as presented.

Carried.

IN-CAMERA

090817 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council agreed to go into camera to discuss personnel issues.

Carried.

090818 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council went out of camera at this time.

Carried.

COUNCILLORS CONCERNS

- Update on Peavine Road
- Smoky River Water Commission Water Costs

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

- 2009 Tax Collection
- 2009 ARMAA Conference
- 2009 Summer A.A.M.D. & C Zone Meeting
- Ski Hill Financial Statement
- 2009 PC Alberta Annual Meeting
- Tube Run at Ski Hill
- Smoky River Regional Fire Hall Funding
- Pandemic Influenza 101 Workshop
- Water Commission Access Road
- Regional Committee Meeting
- Local Authority Pension Plan
- Promotional Items

090819 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the Administrator's Report as presented by the Director of Corporate Services, Rita Therriault.

Carried.

Reporter Susan Thompson left the meeting at 3:15 pm.

IN-CAMERA

090820 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council agreed to go into camera to discuss personnel issues.

Carried.

IN-CAMERA - continued

090821

On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council went out of camera at this time.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was brought to Council for their consideration:

- 1) Alberta Association of M.D.'s & Counties
 - Contact Newsletters – July 10, 17, 24, 2009
 - District Highlights – District No. 5 Meeting
 - District Highlights – District No. 3 Meeting
 - Minister Meeting Summary – The Honourable Ed Stelmach, Premier
 - Executive Highlights – July 2009 Executive Board Activities
 - Executive Highlights – June 2009 Executive Board Activities
 - Minister Meeting Summary – The Honourable George Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development
 - Member Bulletin – Attention CAOs: TRAVIS Fee Structures
 - 2009-2010 Property Insurance Renewal
 - Group Picture of 2008 Fall Convention
- 2) Royal Canadian Mounted Police
 - Detachment Management Change
- 3) Local Authorities Pension Plan
 - Notice of LAPP Contribution Rate Increase
- 4) Minister of Employment and Immigration – Honourable Hector G. Goudreau
 - Community Initiatives Program (CIP) Approval – Tube Run
 - Community Initiatives Program (CIP) Approval – Little Smoky Ski Area Rental Equipment Purchases
- 5) Federation of Canadian Municipalities
 - Canada/China Technical Cooperation in Migrant Labour Rights Project
 - Update on Federal Infrastructure Funding
 - Broadband Canada: Connecting Rural Canadians
 - Members Advisory – Update on FCM Fair Trade Resolution
- 6) Alberta Transportation
 - New Deal for Cities and Communities – Incinerator & GPS Purchase
 - New Deal for Cities and Communities – 2008 Instalment Payment
 - Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program – 2009 Instalment Payment
 - Streets Improvement Program – Grant Approval
- 7) Canada Post
 - Reply Re Bill: C-322: Library Book Rate
- 8) Minister of State Transport
 - Reply Re: Bill C-322: Library Book Rate
- 9) Alberta Health Services
 - Pandemic Influenza 101
 - Physician Recruitment Reply Letter
 - New Organizational Structure

CORRESPONDENCE - continued

- 10) Community Health Council
 - Status of Community Health Councils
- 11) Smoky River Regional Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee
 - Physician Recruitment
- 12) Town of High Prairie
 - Physician Recruitment
- 13) Municipal District of Big Lakes
 - Container Depot for Grande Prairie area
- 14) Saddle Hills County
 - STARS Funding
- 15) 2010 Alberta Summer Games
 - Thank-you letter - Support
- 16) Alberta Environment
 - Unregistered Sand & Gravel Pits
- 17) Chris Warkentin – Member of Parliament for Peace River
 - Moratorium on Post Office Closures & Rural Mail Delivery
- 18) Northern Assessment Services Ltd.
 - Agreement Termination of Assessment Services
- 19) Government of Alberta
 - Regional Economic Indicators
- 20) 5 Star Golf Club
 - Community Facility Enhancement Program – Fairway Irrigation Project
- 21) ASB Correspondence
- 22) Bills for Payment

ADJOURNMENT

090822

On motion of Reeve Dumont, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Carried.

Reeve

Municipal Administrator