

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FALHER, ALBERTA, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2009

PRESENT:
Reeve: Donald Dumont
Councillors: Robert Brochu
Donald Gosselin
Luc Desaulniers
Andre Trudeau
Richard Aubin
Administrator: Lucien Turcotte
Recording Secretary: Rita Therriault
Smoky River Express Reporter: Susan Thompson

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

091001 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved the agenda as amended with the following addition.

- a) Peavine Drainage
- b) Firefighting Rates
- c) Falher Cemetery Road

Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING

091002 On motion of Councillor Brochu, the minutes of the regular meeting held September 22nd, 2009 were approved as presented.

Carried.

MINUTES OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The following minutes and reports were circulated as information to Council:

- Smoky River Regional Economic Development - Minutes of the October 6th, 2009 meeting
- High Prairie School Division No. 48 – HPSD Central Source Newsletter
- Peace Library System – Minutes of the September 19th, 2009 meeting

MONTHLY AND BUDGET REPORTS

091003 On motion of Councillor Aubin, the monthly and budget reports for the month of September 2009 were approved as presented.

Carried.

POWER LINE EXTENSION – NE 14-78-20-W5TH

091004 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council granted approval to ATCO Electric for a powerline extension at NE 14-78-20-W5M to install a new service for Mr. Denis Cloutier.

Carried.

SUBDIVISION – NW 29-77-20-W5M

091005 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the proposed subdivision in the NW 29-77-20-W5M for a farmstead separation for Gilbert & Martine Maisonneuve subject to the following conditions:

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

Carried.

SMOKY RIVER FCSS – Letter of Intent

091006 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved sending a letter of intent to Smoky River Family & Community Support Services stating our intent to participate in the FCSS program for the year 2010 as per Section 23 of the Smoky River FCSS Agreement.

Carried.

FIRE QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN - Revision

091007 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved the revised joint Fire Quality Management Plan to be submitted for final approval to the Alberta Safety Codes Council.

Carried.

REGULAR NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING – Date Change

091008 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council agreed to change the date of the regular November Council Meeting to November 10th at 10:00 a.m. as the regular meeting date falls on Remembrance Day.

Carried.

DELEGATION – 5-Star Golf Club

Jean Nicolet, Fern Chailier and Darcy Tokarz of 5-Star Golf Club attended the meeting to discuss the following matters:

- Five Star Signs
- Cut brush at entrance road allowance on both sides
- Graveling of the road next spring
- Recreational Funding application– fairway irrigation

091009 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, Council granted permission to install 2 directional signs in our road allowance for the 5-Star Golf Club.

Carried.

DELEGATION – Regional EMS Foundation

JoAnne Cazakoff and Luc Soucy of the Regional EMS Foundation and Clement Bourgeois, Little Smoky Ski Area manager, attended the meeting. The following points were presented;

- History of Ambulance Service structure over the past few years
- Public access defibrillator
- Regional EMS Foundation
- Fundraising and Education Day– at Ski Hill on March 6th, 2010
- Training provided at the ski hill

Council supported their March 6, 2010 fundraising endeavour which has to be coordinated with the ski hill manager, Clem Bourgeois.

SKI HILL MANAGER'S REPORT

The Ski Hill Manager, Clement Bourgeois, gave a quick update to Council on the Tube Run project.

DELEGATION – Glentel

Harv Hildebrandt and Dan Heggerud of Glentel attended the meeting to present their proposal for the infrastructure setup costs for Emergency Dispatch Services.

DELEGATION – Critical Communications Solutions Inc. (CCSI)

Mark vanWerkhoven of Critical Communications Solutions Inc. (CCSI) attended the meeting to present their proposal for the infrastructure setup costs for Emergency Dispatch Services.

MACKENZIE MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGENCY

Karen Diebert with Manni Chauhan and Natalie, (staff) and Carolyn Kolebaba (board executive) of Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency and Dave Gervais, Municipal Development Officer, attended Council meeting. Carolyn presented their Five Year Strategic Plan (2010-2014).

Susan Thompson, reporter of the Smoky River Express, left the meeting at 12:30.

LUNCH

091010 On motion of Reeve Dumont, Council recessed for lunch at 12:30 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Carried.

PEAVINE ROAD

The issue will be discussed with the Director of Operations' report later in the meeting.

FIREFIGHTING RATES

Council wishes to review the firefighting rates and municipal contribution. Administration will bring information forward by next meeting.

CEMETERY ROAD

There are issues concerning the use of the cemetery road by Super-Bs' hauling product to the train car loading facility in Falher.

091011 On motion of Councillor Aubin, a letter is to be sent to the Town of Falher addressing our concerns regarding the condition of the cemetery road.

Carried

Remembrance Day

Councillor Aubin will be representing the Municipality for the Remembrance Day Ceremonies in McLennan.

SUBDIVISION TIME EXTENSION – lot 14, block 4, plan 892-2406

091012 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved a subdivision time extension for an additional year on the lot 17, block 4, plan 892-2406 (PSW 1-80-22 W5) for Daryl Henke.

Carried.

COUNCILLORS CONCERNS

- Truck parking on M.D. Roads

DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES' REPORT

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

- Call Volume - Numbers and Types of Calls
- Volunteer Hours
- Joint Fire Quality Management Program (QMP)
- E911/Dispatch Services Provider
- Fire By-law Review
- M.D. of Smoky River and Birch Hills County Mutual Aid Agreement
- Fire Inspections
- Emergency Management
- Hazard and Risk Assessment
- Rapid Attack Wildland Unit
- Correspondence

091013 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the Director of Protective Services' Report 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:

- Program Update
- Regional A.S.B. Conference – Grande Prairie – Oct. 20, 2009
- AESA & Growing Forward Programs
- Tractor Repair
- Northern Sunrise County Letter
- November 3rd meeting at Northern Sunrise County
- Provincial A.S.B. Conference – Edmonton – Feb. 1-3, 2010
- Upcoming Meetings and Conferences
- Correspondence
- Ditch mowing

Council recommended that the ASB Director, Norm Boulet, and Councillors Brochu and Aubin represent our MD at the November 3rd organizational meeting for the joint hosting of the 2012 ASB Tour.

091014 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved that Reeve Dumont, Councillors Desaulniers, Aubin, Trudeau, Gosselin & Brochu and Ag Fieldman Normand Boulet attend the ASB Conference in Edmonton on February 1st to 3rd.

Carried.

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES' REPORT - continued

On Friday November 6th in Leduc County, Councillors Brochu and Gosselin along with ASB Director Norm Boulet will be attending a meeting on Club Root.

Councillor Aubin will be attending the VSI Annual General meeting in High Prairie on Thursday, November 26th.

- 091015 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the Director of Agricultural Services' Report as presented.

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
- Bridge File 70802 – Bremont's Bridge
- AMIP 2009
- Valiquette ditch
- Unit 23 – repairs
- Brushing at 5-Star
- Alberta Transportation – 2010 Request
- Luc's Bridge
- Kimiwan Lake – Bird Sanctuary

- 091016 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, the Director of Operations' report was approved as presented.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Turcotte reported to Council on the following matters:

- 2009 AAMD&C Convention
- Regional Committee Meeting
- Fire Hall
- Regional Partnership Initiative Grant
- Regional Economic Development Board
- Water Commission Invoice
- Policy Handbook Review
- Promotional Items
- Community Initiatives Program (CIP)
- Meeting with Minister Danyluk in Fairview

- 091017 On motion of Councillor Brochu, the Committee of the Whole will hold the ASB and Policy meeting on Wednesday December 2nd, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Carried.

- 091018 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
 - Executive Highlights – September 2009 Executive Board Activities
 - Member Bulletin – Charities and Casinos: an MLA Review Committee Announced
 - Contact Newsletters – September 25, 2009 – Volume 2009 Issue 38, October 2, 2009 - Volume 2009 Issue 39 and October 9, 2009 – Volume 2009 Issue 40
- 2) Minister of State Transport
 - Rural Post Offices
- 3) Alberta Municipal Affairs
 - Consultation Sessions – Budget 2010 (October 13-19, 2009)
 - Safety Codes Act
- 4) County of Thorhild No. 7
 - Passing of Reeve Henry Zolkewski
- 5) Growing the North
 - A Community Economic Development Conference
- 6) V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd.
 - Annual General Meeting
- 7) Alberta Agriculture and Food
 - 2009 Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture (AESAs) Farm-based Program
- 8) Enmax
 - Bill 50 – Removal of Requirement for a front end review by the Alberta Utilities Commission
- 9) Mackenzie Municipal Service Agency
 - The Monitor, newsletter vol.13/10.09
- 10) Bills for Payment

ADJOURNMENT

091019

On motion of Reeve Dumont, the meeting adjourned 4:56 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Municipal Administrator