

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FALHER, ALBERTA, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009

PRESENT: Deputy Reeve: Richard Aubin
Councillors: Robert Brochu
Donald Gosselin
Luc Desaulniers
André Trudeau
Absent Reeve: Donald Dumont
Municipal Administrator: Lucien Turcotte
Recording Secretary: Lynn Skrepnek
Smoky River Express Reporter: Absent

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

- 091101 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved the agenda as amended with the following additions:
- Fire Fighting Expenses
 - Water & Sewer Expenses-Fire Hall
 - Miscellaneous Budget
- Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING

- 091102 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, the minutes of the regular meeting held October 14th, 2009 were approved as presented.
- Carried.

MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- 091103 On motion of Councillor Brochu, the minutes of the organizational meeting held October 14th, 2009 were approved as presented.
- Carried.

MINUTES OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The minutes of the last Physician Recruitment meeting and the High Prairie School Division newsletter were circulated as information to Council.

MONTHLY AND BUDGET REPORTS

- 091104 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, the monthly and budget reports for the month of October 2009 were approved as presented.
- Carried.

POWERLINE EXTENSION – NE 12-79-21-W5M

- 091105 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council granted approval to ATCO Electric for a powerline extension in the NE 12-79-21-W5M to install a new pole for a booster station for the Smoky River Water Co-operative Ltd.
- Carried.

POWERLINE EXTENSION – SW 35-76-21-W5M

- 091106 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, Council granted approval to ATCO Electric for a powerline extension in the SW 35-76-21-W5M to install a new pole for a booster station for the Smoky River Water Co-operative Ltd.

Carried.

POWERLINE EXTENSION – LSD 15-16-77-21-W5M

- 091107 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council granted approval to ATCO Electric for a powerline extension in the LSD 15-16-77-21-W5M to install a new service to a compressor site for Galleon Energy.

Carried.

SUBDIVISION – SW 16-79-20-W5M

- 091108 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the proposed subdivision in the SW 16-79-20-W5M for a farmstead separation for Esther Picard 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.

BYLAW NO. 814 – Borrowing – Physician Recruitment House

A Bylaw authorizing the Council of the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130, in the Province of Alberta, to incur indebtedness by the issuance of promissory note in the amount of \$138,375 for the purpose of purchasing a Physician Recruitment and Retention House in McLennan on Lot B, Block 1, Plan 0724085 in a joint Mortgage with the Towns of McLennan and Falher and the Villages of Donnelly and Girouxville. The Town of McLennan is designated as the managing municipality and will be the main contact for the purpose of the said project.

- 091109 Second Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Trudeau.

Carried.

- 091110 Councillor Brochu moved that it receive Third Reading and be Finally Passed.

Carried.

SMOKY RIVER REGIONAL TASK FORCE - Resolution

- 091111 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council agreed to send a letter of endorsement to the Smoky River Regional Health Task Force Committee supporting their mandate.

Carried.

RECREATION CAPITAL FUNDING PROGRAM

- 091112 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the Girouxville Sports Club's application for \$123,523 under the Recreation Capital Funding Program from the 2009 budget.

Carried.

- 091113 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, Council approved the Guy-Donnelly Sportex Society application for 14,525.00 payable under the 2010 budget.

Carried.

RECREATION CAPITAL FUNDING PROGRAM – continued

- 091114 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council tabled the following applications to the April 2010 regular meeting:
- Falher Recreation Development Society
 - Guy Sports Committee
 - 5-Star Golf Club

Carried.

2010 FUEL REQUIREMENTS

- 091115 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, Council agreed to invite United Farmers of Alberta, Petro-Canada & Girouxville Co-op Bulk to tender a price on the municipality's 2010 fuel requirements by 2:00 pm on December 2, 2009.

Carried.

2010 MOWING PROGRAM – Equipment Purchases

- 091116 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the purchase of a 7230 Tractor, REV 1500 Mower, & 1820 Sidearm from Ross Ag from the 2010 budget at a cost of \$55,800.00.

Carried.

ASB Appeal Committee – Appointment of Board Member

- 091117 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council appointed Lucien Houle as a new member of the ASB Appeal Committee.

Carried.

DELEGATION – Grande Prairie Fire Department

Deputy Chief Janine Blackburn of the Grande Prairie Fire Department met with Council to discuss the following items:

- 911 & Dispatch Center (Grande Prairie)
- Dispatch Costs

FIRE FIGHTING EXPENSES

- 091118 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council agreed to cancel \$1085.00 on invoice #20157 for Brandon Papineau for a structure fire.

Carried.

WATER & SEWER EXPENSES – Fire Hall

- 091119 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council agreed to pay the Town of Falher the sum of \$104,126.55 out of the contingency reserve for the costs incurred for water & sewer services on Lot H, Block 1, Plan #052-0014.

Carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUDGET

Council briefly discussed the lack of funding available under the present budget.

LUNCH

091120 On motion of Deputy Reeve Aubin, Council recessed for lunch at 12:05 pm and reconvened at 1:20 pm.

Carried.

COUNCILLOR'S CONCERNS

- Hiring of Gravel Trucks
- Letter to Dave Marchildon
- Rural Address System

DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES' REPORT

Director of Protective Services John McDermott, presented his report with an overview of the following items:

- Volunteer Hours
- Joint Fire Quality Management Program (QMP)
- E911/Dispatch Services
- Emergency Management
- Hazard & Risk Assessment
- Rapid Attack Wildland Unit
- Fire Service Rates – Municipal Comparison

091121 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved the Director of Protective Services' Report as presented.

Carried.

SKI HILL MANAGER'S REPORT

Ski Hill Manager Clem Bourgeois met with Council to discuss the following matters:

- Tube Run Update
- Security System Estimates
- Staff Clothing - Coats
- Weed Control/Mowing

091122 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the Ski Hill Manager's Report as presented.

Carried.

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES' REPORT

Director of Agricultural Services Norm Boulet, presented his report with an overview of the following items:

- A.S.B. Regional Conference
- A.E.S.A. Survey
- Farm Women's Conference Sponsorship
- Wild Boar Incentive Program
- 2012 ASB Provincial Tour
- Co-operative Roadside Spray Program
- Surplus Spray Equipment – County of Vermilion
- Heart River Watershed Meeting Update
- Leduc County Clubroot Resistance Information Meeting
- Programs Update
- Meeting Updates
- Other Conferences and Meetings

091123 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved sponsorship of \$200.00 to the Farm Women's Conference.

Carried.

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES' REPORT – continued

091124 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved a maximum bid of \$25,130.00 for a 1999 Ford F550 single axle spray truck from the County of Vermilion River which would be payable in January of 2010.

Carried.

091125 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the Director of Agricultural Services' Report as presented.

Carried.

CULVERT REQUIREMENTS

091126 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council agreed to call for invitational tenders for its 2010 culvert requirements. The tender deadline will be set for 2:00 pm on December 2, 2009 and prices will be obtained from:

- Canada Culvert Inc.
- Armtec Inc.
- Atlantic Industries
- Other applicable suppliers

Carried.

GRADER BLADE TENDERS

091127 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the calling of tenders for its 2010 grader blade requirements. The tender deadline will be set for 2:00 pm on December 2, 2009 and prices will be obtained from:

- Brandt Tractor Ltd.
- Union Tractor Ltd.
- Valley Blades Ltd.
- Finning Ltd.
- Titan Supply Inc.
- Other applicable suppliers

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
- 2010 Culvert Requirements
- 2010 Grader Blade Requirements
- McLennan – Peavine Road
- Whitemud Signs
- Parking on Roads

091128 On motion of Councillor Brochu, the Director of Operations' report was approved as presented.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Turcotte presented his report to Council addressing the following matters:

- 2009 AAMD&C Fall Convention
- Regional Committee Meeting – December 1st
- Staff Mileage Allowance

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - continued

- Performance Bonuses
- Council Committee Meeting
- Christmas Party
- Wage Negotiations
- 2009 Tax Sale
- Council Legislative Duties
- Local Assessment Review Board
- Performance Appraisal – C.A.O.

- 091129 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, council awarded a mileage allowance to all staff with a minimum of \$1,000 gross earnings at a maximum of 200 km at \$0.50 per km to help defray costs of employees using their own personal vehicle for business purposes.
- Carried.
- 091130 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, 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 – October 16, 2009 – Volume 2009 Issue 41, October 21, 2009 - Volume 2009 Issue 42 and October 28, 2009 – Volume 2009 Issue 43
 - Member Bulletin – Notice of A.A.M.D. & C Financial Statements
 - Important Jubilee Insurance Member Communication
- 2) Alberta Transportation
 - 2008-09 Annual Report & Highlights
- 3) Alberta Employment and Immigration
 - Nominations for the Alberta Business Award of Distinction
- 4) Alberta Emergency Management Agency
 - Municipal Elected Officials Workshop – February 9th, 2010
 - Disaster Social Services Planning Course – February 9th, 2010
- 5) Elected Officials Education Program
 - Emergency Preparedness Planning – 2009 Fall A.A.M.D. & C. Convention – November 16th, 2009
- 6) Northern Sunrise County
 - Intermunicipal Cooperation Initiative
- 7) V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd.
 - Third Quarter Follow Up Report of V.S.I. Expenditures
- 8) Royal Canadian Mounted Police
 - Deployment of RCMP resources to the 2010 Olympic Games in Vancouver
- 9) Municipal District of Big Lakes No. 125
 - 2009 Winter Newsletter

CORRESPONDENCE – continued

- 10) Town of Falher
 - Regional Assessment Review Board
 - Maintenance of 2nd Street West

11) Bills for Payment

ADJOURNMENT

091131

On motion of Deputy Reeve Aubin, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Carried.

Reeve

Municipal Administrator