

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FALHER, ALBERTA, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2009

PRESENT:  
Reeve: Donald Dumont  
Councillors: Robert Brochu  
Donald Gosselin  
Luc Desaulniers  
Richard Aubin  
André Trudeau  
Municipal Administrator: Lucien Turcotte  
Recording Secretary: Rita Therriault

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Dumont at 10:11 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

- 091201 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the agenda as amended including the following items:
- a) Economic Development Officer
  - b) 2010 V.S.I. Contract

Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING

- 091202 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, the minutes of the regular meeting held November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 were approved as presented.

Carried.

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

- 091203 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 were approved as presented.

Carried.

MINUTES OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The minutes of the last Family & Community Support Services, Smoky River Regional Economic Development and Peace Library System meetings were circulated as information to Council.

MONTHLY AND BUDGET REPORTS

- 091204 On motion of Councillor Aubin, the monthly and budget reports for the month of November 2009 were approved as presented.

Carried.

FINANCIAL INDICATOR GRAPHS

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

POWER LINE EXTENSION – NW 21-74-19-W5TH

- 091205 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council granted approval to ATCO Electric for a powerline extension at NW 21-74-19-W5M to install a new service for Floyd & Angela Carpentier.
- Carried.

SUBDIVISION – E½ 14-78-20-W5M

- 091206 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the proposed subdivisions in the E½ 14-78-20-W5M for a farmstead separations for Kimlake Farms 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 – SW 30-79-20-W5M

- 091207 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the proposed subdivision in the SW 30-79-20-W5M for a farmstead separation for Tony & Jean Chymboryk 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 – SW 24-78-20-W5M

- 091208 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the proposed subdivision in the SW 24-78-20-W5M for a farmstead separation for Richard & Julie Cloutier 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 and,
  - access to the balance of the quarter section be installed by the developer at his sole expense, if required.
- Carried.

SUBDIVISION – SE 10-79-22-W5M

- 091209 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the proposed subdivision in the SE 10-79-22-W5M for a farmstead separation for Lucien & Doreen Nolette 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 and,
  - Access to the balance of the quarter section be installed by the developer at his sole expense, if required.
- Carried.

PAYMENT TO COUNCILLORS

- 091210 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved payment to Councillors for the fourth quarter of 2009.

Carried.

PAYMENT TO VARIOUS BOARD MEMBERS

- 091211 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved payment of meeting fees to various board members for the second half of 2009.

Carried.

TAX CANCELLATION – MLL #870054

- 091212 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council, pursuant to Section 347 (1) of the MGA, cancelled taxes in the amount of \$27.07 for Roll #2213-1015 and \$0.53 for Roll #2224-3010 totalling \$27.60 for miscellaneous lease No. MLL 870054.

Carried.

BYLAW NO. 815 – Pre-Authorized Tax Payment Plan

A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 in the Province of Alberta for the implementation of a pre-authorized tax payment plan.

- 091213 First Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Aubin.

Carried.

- 091214 Second Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Trudeau.

Carried.

- 091215 Councillor Brochu moved that Bylaw No. 815 receive Third and Final Reading at this time.

Carried Unanimously.

- 091216 Councillor Gosselin moved that It receive Third Reading and be Finally Passed.

Carried.

BYLAW NO. 816 – Borrowing Bylaw

A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 in the Province of Alberta for the purpose of short term borrowings for the year 2010.

- 091217 First Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Desaulniers.

Carried.

- 091218 Second Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Gosselin.

Carried.

BYLAW NO. 816 – Borrowing Bylaw - continued

091219 Councillor Brochu moved that Bylaw No. 816 receive Third and Final Reading at this time.

Carried Unanimously.

091220 Councillor Aubin moved that it receive Third Reading and be Finally Passed.

Carried.

2010 EQUALIZED ASSESSMENT

091221 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved the 2010 total taxable equalized assessment in the amount of \$362,820,309.00.

Carried.

2010 FUEL REQUIREMENTS

091222 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council awarded its 2010 fuel requirements to Girouxville Co-op Bulk as per quotation submitted.

Carried.

2010 CULVERT QUOTATIONS

091223 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council awarded its 2010 culvert requirements to Canada Culvert for a total price of 93,105.60 plus GST.

Carried.

2010 GRADER BLADE REQUIREMENTS

091224 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council awarded the tender to the firm of Finning (Canada) at a total price of \$71,119.60 plus GST.

Carried.

DELEGATION – Smoky River Regional Child Care Society

Penny Fox representing both the Smoky River Family Community Support Services and the Smoky River Regional Child Care Society met with Council to discuss the following matters:

- Background on Child Care Society
- Government support in community child care business
- There is no monies left in the anticipated funding
- Have space available to house the day care facility
- Looking at funding
- Numerous partners giving in kind to the project
- CIP \$20,000 matching

LUNCH

091225 On motion of Reeve Dumont, Council recessed for lunch at 12:01pm and reconvened at 1:02 pm.

Carried.

2010 TENTATIVE BUDGET

- 091226 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council set aside \$300,000 into reserve in 2009 for the new fire hall.  
4 for  
2 opposed  
Carried.
- 091227 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council set aside \$200,000 into reserve in 2009 for future road projects.  
Carried.
- 091228 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the 2010 tentative municipal budget as presented.  
5 for  
1 opposed  
Carried
- 091229 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, Council agreed to give \$10,000 from the 2010 budget to match the Community Initiative Program of the Smoky River Regional Child Care Society.  
4 for  
2 oppose  
Carried.
- 091230 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council agreed to send a letter to the Smoky River Regional Child Care Society supporting their application for the Community Initiatives Program.  
Carried
- 091231 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, council approved the purchase of a new ATV for \$20,000 from the 2009 budget.  
Carried

SKI HILL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Snow Making Progress
- Equipment Downtime
- Water supply
- Electrical pedestal problem
- Tube Run – shed building
- Staffing
- Security System
- Contractor Donation
- Equipment – weed wacker, power saw

- 091232 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the Ski Hill Manager's Report.  
Carried.

SMOKY RIVER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Board Member

- 091233 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council tabled the appointment of a board member to the Smoky River Economic Development Board to next meeting.  
Carried.

BYLAW NO. 817 – Cancellation of Subdivision

A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 in the Province of Alberta for the purpose of cancelling a plan of subdivision on NE 2-80-23 W5TH.

- 091234 First Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Brochu.  
Carried.
- 091235 Second Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Gosselin.  
Carried.
- 091236 Councillor Trudeau moved that Bylaw No. 817 receive Third and Final Reading at this time.  
Carried Unanimously.
- 091237 Councillor Aubin moved that It receive Third Reading and be Finally Passed.  
Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSOR

- 091238 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council appointed Northern Assessment Services as their assessor for the period ending February 28, 2010 and hire Compass Assessment Consultants Inc. as their assessor effective March 1, 2010 for the period ending March 31, 2013.  
Carried.

SMOKY RIVER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Officer resignation

Luc Desaulniers, chair of Economic Development, reports that Dave Kane has given his resignation as the director of Economic Development. The position will be advertised.

2010 VSI CONTRACT

- 091239 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approve to enter into an agreement for veterinary service with V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd.  
Carried.

DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES' REPORT

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

- Volunteer Hours
- E911/Dispatch Services
- Emergency Management
- Municipal Elected Officials Workshop
- Disaster Social Services Planning Course
- Rapid Attack Wildland Unit
- Rapid Attack Temporary Storage Agreement
- Emergency Response Plans Review
- Budget
- Hazard and Risk Assessment
- Compensation for volunteer firefighter attending courses
- Disaster planning service

DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES' REPORT - continued

091240 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approve the purchase of a Wildland unit from Hub Fire Engine Equipment at a cost of \$176,592.00

Carried.

091241 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved the Director of Protective Services' 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:

- Bid for spray truck
- 2009 Northland Family Award
- Northern Sunrise County – joint rental agreement
- Other Conferences and Meetings

091242 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council accept the ASB report pursuant to the requirement of section 4 of the Agricultural Service Board Act.

Carried.

091243 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, Council approve one member to attend the Farm Tech Conference, at the Mayfield Inn, in Edmonton on January 27 to 29, 2010.

Carried.

091244 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the Director of Agricultural Services' Report as presented.

Carried.

COUNCILLORS CONCERNS

- Formula for gravel and miscellaneous scenarios

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
- 2010 Culvert Requirements
- 2010 Grader Blade Requirements
- McLennan – Peavine Road
- AMIP 2009
- 2009 Vacation Carry Over
- Working in Road Ditches and Diverting Watercourses
- Blue Bridge Campsite Cook shack

091245 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council allowed the following employees to carry vacation days to next year;

- #31 5 days
- #183 up to 11 days.

Carried.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT - continued

After discussion of Council, Reeve Dumont request that the Director of Operation, Clement Guenette, send a report to Alberta Environment concerning the creek diverting infringement at S1/2 11-80-20 W5 and a copy to the landowner including the bylaw indicating the violation.

- 091246 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, the Director of Operations' report was approved as presented.
- Carried.

IN CAMERA

- 091247 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council to go into camera at 4:42 pm
- Carried.

OUT OF CAMERA

- 091248 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council to go out of camera at 5:20 pm
- Carried.

WAGES

- 091249 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the following salary adjustment effective January 1, 2010 for employee:
- # 1 \$117,000.00 per annum,
  - #292 \$70,100.00 per annum plus 1 extra week of vacation,
  - # 313 \$55,000.00 per annum.
- Carried.
- 091250 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved a wage increase of 1.3% for all full-time permanent and long-term seasonal staff effective January 1, 2010.
- Carried.

Council indicated that no performance bonus to the employees for 2009 would be given.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

- Payment to Councillors
- Christmas Office Closures
- Christmas Party
- Hutterite Development - Homeland
- Northern AAMD&C Zone Meeting
- Smoky River Regional Committee
- Performance Bonus
- 2010 Summer Games
- Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency
- Assessment Review Board Course
- Truck Parking on Road
- Brownlee Municipal Law Seminar
- Falher Cemetery Road
- Performance Appraisal – CAO
- Staff and Council Tube Run day

- 091251 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved the Administrator's Report as presented.
- Carried.

DELEGATION – Finning

Kurtis Lunn and Tan of Finning met with Council to discuss the following:

- Equipment problems
- Grader flip program
- New machine price
- Trade in price

Council tabled the flipping of the M14 Cat graders to next meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was brought to Council for their consideration:

- 1) Alberta Association of M.D.'s & Counties
  - Contact Newsletters, November 4, 12, 26, December 2,
  - Member Bulletin – Input Required: Commercial Vehicle Dimension and Weight Regulation Changes
  - AAMDC Reaction to Government Responses: Spring 2007
- 2) Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency
  - Potential Membership
- 3) Alberta Municipal Affairs & Housing
  - Municipal Sponsorship Program for 2009
  - Emergency Management Training - program
- 4) Federation of Canadian Municipalities
  - Municipal Leadership on Climate Change Action
- 5) Northern Sunrise County
  - Christmas Open House
- 6) Brownlee LLP
  - Emerging Trends in Municipal Law
- 7) 2010 Alberta Summer Games
  - Games Highlights, November issue
- 8) Peace Region Economic Development Alliance
  - Members' Report November 2009
- 9) Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry
  - Alberta's Rural Development Strategy: Report on Progress
- 10) Alberta Municipal Health and Safety Association
  - Newsletter, December 2009
- 11) Canadian Federation of Independent Business
  - Comprehensive Review of Municipal Operating Study
- 12) Northwest Corridor Development Corporation
  - Newsletter, October 2009
- 13) Government of Alberta
  - South Saskatchewan Regional Plan; terms of reference
  - Population growth, water supply to be considered in southern Alberta regional plan
- 13) ASB Correspondence
- 14) Bills for Payment

ADJOURNMENT

091252

On motion of Reeve Dumont, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Carried.

---

Reeve

---

Municipal Administrator