

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FALHER, ALBERTA, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Dumont at 10:06 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

- 100101 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the agenda as revised with the following additions:
- a) Heart River Housing
  - b) Delegation for Finning at 11:00 a.m.
  - c) Physician Recruitment

Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING

- 100102 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, the minutes of the regular meeting held December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 were approved as revised.

Carried.

MINUTES OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The newsletter for the High Prairie School Division No. 48 dated November 27, 2009 was circulated as information to Council.

MONTHLY AND BUDGET REPORTS

- 100103 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, the monthly and budget reports for the month of December 2009 were approved as presented.

Carried.

POWER LINE EXTENSION – SW 21-79-21-W5M

- 100104 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council granted approval to ATCO Electric for a powerline extension at SW 21-79-21-W5M to relocate a service entrance for Mr. Rene Roy.

Carried.

POWER LINE EXTENSION – N½ 32-75-22-W5M

- 100105 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council granted approval to ATCO Electric for a powerline extension at the N½ 32-75-22-W5M to install a new service for Homeland Hutterite Colony.

Carried.

POWER LINE EXTENSION – 79-22/79-23-W5M & Boucher Farms

- 100106 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council granted approval to ATCO Electric for a powerline extension at the S½ 25-79-23-W5M & SW 30-79-22-W5M for various site improvements & to install a new service to Boucher Farms.

Carried.

BYLAW NO. 818 – Purchase of a 2010 Polaris Ranger

A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 in the Province of Alberta to provide for the purchase of a 2010 Polaris Ranger.

- 100107 First Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Aubin.

Carried.

- 100108 Second Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Trudeau.

Carried.

- 100109 Councillor Gosselin moved that Bylaw No. 818 receive Third and Final Reading at this time.

Carried Unanimously.

- 100110 Councillor Trudeau moved that it receive Third Reading and be Finally Passed.

Carried.

SMOKY RIVER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEMBER

- 100111 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council appointed Andre Therriault as a Municipal District representative to the Smoky River Economic Development Board.

Carried.

RESIGNATION – Director of Protective Services

Council reviewed and discussed, the Director of Protective Services, Mr. R.A. John McDermott's resignation effective December 31, 2009.

2009 SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

- 100112 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Be it resolved that Council authorizes the Municipal District of Smoky River No.130 to participate in a Municipal Sponsorship Program grant application for the Emergency Services Project under the Alberta Municipal Affairs Municipal Sponsorship Program; further

That the Municipal District of Smoky River No.130 agrees to be the designated the managing partner of Emergency Services Project for the purposes of applying, receiving, administering, allocating, reporting, and accounting for the grant funds on behalf of the partners; further

That the Municipal District of Smoky River agrees to allocate \$4,947.51 dollars or 22.393% percent of its Municipal Sponsorship Program base grant to the Emergency Services Project; and further  
2009 SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM - continued

That Municipal District of Smoky River No.130 agrees to enter into a

Conditional Grant Agreement governing the purpose and use of the grant funds if it is the managing partner, or if not agrees to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement signed by the managing partner on behalf of the other eligible municipal partners governing the purpose and use of the grant funds.”

Carried.

100113

On motion of Councillor Trudeau, “Be it resolved that Council authorizes the Municipal District of Smoky River No.130 to participate in a Municipal Sponsorship Program grant application for the Solid Waste Management Initiatives Project under the Alberta Municipal Affairs Municipal Sponsorship Program; further

That the Municipal District of Smoky River No.130 agrees that the Town of Falher be designated the managing partner of Solid Waste Management Initiatives Project for the purposes of applying, receiving, administering, allocating, reporting, and accounting for the grant funds on behalf of the partners; further

That the Municipal District of Smoky River agrees to allocate \$11,843.93 dollars or 53.607% percent of its Municipal Sponsorship Program base grant to the Solid Waste Management Initiatives Project; and further

That Municipal District of Smoky River No.130 agrees to enter into a Conditional Grant Agreement governing the purpose and use of the grant funds if it is the managing partner, or if not agrees to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement signed by the managing partner on behalf of the other eligible municipal partners governing the purpose and use of the grant funds.”

Carried.

100114

On motion of Councillor Gosselin; “Be it resolved that Council authorizes the Municipal District of Smoky River No.130 to participate in a Municipal Sponsorship Program grant application for the Recreation Facilities Project under the Alberta Municipal Affairs Municipal Sponsorship Program; further

That the Municipal District of Smoky River No.130 agrees that the Village of Donnelly be designated the managing partner of Recreation Facilities Project for the purposes of applying, receiving, administering, allocating, reporting, and accounting for the grant funds on behalf of the partners; further

That the Municipal District of Smoky River agrees to allocate \$5,302.56 dollars or 24% percent of its Municipal Sponsorship Program base grant to the Recreation Facilities Project; and further

That Municipal District of Smoky River No.130 agrees to enter into a Conditional Grant Agreement governing the purpose and use of the grant funds if it is the managing partner, or if not agrees to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement signed by the managing partner on behalf of the other eligible municipal partners governing the purpose and use of the grant funds.”

Carried.

HIGHWAY 2/49 STUDY – Technical Review Committee

- 100115 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council appointed Reeve Dumont as the Municipal District representative to the Technical Review Committee of Alberta Transportation to provide guidance on the functional planning study being conducted on Highways 2 and 49.

Carried.

SOCIETE HISTORIQUE ET GENEALOGIQUE

The Société Historique et Généalogique de Smoky River sent a general request for operational funding. The MD does not support organizational operation funding.

**Smoky River Express Emilie Plihall came in to the meeting at 11:25 a.m. to take picture of the presentation to Bernard Despins.**

PRESENTATION TO BERNARD DESPINS – volunteer fire dept.

Reeve Dumont presented a 12 year volunteer award to Bernard Despins for being a volunteer to the Smoky River Fire Department.

FINNING DELEGATION

Tant Boothman, Northern Manager of Finning attended the meeting with a proposal for the 2010 grader program.

- 100116 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approves the purchase of 5 graders with the trade in difference of \$75,500 each graders.

Carried.

LUNCH

- 100117 On motion of Reeve Dumont, Council recessed for lunch at 12:00 pm and reconvened at 1:15 pm.

Carried.

HEART RIVER HOUSING

Councillor Aubin gave a report to council on the Heart River Housing requisition for 2010.

PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT

Reeve Dumont gave a report on the Physician Recruitment Committee's upcoming recruitment project.

- 100118 On motion of Councillor Aubin, council approved \$75,000 in the 2010 budget toward the Physician Recruitment projects.

Carried.

COUNCILLOR'S CONCERNS

- Water Co-op Phase VII

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES' REPORT

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

- Provincial A.S.B. Summer Tour
- Falher Seed Cleaning Co-operative Annual Inspection
- Peace Region Fieldmen's Meeting – CN Invitation
- Resolution – Agricultural Service Board Act Review Regarding the Impact of Agrology Profession Act
- Draft Grasshopper Policy
- New Equipment Rental Agreement
- Upcoming Meetings and Workshops

100119

On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the Provincial A.S.B. Summer Tour budget for 2012 with the MD's contribution at 35% up to a maximum of \$20,000.00 towards deficits, the budget will be managed by Northern Sunrise County.

Carried.

100120

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

Carried.

SKI HILL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Season Stats to Date
- Staff Positions/Training
- Snow Making Progress
- Outdoor Skating Rink
- Tube Run Update
- Security System

100121

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

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 Airport Costs
- 2009 Landfill Costs
- M.D. Map Updates
- McLennan – Peavine Road
- Capital Purchase (Resolution Required)
- Divisional Allotments
- Environment – Peavine Creek Drainage Channel
- Aubin erosion – Whitemud

100122

On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the purchase of a pickup, ¾ ton crew cabs, in the amount of \$37,805.00 from Marshall Automotive, from the 2009 budget.

Carried.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT - continued

- 100123 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, the Director of Operations' report was approved as presented. Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

- AAMD&C Zone Meeting
- Law Seminar
- Transfer of Surplus Funds
- Committee of the Whole Meeting
- Fire Hall Lease - Donnelly
- Assessment Review Board Course
- Northern Communication Center – PREMS/EMS
- Performance Appraisal – CAO
- Fire Hall Damage
- Economic Development

- 100124 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council agreed to transfer surplus funds to contingency reserves in \$10,000 denominations. Carried.

- 100125 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council enters into an agreement with the Village of Donnelly to house the Rapid Attack Unit. Carried.

- 100126 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved to transfer Fire Emergency Dispatch from Peace River to Grande Prairie. Carried.

- 100127 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, Council approved the Administrator's Report as presented. Carried.

IN-CAMERA

- 100128 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council agreed to go into camera at 4:23 p.m. for the purpose of doing the CAO's performance review. Carried.

- 100129 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council went out of camera at 4:30 p.m. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was brought to Council for their consideration:

- 1) Alberta Association of M.D.'s & Counties
  - Contact Newsletters – Volume 2009, Issue 49 dated Dec. 16/09 and Volume 2010, Issue 1 dated January 6, 2010
- 2) Alberta Transportation
  - 2009 Supplementary Application for Program Acceptance (APA) under the Federal Gas Tax Fund (FGTF) – Booster Station Upgrade - Guy

CORRESPONDENCE - continued

- 3) Alberta Municipal Affairs
  - 2009 Regional Consultation (Reeves & CAO's)
  - Budget 2010 – Four-Point Plan
  - Dispute Resolution workshops
- 4) Northern Sunrise County
  - Alberta Health Services Northern Communication Centre
- 5) Municipal District of Peace No. 135
  - EMS Dispatch
- 6) Alberta Health and Wellness
  - Centralization of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Dispatch in Northern Alberta
- 7) Canadian Union of Postal Workers
  - Canadian Postal Service Charter
- 8) Alberta Surface Rights Federation
  - Annual Meeting Notice
- 9) County of Grande Prairie
  - Alberta Elected Official Education Program Corporation
- 10) Alberta Environment
  - Peavine Creek Drainage Channel
- 11) ASB Correspondence
- 12) Bills for Payment

ADJOURNMENT

100130

On motion of Reeve Dumont, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Carried.

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Reeve

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Municipal Administrator