

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FALHER, ALBERTA, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2008

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

- 080101 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the agenda with the following additions:
- Economic Development
 - Tourism
 - Water Coop
 - Bylaw No. 788 – Drilling Tax

and with the deletion of Delegation - ISL Engineering.

Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING

- 080102 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, the minutes of the regular meeting held December 12th, 2007 were approved as presented.

Carried.

MINUTES OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The minutes of the last Agricultural Service Board and High Prairie School Division No. 48 meetings were circulated as information to Council.

- 080103 On motion of Councillor Brochu, the minutes of the Agricultural Service Board meeting held December 20th, 2007 were approved as presented.

Carried.

MONTHLY AND BUDGET REPORTS

- 080104 On motion of Councillor Aubin, the monthly and budget reports for the month of December 2007 were approved as presented.

Carried.

SUBDIVISION – SE 21-75-21-W5M

- 080105 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the proposed subdivision in the SE 21-75-21-W5M for country residential use for Charles and Michelle Simoneau 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,
- Money in lieu be required for municipal reserve, and
- That the creek area is designated as environmental reserve.

Carried.

SUBDIVISION – NW 18-76-20-W5M

- 080106 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the proposed subdivision in the NW 18-76-20-W5M for a farmstead separation for Mr. Roger Gosselin 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, and
 - Access to the balance of the quarter section is installed by the developer.
- Carried.

PEACE RIVER VICTIM SERVICES

- 080107 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved a financial contribution of \$1.00 per capita for Peace River Victim Services.
- Carried.

2008 V.S.I. CONTRACT

- 080108 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved entering into a contract with V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd. for veterinary services for the year 2008 as per V.S.I. contract.
- Carried.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD REPORT TO COUNCIL

- 080109 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council accepted the Policy and Programs Report presented at the December 20th ASB meeting as per the requirements under Section 4 of the Agricultural Service Board Act.
- Carried.

AGRICULTURAL POLICIES

- 080110 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council adopted the amendments to Policies No. 80 through No. 93 as recommended by the Agricultural Service Board.
- Carried.

CULVERT INSTALLATION – Contractor

Ran Mar Dozing has not yet submitted their bid for 2008. Therefore, this matter was tabled to the next meeting.

SMOKY RIVER REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Desaulniers informed Council that he is now chair of the board. He also brought forth a request from the Regional Board to increase funding annually to allow for wage adjustments, etc. This will be further discussed at the Smoky River Regional Committee meeting.

DELEGATION – Smoky River Surface Rights Association

Cory Labrecque, Chair and Gilles Roy, Vice-Chair of the Smoky River Surface Rights Association met with council to discuss the following matters:

- Brief History/Mandate of the Association
- Budget Plan
- Planned Activities – Quarterly Newsletters, Meetings, Handbooks and Website
- Fee on Oil Activity Designated Specifically For Surface Rights (eg. \$100/acre fee)

DELEGATION– Smoky River Surface Rights Association (continued)

- Municipal Representation
- Comparable Prices With/Without Surface Rights Intervention
- Membership Composition/Fees
- Misconception of Board Members' Compensation

There was general consensus that the M.D. of Smoky River will research different funding options and in turn the Association will do more research with other groups and their provincial association. Information will then be shared between the two parties before any decisions are made.

Smoky River Express Reporter Richard Froese left the meeting at 11:50 am.

TOURISM

Councillor Gosselin informed Council that he was approached to obtain title to several sites to help develop riverbank recreational sites.

This matter will be referred to Smoky River Regional Economic Development for further investigation.

LUNCH

- 080111 On motion of Reeve Dumont, Council recessed for lunch at 12:05 pm and reconvened at 1:25 pm. Carried.

WATER CO-OP

Councillor Gosselin was informed that there are grants available to build waterlines. Unfortunately, the grant that was being discussed is only available for urban municipalities.

BYLAW NO. 788 – Oilwell Taxation

A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 in the Province of Alberta for the imposition of a tax on the licensee in the drilling of any well for which a licensee is required under the oil and gas conservation act or in the servicing of a gas or oil well.

- 080112 First Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Aubin. Carried.
- 080113 Second Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Desaulniers. Carried.
- 080114 Councillor Trudeau moved that Bylaw No. 788 receive Third and Final Reading at this time. Carried Unanimously.
- 080115 Councillor Gosselin moved that It receive Third Reading and be Finally Passed. Carried.

IN-CAMERA

- 080116 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council agreed to go into camera to discuss staff issues. Carried.
- 080117 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council went out of camera at this time. Carried.

WAGE NEGOTIATIONS

- 080118 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved a wage increase of 4.7% for all full-time permanent and long-term seasonal staff retro-active to January 1, 2008 as well as a \$3,000 adjustment to Employee #147 and \$2,000 adjustment to Employee #224. Carried.

COUNCILLOR'S CONCERNS

- Girouxville Co-op Fuel For New Graders

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
- Chalet Construction
- Snow Making Progress
- Future Expansion Projects

- 080119 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the Ski Hill Manager's Report. Carried.

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES' REPORT

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

- V.S.I. Survey
- SARDA Letter
- ASB Provincial Conference
- Other Conferences and Meetings

- 080120 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the Director of Agricultural Services' Report as presented. Carried.

DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES' REPORT

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

- Call Volume
- Numbers and Types of Calls
- Volunteer Hours
- TransCanada Vehicle Request
- Hose Mender/Tester
- Viterra's ERP
- Falher Arena Occupant Load
- Electronic Firing Mechanism for Fireworks
- Mutual Aid Call With Nampa
- New Chief's Truck
- Fire Hall

DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES' REPORT – continued

- 080121 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the Director of Protective 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
- 2008 Loader Tender
- Gravel Sources
- 2007 Airport Costs
- 2007 Landfill Costs
- M.D. Map Updates
- Peavine Drainage

- 080122 On motion of Councillor Aubin, the Director of Operations' report was approved as presented. Carried.

Dave Gervais joined the meeting to discuss area landfills and more specifically:

- Costs of accepting refrigeration units
- Costs of crushing metal
- Costs of white goods/e-goods
- McLennan Landfill Change of Designation

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

- AAMD&C Zone Meeting
- Law Seminar
- Transfer of Surplus Funds
- 2007 Compensation Survey
- Ski Hill Agreement
- Municipal Affairs Courses
- Agricultural Operations Practices Act - NRCB
- Website Development
- Committee of the Whole Meeting
- Regional Meeting
- Water Commission Falher/Donnelly Water Line
- Integrated Community Sustainability Plan
- Performance Appraisal - CAO

- 080123 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council agreed to transfer surplus funds to contingency reserves in \$10,000 denominations. Carried.

Council set a Committee of the Whole meeting for February 26, 2008 at 10:00 am.

- 080124 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council granted a utility right-of-way to the Smoky River Regional Water Management Commission to cross the Smoky River Agricultural Society grounds. Carried.

- 080125 On motion of Councillor Brochu, 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
 - Executive Highlights
 - Federation of Canadian Municipalities Highlights
 - EOEP Communications & Media Relations Course
 - AAMDC/AUMA Launch Citizen Engagement Toolkit
 - Technology and e-Government Toolkit Survey
 - Advisory Services Section Now Available on AAMDC Website
 - Rural Matters! Announces Attendance Bursary Award
 - Elected Officials Education Program: Website/Registration
- 2) Federation of Canadian Municipalities
 - New Funding Opportunity for Municipal Solid Waste Projects
- 3) Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation
 - Roadway Condition of Highway 679
- 4) Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Workshop
 - Municipal Dispute Resolution Initiative
- 5) Peace Country Health
 - Symposium Sets Direction for Northern Medical Training
- 6) Town of Falher
 - Falher Regional Recreation Complex - Financial Report
- 7) Royal Canadian Mounted Police
 - Between the Lines Newsletter
- 8) Louis Tokarz
 - Thank You Card
- 9) Arcis
 - Seismic Program
- 10) ASB Correspondence
- 11) Bills for Payment

ADJOURNMENT

080126

On motion of Reeve Dumont, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Carried.

Reeve

Municipal Administrator