

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FALHER, ALBERTA, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 2011

PRESENT:
Reeve: Robert Brochu
Councillors: Donald Dumont
Andre Trudeau
Donald Gosselin
Raoul Johnson
Andre Cloutier
Municipal Administrator: Lucien Turcotte
Recording Secretary: Rita Therriault
Smoky River Express Reporter: Diego Syz

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Brochu at 10:01 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

- 110101 On motion of Councillor Johnson, Council approved the agenda as revised with the following additions:
- a) Discussion on phones
 - b) Water Co-op Booster Station
 - c) PASZA
- Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING

- 110102 On motion of Councillor Dumont, the minutes of the regular meeting held December 8th, 2010 were approved as amended.
- Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

- 110103 On motion of Councillor Johnson, the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held December 14th, 2010 were approved as presented.
- Carried.

MINUTES OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The minutes of the following organization and committees were presented to Council for information:

- High Prairie School Division No. 48 dated December 22nd, 2010
- Smoky River Agricultural Society held October 28th, 2010
- Smoky River Regional Economic Development Board held December 7th, 2010
- AAMD&C Reeves and CAO's meeting held December 17th, 2010.

MONTHLY AND BUDGET REPORTS

- 110104 On motion of Councillor Cloutier, the monthly and budget reports for the month of December 2010 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.

SUBDIVISION – SE 03-79-20-W5M

- 110105 On motion of Reeve Brochu, Council approved the proposed subdivision in the SE 03-79-20-W5M, a farmstead separation for Jacques & Patricia Cloutier, subject to the following conditions:
- All outstanding property taxes are paid in full; and,
 - A Developer's Agreement be entered into with the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130; and,
 - An easement agreement be registered for the continued use of the existing access.

Carried.

SUBDIVISION – NE 01-80-23-W5M

- 110106 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the proposed subdivision in the NE 01-80-23-W5M, a farmstead separation for Irene Drouin, subject to the following conditions:
- All outstanding property taxes are paid in full; and,
 - A Developer's Agreement be entered into with the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130; and,
 - Access to balance of quarter to be provided by the developer if required.

Carried.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD – Report to Council

- 110107 On motion of Councillor Dumont, Council approved that the Programs review & report presented at the December 14th, 2010 meeting pursuant to the board's requirements under Section 4 of the ASB Act.

Carried.

BYLAW NO. 832 – To designate plants as noxious weeds

A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 in the Province of Alberta to provide designation of noxious weeds as well as repeal Bylaw #773.

- 110108 First Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Cloutier.

Carried.

- 110109 Second Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Johnson.

Carried.

ACQUISITION OF LAND – M.D. of Big Lakes

- 110110 On motion of Councillor Johnson, Council grant approval to the M.D. of Big Lakes to acquire land within the E1/2 1-74-20 W5M pursuant to the MGA Section 72(1). Council requested a Road Use Agreement and an option to buy gravel at cost be negotiated

Carried.

SPECIAL LEAVE – Employee #57

- 110111 On motion of Councillor Johnson, Council approved the payment of a minimum wage (\$2,800.00 per month) to employee #57 up to his accumulated sick days as per special and sick leave policies upon the completion of his short term disability and 2010 vacation days. A doctor's certificate is to be obtained.

Carried.

2011 V.S.I. CONTRACT

- 110112 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, Council approved that our Municipality enter into a contract with V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd. for veterinary services for the year 2011.

Carried.

POLICY REVIEW – 100 to 700 approval

- 110113 On motion of Councillor Dumont, Council approved the amended policies 100 to 700 as per recommendation of the Committee of Council and adopt amendments to Policies No. 801, 816 and 821.

Carried.

DELEGATION – Cory Labrecque

Mr. Labrecque met with Council to discuss the twinning of Highway 2 and 49, Desilet Drainage ditch and a couple of bridge crossing that are too narrow for farm implements.

Mr. Labrecque represented a group of acreage and land owners affected by the twinning of Highway 2 and 49. He requested a meeting with Alberta Transportation to address local issues and Bill 19 exclusion from the project and how the landowners are adversely affected.

Council agreed to invite Alberta Transportation and the Engineers working on the proposed Twinning of Highway 2 and 49 to a Council meeting to speak to the questions from Council and Residents.

Mr. Labrecque also addressed the Desilet drainage ditch that has brush and trees slowing down the water from moving through his field.

Another issue Mr. Labrecque addressed is the concern of the Bridge close to his place where they are too narrow to cross his farm implements. Options were discussed.

M.D. TELEPHONES

Information on cell phone for Councillors will be acquired for next meeting.

- 110114 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approves to amend motion #101226 to purchase the new phone system to \$15,000.00

Carried.

WATER CO-OP BOOSTER STATION

Council agreed that the booster station in Guy be added to the snow removal program.

PASZA

Councillor Trudeau reported on the last meeting of the Board that the association operates on a low budget. Council discussed sending a letter to the Environment Minister Rob Renner with a copy to our MLA Hector Goudreau asking the province fund part of air shed operations. This will also be addressed at the AAMD&C conference by resolution.

- 110115 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, council approved sending a letter requesting funding support for the air shed operation in the province.
- Carried.

Within the M.D. there are three passive information collecting stations and access is difficult because of snow. Council agreed to have the snow removed when needed.

Smoky River Express reporter Diego Syz left the meeting at 11:57 pm.

LUNCH

- 110116 On motion of Reeve Brochu, Council recessed for lunch at 11:57 am and reconvened at 1:12 pm.
- Carried.

IN CAMERA

- 110117 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council to go into camera to discuss wages at 1:13 pm
- Carried.

OUT OF CAMERA

- 110118 On motion of Reeve Brochu, Council to go out of camera at 2:07 pm
- Carried.

WAGES

- 110119 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the following salary adjustment effective January 1, 2011 for employee:
- #153 - wage adjustment of \$2,400.00 per annum;
 - #292 - wage be \$75,000.00 per annum plus 1 extra week of vacation;
 - wage increase of 2% for all full-time permanent and long-term seasonal staff effective January 1, 2011 and that 2011 wage adjustments be calculated before wage increases.
- Carried.

SKI HILL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Opening December 19th
- Skier count
- Tube Park opens in January
- Snow Cat should be arriving in January
- SRD – requirement for metering water
- Bussing to ski hill project
- Guy Sports Committee – poker rally at ski hill

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

Carried.

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES' REPORT

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

- Program update
- Provincial A.S.B. Conference
- Water Pumping Equipment fees reimbursement
- SARDA – Environmental Funding Stream program amendment
- Agricultural Pests Act review
- A.S.B. meeting
- Coming meetings
- Surface Rights
- Brush Mowing Demonstration
- Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)
- Ditch mowing and spraying
- Correspondence

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On motion of Councillor Trudeau, 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
- 2010 Airport Costs
- 2010 Landfill Costs
- M.D. Map Updates
- Gravel Supply (Resolution Required)
- Capital Purchase (Resolution Required)
- Bridge File 75889 (Rene Roy's Bridge)
- Old Dozers

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On motion of Councillor Cloutier, Council approved to enter into agreement with M.I.R.M. Enterprises for gravel supply for approximately 56,500m³ @ \$14.15/m³ to be depleted within 6 years and a 3 years \$8.00/tonne to a maximum of 50,000 tonnes.

Carried.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT - continued

- 110123 On motion of Councillor Johnson, Council approved purchase of a 1 ton cab and chassis pickup truck from Monahan Ford at the cost of \$34,231.00.
- Carried.
- 110124 On motion of Councillor Dumont, the Director of Operations' report was approved 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:

- E911/Dispatch Services
- Emergency Management – AEMA course
- Home Inspection Program
- Water Truck Tender
- Fire Quality Management plan
- Year round burning permits
- Firefighters Certification online Training

- 110125 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the Director of Protective Services' Report as presented.

Carried.

YEAR ROUND BURNING PERMITS

Information on burning permits year around in the permitted area to be brought forward at the next Council meeting.

WATER TRUCK

Water truck needs for the fire department was discussed. Information is required for next Council meeting.

COUNCILLOR'S CONCERNS

- Fire Department
- First Aid Course
- Wash board on snow road

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

- AAMD&C Zone Meeting
- Law Seminar
- Committee of the Whole Meeting
- Assessment Review Board Course
- Telephone Upgrade
- Winagami Conservation Area Concept
- Performance Appraisal – CAO

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – continued

- Winnagami Conservation Area Concept Design
 - Peace Library System
 - Peace Oil Sands: Profiles, Opportunities and Services
 - Kimiwan Lake Water Level – McLennan Meeting
 - North West Partnership Trade Agreement
 - Growing the North Conference
- 110126 On motion of Councillor Johnson, Council approved moving the February council meeting from February 9th to February 2nd and schedule the Committee of Whole meeting for February 23rd, 2011 to discuss grants and policies.
- Carried.
- 110127 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved Reeve Brochu and the CAO Lucien Turcotte to attend the Peace Oil Sands dinner in Peace River on January 26, 2011.
- Carried.
- 110128 On motion of Councillor Cloutier, 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 – Volume 2010, Issue 46th, 47, 48 and 49 dated Dec. 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, 2010
- Member Bulletin
 - AAMDC Invites Member Involvement in Committees
 - Call for Nominations: Alberta Safety Codes Councils
 - FCM's New First Nations-Municipal Community Infrastructure Partnership Project (CIPPI) Seeks Your Feedback
 - Government Releases the Law Enforcement Framework
 - New Fees for Tire Recycling Approved
 - Public Lands Act Regulation – Consultation Update
 - AAMDC Presents Proposed Revised Bylaws
 - Proposed Amendments to the Subdivision and Development Regulation regarding Abandoned Well Sites
 - Stimulus Deadline Extension
 - Additional help available for producers in Peace Region
 - AAMDC Welcomes New Board of Directors
 - Input Requested: ERCB Proposes Changes to Well Spacing
 - Municipal Sustainability Strategy Summary

2) Alberta Environment

- Kimiwan Lake Elevation Planning Study Report Draft

3) Alberta Municipal Affairs

- How Government acquires land
- 13 Ways to Kill Your Community by Doug Griffiths, MLA

CORRESPONDENCE - continued

- 4) Federation of Canadian Municipalities
 - New Deadline for Completing Infrastructure Stimulus Projects
 - Communique
- 5) Legislative Assembly of Alberta
 - Wildrose Caucus Municipal Survey
- 6) STARS – Grande Prairie Base
 - 18th Annual STARS Lottery 2011 Launch
- 7) Peace Region Music Industry Conference
 - Sponsorship of 2011 Peace Region Music Industry Conference
- 8) Guy Donnelly Sportex Society
 - Thank you for donations towards the Arena Retrofit
- 9) Municipal District of Big Lakes
 - Inland Marina on the Lesser Slave Lake, Jousard
- 10) Northern Sunrise County
 - Re-Scheduled Christmas Open House
- 11) Statistics Canada
 - Census and the new National Household Survey
- 12) GIOTIR – Geophysical
 - Highway Crossing
- 13) Peace Curling Tour Junior
 - Thank you for donation
- 14) Alberta Surface Rights Federation
 - Annual Meeting Notice
- 15) Community Futures
 - Economic Development for Elected Officials
- 16) Bob Barss, President of the AAMD&C
 - Thank you for support
- 17) Canadian Waste Management
 - Cost of steel bin
- 18) Bills for Payment

ADJOURNMENT

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On motion of Reeve Brochu, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm.

Carried.

Reeve

Municipal Administrator

