

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FALHER, ALBERTA, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009

PRESENT: Reeve: Donald Dumont  
Councillors: Robert Brochu  
Donald Gosselin  
Luc Desaulniers  
Andre Trudeau  
Richard Aubin  
Administrator: Lucien Turcotte  
Recording Secretary: Rita Therriault  
Smoky River Express Reporter Emily Plihal

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

090101 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the agenda as amended.

The following item was added to the agenda

- Tolko meeting report

Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING

090102 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, the minutes of the regular meeting held December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 were approved as circulated.

Carried.

MINUTES OF A.S.B. MEETING OF COUNCIL

090103 On motion of Councillor Aubin, the minutes of the A.S.B. meeting of Council held December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 were approved as circulated.

Carried.

MINUTES OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Councillors were presented with the following minutes for information;

- Minutes of Smoky River Regional Economic Development Board Meeting of December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

MONTHLY AND BUDGET REPORTS

090104 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, the monthly and budget reports for the month of December 2008 were approved as presented.

Carried.

SUBDIVISION – SW 10-78-23-W5M

090105 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the proposed subdivision in the SW 10-78-23-W5M for a farmstead separation for Rochon Holdings subject to the following conditions:

- All outstanding property taxes be paid in full;
- A Developer's Agreement be entered into with the Municipal District of Smoky River No.130
- Access to balance of quarter section to be provided by the owner at his sole expense.

Carried.

2009 V.S.I. CONTRACT

090106 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved entering into a contract with V.S.I. Services (1980) Ltd. as per the attached December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 letter and agreement.

Carried.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD REPORT TO COUNCIL

090107 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council passed a resolution that the Policy & Programs review & report that was presented at the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 A.S.B. meeting be approved.

Carried.

A.S.B. 2009 BUSINESS PLAN

090108 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council accepted the Municipal District of Smoky River A.S.B. 2009 Business Plan for submission to Alberta Agriculture under the A.S.B. Grant Application.

Carried.

MOWING COSTS AS AN ELIGIBLE AGRICULTURE GRANT EXPENSE

090109 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved sending a letter to Alberta Agriculture regarding mowing costs eligible for A.S.B. Grant Funding.

Carried.

A.S.B. EQUIPMENT RENTAL RATES

090110 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council adopted the Equipment Rental Rate Schedule presented for 2009.

Carried.

M.D. OF SMOKY RIVER CLUBROOT POLICY

090111 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, Council adopted the Clubroot Policy with amendments recommended by A.S.B.

1 against  
5 for  
Carried.

DELEGATION – Municipal Affairs

Linda Reynolds of Municipal Affaires – Stakeholders and Sustainability department

The purpose of this meeting is to meet the receiving municipality, outline the process of dissolution, the requirement from the M.D. staff and answer council's questions.

Linda gave an overview on the dissolution process and its reporting procedures after which she answered council questions. Following are some of the main points:

- How program and services are provided
- December 31, 2008 is the information date for the information gathering (picture point in time)
- 2008 tax rates bylaw will be used

DELEGATION – Municipal Affairs - continued

- Provision of services collected from the Town of Falher
- The information from our MD is needed by the end of February
- The Department will put the report together by the end of March
- The minister will review the report before distribution targeted for April
- All residents of the Town will receive the report prior to the public meeting
- Public meeting is scheduled for May at which time the Minister's department will field questions and concerns
- The summary of the meeting's questions/concerns is given to the minister for review
- Before the vote, both councils have an opportunity to write to the minister through the department working on the study
- The vote is about a week after the public meeting
- There will be an advance vote
- Dissolution would be effective Dec. 31, 2009 should it occur
- The minister recommends dissolution to Cabinet and Cabinet has the final decision
- Governance model is recommended by the council of the MD
- We have 12 months to request dissolution restructuring grant allocation

**Emily Plihal left the meeting at 11:24 am**DELEGATION – Twilight Hutterian Brethren Colony

A delegation, Sam M Entz, Simeon Wipf and Paul M Wipf, from the Twilight Colony requested that the Municipal Development Plan be amended by removing the CFO setback requirement in the NE 32-74-22-W5M for the purpose of erecting the new Homeland Colony similar to the Twilight Colony.

Council explained the process to amend the Municipal Development Plan bylaw which would include a public hearing.

BYLAW NO. 802 – to amend a municipal development plan

A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Smoky River No.130 in the Province of Alberta, amending the Municipal Development Plan Bylaw No. 765.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMOKY RIVER NO. 130 IN OPEN MEETING HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Section 5, Map 3-Siting Restrictions for Confined Feeding Operations, of the Municipal Development Plan be amended by the removal of B8 and C3 Recreational Area Restrictions around the intersection of Highway 744 and Highway 676, being no longer an area required to be preserved as a recreational area
2. That Section 5, Map 3-Siting Restrictions for Confined Feeding Operations, of the Municipal Development Plan be further amended by removing the name 'Whitemud Hall'

090112

First Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Aubin.

Carried.

LUNCH

090113 On motion of Reeve Dumont, Council recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 765

090114 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, council approved holding a Public Hearing on February 17, 2009 at 10:00 am regarding the proposed amendment to the Municipal Development Plan.

Carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

090115 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, council agrees to have a meeting of the Committee of the Whole to discuss Falher's Dissolution and other issues on February 17, 2009 at 1:00 pm.

Carried.

COUNCIL MEETING

090116 On motion of Councillor Aubin, council agrees to postpone the February 11th council meeting to February 18, 2009 at 10:00 am.

Carried.

MACK TRUCK

090117 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, council approved the purchase of a 2008 Mack Truck at a cost of \$106,286.75.

Carried.

MUNICIPAL BORROWING BY-LAW NO.801

A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Smoky River No.130 in the Province of Alberta authorizing the purchase of a 2008 Mack GU813 truck.

First Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Aubin.

090118 Carried.

Second Reading was given upon a motion of Councillor Gosselin.

090119 Carried.

090120 Councillor Desaulniers moved that Bylaw No. 801 receive Third and Final Reading at this time.

Carried Unanimously.

090121 Reeve Dumont moved that it receive Third Reading and be Finally Passed.

Carried.

TOLKO MEETING

Councillor Aubin reported on the issues brought forth at the last Tolko meeting.

COUNCILLORS' CONCERNS

- Tolko road issue
- Cost of building the fire hall

SKI HILL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Ski hill opened December 20<sup>th</sup>
- Snowmaking completed on December 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Purchased new snowmobile
- Cold weather damper
- 907 skiers as of January 11<sup>th</sup>
- School likes helmets
- Waiver of claims an issue (Risk Pro Insurance)
- One accident; a broken wrist
- Chalet; still waiting for plumber and a few other items to be finished
- Chalet; needs counter around the stove – stainless steel
- SRD did the hill inspection - need better mapping of the area showing buried lines and slope areas with measurements – use of GPS requested for this purpose
- Improve hill by hauling in dirt equals less snow making
- CIP application for tube run done
- Tube run-Greenview has money in budget, no answer from Big Lakes yet

090122

On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the Ski Hill Manager's report.

Carried.

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES' REPORT

The Director of Agricultural Services Report was reviewed by Council with an overview of the following items:

- Issues from Last Council Meeting and A.S.B. meeting
- Wild Boar Eradication/Control Program
- Meetings and Conferences
- Resolution to be presented at the conference
- Meeting and Conference procedures
- ASB Provincial Committee meeting
- Livestock and meat industry
- Rental rates schedule

090123

On motion of Councillor Gosselin, 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:

- Truck fill returns
- Monthly Equipment Costs
- Monthly Downtime
- 2008 Airport Costs
- 2008 Landfill Costs

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT - continued

- Gravel Crushing
- M.D. Map Updates
- McLennan to Peavine Connector Road
- Ratepayer culvert extension
- Council Miscellaneous Budget
- South Interceptor
- Work on municipal Right of Ways by ratepayers

Council agrees to increase Public Works miscellaneous budget by \$25,000.00 and the culvert budget by \$10,000.00.

090124

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

Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Turcotte reported to Council on the following matters:

- AAMD&C Zone Meeting
- Law Seminar
- Transfer of Surplus Funds
- Committee of the Whole Meeting
- Sponsorship Program
- FCM Conference – Whistler, B.C.
- Fire Hall – Grants
- Fire Chief
- Official Ski Chalet Opening
- Northern Assessment contract
- Doctor Recruitment/Retention
- Access to Winagami Lake and the beaver problem

090125

On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council agreed to transfer surplus funds to contingency reserves in \$10,000.00 increments.

Carried.

Council agreed to schedule the Grand Opening of the Ski Hill Chalet for February 27<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.

The Administrator will advise all other municipalities on the hiring of the Director of Protective Services.

Invite a Provincial Park representative to the February meeting regarding access to the lake for the conservation issues.

090126

On motion of Councillor Brochu, the Administrator's report was approved as presented.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was brought to Council for their consideration:

- 1) Alberta Association of M.D.'s & Counties
  - Contact, Newsletter issues 2008 #49, 50 & 2009 #1, 2
  - Partners in Trade Newsletter, Issue, 12
  - Building Canada: Money Accessible in the New Year
  - Gas Tax Agreement Extended Through 2014
  - Municipalities' Requirement to File Corporate Tax Return

CORRESPONDENCE - continued

- New Grant for Safe Community Initiatives
  - Look for Rural Routes in your Mailbox
  - Government of Alberta Releases Provincial Energy Strategy
  - AAMDC Resolution Tips and Tools
  - President Johnson Meets with Federal Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Communities
  - Resolution Responses Received: 21-17F and 23-07F
- 2) Hon. Hector Goudreau, MLA Dunvegan
    - Mitigation of future flooding assistance program
  - 3) Voyageur Engineering Limited
    - Gilles Lussier, P.Eng.
  - 4) Family and Community Support Services
    - Director monthly report
  - 5) Alberta Municipal Affairs
    - Municipal Dispute Resolution Initiative
    - Emergency Management Training
  - 6) Federation of Canadian Municipalities
    - Federal Budget 2009 – Infrastructure as Economic Stimulus
  - 7) Municipal District of Big Lakes
    - Letter to Premier – Grande Prairie Regional Health Facility
  - 8) Alberta Liberal Caucus
    - New leader Dr. David Swann
  - 9) Royal Canadian Mounted Police
    - Between the Lines, newsletter
  - 10) Mackenzie Municipal Service Agency
    - The Monitor, newsletter
  - 11) Peace River Economic Development Alliance
    - Regional Profile
    - Members' Report
  - 12) Northern Alberta Development Council
    - Newsletter
  - 13) Alberta Health and Wellness
    - Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
  - 14) Peace Country Health
    - Newsletter
  - 15) thestar.com, Searching the frontier of science, sweeter smell
  - 16) Alberta Sustainable Development
    - Land-Use Framework
  - 17) Northwest Corridor
    - In the Corridor, Newsletter
  - 18) Agriculture Service Board Correspondence
  - 19) Bills for Payment

ADJOURNMENT

090127

On motion of Reeve Dumont, the meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Carried.

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Reeve

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Municipal Administrator