

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMOKY RIVER NO. 130, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, FALHER, ALBERTA, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 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 10:10 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

- 080201 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the agenda with the following additions:
- Doctor Recruitment
 - Bridge File 71456 – Awarding of Tender
- and rescheduling the CAO performance appraisal once reconvened from lunch.
- Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING

- 080202 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, the minutes of the regular meeting held January 9th, 2008 were approved as presented.
- Carried.

MINUTES OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The minutes of the last Smoky River Family & Community Support Services, Smoky River Economic Development Board and High Prairie School Division No. 48 meetings were circulated as information to Council.

MONTHLY AND BUDGET REPORTS

- 080203 On motion of Councillor Aubin, the monthly and budget reports for the month of January 2008 were approved as presented.
- Carried.

POWERLINE EXTENSION – NW 26-75-22-W5M

- 080204 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council granted approval to ATCO Electric for a powerline extension at NW 26-75-22-W5M for a future farm site for Clem and Doris Aubin.
- Carried.

SUBDIVISION – W¹/₂ 21-74-23-W5M

- 080205 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council approved the proposed subdivision in the W¹/₂ 21-74-23-W5M for recreational use for Soucy Livestock 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 subdivision is done by registered easement against balance of parcel at developer's expense.
- Carried.

SUBDIVISION – NW 9-75-20-W5M

- 080206 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the proposed subdivision in the NW 9-75-20-W5M for a farmstead separation for Mr. Rene Gagnon 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.

2008 CULVERT INSTALLATION

- 080207 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council accepted Ran Mar Dozing's application for 2008 culvert installation and road repair at existing road construction rates.
- Carried.

AUDITOR FOR 2008 – Appointment of

- 080208 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council appointed the firm of Sylvain & Doran as auditor for the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 for the 2008 fiscal year.
- Carried.

2008 AAMD&C SPRING CONVENTION

- 080209 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved sending the Director of Operations, the Municipal Administrator and all of Council to the 2008 AAMD&C Spring Convention.
- Carried.

FALHER COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS – Rec. Cap. Funding

- 080210 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council denied the Town of Falher's request for a letter of commitment but will send a letter of support for the project.
- Carried.

DOCTOR RECRUITMENT

Councillor Desaulniers informed Council that Dr. Marillier has decided not to set up in the region but Dr. Butcher has chosen to practice at the Falher clinic three days a week.

BRIDGE FILE 71456 – Awarding of Tenders

- 080211 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council awarded the tender for Bridge File 71456 to the firm of Carmacks Enterprises in the amount of \$147,570.00 plus applicable taxes and subject to Alberta Transportation's approval.
- Carried.

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES' REPORT

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

- ASB Provincial Conference
- Other Conferences and Meetings
- V.S.I. Agreements/Surveys
- Clubroot Policy
- Authorized Assistant Train the Trainer

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES' REPORT- continued

- 080212 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the Director of Agricultural Services' Report as presented.
- Carried.

DELEGATION – NRCB Representative

Vince Murray and Doug Beddome of NRCB and Deanne Madsen of Alberta Agriculture met with Council to discuss the following:

- Purpose of AOPA
- Roles of NRCB and Alberta Agriculture
- Application Process
- Municipality's Relationship with NRCB and Alberta Agriculture
- Approval Officer's Considerations
- Changes to Regulations
- Impact of Zoning Agriculture or Country Residential (Categories 1 and 2)
- Enforcement Role and Principles
- Complaint Statistics
- Question and Answer Period

Smoky River Express Reporter Richard Froese left the meeting at 12:05 pm.

LUNCH

- 080213 On motion of Reeve Dumont, Council recessed for lunch at 12:50 pm and reconvened at 2:05 pm.
- Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

- Regional Committee Meeting
- Ski Hill Meeting – ACFA/Economic Development
- Wakaluk Gravel Pit
- Committee Meeting
- ICSP Plan
- Law Seminar - RMRF
- Rural Matters Conference
- Performance Appraisal – CAO
- Doctor Recruitment
- Promotional Items
- Debentures Procedures
- Vacation Leave Policy
- 2007 Financial Statements

- 080214 On motion of Councillor Dumont, Council approved sending Councillors Trudeau, Desaulniers and Gosselin to the Rural Matters! Conference in Edmonton to be held in July 2008.
- Carried.
- 080215 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved the Administrator's Report as presented.
- Carried.

IN-CAMERA

- 080216 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, Council agreed to go into camera to discuss staff issues. Carried.
- 080217 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council went out of camera at this time. Carried.

SKI HILL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Chalet Construction
- Business to Date
- Easter Break – Good for Business
- Vacation Leave
- Lift Inspection
- Snowmobile Rally Start Point
- ACFA Meeting
- Pump Fittings/Repairs

- 080218 On motion of Councillor Brochu, 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
- Bridge File 71456 – Boisvert's Bridge
- Gravel Sources
- Peavine Flood Control Drainage Project
- Bridge File 75669 – Luc's Bridge
- M.D. Map Updates
- Brushing and Burning
- Registered Drainage Ditches

IN-CAMERA SESSION

- 080219 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council went into camera to discuss staff issues. Carried.
- 080220 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council went out of camera at this time. Carried.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT – continued

Director of Operations, Clem Guenette, continued with his report to Council with an overview of the following items:

- Staff Issues
- Road Rebuilding
- Capital Purchases
- 2007 Disaster Funding
- Bridge File 70802

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS' REPORT – continued

- 080221 On motion of Councillor Aubin, Council approved a \$1.00 per hour increase for Employee #31 effective January 1st, 2008.
Carried.
- 080222 On motion of Councillor Gosselin, Council approved the purchase of a truck and picker in the amount of no more than \$80,000.00.
4 For.
2 Against.
Carried.
- 080223 On motion of Councillor Aubin, 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:

- Call Volume
- Numbers and Types of Calls
- Volunteer Hours
- Municipal Sponsorship Grant
- Radios and Frequencies
- Chief Truck Quotes
- New PPE
- Fire Hall Purchase or Construction
- Air Compressor and Pumper Maintenance - McLennan
- Peace Regional Training Issues and Equipment Purchases
- Rural Alberta Concerns Re: Training Issues
- Elected Officials Training
- Wildland Truck Drawings and Specs
- Fire Officer Questionnaire
- Ambulance Coverage Issues

- 080224 On motion of Councillor Trudeau, Council approved the purchase of a red Chev pickup truck from Charrois Motors for the price of \$36,539.00 plus taxes.
4 For.
2 Against.
Carried.
- 080225 On motion of Councillor Desaulniers, Council authorized the Fire Hall Committee to negotiate the purchase of the Vic's Car Care building on behalf of the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130.
5 For.
1 Against (Brochu).
Carried.
- 080226 On motion of Councillor Brochu, Council approved the Director of Protective Services' Report as presented.
Carried.

COUNCILLOR'S CONCERNS

- Invoice Error
- Surface Rights Funding
- Oil Industry Fees

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was brought to Council for their consideration:

- 1) Alberta Association of M.D.'s & Counties
 - Contact Newsletters
 - District Highlights
 - Tangible Capital Assets: Financial Assistance for Implementation
 - AAMDC Encourages Members to Require Use of One-Call
 - Partners in Trade Newsletter
 - Micro-generation Regulation Implemented by Alberta
 - Water for Life: Recommendations for Renewal
 - Release of Alberta Traffic Safety Action Plan
 - Release of Alberta's 2008 Climate Change Strategy
 - Locations Announced for Next EOEP Courses
 - Deadline Extended: Request for Input – Return to the Two-License Plate System
 - Rural Communities Across Canada Finding Their Voice
 - Equitable Economics – Intermunicipal Financial Partnerships
 - Management of Municipal Wastewater Effluent
 - Building on Strength – The AAMDC Strategic Plan
 - Update on MD of Bighorn v. Craig
- 2) Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation
 - Repairs to Highway 679
 - 2006/07 Annual Report
- 3) Peace Library System
 - Library Funding Call to Action
- 4) Alberta Health and Wellness
 - Bill 45 – Tobacco Reduction Act
- 5) Peace Country Health
 - High Prairie Health Complex New Facility Update
 - Peace Country Regional Health Centre Update
 - Quick News Board Highlights
- 6) Alberta Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture
 - Municipal Historic Resources
- 7) Royal Canadian Mounted Police
 - Recruiting Brochure
- 8) Northern Alberta Development Council
 - Unleash the Northern Potential Workforce Symposium
- 9) Cossack Land Services
 - Girouxville 3D 2008 Seismic Program
- 10) ASB Correspondence
- 11) Bills for Payment

ADJOURNMENT

080227

On motion of Reeve Dumont, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Municipal Administrator