

**SADDLE HILLS COUNTY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2006**

*Meeting of the Council for Saddle Hills County was held in the Council Chambers of the Saddle Hills County Administration Building on Tuesday February 28, 2006.*

**PRESENT:**

***TIM STONE  
DAVID ROWE  
CLIFF TRAVIS  
BRUCE JACK  
BARBARA BUCK  
CINDY CLARKE  
MIKE McRANN  
KEVIN MINER  
CHERYL DWERNYCHUK***

***REEVE  
DEPUTY REEVE  
COUNCILLOR  
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CAO  
RECORDING SECRETARY***

***ABSENT:***

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Tim Stone called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

Mr. Emdad Haque entered the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The following additions were made to the agenda:

- 7.8 Building Committee
- 5.4 Gravel Map
- 8.3 Grande Spirit Foundation

**MOTION  
01.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council adopt the agenda as amended.**

**Carried.**

### **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#### **3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2006**

The minutes from the February 14, 2006 regularly scheduled meeting of Council were presented for Council's review.

**Motion**  
**02.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor Jack that the Council minutes from the February 14, 2006 regular scheduled Council meeting be adopted as presented.**

**Carried**

#### **5.1 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

The Director of Public Works report was presented to Council.

Reeve Stone questioned the placing of erosion baskets upstream from a bridge on private land in Fourth Creek. These erosion baskets are in need of repair.

Deputy Reeve Rowe departed at 10:20 a.m.

**MOTION**  
**03.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council accept the Director of Public Works report for information purposes only.**

**Carried.**

#### **5.2 Water Tanker**

Birch Hills County has expressed an interest in purchasing 2 tanker trucks which are slated for replacement under the Saddle Hills County vehicle replacement plan in 2006. Dean Cooper has submitted a proposal for Council's consideration. On the vehicle replacement plan these tankers are valued at \$6,000.00 each. The last time one of these units went to auction it netted the County \$21,423.00.

It was suggested to have the trucks appraised, and set the sale price accordingly.

Council was not comfortable with the private sale of the vehicles, it is felt that the trucks should go to the auction for sale. At auction, all residents of the County are given equal opportunity to purchase the vehicles.

It was stated that the County could advertise the trucks for sale in The Signal. The sale could be done by sealed bids with a minimum bid set.

**Motion**  
**04.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor McRann that Saddle Hills County Council direct administration to inform Birch Hills County that these two tanker trucks are going to auction sale.**

**Defeated**

**Motion**  
**05.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council advertise the trucks for sale and take bids on the trucks with a reserve bid of \$20,000. If reserve price is not reached, then the trucks will be put to auction for sale.**

**Carried**

### **5.3 Land Purchase Agreements for TWP Road 802**

Council was presented with a summarized list (with the exception of one) of the land purchase agreements for the TWP Road 802 reconstruction project.

The agreements bolded in black have exceptions attached to them. Does Council wish to approve all of the exceptions?

SE 16-80-12-6: Council consensus is not to build a fence on this property.

NW 9-80-12-6: Will have to wait out until owner is ready to sign.

SE 15-80-12-6: Radke's would like to have two additional accesses built. Council would like to have clarification as to where the accesses are to be built.

NW 14-80-12-6: Will allow barn to remain where is, however, should the barn ever need replacing the owner will need to conform to the Land Use Bylaw set back requirements.

### **4.1 Happy Valley Hall – Bill Salyers**

Mr. Bill Salyers entered the Meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Mr. Salyers presented Council with a proposal for the use of the Happy Valley Hall.

Currently all of the utilities have been turned off in the hall. Mr. Salyers will cover any costs involved in hooking up the utilities as required. Insurance will be set up as to Saddle Hills County requirements.

Mr. Bill Salyers departed from the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Council discussed the proposal for the Happy Valley Hall.

**Motion**  
**06.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor Buck that Saddle Hills County Council enter into a two year, one dollar (\$1.00) lease with Mr. Salyers for the use of the former Happy Valley Hall subject to adequate insurance being carried, meeting the approval of public lands, and Saddle Hills County Land Use Bylaw. All costs are to be borne by the lessee.**

**Carried.**

**4.2 Working Area Structure Plan**

Ms. Sheryl Watt and Ms. Laurie Jackson entered the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Ms. Watt outlined Council on the Draft Working Area Structure Plan.

Ms. Sheryl Watt and Ms. Laurie Jackson departed from the meeting at 12:15

Council recessed for lunch at 12:15 and reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Rowe entered the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

**5.4 Gravel Maps**

Council received copies of the gravel map for their areas. Administration should be advised of any changes they wish to make as soon as possible.

Mr. Emdad Haque departed at 1:25 p.m.

**6.1 Canada Post Response Letter**

Canada Post has responded to the County's letter regarding postal service to rural areas, potential closures and maintenance of sites.

**Motion**  
**07.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor Clarke that Saddle Hills County Council accept the response letter from Canada Post for information purposes.**

**Carried**

**6.2 Proposed Littering Bylaw 148-2006**

Administration has amended Bylaw 148-2006 and presented it for Council's review.

**Motion**

**08.02.28.06.1**

**Moved by Councillor Jack that Saddle Hills County Council give Bylaw 148-2006 first reading.**

**Carried.**

**Motion**

**09.02.28.06**

**Moved by Deputy Reeve Rowe that Saddle Hills County Council give Bylaw 148-2006 second reading.**

**Carried**

**Motion**

**10.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor Travis that Saddle Hills County Council introduce Bylaw 148-2006 for third and final reading.**

**Carried Unanimously**

**Motion**

**11.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor Buck that Saddle Hills County Council give Bylaw 148-2006 third and final reading.**

**Carried.**

**6.3 Intermunicipal Meeting**

Does Council have a proposed date for March that will work for the Intermunicipal Meeting.

At this time it was decided to reschedule the March 28 regular Council meeting to April 4 and to cancel the April 11 regular Council meeting.

**Motion**

**12.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor Travis that Saddle Hills County Council reschedule the regular scheduled Council Meetings for March 28 and April 11 to April 4, 2006.**

**Carried.**

March 23 is when the intermunicipal meeting will work for Council.

**6.4 Interprovincial Vehicle Inspection**

Administration was directed to gather additional information regarding the changes Interprovincial Vehicle Inspection. No additional information has been found yet.

**Motion**

**13.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor Buck that Saddle Hills County Council direct Administration to delay researching on the Interprovincial Vehicle Inspections and to wait for the AAMD&C to publish its findings.**

**Carried**

**7.1 CAO Resignation**

The CAO, Kevin Miner has handed in his resignation to Reeve Stone and Council on February 16, 2006.

**Motion**

**14.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor Jack that Saddle Hills County Council accept, with regret, the resignation of the CAO Kevin Miner effective April 21, 2006.**

**Carried.**

**7.2 Services Agreement**

Davies Park is a recruiter specializing in the recruitment of senior staff. Davies Park is proposing a professional services agreement for the County to enter into.

**Motion**

**15.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor McRann that Saddle Hills County Council authorize Reeve Stone to enter into an agreement with Davies Park for CAO Recruitment.**

**Carried.**

**Motion**

**16.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor Clarke that SHCC authorize Council attendance at for meeting with Davies Park on Monday, March 6, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Carried.**

**7.3 Third Way**

Correspondence has been received from Minister Evans that the province is moving ahead with its Third Way in health service delivery.

**Motion**

**17.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor McRann that Saddle Hills County Council accept the correspondence on the Third Way for information purposes only.**

**Carried**

#### **7.4 RCMP Summer Student**

The Spirit River RCMP Detachment has agreed to operate the RCMP Summer Student Employment Program for 2006 and the Town of Spirit River has volunteered to collect the funding for the program.

**Motion**  
**18.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor Clarke that Saddle Hills County Council direct Administration to respond to the Town of Spirit River that Saddle Hills County will financially support the RCMP Summer Student subject to the participation of all the other municipalities.**

**Carried**

#### **7.5 Assessment Review Board Training**

Alberta Municipal Affairs is once again hosting Assessment Review Board training sessions at various locations throughout the province.

Council wishes to commend the Assessor on the work he is doing and that the County has not had any major activity with the Assessment Review Board.

**Motion**  
**19.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor McRann that Saddle Hills County Council authorize attendance for the Assessment Review Board Committee Members to attend the Assessment Review Board Training session in Valleyview.**

**Carried**

#### **7.6 Emergency Response**

Administration received a letter from the Tomslake & District Volunteer Fire Department expressing their concerns on traffic accidents occurring on Highway 49, and subsequent traffic detouring. It was also mentioned that they would like to see a more co-operation with other Municipalities during such incidents. Discussion ensued and it was noted that it is a good idea to have the various municipalities involved work together on tying their emergency response plans together in order to assist each other in emergency situations.

A consultation process needs to be in place when rerouting traffic on local roads. It is felt that this should be added to the agenda for the Interprovincial meeting.

**Motion  
20.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor Travis that Saddle Hills County Council direct administration to have the emergency response request from Toms Lake Fire Department added to the agenda for the interprovincial meeting.**

**Carried.**

### **7.7 Intermunicipal/Interprovincial Meeting**

The intermunicipal/interprovincial meeting will be held on March 22, 2006 at the Whispering Pines Ski Hill.

**Motion  
21.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor Buck that Saddle Hills County Council authorize attendance of Council members at the Intermunicipal/Interprovincial meeting to be held on March 22, 2006.**

**Carried**

### **7.8 Building Committee**

**Motion  
22.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor Clarke that Saddle Hills County Council establish a building committee.**

**Carried.**

**Motion  
23.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor McRann that Councillor Jack, Councillor Buck and Deputy Reeve Rowe be appointed to the Building Committee.**

**Carried**

### **8.1 ASB Meeting**

Reeve Stone updated on the ASB Meeting.

### **8.2 Vision Meeting**

There were not any further comments on the Vision meeting.

### **8.3 Grande Spirit Foundation**

Deputy Reeve Rowe updated on the Grande Spirit Foundation meeting held on February 24, 2006.

**Motion**  
**24.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor McRann that Saddle Hills County Council accept the Committee reports for information purposes only.**

**Carried**

**9. Information Items**

1. AAMD& C Correspondence
2. Minister of Municipal Affairs
3. Northern Sunrise County Press Release
4. Air Canada News Release
5. Alberta Surface Rights Federation
6. Peace Country Health
7. Edmontonians
8. FCM
9. Branding the Peace Country Association
10. Correspondence – Premier of Alberta
11. Rail System – Edmonton to Calgary

**Motion**  
**25.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor Travis that Saddle Hills County Council accept the information items for information purposes only.**

**Carried.**

**Motion**  
**26.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor McRann that Saddle Hills County Council go in camera at 2:25 p.m.**

**Carried.**

Mrs. Dwernychuk departed from the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

**Motion**  
**27.02.28.06**

**Moved by Councillor Travis that Saddle Hills County Council go out of camera at 2:49 p.m.**

**Carried.**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Reeve Tim Stone declared the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.