

**SADDLE HILLS COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY APRIL 4, 2006**

Meeting of the Council for Saddle Hills County was held in the Council Chambers of the Saddle Hills County Administration Building on Tuesday April 4, 2006.

PRESENT:

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

***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 10:10 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following additions were made to the agenda:

- 8.5 Grande Spirit Foundation
- 8.6 Health Council

**MOTION
01.04.04.06**

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

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2006

The minutes from the March 14, 2006 regularly scheduled meeting of Council were presented for Council's review. The following corrections were noted;

Pg. 4 item 5.6 correct the spelling of *wish*

Pg. 7 item 7.2 remove the word new from the last sentence

MOTION
02.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor Jack that the Council minutes from the March 14, 2006 regular scheduled Council meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

6.1 Bay Tree Bin Site Survey

Administration presented Council with the results compiled from the Bay Tree bins site survey for review.

MOTION
03.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council direct administration to further research cost and other requirements to proceed with the potential Noll bin site.

Carried

6.2 CFIP Application / Cotillion Cookshack/Washroom

Administration sent in the CFIP application to Hector Goudreaus's office on March 10, 2006 for the funding of the Cookshack/Washroom project.

MOTION
04.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council accept the CFIP application for information purposes only.

Carried

6.3 Community Aggregate Payment Levy

Administration was requested to bring this item back to the April 4, 2006 meeting for further discussion.

MOTION
05.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council accept the Community Aggregate Payment Levy for information purposes only.

Carried

6.4 FCM 69th Annual Conference

Administration is asking for direction from Council on how to proceed with the remaining reservations. Discussion ensued and direction was given to administration on the remaining reservation for the conference.

Emdadul Haque, Director of Public Works and Rick McDonald entered the Council meeting at 10:45 a.m.

5.1 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

The Director of Public Works report was presented to Council. Discussion ensued and clarification was asked regarding the Savanna bin site on the way the bins are put back once they have been dumped. Administration was given direction

MOTION
06.04.04.06

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

Carried

5.2 Road Rights-of-Way Obstruction Clearing Policy

Administration was directed to draft a Road Rights-of-Way policy and bring the draft copy for review. Discussion ensued and direction was given to bring this policy back to the April 25th meeting with the noted amendments.

5.3 Land Purchase Agreement for Twp Road 802

Administration presented Council with an update on the Land Purchase Agreements for Township Road 802.

MOTION
07.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor Travis that County Council accept the Land Purchase Agreement for Township Road 802 for information purposes only.

Carried

5.4 National Road Data Network Update

Administration presented Council with a letter from the National Road Data Network asking the County to participate in an annual data update.

Councillor Jack stepped out during the meeting at 11:08 a.m. and returned at 11:13 a.m.

MOTION
08.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council bring the National Road Data Network Update back to a future Council meeting once we have the GIS system operational.

Carried

The Director of Public Works introduced two new items for Councils review.

MOTION
09.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council accept the new items introduce by Public Works to the meeting.

Carried

5.5 Gravel Truck Tender

Administration presented Council with the gravel truck tender results for Councils review.

MOTION
10.04..04.06

Moved by Councillor Travis that County Council direct administration to purchase the Mack 2006 truck from Nortrux Grande Prairie.

Carried

5.6 Tender for Bridge File No. 71427

Administration presented Council with the tender results for Bridge File 71427 for their review. It was noted that the County share for this project would be approximately \$8,000.00.

MOTION
11.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor McRann the County Council direct administration to award the strip deck replacement and other work for Pouce Coupe bridge file 71427 to Griffin Contracting Ltd. for the bid price of One Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Fifty Two (\$122,052.00) Dollars including engineering and potential bonus, subject to approval from Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation.

Carried

Emdadul Haque, Director of Public Works departed the Council meeting at 11:30 a.m.

6.5 High Speed Internet Survey Results

Administration presented Council with preliminary results on the High Speed Internet survey that was sent to all Saddle Hills County. Discussion ensued and administration was directed to bring back further information to the April 25th, Council meeting.

7.1 Interim Chief Administrative Officer

Administration is asking that County Council appoint Rick McDonald as the interim Chief Administration Officer.

MOTION
12.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council appoint Rick McDonald as the new Interim Chief Administrative Officer affective April 5, 2006.

Carried

7.2 Leave of Absence

Reeve Stone is bringing to Council a leave of absence request for the current CAO Kevin Miner from April 7th to April 21st, 2006 inclusively.

MOTION
13.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council authorize a paid leave of absence for outgoing Chief Administrative Officer Kevin Miner from April 7th to April 21st, 2006 inclusively.

Carried

7.3 Savanna Recreation Complex

Administration has received a request for donations for the Savanna Agricultural Society Recreation Complex.

MOTION
14.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council defer this item to the Budget Discussion meeting.

Carried

7.4 Stakeholder Consultation

Administration presented Council with information on the Oil and Gas Stakeholder Consultation meeting taking place on June 19th, 2006 in Calgary. Does Council wish to authorize attendance to the meeting for a member of the Oil and Gas Liaison committee?

MOTION
15.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council accept the Stakeholder Consultation meeting for information purpose only.

Defeated

MOTION
16.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council authorize attendance to the Stakeholders Consultation conference for members of the Oil and Gas Liaison committee.

Carried

Council recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 1: 22 p.m.

7.5 Predator Loss Investigation Policy

The Agricultural Service Board would like to bring forward the Predator Loss Investigation Policy AG06 and is asking that County Council consider this policy for adoption.

MOTION
17.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council adopt the Predator Loss Investigation Policy AG06 as amended.

Carried

7.6 Roadside Seeding Policy

The Agricultural Service Board would like to bring forward the Roadside Seeding Policy AG09 and is asking that County Council consider this policy for adoption.

MOTION
18.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council adopt the Roadside Seeding Policy AG09 as presented.

Carried

7.7 Seed Cleaning Plant Inspection and Licensing Policy

The Agricultural Service Board would like to bring forward the Seed Cleaning Plant Inspection and Licensing Policy AG10 and is asking that County Council consider this policy for adoption.

MOTION
19.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council adopt the Seed Cleaning Plant Investigation and Licensing Policy AG10 as presented.

Carried

7.8 2006 Branding the Peace Annual General Meeting

Branding the Peace is hosting their general meeting on April 21, 2006 in Peace River. Last year Saddle Hills County Council discussed this item and moved to accept for information, administration is asking for Council direction for this years meeting.

MOTION
20.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor Travis that County Council authorize attendance to the Branding the Peace Annual General Meeting.

Carried

MOTION
21.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council contribute to the Branding the Peace as a bronze corporate sponsor for Two Hundred and Fifty (\$250.00) dollars.

Carried

7.9 Tourism Society Representative

Administration received a request to submit a name from Saddle Hills County Council for a representative to sit on this board. Would Council be interested in participating?

MOTION
22.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council appoint Councillor Travis as its representative for the Peace Valley Conservation, Recreation and Tourism Society.

Carried

7.10 ASB 2006/2007 Program Funding Agreement

The Agricultural Service Board would like to recommend to County Council that Reeve Stone and the CAO be authorized to sign the ASB 2006/2007 Program Funding Agreement.

MOTION
23.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council authorize Reeve Stone and the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the Agricultural Service Board 2006/2007 Program Funding Agreement.

Carried

7.11 Budget Meeting Date

Administration would like to ask Council if they wish to set up a budget meeting date for April 18th, 2006 at 1:30 pm.

MOTION
24.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council set the budget meeting for April 18, 2006 at 1:30 pm.

Carried

Deputy Reeve Rowe and Councillor McRann stepped out at 1:45 p.m.

7.12 Subdivision Extension Application – 3-SH-05

This application was approved on April 12, 2005 and the dead line for the submitting the subdivision plan for endorsement is April 12, 2006. Administration has received a request for a 6 month extension for subdivision application 3-SH-05. Section 657(6) states that Council may extend this one year deadline.

MOTION
25.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor Travis that County Council approve a six (6) month extension to October 12, 2006 for the applicant of subdivision 3-SH-05 to submit the subdivision plan.

Carried

Deputy Reeve Rowe and Councillor McRann re-entered the room at 1:48 p.m.

7.13 Bonanza Deputy Fire Chief

Administration presented Council with a request to appoint Dennis Novitsky as the Deputy Chief of the Bonanza Fire Department.

MOTION
26.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council appoint Dennis Novitsky as the Deputy Chief of the Bonanza Fire Department.

Carried

7.14 Signing Authority

Does County Council wish to have the interim CAO, Rick McDonald to have signing authority at the bank?

MOTION
27.04.04.06

Moved by Deputy Reeve Rowe that County Council authorize the addition of Rick McDonald and the deletion of Kevin Miner at the bank.

Carried

8.1 Agricultural Service Board

Reeve Stone presented Council with his report on the Agricultural Service Board meeting. It was noted that the ASB for Saddle Hills County submitted the Bouck family as a nominee for the Northlands Park Family award for 2006. The family graciously accepted the nomination and the forms have been sent in. Discussion on Bison being tested for TB on grazing leases was also noted. The board is pursuing this issue and will report on this issue once they have more information. It was also noted that the ASB sent out a letter to the Canadian Mint expressing their concerns on a new 50 cent coin that has an Oxide Daisy on it, specially since this is seen as a noxious weed to most farmers.

8.2 Interprovincial Meeting

Reeve Stone presented Council with his report on the Interprovincial meeting he attended. There was a great deal of discussion on the Heritage Highway accident and the use of Gundy as a route to divert traffic. It was also noted that they had the Vice President of Canfor Lumber as one of the speakers during the meeting.

8.3 Inter-Municipal Meeting

Reeve Stone presented Council with his report on the Inter-Municipal meeting he attended. It was mentioned that there was a great deal of discussion surrounding the cost sharing of the RCMP summer student program. Over all the meeting was brief and informative. There was a brief discussion on the Health Clinic possible signing lease agreements with the doctors.

8.4 AAMD&C Convention

Reeve Stone presented Council with his report on the AAMD&C Convention he attended. It was mentioned that a great deal of time was spent on discussions surrounding, the regulations with Occupational Health and Safety for the fire services. There was also legal advice given around the political concerns and implications with the fire services.

8.5 Grande Spirit Foundation

Councillor Clarke presented Council with her report on the Grande Spirit Foundation meeting she attended. It was noted that staffing level for full time are filled but the relief workers are a challenge to fill. They have sent in their GST Rebate to Canada Revenue Agency Audit Department but have not heard back on their status. It was mentioned that the repairs to the roof at the Wild Rose Manner has been completed. On the financial end, it appears that all expenses are within budget. It was also noted that remaining funds from the John Kanda donation will be used to purchase chairs and tables, a library table and common area seating.

8.6 Health Council

Councillor Buck presented council with her report on the Health Council meeting she attended. It was a long meeting and a great deal of discussion surrounded the new program to work with the schools to help re-educate students on such things as unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases. It was also noted that three doctors for Spirit River is more than enough, so they will not be looking to bring anyone else in. There was also a presentation given by the FCSS representative.

MOTION
28.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council accept the Agricultural Service Board, Interprovincial Meeting, Inter-Municipal Meeting, Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties, Grande Spirit Foundation and the Health Council reports for information purposes only.

Carried

9. Information Items

1. Bay Tree Turnout
2. Sylvan Meadows Golf Course
3. Persons with Development Disabilities
4. Contact (assorted material)
5. Letter from Municipal Affairs
6. Peace Country Health (assorted material)
7. Municipal Supplier (assorted material)
8. Letter from Canadian Union of Postal Workers
9. Alberta's New Health Policy
10. County of Grande Prairie – Council Highlights
11. Alberta News Release

MOTION
29.04.04.06

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council accept the information items for information purposes only.

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Tim Stone declared the meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

REEVE

CAO