

**MINUTES
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 16, 2007**

Meeting of the Council for Saddle Hills County was held in the Council Chambers of the Saddle Hills County Administration Building on Tuesday January 16, 2007.

PRESENT:

*TIM STONE
MIKE McRANN
BRUCE JACK
CINDY CLARKE
BARBARA BUCK
JOHN MOEN
TAROLYN PEACH
SANDY PEDDLE*

*REEVE
DEPUTY REEVE
COUNCILLOR
COUNCILLOR
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COUNCILLOR
CAO
RECORDING SECRETARY*

ABSENT:

CLIFF TRAVIS

COUNCILLOR

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Tim Stone called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

There were no new additions made to the agenda:

**MOTION
01.01.16.07**

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council adopt the agenda as presented.

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2006

The minutes from the December 12, 2006 regularly scheduled meeting of Council were presented for Council's review.

**MOTION
02.01.16.06**

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that the Council minutes from December 12, 2006 regular scheduled Council meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

Emdadul Haque, Director of Public Works entered the Council meeting at 10:28 a.m.

5.1 CAO Regular Council Meeting Report

The Chief Administrative Officer presented her report to Council. Discussion ensued and the Wireless Internet RFP's were discussed and administration was directed to set up interviews with all the candidates.

**MOTION
03.01.16.07**

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council accept the Chief Administrative Officer report for information purposes only.

Carried

5.2 Director of Public Works Report

The Director of Public Works presented his report to Council. Discussion ensued on the new design for Range Road 84, which is being prepared by EXH Engineering. Administration was directed to bring back estimated costs related to the new design plan for Range Road 84.

**MOTION
04.01.16.07**

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

Carried

Emdadul Haque, Director of Public Works departed the Council meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Jerry Bauer, Mountain Pine Beetle Coordinator entered the Council meeting at 11:00 a.m.

4.1 Mountain Pine Beetle Project

Jerry Bauer, Mountain Pine Beetle Coordinator presented Council with an update on the project. Several items were discussed on the project;

- Funding from SRD was received for the project in the amount of \$4.69 million
- Currently there are 8 contractors plus there could be between 35-40 surveyors in the field on any given day
- The magnitude of the infestation is growing larger on a daily basis
- The hardest hit area appears to be the Wapiti River corridor and the northern half of Saddle Hills County, the infestation rate is around 30-40 percent
- Currently working on methods of controlling the infestation to slow down the spread of the beetles

Jerry Bauer, Mountain Pine Beetle Coordinator departed the Council meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Sergeant Guy Landerville entered the Council meeting at 11:45 a.m.

4.2 RCMP Yearly Up-Date

Sergeant Guy Landerville presented Council with a yearly up-date on the stats of the violations that have taken place in 2006 for the Saddle Hills County area. Sergeant Landerville asked if Council would consider funding a new position for a additional clerical support for the Spirit River Detachment, as they are currently overwhelmed with data entry. Discussion ensued and Council would discuss the funding request at a later date.

Sergeant Guy Landerville departed the Council meeting at 12:04 p.m.

County Council adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:13 p.m.

7.1 Woking Community Hall - Drainage

Administration presented Council with a letter from the Woking Willing Workers, regarding water drainage problems at the hall. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that this request should be deferred to the Capital Grant Funding discussions.

MOTION

05.01.16.07

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council defer this item to the Capital Grant Funding Projects for review.

Carried

7.2 Town of Spirit River – Water Bylaw No. 885

Administration presented Council with a new Bylaw from the Town of Spirit River regarding Water Usage. Discussion ensued and administration was directed to table this item and bring back the requested information to a future meeting for further discussion.

MOTION

06.01.16.07

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council table this item and bring back to a future meeting for further discussion.

Carried

7.3 Consumer Champion Awards

Administration presented Council with a letter from the Minister of Government Services, requesting nominations for the Consumer Champion Award.

MOTION

07.01.16.07

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council accept the Consumer Champion Awards for information purposes only.

Carried

7.4 Municipal Dispute Resolution Initiative

Administration presented Council with a letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs, on the Municipal Dispute Resolution Initiative. Council was also presented with information on the Municipal Dispute workshop. Discussion ensued and administration was directed to bring the Municipal Dispute workshop information back to the next Council meeting for further discussion.

MOTION

08.01.16.07

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council accept the Municipal Dispute Resolution Initiative and the Municipal Dispute workshop for information purposes only.

Carried

MOTION

09.01.16.07

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council direct administration to bring back the Municipal Dispute workshop to the next Council meeting for further discussion.

Carried

7.5 The Signal - Advertising

Administration presented Council with a request from The Signal, to see if Saddle Hills County would like to sponsor advertising for the community events through the year. Discussion ensued and Council would like to sponsor the advertisement of all the special community events that take place through the year.

MOTION

10.01.16.07

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council sponsor the Special Community event advertising through the 2007 calendar year.

Carried

7.6 Saddle Hills County Mission Statement

Administration presented Council with a draft of the mission statement for Saddle Hills County. Discussion ensued and Council directed administration to use the new mission statement on all Saddle Hills County stationary, advertising and public events.

MOTION

11.01.16.07

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council adopt the following missions statement as amended.

“Saddle Hills County is committed to the provision of quality services in an ever changing environment”.

Carried

7.7 Secondary Highway Maintenance

Councillor Moen presented Council with concerns regarding the maintenance of Secondary Highways. Discussion ensued and it was strongly felt that the lack of maintenance on the Secondary Highways by Alberta Transportation and their contractors is very poor. Administration is directed to write a letter on Councils behalf to the Minister of Transportation and to forward a copy to the Premier and MLA, so they can be made aware of what has been happening with the maintenance of the Secondary Highways.

**MOTION
12.01.16.07**

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council direct administration to write a letter outlining the concerns on the maintenance of the Alberta Highways to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and forward a copy of the letter to the office of our MLA Hector Goudreau and the Premier Ed Stelmach.

Carried

7.8 Community Incentive Fund Application

Administration presented Council with the Community Incentive Fund Application for review.

**MOTION
13.01.16.07**

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council accept the Community Incentive Fund Application for information purposes only.

Carried

7.9 FCSS 2007 Membership Invoice

Administration presented Council with an invoice to renew the 2007 Membership with Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta. Discussion ensued and Council would like this item tabled and brought back to a later meeting with further program information for review.

**MOTION
14.01.16.07**

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council direct administration to bring this item back with further information on local programs.

Carried

7.10 Northern Sunrise County

Administration presented Council with a letter from Northern Sunrise County on a communiqué from FCM regarding the need for continued federal investment in municipal Infrastructure.

MOTION

15.01.16.07

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council accept the letter from Northern Sunrise County for information purposes only.

Carried

7.11 AAMD&C Northern Zone Meeting

Administration would like to ask Council if they have any items or resolutions that they would like to forward to be added to the agenda for February 9th, 2007. Discussion ensued and it was felt that a resolution could be developed that would address concerns and protocol for Secondary Highway Maintenance. Further discussion ensued and it was suggested that this issue could be presented at the next Reeves Meeting for discussion and feed back.

MOTION

16.01.16.07

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council allow Reeve Stone to present this issue at the next Reeves Meeting for discussion and feed back as to the development of a Resolution on Secondary Highway Maintenance.

Carried

7.12 Peace Airshed Zone Association

Administration received an update from the Peace Airshed Zone Association and a notice of increase to the operational fees.

MOTION

17.01.16.07

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council direct administration to review the yearly membership with the Peace Airshed Zone Association.

Carried

7.13 Fair Share Agreement Presentation

Administration received an invitation to attend the Fair Share Agreement Presentation on February 28, 2007. The presentation will be given in Grande Prairie at the Trumpeter Hotel, Richmond Room C at 7:00 p.m. Does Council wish to attend? Discussion ensued and Deputy Reeve McRann has stated that he would attend in the absence of Reeve Stone.

7.14 County of Grande Prairie No.1 – NAIT

Administration presented Council with a letter from the County of Grande Prairie No. 1, on training at the NAIT Campus. Discussion ensued and Council directed administration to bring back further information on this item to an appropriate meeting.

MOTION

18.01.16.07

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council table this item to an appropriate meeting and bring back additional information for further discussion.

Carried

7.15 Peace Country Regional Science Fair

Administration presented Council with a request for sponsorship from the Peace Country Regional Science Fair. The fair will take place at the NAIT, Fairview Campus Gymnasium on March 15th, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Discussion ensued and Council would like to sponsor the fair once again. It was also noted the Councillor Buck would be representing Saddle Hills County Council at the fair.

MOTION

19.01.16.07

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council sponsor the Peace Country Regional Science Fair in the amount of \$200.00 and authorise attendance by Councillor Buck to participate in the event.

Carried

7.16 Municipal Law Seminar

Administration presented Council with an upcoming law seminar presented by Brownlee LLP, on February 1 & 2, 2007 in Edmonton. Does County Council wish to attend?

MOTION

20.01.16.07

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council accept the Municipal Law Seminar for information purposes only.

Carried

7.17 2007 Capital Budget

Administration presented Council with a preliminary request for the Capital Budget. Administration requested the following items to be discussed from the Capital Budget; Waste Disposal Unit and Bins, Office Equipment and the Arial Photography RFP's. Discussion ensued and Councillor Clarke would like to see administration move ahead with the in-house waste pick-up. It was requested that further information be brought back to an appropriate meeting describing the type of truck and bin design that would best suit our needs.

MOTION

21.01.16.07

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council authorize administration to proceed with the Request for Proposal for the Arial Photography.

Carried

MOTION

22.01.16.07

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council authorize administration to proceed with the purchase of office furniture for the new Assistant Development Officer's office.

Carried

9. Information Items

1. Alberta Recycling
2. Peace County Health
3. Upper Peace Water Supply Region Committee
4. Emergency Response
5. Ainsworth
6. Assessment Bulletin
7. Alberta Children's Services
8. AESA 2007 Conference
9. Women's Conference

MOTION
23.01.16.07

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

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Tim Stone declared the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

REEVE

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