

**MINUTES
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY APRIL 24, 2007**

Meeting of the Council for Saddle Hills County was held in the Council Chambers of the Saddle Hills County Administration Building on Tuesday April 24, 2007.

PRESENT:

*TIM STONE
MIKE MCRANN
BRUCE JACK
JOHN MOEN
BARBARA BUCK
TAROLYN PEACH
SANDY PEDDLE*

*REEVE
DEPUTY REEVE
COUNCILLOR
COUNCILLOR
COUNCILLOR
CAO
RECORDING SECRETARY*

ABSENT:

*CLIFF TRAVIS
CINDY CLARKE*

*COUNCILLOR
COUNCILLOR*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

6.1 AED Fundraising Letter

MOTION

01.04.24.07

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

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2007

The minutes from the April 10, 2007 regularly scheduled meeting of Council were presented for Council's review. Corrections were noted and will be corrected prior to the next meeting.

MOTION

02.04.24.07

Moved by Councillor Jack that the Council minutes from the April 10, 2007 regular scheduled Council meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

5.1 CAO Regular Council Meeting Report

The Chief Administrative Officer presented her report to Council. The following item were discussed;

- Budget Meeting
- Financial Audit

MOTION

03.04.24.07

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

Carried

Reeve Stone stepped down as Chairman during the discussion of AEDs and Deputy Reeve McRann assumed the position of Chairman during this time.

6.1 AED Fundraising Letter

Discussion ensued on the Automatic External Defibrillator (AEDs) fundraising letter that was received and presented to Council for discussion. Mr. Stone presented Council with a draft motion for consideration in this regard along with a letter from the MCR Committee expressing their appreciation to Saddle Hills County Council on their support regarding the AEDs.

MOTION

04.04.24.07

Moved by Councillor Stone that AEDs be purchased by Saddle Hills County, for placement in Saddle Hills County, as donated funds are received for these devices; and that PCREMS be granted decision making authority with respect to the placement of these AEDs in consultation with the Saddle Hills County MCR Committee, with the priority of maximizing benefit to the Saddle Hills County residents; and further, that a policy with respect to the deployment of AEDs be drafted, in consultation with PCREMS and brought to a future Council meeting for debate and ratification.

Carried

Chairman McRann stepped down from the chair and Reeve Stone reassumed the position of Chairman.

6.2 Electronic Access Policy AD26

Administration was requested to bring this item back for Councils review. Discussion ensued and it was commented that this would be a good way of giving staff the parameters they need for proper use of the equipment.

MOTION

05.04.24.07

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council adopt the Electronic Access Policy AD26 as presented.

Carried

6.3 Mountain Pine Beetle Project Up-date

Administration presented Council with an update on the Mountain Pine Beetle Project for Councils review.

MOTION

06.04.24.07

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council accept the Mountain Pine Beetle Project update for information purposes only.

Carried

6.4 New Regional Meeting –

Alberta First Responders Radio Communication System

Administration presented Council with an invitation to attend the New Regional Meeting for the Alberta First Responders Radio Communication System.

MOTION

07.04.24.07

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council authorize attendance to the New Regional Meeting for the Alberta First Responders Radio Communication System.

Carried

7.1 South Peace Water Supply Region Regional Primer Workshop

Administration presented Council with an invitation to attend the South Peace Water Supply Region Regional Primer Workshop. The workshop is scheduled to be on May 8th in Grande Prairie.

MOTION

08.04.24.07

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council reschedule the Council meeting of May 8th to May 7th, 2007 and authorization be given to attend the South Peace Water Supply Region Regional Primer Workshop on May 8th, 2007 in Grande Prairie.

Carried

7.2 Request for Re-Imbursement of a Sump Pump

Administration presented Council with a request for re-imbursement of a sump pump form Mrs. Olive Dawson.

MOTION

09.04.24.07

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council respectfully deny the request for reimbursement for a sump pump and that administration respond with a letter to Mrs. Dawson.

Carried

Reeve Stone stepped down as Chairman and Deputy Reeve McRann assumed the position of Chairman during this discussion.

7.3 FCM Municipal Members – Board of Directors

Reeve Stone presented Council with a consent form from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to have his name sent forward for re-election to the Board of Directors. Reeve Stone is willing to consider this with the endorsement of County Council.

MOTION

10.04.24.07

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council endorse Reeve Stone's nomination on the Board of Directors for FCM.

Carried

Chairman McRann stepped down from the chair and Reeve Stone reassumed the position of Chairman.

7.4 2007 Survey of Municipal Leaders

Reeve Stone presented Council with the 2007 Survey of Municipal Leaders for discussion.

MOTION

11.04.24.07

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council accept the 2007 Survey of Municipal Leaders for information purposes only.

Carried

7.5 Day of Mourning – April 28th, 2007

Administration presented Council with a letter from Workers Compensation Board asking that flags are lowered to half-mast on April 28th, 2007 to mark the National Day of Mourning.

MOTION

12.04.24.07

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council direct administration to lower the flags to half mast on April 28th, 2007 to honour the National Day of Mourning subject to this being endorsed by the Federal Government.

Carried

7.6 Duke Energy Social Club Donation – AED's

The Duke Energy Social Club has forwarded a notation in the amount of \$10,000.00 to purchase Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's). The correspondence has stated that the AED's be placed near local communities such as Bonanza and Silver Valley.

MOTION

13.04.24.07

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council accept the donation from Duke Energy Social Club and allow the units to be placed by PCREMS in consultation with the MCR Committee and maximizing benefit to the Saddle Hills County residents.

Carried

7.7 Financial Statement

Administration presented Council with the Financial Statement Report for review. Discussion ensued and it was noted that the new purchase order system should be implemented shortly and it would make the financial statement much easier to follow.

MOTION

14.04.24.07

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council accept the Financial Statement Report for information purposes only.

Carried

7.8 Sponsorship Request – Kakut Lake Fishing Derby

Administration presented Council with a request for sponsorship for the Kakut Lake fishing derby. Discussion ensued and administration was directed to draft a policy covering attractive and promotional items for such requests.

MOTION

15.04.24.07

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council direct administration to draft a policy on attractive/promotional items to a future Council meeting.

Carried

9. Information Items

1. Sustainability Releases Financial Report
2. Minister Meeting Summary
3. AAMD&C Member Bulletin (assorted material)
4. AAMD&C District Highlights (assorted material)
5. Branding of the Peace Country
6. Northwest Alberta Community Board
7. Contact (assorted material)
8. Pembina
9. Accounts Payable
10. AMSC
11. Thank You from John and Bev Erickson
12. Peace County Health (assorted material)
13. GOA News
14. NADC Bursary and Bursary Sponsorship
15. News Release – FCM Green Municipal Fund
16. Milk Container Recycling Program

MOTION

16.04.24.07

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

Carried

MOTION

17.04.24.07

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council authorize the members from the Oil and Gas Committee to attend the Pembina Open House on April 25th in Savanna.

Carried

Council recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Emdadul Haque, Director of Public Works entered the meeting at 1: 16 p.m.

5.2 Director of Public Works Report

Mr. Haque presented Council with his report on the Public Works Department. The following items were discussed;

- Tender for RR 84
- Gravel Hauling
- Bridge File 81946

Discussion ensued on Bridge File 81946 and it was noted by Councillor Moen that he has spoken to several ratepayers in the area and they are in support with the original plans for the upgrade construction for the project.

MOTION

18.04.24.07

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

Carried

5.3 Agricultural Service Board Meeting

Reeve Stone presented Council with a brief report on the Agriculture Service Board meeting from April 17, 2007. The following items were discussed;

- Wildlife issues with silage feed
- Weed and Pest Committee
- Letter regarding BSE concerns

5.4 2007 Cemetery Capital Project Grant Application

Administration presented Council with the applications for the Cemetery Capital Project Grant. Discussion ensued and Council directed administration to bring this item back with additional information to the next meeting.

MOTION

19.04.24.07

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council defer this item to the next Council meeting for further discussion.

Carried

5.5 Weed Appeal / Ag. Pest Appeal Committee Appointment

As per section 28(6) of the Weed Control Act “A local authority shall at least once a year appoint an independent committee to hear and determine appeals under this section and on receipt of a notice of appeal a local authority shall refer the appeal to that committee.” And as per section 14(5) of the Ag. Pest Act “A local authority shall at the beginning of each calendar year appoint a committee to hear and determine appeals under this section and on receipt of a notice of appeal a local authority shall refer the appeal to that committee.” The members on the County’s Weed /Pest appeal committee are Ken Titford, Barry Nelson, Ed Denis and Jim Denis. The previous members have been contacted and have agreed to let their names stand for another year. Ed Denis is a new member and has indicated that he would like to be on the appeal committee.

MOTION

20.04.24.07

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council appoint Ken Titford, Barry Nelson, Ed Denis and Jim Denis to the 2007 Weed/Pest Appeal Committee under section 28(6) of the Weed Control Act and section 14(5) of the Agricultural Pest Act.

Carried

Emdad Haque, Director of Public Works departed the Council meeting at 1:42 p.m.

Deputy Reeve McRann opened the floor up for discussion on the request for a letter from Mrs. Nina Szaban, on the role of Medical Co-Responders (MCRs) within Saddle Hills County.

MOTION

21.04.24.07

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council send a letter to Nina Czaban thanking her for her interest and request her to direct interested parties wishing to donate towards the Medical Co-Responders (MCRs) program to contact Tarolyn Peach, CAO of Saddle Hills County; also to be included in the letter is the role of MCRs in Saddle Hills County.

Carried

MOTION

22.04.24.07

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council go into In-Camera session at 2:10 p.m.

Carried

MOTION

23.04.24.07

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council go out of the In-Camera session at 2:30 p.m.

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Stone declared the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

REEVE

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