

**MINUTES
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY MAY 7, 2007**

Meeting of the Council for Saddle Hills County was held in the Council Chambers of the Saddle Hills County Administration Building on Monday May 7, 2007.

PRESENT:

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

*REEVE
DEPUTY REEVE
COUNCILLOR
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CAO
RECORDING SECRETARY*

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 5.4 Road Tour
- 5.5 Woking Hall Drainage
- 5.6 Matt Delay- Water Issues
- 5.7 Land Purchase Agreement for RR84
- 5.8 Gravel Program for 2007-05-07
- 5.9 Range Road 83 North of Highway 49
- 6.3 Recreation & Cultural Capital Fund Criteria Policy AD28
- 7.7 Council Meeting Date Change
- 8.2 Canadian National Railways

MOTION

01.05.07.07

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

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2007

The minutes from the April 24, 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

02.05.07.07

Moved by Councillor Clarke that the Council minutes from the April 24, 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;

- Spring Council Retreat
- Woking Skating Rink Association
- Notice of Assessment and Taxation
- Recreation & Capital Funding

MOTION

03.05.07.07

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council direct administration to send a letter on behalf of Saddle Hills County in support of the project by the Woking Skating Rink Association so they can apply for Community Facility Enhancement Program.

Carried

MOTION

04.05.07.07

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

Carried

Emdadul Haque, Director of Public Works entered the Council meeting at 10:05 a.m.

5.2 Director of Public Works Report

Mr. Haque presented Council with his report on the Public Works Department.

MOTION
05.05.07.07

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

Carried

5.3 Calcium Chloride Application

Councillor Jack would like County Council to consider a calcium chloride application in front of the residents of SE 17-87-7W6 due to traffic pressures from a newly constructed gas plant and several oil and natural gas exploration wells. Discussion ensued and it was requested that this item be tabled until additional information is available.

MOTION
06.05.07.07

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council table this item until subsequent information if available for the Calcium Chloride Application in front of SE-17-87-7-W6.

Carried

5.4 Road Tour Observation

Discussion ensued regarding the spring road tour and the following points were mentioned

- Signs for construction phase
- Calcium Program
- Gravel Program
- Change the route taken every year
- Work on the criteria for the tour

5.7 Land Purchase Agreement for RR84

Discussion ensued on the Land Purchase Agreements that Public Works would like to acquire for the construction of Range Road 84.

MOTION

07.05.07.07

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council approve the land purchase agreement as presented.

Carried

5.8 Gravel Program

Administration presented Council with the proposed gravel map and list of roads within the County for the 2007 graveling program.

MOTION

08.05.07.07

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council accept the Gravel Map for 2007 for information purposes only.

Carried

5.9 Range Road 83 North of Highway 49

Discussion ensued regarding the ditch work that was being supervised by EXH Engineering on Range Road 83 North of Highway 49. Further discussion ensued and administration was directed to talk to EXH Engineering regarding this issue and report back to the next appropriate Council meeting.

6.1 Promotional Items Policy AD27

Administration was requested to draft a policy on Promotional Items and bring back for Council to review.

MOTION

09.05.07.07

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council adopt the Promotional Items Policy AD27 as amended.

Carried

6.2 Project Under CAMRIF

Administration was requested to bring this item back for further discussion following the road tour.

MOTION

10.05.07.07

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council direct administration to proceed with preparing and submitting the request for Reconstruction (Re-alignment) of TWP 805A Road at Doe River Valley project.

Carried

6.2 Recreation and Cultural Capital Fund Criteria Policy AD28

Administration presented Council with a draft copy of the Recreation and Cultural Capital Fund Criteria Policy AD28 for adoption.

MOTION

11.05.07.07

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council adopt the Recreation and Cultural Capital Fund Criteria policy AD28 as presented.

Carried

Emdadul Haque, Director of Public Works stepped out of the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

7.1 2007 Budget

Administration presented Council with the proposed budget for 2007.

MOTION

12.05.07.07

Moved by Councillor Travis that County Council adopt the 2007 Operational Budget in the amount of \$26,112,679.00 and the 2007 Capital Budget in the amount of \$5,170,717.00 for a total of \$31,283,396.00.

Carried

7.2 Bylaw No. 155-2007 – Municipal Tax Bylaw

Administration presented Council with the Municipal Tax Bylaw No.155-2007 for adoption.

MOTION

13.05.07.07

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council introduce Bylaw 155-2007 for first reading.

Carried

MOTION

14.05.07.07

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council give Bylaw 155-2007 second reading.

Carried

MOTION

15.05.07.07

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council introduce Bylaw 155-2007 for third and final reading.

Carried Unanimously

MOTION

16.05.07.07

Moved by Councillor Travis that County Council give Bylaw 155-2007 third reading.

Carried

MOTION

17.05.07.07

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council directs administration to send out the Taxation and Assessment notices by May 31 of each calendar year.

Carried

7.3 2006 Census Maps

Administration presented Council with an email from Census Canada, to see if the County would be interested in getting the 2006 Census Block Maps.

MOTION

18.05.07.07

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council authorize administration to proceed with the procurement of the 2006 Census Block Maps.

Carried

7.4 June Jamboree

Administration presented Council with a request from the June Jamboree committee to participate in the Trade Show. Discussion ensued and direction was given to administration to participate in the event by setting up an information booth on June 9th, 2007.

7.5 Peace Wapiti Public School Division No. 76

Administration presented Council with a letter from Peace Wapiti Public School Division No. 76 regarding the amalgamation of public school boundaries.

MOTION
19.05.07.07

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council accept the letter from Peace Wapiti Public School Division No. 76 for information purposes only.

Carried

7.6 Request for a Public Meeting

Councillor Jack would like to ask Council to consider requesting a public meeting with the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation on the re-alignment of Highway 727.

MOTION
20.05.07.07

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council direct administration to contact Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation to consider hosting a public meeting to address concerns on the re-alignment of Highway 727.

Carried

7.7 Council Meeting Date Change

Councillor Buck requested that County Council change the regularly scheduled Council meeting from May 22, 2007 to May 29th, 2007.

MOTION
21.05.07.07

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council move the regularly scheduled Council meeting on May 22, 2007 to May 29th, 2007.

Carried

8.1 Northern Alberta Mayors, Reeves, Chiefs, Chairperson and CAO Meeting

Reeve Stone presented Council with a brief overview of the Northern Alberta Mayors, Reeves, Chiefs, Chairpersons and CAO Meeting he attended in High Level.

8.2 Canadian National Railways

Reeve Stone presented Council with his report on the Canadian National Railways meeting he attended

**MOTION
22.05.07.07**

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council accept the Northern Alberta Mayors, Reeves, Chiefs, Chairperson and CAO Meeting and the Canadian National Railways meeting for information purposes only.

Carried

9. Information Items

1. Letter from Infrastructure and Transportation
2. Letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
3. Peace Country Health
4. Alberta Justice and Attorney General
5. Letter from MD of Big Lakes
6. Letter from Stephane Dion
7. Alberta Sustainable Resources and Development
8. AAMD&C Minister Meeting Summary
9. AAMD&C Press Release (assorted material)
10. Contact
11. AAMD&C Executive Highlights
12. Branding the Peace Country
13. Accounts Payable
14. Plastic Shopping Bags
15. Red Deer County
16. Municipal Affairs and Housing
17. Safety Codes Council
18. Alberta Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture

MOTION

17.05.07.07

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

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Stone declared the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

REEVE

CAO