

**MINUTES
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 23, 2007**

Meeting of the Council for Saddle Hills County was held in the Council Chambers of the Saddle Hills County Administration Building on Tuesday October 23, 2007.

PRESENT:

***TIM STONE
MIKE MCRANN
BARBARA BUCK
BRUCE JACK
CINDY CLARKE
JOHN MOEN
ALVIN HUBERT***

***REEVE
DEPUTY REEVE
COUNCILLOR
COUNCILLOR
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***TAROLYN PEACH
ELIZABETH GUSTAFSON***

***CAO
EA/RECORDING SECRETARY***

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

7.7 – Disaster Services Committee

8.1 – Town of Spirit River Meeting Report – Reeve Stone

8.2 – Grande Spirit Foundation Committee – Councillor Clarke

MOTION

01.10.23.07

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

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2007

The minutes from the October 9, 2007 regularly scheduled meeting of Council were presented for Council's review.

MOTION

02.10.23.07

Moved by Councillor McRann that the Council minutes from the October 9, 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 items were discussed;

- Letter to Minister regarding Realignment of HWY 727
- Municipal Guidebook Pilot Project
- Christmas Party
- Hwy 719
- AARMA update – AIT and MAH

MOTION

03.10.23.07

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

Carried

Mr. Emdadul Haque, Director of Engineering and Public Works entered the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

5.2 Director of Engineering and Public Works Report

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

- TWP 775 – is almost finished, harrowing and seeding is almost done
- Working Roads – the cold mix pavement has been put on the roads, but the quality of product, left to sit three weeks, has negatively affected the finish. The work was completed in house, including equipment and operators.
- Bridge File No. 71851 – EXH will be sending documentation and there has been nothing from Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation yet.
- The department will be working to finish the outstanding work orders while the weather is good.
- The gravel program is almost finished. RR 64, RR65 and RR75 remain.
- At the next council meeting a comparison of costs, the use of day labour versus the cost of contracting, will be presented.

MOTION

04.10.23.07

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

Carried

Mr. Emdadul Haque, Director of Engineering and Public Works left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

7.1 Grande Spirit Foundation

A notice has been received that the Grande Spirit Foundation will be increasing the 2008 requisition by 7% over the 2007 requisition.

MOTION

05.10.23.07

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council accept the correspondence from the Grande Spirit Foundation for information purposes only.

Carried

7.2 Alberta Surface Rights Federation

The Alberta Surface Rights Federation will be holding a special meeting on Thursday November 8, 2007 in Camrose, Alberta.

MOTION

06.10.23.07

Moved by Councillor Clarke that the County Council authorizes the attendance of the Oil and Gas Committee members at the Alberta Surface Rights Federation meeting.

Carried

7.3 VSI

The VSI Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for November 30, 2007 in Peace River, Alberta. The Agricultural Service Board recommends that Councillor Jack remain the VSI committee member and attend this meeting.

7.4 Alberta Environment Invitation

An invitation has been received from Albert Environment to meet with them during the AAMD&C fall convention.

County Council directs administration to gather more information and present a recommendation to the next council.

7.5 RCMP Victims' Assistance Program

A 2008 Funding Application from the Grande Prairie & District RCMP Victims' Assistance Program has been received.

MOTION

07.10.23.07

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council send a letter to the Grand Prairie & District RCMP Victims' Assistance Program Association reaffirming Saddle Hills County's contribution of \$9,000.

Carried

County Council directs administration to gather more information about increasing the amount of the FCSS funding that Saddle Hills County receives, with the intention of increasing the amount of money given to the Grande Prairie & District RCMP Victims' Assistance Program. This increase in funding can be viewed as a budget item.

7.6 Visioning Retreat – Councillor Stone

Councillor Stone has requested a discussion regarding a visioning retreat for the County Council.

The following items were discussed;

- Attendance at the G-5 meeting on October 29th, 2007 at Spirit River
- Peace Country Health Community Health Council Forum – Councillor Buck and Councillor Clarke will attend.
- Remembrance Day – Reeve Stone will present the wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony on behalf of Saddle Hills County
- Agricultural Service Board Meeting date
- Visioning Retreat – The Councillors will present items to be included on the visioning retreat agenda to administration and the agenda will be finalized at the next council meeting to be held on November 13, 2007. The visioning retreat will be held on November 16, 2007.

MOTION

08.10.23.07

Moved by Councillor McRann that the date of the Agricultural service Board meeting be moved to November 14, 2007.

Carried

7.7 Disaster Services Committee

The appointment to the Disaster Services Committee was discussed.

MOTION

09.10.23.07

Moved by Councillor McRann that the members of the Disaster Services Committee from 2006/2007 remain members of the committee for 2007/2008.

Carried

8.1 Town of Spirit River

A request from the Town of Spirit River to have the Saddle Hills County CAO mentor their CAO was discussed.

8.2 Grande Spirit Foundation Committee Report

9. Information Items

- 1. Financial Statements**
- 2. FCM Correspondence**
- 3. Oil Royalty Comments**
- 4. County of Grande Prairie Correspondence**
- 5. Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program**
- 6. Alberta Children's Services**
- 7. International Association for Public Participation**
- 8. Correctional Service of Canada**
- 9. Municipal Safety News**
- 10. Peace Wapiti School Division**
- 11. Employment, Immigration and Industry Awards**
- 12. NADC Correspondence**
- 13. FCSS Conference Guide**
- 14. Cumulative Environmental Effects Framework**

MOTION

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10.10.23.07

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 12:24 p.m.

REEVE

CAO