

**MINUTES
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 8, 2008**

Meeting of the Council for Saddle Hills County was held in the Council Chambers of the Saddle Hills County Administration Building on Tuesday January 8, 2008.

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 10:40 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.1 Mountain Pine Beetle Committee
- 7.10 Grader Maintenance Policy
- 8.1 New Health Clinic Report – Clrs. Buck and Jack

**MOTION
01.01.08.08**

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

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2007**

The minutes from the December 11, 2007 regularly scheduled meeting of Council were presented for Council's review.

**MOTION
02.01.08.08**

Moved by Councillor Hubert that the Council minutes from the December 11, 2007 regular scheduled Council meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

5. Administration Reports

5.1 CAO Report

The CAO's report is attached and forms a part of these minutes.

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

- Municipal Sponsorship
- Website Design
- Director of Corporate Services/Capital Projects Manager
- Cotillion Park
- New Harvest Media

**MOTION
03.01.08.08**

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

Carried

5.2 Director of Engineering and Public Works Report

The Director of Engineering and Public Works report is attached and forms a part of these minutes.

The report was presented to Council by the CAO. The following items were discussed;

- Bridge near Woking
- Lights not working
- Dump Closure

MOTION

04.01.08.08

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

Carried

7.1 Alberta Rail Rock Services Ltd.

There was a verbal presentation of the current status of Saddle Hills County regarding RailRock by the Chief Administrative Officer.

MOTION

05.01.08.08

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council direct Administration to ensure that RailRock honours their contract.

Carried

7.2 TransCanada Pipeline

There was a verbal presentation of the current status of the contact with TransCanada by the Chief Administrative Officer.

MOTION

06.01.08.08

Moved by Councillor Clarke that the County Council direct administration to send a letter to the Minister of Energy requesting assistance in expediting the construction of Range Road 84.

7.3 FCM 2010 Hosting Request

The standing committee on conference planning of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities is seeking proposals from member municipalities interested in hosting the September 2010, 2013 and 2014 meetings of FCM's National Board of Directors.

MOTION

07.01.08.08

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council accept this correspondence for information purposes only.

Carried

7.4 VSI Contract 2007

The 2007 VSI contract with attached schedules has been received.

MOTION
08.01.08.08

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council approve the signing of the 2007 VSI contract.

Carried

7.5 January 22 Council Meeting Conflict

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting is January 22, 2008. The provincial ASB conference is being hosted by the Peace Region in Grande Prairie this day and the members of the Agricultural Service Board will be attending the Provincial ASB conference.

MOTION
09.01.08.08

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council change the date of the next council meeting to January 21, 2008.

Carried

7.6 Brushing Bid

The Manager of Rural Development has received Brushing Contract bids, which were opened on January 3, 2008.

MOTION
10.01.08.08

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council award the brushing contract to Quad-L for the tendered price of \$ 199,700.

Defeated

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council award the brushing contract to Destiny Contracting for the tendered price of \$175,000.

Carried

Recess for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:28 p.m.

4. Delegation

4.1 Mountain Pine Beetle Delegation

Jerry Bauer gave a presentation to Council about the Mountain Pine Beetle program in the South Peace area. The following topics were discussed;

- Received \$5 million in funding
- Started surveys in December
- Saddle Hills County near the leading edge of the Mountain Pine Beetle infestation
- The number of calls regarding MPB attacks in Saddle Hills County has declined
- The cool wet summer and cold period in December has increased mortality in the MPB population

The Delegation left the meeting at 1:56 p.m...

7.7 Proposed Snowplow Policy

The proposed changes to the Snowplow Policy are presented in bold.

MOTION
11.01.08.08

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

Carried

7.8 Master Rates Bylaw Review

The Master Rates Bylaw requires a review. Some of the changes suggested by department heads have been incorporated into the proposed Master Rates bylaw in bold print. The changes are: on page 4 the Area Structure Plan is no longer specified as being the Baytree ASP, since there is now a Woking ASP as well; on page 6 there has been a charge added for rig move requests that are made by phone call between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. as there is currently a large number of calls (from 1 every other day to 6 in a single evening) occurring during these hours and the Director of Engineering and Public Works would like to reduce the

number of calls during these hours. Additionally there is a comparison of Saddle Hills County water rates with those of the Town of Spirit River and the Village of Rycroft.

MOTION
12.01.08.08

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council adopt the Master Rates Bylaw as amended.

Carried

7.9 Doe River Project – Environmental Assessment

The first step in receiving the CAMRIF funding for the Doe River Crossing is to perform and submit an environmental assessment.

MOTION
13.01.08.08

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council direct administration to tender a RFP for Environmental Assessment services.

Carried

7.10 Grader Maintenance Policy

The Grader Maintenance Policy was reviewed by County Council. The expressed desire of the Council was to provide ready access to the roadways and have consistent maintenance across the County.

8.1 New Health Clinic Meeting Report

Councillors Buck and Jack presented their report from the New Health Clinic meeting. The following topics were discussed;

- The Chair of the Committee is Kelly Hudson and the Secretary is Elaine Carol.
- Consensus is to build a one level 5500 sq ft clinic
- At the next meeting drawings from an architect will be presented

MOTION
14.01.08.08

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council authorize attendance of Reeve Stone at the Northern Alberta Development Council Northwest Mayors and Reeves meeting.

Carried

9. Information Items

1. County of Grande Prairie Letters
2. MAH Letter
3. Cheque Runs
4. Financial
5. AAMD&C Correspondence
6. RCMP Monthly Statistics
7. RCMP "Between the Lines"
8. Municipal Safety News
9. Peace Country Health Updates
10. Catholic Schools Minutes
11. Volunteer Award Nomination Form
12. Senior's Volunteer Awards Nomination Form
13. Aboriginal Housing
14. Conference GLOBE 2008 Conference
15. MMSA Monitor

MOTION
15.01.08.08

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

Carried

Councillor McRann left the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Stone declared the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

REEVE

CAO

T. Reach