

**MINUTES
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 25, 2008**

Meeting of the Council for Saddle Hills County was held in the Council Chambers of the Saddle Hills County Administration Building on Tuesday March 25, 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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***LAURIE JACKSON
ELIZABETH GUSTAFSON***

***DEVELOPMENT & IT MANAGE
EA/RECORDING SECRETARY***

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

7.4 Interprovincial and Intermunicipal Meeting

8.2 FCM Board Meeting – Reeve Stone

The following item was removed from the agenda:

5.1 CAO Report

MOTION

01.03.25.08

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

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2008

The minutes from the March 11, 2008 regularly scheduled meeting of Council were presented for Council's review.

MOTION
02.03.25.08

Moved by Councillor Moen that the Council minutes from the March 11, 2008 regular scheduled Council meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

6.1 NW Reeves Group Terms of Reference

The suggestion for the Terms of Reference have been received and incorporated. The revised terms of reference have been included; NADC would like to be advised if there are any further suggestions.

MOTION
03.25.03.08

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council accept the Terms of Reference as presented.

Carried

6.2 ISL Engineering: Costs for 4th Open House

As directed at the March 3, 2008 meeting, ISL has investigated the cost of a 4th Open House to be held for the County. This meeting will be held during the Central Peace Land Use Bylaw Review and Update Project to be held in Woking the day following the Open House in Bonanza. The cost is a lump sum of \$7000 + GST.

MOTION
04.03.25.08

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council approve a 4th Open House conducted by ISL Engineering regarding the Land Use Bylaw for Saddle Hills County at a cost of \$7000 + GST.

Carried

7 New Business

7.1 Scheduling Conflict – April 8th Council Meeting

There is a scheduling conflict with the April 8th Council Meeting. The CAO will be unable to attend the meeting if it is held April 8th.

MOTION
05.03.25.08

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council does not reschedule the April 8th Council Meeting.

Carried

7.2 SRRA Track and Field Day

Spirit River Regional Academy will be hosting their fourth annual Track and Field Day. There will be nearly 1000 participants and the anticipated cost for the day is \$5000.

Any donations would be appreciated.

In 2007 Saddle Hills County donated \$250 to the Spirit River Regional Academy for the Track and Field Day.

MOTION
06.03.25.08

Moved by Councillor Clarke that the County Council donate \$500 to the Spirit River Regional Academy Track and Field Day.

Carried

7.3 Rycroft Sports Days

The Rycroft Agricultural Society is looking for sponsors for the Rycroft Sports Days.

Sponsorship at the \$500 to greater than \$5,000 range will have their company sign prominently displayed at the racetrack and along HWY 49.

In 2007 Saddle Hills County gave the Rycroft Agricultural Society an operating grant of \$1200 and a capital grant of \$2000 (announcer's booth).

MOTION

07.03.25.08

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council table the Rycroft Sports Days funding request pending information regarding contributions to other such events in the County.

Carried

7.4 Interprovincial & Intermunicipal meeting

Councillor Clarke received an email advising her that Saddle Hills County had volunteered to host the next Interprovincial & Intermunicipal meeting.

MOTION

08.03.25.08

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council direct administration to organize the Interprovincial and Intermunicipal meeting for the week of April 28, 2008 to May 2, 2008.

Carried

8. COMMITTEE / BOARD REPORTS

8.1 AAMD&C Spring Convention

The following topics from the 2008 AAMD&C Spring Convention were discussed by the following Councillors:

Reeve Stone discussed the following topics:

- The Reeves Meeting -- Central Alberta has had a wet year, as a result cattails are growing in farmers fields. These areas could now be considered waterbodies and potentially restrict farming and pesticide utilization around the cattails.
- The City of Edmonton is forming a regional board.
- The pipelines in Thornhild County are being twinned.
- Open Spaces, a plan to increase wildlife habitat in Southern Alberta is facing opposition.

Councillor Buck -- The George Cuff presentation was excellent.

4. DELEGATIONS

11:30 A.M.

4.1 PREDA – Bob Hall

Bob Hall entered the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Bob Hall from the Peace Region Economic Development Alliance gave a presentation to Council and answered questions. The Following topics were discussed:

- PREDA was created in 1999 and there are 12 other economic alliances in Alberta, the focus of PREDA is industry development.
- There are currently 28 member representatives, 18 of which are management members. Of those 18 management members 6 are on the executive.
- PREDA collects \$60, 000 a year in membership fees (\$0.50/capita each year) and \$100,000 from Alberta Finance and Enterprise.
- PREDA has had many achievements in 2007 in the areas of marketing the region, opportunity development and leadership development.
- A draft of the PREDA 2008-2011 business plan was presented.
- PREDA is member driven and to gain the most benefit requires being vocal.

Bob Hall left the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:58 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:23 p.m.

8.2 FCM Board Meeting – Reeve Stone

Reeve Stone attended a meeting of FCM Board members in Brandon, Manitoba. The following topics were discussed:

- The bylaws and terms of reference regarding eligibility for the FCM board and executive were reviewed.
- A code of ethics is being put forward; this should help remove conflict of interest issues.
- A policy stated that FCM would encourage the government to explore alternative fuels “such as ethanol and biodiesel” raised issues and “such as ethanol and biodiesel was struck from the policy.
- There was a discussion regarding attempting to suppress the cosmetic use of pesticides without a negative impact on the rural use of pesticides. The use of pesticides by acreage owners is less clear.
- In Europe there is a Passenger’s Bill of Rights that makes the airline responsible when a flight does not fly as scheduled. Due to the smaller number of airlines operating in Canada and the large possibility of adverse weather conditions this is not feasible in Canada.
- The FCM board is looking forward to the AGM in Quebec.

MOTION

09.03.25.08

Moved by Councillor Clarke that the Committee and Board reports be accepted for information purposes only.

Carried

1:34 P.M. *Public Hearing opens.*

4.2 Road Right-of-Way Licence Agreement – Wayne Kettner

Bylaw 160-2008 respecting an application to enter into an agreement to license a portion of road plan 762 1106 was given first reading by Council on February 26, 2008.

A public hearing is scheduled for March 25, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

Laurie Jackson, manager of Development and IT presented information about bylaw 160-2008. There were no members of the public present to give input. The following topics were discussed:

- There was a written letter from Wayne Kettner expressing hope that the bylaw would pass.
- The bylaw was initiated by Saddle Hills County.
- Alberta Transportation has advised that as the road is not being closed, their approval is not required.
- The road allowance has been used to stockpile dirt and Mr. Kettner has offered to lease the land.

1:40 P.M. *Public Hearing closes.*

MOTION

10.03.25.08

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council give Bylaw 160-2008 a second reading.

Carried

MOTION

11.03.25.08

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council give Bylaw 160-2008 a third reading.

Carried

9. Information Items

1. AAMD&C Correspondence
2. Rural Matters Conference
3. AAMD&C Reeves/Mayors Meeting
4. Northern AB Mayors/Reeves Caucus Meeting
5. FCM Correspondence
6. NRCB Hearing Postponed
7. Cheque List
8. Peace Country Health Correspondence
9. NADC Newsletter
10. Catholic Schools meeting
11. NW Regional Conference
12. AB's Environment Conference

MOTION
12.03.25.08

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

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Stone declared the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

REEVE

CAO