

**MINUTES  
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAYMAY 13, 2008**

*Meeting of the Council for Saddle Hills County was held in the Council Chambers of the Saddle Hills County Administration Building on Tuesday May 13, 2008.*

**PRESENT:**

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

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

***CAO  
EA/RECORDING SECRETARY***

**ABSENT:**

***ALVIN HUBERT***

***COUNCILLOR***

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

There were no items added to the agenda.

**MOTION  
01.05.13.08**

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

**Carried**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2008**

The minutes from the April 22, 2008 regularly scheduled meeting of Council were presented for Council's review.

**Moved by Councillor McRann that the Council minutes from the April 22, 2008 regular scheduled Council meeting be adopted as amended.**

**Carried**

#### **4. Delegations**

*Katie Stevenson and Candace Dolen entered the meeting at 10:15 a.m.*

##### **4.1 Environmental Stewardship Group – Katie Stevenson & Candace Dolen**

Katie Stevenson and Candace Dolen spoke to Council about plans to form an Environmental Stewardship Advisory Group. The following topics were discussed:

- The formation of the Rural Roots Sustainability Society
- A public meeting has already been held and the group is active mainly in the Silver Valley Region
- The goal is to educate and provide sustainable options
- The Sustainable Schools program will educate children at school, where they can then take that knowledge home to their parents
- The projected costs will be just over \$24,000 a year
- There is funding available from the oilfield, grant programs, Government support (including Saddle Hills County) and the community.
- There will be evaluations to find out which programs are working and how well
- The Society will be hosting events with information about local food, sustainable agriculture and a resource centre.
- The Society would like the County to be aware that there is funding available for the Brownfield reclamation of the landfills that are being closed

*Katie Stevenson and Candace Dolen left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.*

#### **5. Administration Reports**

##### **5.1 CAO Regular Council Meeting Report**

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

- Audit Committee Meeting – will be held after Council
- Cotillion Park – the gathering area is open and the plumber will be finishing the washrooms, the park has been using power from the CNRL plant nearby and due to a fuel line collapse, the plant will be looking at other sources of

energy. CNRL has requested that Saddle Hills County look into three phase power to the area

- Altagas – a notice has been published in the Signal, there is currently no public meeting planned. There is a deadline of May 28 to send a letter of concern

*Mr. Emdadul Haque, Director of Engineering and Public Works entered the meeting at 10:55 a.m.*

**MOTION**  
**03.05.13.08**

**Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council direct Administration to prepare a letter addressing the issues regarding the expansion of the AltaGas natural gas processing plant at 03-03-081-13-W6M.**

**Carried**

- Water Meeting – there will be a South Peace Water meeting for all Councils on June 16, 2008
- Assessment Review Board Training – there is all day assessment training in Grande Prairie on May 14, 2008

**MOTION**  
**04.05.13.08**

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

**Carried**

**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;

- Spring Cleanup
- Bonanza Site
- Calcium petition

**MOTION**  
**05.05.13.08**

**Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council remove TWP Road 794 (Devale Road) from the 2008 Calcium treatment list.**

**Carried**

**MOTION**  
**06.05.13.08**

**Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council direct Administration to do a traffic count on TWP Road 794 (Devale Road) in 2008.**

**Carried**

### **5.3 RFP for Grader Purchase**

Four proposals (with different options) were received for the supply of 10 Grader (9 for SHC and 1 for MD 133). These proposals were submitted by 1. Finning - Cat 2. Hammer – Case, 3. Brandt Tractor-John Deere and 4. Strongco – Volvo. Proposal evaluation sheet along with other required information is attached. Tax not included in the proposals.

No amount was allocated in the approved preliminary budget; however we have Mobile Equipment Replacement Reserve.

**MOTION**  
**07.05.13.08**

**Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council approves the proposal of Strongco - Volvo with their price at \$ 319,930.22/grader with the guaranteed buy back option, and directs Administration accordingly to purchase 9 Volvo G976 graders with necessary attachments. The funds used for this purchase will be taken from the Mobile Equipment Replacement Reserves.**

**Carried**

### **7.3 Road Building Request – Gerry Richard**

A letter from Gerry Richard regarding the building of a road to NE-1-78-8-W6 has been received. The following topics were discussed:

- Council has been preparing a Road Building Policy
- The Director of Engineering and Public Works has looked at the area and was able to access from the North
- Roads, from the North or South, would require Alberta Environment approval due to water crossings
- the neighbours will be informed of the status of the road if it will affect them

**MOTION**  
**08.05.13.08**

**Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council defer making a decision until the Road Building Policy is adopted.**

**Carried**

### **5.4 Gravel Tender for Gundy, Woking and Happy Valley area roads**

The average haul length of these roads (Woking, Happy Valley and Blueberry Mountain) is approximately 69km from Fourth Creek Gravel Pit and approximately 44 km from 6L Sand & Gravel's Pit. The cost of Gravel at Fourth Creek Pit is approximately \$ 4.50/tonne and the hauling cost will be

approximately  $(0.124/\text{tonnes}/\text{km} \times 120\% = 0.149/\text{tonnes}/\text{km})$ ,  $70\text{km} \times 0.149 = \$10.28/\text{tonne}$  and total cost will be approximately \$ 15.40/tonne.

The total cost for 6L Sand & Gravel (gravel cost plus hauling) will be  $(0.142/\text{tonnes}/\text{km} \times 45\text{km} + 11.00) = \$ 17.40/\text{tonne}$ .

We need approximately 40,000 tonnes of gravel for these roads. We have allocation in the budget to accommodate this cost.

**MOTION**

**09.05.13.08**

**Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council approves the tender of D. Ray Sand and Gravel with their price of \$25.00/tonne, supply and haul for Gundy area roads and the tender of 6L Sand & Gravel with their price of \$11.00/tonne supplied and load for Woking, Happy Valley and Blueberry Mountain area roads and direct Administration accordingly.**

**Carried**

**MOTION**

**10.05.13.08**

**Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council award the Gravel Haul Contract at the contracted rate of 0.142 tonnes/km to 1230610 Alberta Ltd.**

**Carried**

*The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:03 p.m.*

*The meeting reconvened at 1:20 p.m.*

**5.5 Recycling Bins at the Garbage Collection Sites**

As per Council's direction Administration contracted the following companies for the proposal of Recycling services within Saddle Hills County:

Recycle Plus, Metro Waste Paper, Eco Depo, BFI Canada, Custom Environment and Prairie Disposal Ltd.

In response to our request only Recycle Plus and Prairies Disposal Ltd. had submitted their proposal.

Prairie Disposal Ltd.'s Proposal:

A. 10 cubic yd Roll-off bins: \$ 150.00/month for rent Plus \$ 135.00/hour trucking

B. 4 cubic yd bins: \$ 30.00/month for rent Plus \$ 120.00/hour trucking

We requested Prairie Disposal to provide more information on total hours on hauling and also on one time purchase price of the bins but they hadn't supplied the requested information.

Recycle Plus's Proposal:

Capital cost (purchase of bins) 8 cubic yd bins for plastic and tin at \$2800.00/bin

4 cubic yd bins for paper at \$2300.00/bin (may require 2 bins per site)

Considering 12 sites within the County total capital cost will be= 12 X \$2800.00/bins + 12 X \$2300.00/bins = \$ 61,000.00

Monthly Fee: \$ 3.95 per month per dwelling X 977 dwelling = \$ 3,859.15

Plus excess site (qualified # of site is 5, excess # of site is 7) charge = \$ 2100.00

Total monthly fee is \$ 5,959.15 (5% annual escalation charge will be applied)

Contract term will be for five years.

**MOTION**  
**11.05.13.08**

**Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council include in the 2008 tax insert the information about the placement of recycling bins.**

**Carried**

*Mr. Emdadul Haque, Director of Engineering and Public Works left the meeting at 2:24 p.m.*

**5.6 Radio Consultation Meeting – Brian Ballard**

The Regional Fire & Disaster Services Director has attended an Alberta First Responders Radio Communication System Consultation Meeting on March 31, 2008. The submitted report covers key points from the meeting.

**MOTION**  
**12.05.13.08**

**Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council accept the Radio Consultation meeting Report for information purposes only.**

**Carried**

**7. New Business**

*Faye Kary, Director of Corporate Services entered the meeting at 2:27 p.m.*

**7.1 2008 Final Operating and Capital Budget**

Administration would like to present Council with the Proposed Operating and Capital Budget for 2008.

**MOTION**  
**13.05.13.08**

**Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council adopt the 2008 Operational Budget in the amount of \$34,600,510.00 and the 2008 Capital Budget in the amount of \$5,777,007.00 for a total of \$40,377,517.00**

**Carried**

**7.2 Municipal Tax Bylaw – 161-2008**

Administration presented Council with the Municipal Tax bylaw No. 161-2008 for adoption.

**MOTION**  
**14.05.13.08**

**Moved by Councillor Jack that the County Council give Bylaw No. 161-2008 a first reading.**

**Carried**

**MOTION**  
**15.05.13.8**

**Moved by Councillor Clarke that the County Council give Bylaw No. 161-2008 a second reading.**

**Carried**

**MOTION**  
**16.05.13.08**

**Moved by Councillor McRann that the County Council introduce Bylaw No. 161-2008 for a third and final reading.**

**Carried Unanimously**

**MOTION**  
**17.05.13.08**

**Moved by Councillor Buck that the County Council give Bylaw No. 161-2008 a third reading.**

**Carried**

*Faye Kary, Director of Corporate Services, left the meeting at 2:35 p.m.*

**7.4 PREDA AGM**

An invitation to the Peace Region Economic Development Alliance Annual General Meeting has been received.

**MOTION**  
**18.05.13.08**

**Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council authorize attendance of the Reeve at the PREDA AGM .**

**Carried**

**7.5 Gordondale Tractor Pull Sponsorship Request**

The Gordondale Community Club has asked Saddle Hills County if they would like provide sponsorship or a donation to the 11<sup>th</sup> Gordondale Tractor Pull.

Saddle hills County has not previously donated to the Gordondale Tractor Pull.

**MOTION**  
**19.05.13.08**

**Moved by Councillor Clarke that Saddle hills County support the 2008 Gordondale Tractor pull for \$250.**

**Carried**

**7.6 Sylvan Meadows Fund raiser Tournament**

Sylvan Meadows has sent a letter requesting sponsorship for their Sorrentino's Compassion House Golf Tournament Fund Raiser.

Saddle Hills County has contributed to this event in the past.

2005 - \$640

2004 - \$640

2003 - \$480

**MOTION**  
**20.05.13.08**

**Moved by Councillor Clarke that Saddle Hills County support the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Sylvan Meadows Golf and Country Club Sorrentino's Compassion House Golf Classic for \$640.**

**Carried**

## **8. Committee/Board Reports**

### **8.1 Interprovincial / Intermunicipal Meeting**

The annual Interprovincial and Intermunicipal meeting was held on May 1, 2008 at the Bonanza Hall. The following topics were discussed:

- The agenda was good
- Chronic Wasting Disease was discussed as well as the issue of too much wildlife
- High Speed internet -- Saddle Hills County is as far along as the others without having to pay for towers
- The Branding the Peace presentation was very good, the scope of the work that is planned is global
- Thank you to Administration for doing a good job of hosting the meeting

**MOTION**  
**21.05.13.08**

**Moved by Councillor Clarke that Councillor Jack and McRann are appointed to a committee to discuss wildlife issues in the Peace Region.**

**Carried**

**MOTION**  
**22.05.13.08**

**Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council accept the committee/board reports for information purposes only.**

**Carried**

### **5.2 In Camera – Legal Issues**

An in-camera session has been requested in order to discuss legal issues.

**MOTION**  
**23.05.13.08**

**Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council go into an in-camera session in order to discuss legal issues at 2:59 p.m.**

**Carried**

**MOTION**  
**24.05.13.08**

**Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council come out of the in-camera session at 3:35 p.m.**

**Carried**

**9. Information Items**

1. **Linear Assessment and Education Tax**
2. **Wild Rose Internet Offer**
3. **FCM Correspondence**
4. **AAMDC Correspondence**
5. **Labour and Employment Update**
6. **Golf Tournament Invitation**
7. **Peace Region Presenters for Climate Project**
8. **Cheque Run**
9. **RCMP Monthly Report**
10. **MPB Update**
11. **NADC Newsletter**
12. **Catholic Schools Minutes**
13. **Older Adult Physical Activity Information**
14. **Infrastructure News**
15. **Renew Canada Courses**
16. **Travel Alberta – Best of Buzz**
17. **PREDA – Members Report**

**MOTION**  
**25.05.13.08**

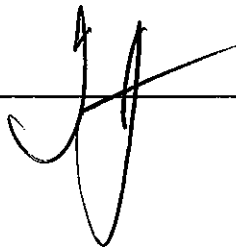
**Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council accept the information items for information purposes only.**

**Carried**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Reeve Stone declared the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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**REEVE**



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**CAO**

