

**MINUTES
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY MAY 27, 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 27, 2008.

PRESENT:

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

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

***CAO
EA/RECORDING SECRETARY***

ABSENT:

BRUCE JACK

COUNCILLOR

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

6.4 AltaGas Letter

7.4 Bonanza Household Waste Bin Site – Clr. Hubert

7.5 Review of Events in June

8.1 Grande Spirit Foundation – Clr. Clarke

8.2 Seniors Housing Committee – Clr. Clarke

8.3 PREDA AGM – Reeve Stone

8.4 Weyerhaeuser – Reeve Stone

MOTION

01.05.27.08

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

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2008

The minutes from the May 13, 2008 regularly scheduled meeting of Council were presented for Council's review.

MOTION

02.05.27.08

Moved by Councillor Moen that the Council minutes from the May 13, 2008 regular scheduled Council meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

5. Administration Reports

5.1 CAO Regular Council Meeting Report - Verbal

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

- Tax Notices have been prepared and will be sent out May 28, 2008
- FCM – will be at FCM until June 4, interim CAO's have been appointed
- MSI – Project profile deadline extended to September 15, 2008
- A new Road Request has been received
- Central Services printer being replaced with a colour printer

MOTION

03.05.27.08

Moved by Councillor Buck 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 10:20 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;

- Bay Tree Bin Sites – Cost of video surveillance? There will be someone present at the bins in the evenings and on the weekends.
- Fourth Creek Bin is damaged
- The Spring Cleanup Bins were not well advertised and were being removed at awkward times. Have the bins again in June, advertise ahead of time and have the bins removed after the weekend.
- Car crushing – advertise in the Signal for interest in car crushing services
- Road signs – signs are needed at the junction of TWP820 and RR120 and 100m north of where the road jogs after the East Doe
- Maintenance is required on the Pilsworth Road

MOTION
04.05.27.08

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

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

6.1 Draft Road Building Policy

The draft Road Building Policy has been reviewed in the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

MOTION
05.05.27.08

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council adopt the Road building Policy as presented.

Carried

6.2 Rural Roots Partnership

Katie Stevenson and Candace Dolen gave a presentation to Council on May 13 about the Environmental Stewardship Group, Rural Roots Sustainability Society. Katie Stevenson has been in contact to inquire if there has been a decision made about possible support (financial, in kind, promotional...) for the Rural Roots Sustainability Society.

MOTION
06.05.27.08

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council accept the information about the Rural Roots Sustainability Society for information purposes only

Carried

6.3 Road building Request – Gerry Richard

A road building request has been previously made by Gerry Richard, and the final decision was postponed until the Road Building Policy was in place.

MOTION
07.05.27.08

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council go into an in-camera session to discuss the issue at 10:45 a.m.

Carried

MOTION
08.05.27.08

Moved by Councillor Buck to come out of in-camera at 10:50 a.m.

Carried

MOTION
09.05.27.08

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council approve the road building request at NE-1-79-8-W6 with the road being built from the intersection of RR80 and TWP 791A to the East side of NE-79-8-W6, subject to the requirements of the Road Building Policy and with the approval of Council.

Carried

Mr. Emdadul Haque, Director of Engineering and Public Works left the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

6.4 AltaGas Letter

A response was received from AltaGas on May 21, 2008. They provided more information about the project and a photocopy of the advertisement of the Open house in the March 11, 2008 Central Peace Signal. A copy of the advertisement of the June 4, 2008 Open House was attached to the letter.

MOTION
10.05.27.08

Moved by Councillor McRann that the Oil and Gas Committee attend the June 4, 2008 Open House to be held in Bonanza for AltaGas regarding the proposed expansion.

Carried

7.1 Application to Amend Land Use Bylaw – Rezoning

An application has been received to amend the Land Use Bylaw to rezone Lots 22 & 23, Block 0002, Plan 1124 HW in the Hamlet of Woking from Hamlet Commercial to Hamlet Residential. Lots 22 & 23 have been consolidated into one title for the two lots.

The applicants have applied for a development permit to place a new manufactured home on these lots behind the existing shop.

MOTION
11.05.27.08

Moved by Councillor Moen that the County Council give Bylaw 162-2008 a first reading.

Carried

MOTION
12.05.27.08

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council schedule a public hearing regarding rezoning Bylaw 162-2008 for June 24, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

Carried

7.2 AAMD&C Zone Meeting Information

The next AAMD&C Zone Meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2008 in Wabasca. 4 rooms have been reserved at the Riverside Inn for August 7 and 8, 2008.

MOTION
13.05.27.08

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council authorize attendance at the August 8th AAMD&C Zone Meeting in Wabasca.

Carried

7.3 Mountain Pine Beetle Follow-Up Meeting

The NADC would like to invite Saddle Hills County Council to the Mountain Pine Beetle Follow-up meeting. This meeting will provide an update on the Mountain Pine Beetle infestation, what the provincial and federal government is doing about it and the role of industry.

MOTION
14.05.27.08

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council authorize attendance at the Mountain Pine Beetle Follow-Up Meeting.

Carried

7.4 Bonanza Bins – Clr. Hubert

Councillor Hubert brought to Council's attention that the Bonanza community would like to have a household waste bin site near the community of Bonanza.

MOTION
15.05.27.08

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council direct Administration to send a letter to the Bonanza Ag Society indicating that the County is willing to explore a household garbage bin site if a suitable place can be found agreeable to both the County and the community.

Carried

8. Committee/Board Reports

8.1 Grande Spirit Foundation – Clr. Clarke

The Grande Spirit Foundation Meeting was held May 16, 2008. The independent living addition to Amisk Court in Beaverlodge is going ahead, as is the addition to the Wild Rose Villa. There is still a search in and around Grande Prairie for a future lodge. The annual report brochures were presented.

8.2 Seniors Housing Meeting – Clr Clarke

The Seniors Housing Meeting was held May 21, 2008 at the Saddle Hills County Council Chambers. There will be an information booth at the June Jamboree with the object of attracting donations and potential investors. A steering committee has been formed.

The meeting schedule has been changed from two meetings a month to one meeting on the third Wednesday of the month.

8.3 PREDA AGM – Reeve Stone

The PREDA AGM included a round table where updates on development were given. Presenters discussed various projects that PREDA is involved in. Bill Warren spoke about aerospace development, Paul McNeil about the Dinosaur Interpretive Centre and Joany Aylward about Branding the Peace. The Grande Prairie Regional College is working to put together a package of tourism ideas for the area. Presently in International Tourism Books, Edmonton, Calgary and the Parks have 95% of the attention. Many of the same people are involved in PREDA as are involved in Branding the Peace and other organizations.

8.4 Weyerhaeuser Meeting – Reeve Stone

Weyerhaeuser spoke about operation and the safety record and gave an economic statement, including the price of pulp. A scientist gave a presentation about a wildlife study being conducted about owls. A study about grizzlies has already been done.

MOTION

16.05.27.08

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council accept the Board and Committee reports for information purposes only.

Carried

7.5 Review of Events in June

Council reviewed the events that were occurring in June and which events they would be attending.

June 4 – AltaGas Open House
June 10 – Council Meeting
June 12 – Branding the Peace AGM
June 14 – Gordondale Tractor Pull
June 14 – June Jamboree
June 16 – South Peace Municipalities Water Meeting
June 17 – Agricultural Service Board Meeting
June 19/20 – County Council Road Tour
June 22 – Cotillion Park Day

9. Information Items

- 1. Cheque Run**
- 2. Communities Chosewell Information**
- 3. Northern Alberta Mayors and Reeves Caucus**
- 4. Prairie & Territories Regional – Board Minutes**
- 5. Northern Alberta Elected Leaders Draft Minutes**
- 6. AAMD&C Contact**
- 7. Municipal Safety News**
- 8. Central Peace Health News**
- 9. RCMP Newsletter**
- 10. NADC Newsletter**
- 11. Best Employers 50+**
- 12. Vitalize 2008 Conference**
- 13. Global Petroleum Conference**
- 14. Health and Safety Conference**
- 15. Administrative Justice Conference**

MOTION

17.05.27.08

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

Carried

MOTION

18.05.27.08

Moved by Councillor Moen that Saddle Hills County sponsors the meal at the Cotillion Park Day celebration.

Carried

MOTION

19.05.27.08

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council authorize attendance of Councillor Clarke at the Branding the Peace Annual General Meeting.

Carried

MOTION

20.05.27.08

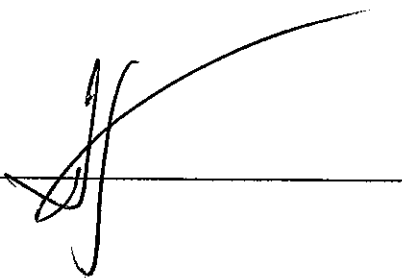
Moved by Councillor Buck that Reeve Stone attend the Fire Services Exemplary Service medal of Canada at Government House in Edmonton, in recognition of the regional Fire/Disaster Services Manager Brian Ballard.

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Stone declared the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

REEVE



CAO

