

**MINUTES
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2008**

Meeting of the Council for Saddle Hills County was held in the Council Chambers of the Saddle Hills County Administration Building on Tuesday September 23, 2008.

PRESENT:

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

*REEVE
DEPUTY REEVE
COUNCILLOR
COUNCILLOR
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COUNCILLOR*

*TAROLYN PEACH
SANDY PEDDLE*

*CAO
EA/RECORDING SECRETARY*

ABSENT:

ALVIN HUBERT

COUNCILLOR

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 10:49 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 6.4 Alta Gas
- 8.1 PASZA Meeting

**MOTION
01.23.09.08**

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

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2008

The minutes from the September 9, 2008 regularly scheduled meeting of Council were presented for Council's review.

MOTION

02.23.09.08

Moved by Councillor Moen that the Council minutes from the September 9, 2008 regular scheduled Council meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

5. Administration Reports

5.1 CAO Regular Council Meeting Report

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

- Fall road tour dates were set for October 15 and 16th, 2008
- Visioning date was set for November 27th, 2008

MOTION

03.23.09.08

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council move the regularly scheduled Council meeting from November 11, 2008 to November 10, 2008.

Carried

MOTION

04.23.09.08

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

Carried

Mr. Jason Jagodich, Director of Engineering and Public Works, entered the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Adrain Smedstad and Drennen Hallett from Golden Sheep Power Inc. entered the Council meeting at 11:10 a.m.

4.1 Golden Sheep Power Inc.

Adrain Smedstad and Drennen Hallett from Golden Sheep Power Inc. presented Council with information on Wind Power solutions for Residential, Commercial, Agricultural and Industry. They believe that Green Power should be affordable and accessible to everyone, and the technology is there to embrace, through wind turbines and solar panels.

Adrain Smedstad and Drennen Hallett departed the Council meeting at 11:40 a.m.

5.2 Director of Engineering and Public Works Report

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

- Range Road 84 possible completion date
- Range Road 80 repair funding
- Township Road 790 completion of gravel spread
- Josephine Creek road closure and repair schedule

MOTION
05.23.09.08

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

Carried

Jason Jagodich, Director of Engineering and Public Works departed the Council meeting at 12:10 p.m.

County Council recessed for lunch at 12.10 p.m. and reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

Faye Kary, Director of Corporate Services entered the Council meeting at 1:38 p.m.

5.3 Financial Report for the Month of August 2008

Administration presented Council with the Financial Report for the month of August, 2008.

MOTION
06.23.09.08

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council accept the Financial Report for the month of August for information purposes only.

Carried

Faye Kary, Director of Corporate Services departed the Council meeting at 1:43 p.m.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

6.1 Alberta Municipal Affairs Workshop

County Council had requested that this item be brought back to this meeting for further discussion.

MOTION

07.23.09.08

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council authorize attendance to the Alberta Municipal Affairs Workshops for any Councillor wishing to participate.

Carried

6.2 Scholarship Call for 2008

County Council directed administration to provide additional information regarding the Scholarship Call so Council could discuss this further. Discussion ensued and it was requested that administration draft a scholarship application for Saddle Hills County and bring back to a future meeting for review.

6.3 Municipal Sponsorship Program

The 2008 Municipal Sponsorship Program was announced and received on August 25, 2008 with a deadline for submission of September 30, 2008. The Saddle Hills County base grant for the 2008 MSP is \$22,206. However there is a 35% bonus for municipalities to cooperate and submit joint applications, and also there is a 65% bonus for municipalities to provide a project that is within the priority project bonus. Administration presented Council with two possible projects that could be completed under the sponsorship program.

MOTION

08.23.09.08

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council direct administration to forward a 2008 Municipal Sponsorship Program application with two projects. The projects are as follows: 1) Back Up Electrical Generation for the Emergency Operations Centre and 2) Washroom Facility Upgrades at Hilltop Lake. In addition the following resolution must be ratified for the Intermunicipal project, and that Saddle Hills County act as the managing Municipality.

Carried

6.4 AltaGas – Pouce Coupe Project

Discussion ensued regarding a response letter that was received by Council addressing their concerns with the Pouce Coupe expansion project from Energy Resources Conservation Board.

MOTION

09.23.09.09

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council send a letter thanking Energy Resource Conservation Board for looking into Saddle Hills County's concerns.

Carried

7.1 Youth Entrepreneurship Camp

Reeve Stone received a request for sponsorship to the Youth Entrepreneurship Camp, and would like to open this item for discussion. Discussion ensued and administration was directed to bring this item back to a future Council meeting in 2009 for consideration.

7.2 Clean Air for a Healthy Alberta

Administration presented Council with a consultation guide and questionnaire for A Clean Air Strategy for a Healthy Alberta for Councils consideration.

MOTION

10.23.09.08

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council accept the Consultation Guide and Questionnaire from Clean Air for a Healthy Alberta for information purposes only.

Carried

7.3 Safety Policy PW19

Administration presented Council with the Safety Policy currently listed under Public Works and administration would like to request that Council allow the listing to be placed under Administration.

MOTION

11.23.09.08

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council adopt the Safety Policy AD32 as amended.

Carried

7.4 Road Construction Policy

Administration has brought the Road Construction Policy AD32 to Council to request that the Policy Number be changed to reflect PW25. When the policy was presented to Council for adoption the number of this policy was incorrect.

MOTION
12.23.09.08

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council direct Administration to correct the number on the Road Construction Policy AD32 to read Road Construction Policy PW25.

Carried

7.5 Dress Code Policy AD16

Administration presented Council with the new proposed Dress Code Policy AD16 for adoption.

MOTION
13.23.09.08

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council adopt the Dress Code Policy AD16 as amended.

Carried

7.6 Long Service Recognition Policy AD33

Administration presented Council with a draft copy of the Long Service Recognition Policy AD33 for consideration.

MOTION
14.23.09.08

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council adopt the Long Service Recognition Policy AD33 as amended.

Carried

7.7 Brushing & Weed Control Along Roadsides Policy AG03

The Agricultural Service Board discussed the following policy at their September 16th, meeting and would like to present Council with a revised copy of the Brushing and Weed Control Along Roadsides Policy AG03 for adoption. Discussion ensued and it was Councils request that this item be sent back to the Agricultural Service Board for clarification on point 6 of this policy.

7.8 Roadside Seeding Policy AG09

The Agricultural Service Board discussed the following Policy at their September 16th, meeting and they would like to present Council with a revised copy of the Roadside Seeding Policy AG09 for adoption.

MOTION

15.23.09.08

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council adopt the Roadside Seeding Policy AG09 as presented.

Carried

7.9 Unsightly Premises Bylaw 168-2008

Administration presented Council with the Unsightly Premises Bylaw 168-2008 for consideration.

MOTION

16.23.09.08

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council give the Unsightly Premises Bylaw 168-2008 first reading and that the following is enacted.

1. This bylaw may be cited as the “Unsightly Premises Bylaw” of the Hamlet of Woking, Saddle Hills County in the Province of Alberta.

Carried

7.10 Master Rates Bylaw 166-2008

Administration has brought back the Master Rates Bylaw 166-2008 with the noted amendments for second and third readings.

MOTION

17.23.09.08

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council give the Master Rates Bylaw 166-2008 second reading.

Carried

MOTION

18.23.09.08

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council give the Master Rates Bylaw 166-2008 third and final reading.

Carried

7.11 Grande Prairie & District Victim's Assistance Funding Request

Administration presented Council with a request for funding from the Grande Prairie and District Victim's Assistance Program for 2008.

MOTION

19.23.09.08

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council approve the commitment of \$9,000 from the 2008 budget for the Grande Prairie and District Victim's Assistance Program.

Carried

7.12 Public Library Consultation Sessions

Administration presented Council with information on upcoming Public Library Consultation Sessions.

MOTION

20.23.09.08

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council accept the Public Library Consultation Session package for information purposes only.

Carried

7.13 Funds Release – Central Peace Conservation Society Grant

Saddle Hills County has supported the endeavours of the Central Peace Conservation Society since 1998. This applied research association works within the County and surrounding region to provide unbiased, third-party agricultural data to producers to increase their profitability and sustainability. For the past several years, Saddle Hills County has contributed \$7,500 annually to help CPCS continue their agricultural extension work within the Central Peace Region. It has come to my attention that the funds for this year have not been released as of yet. Currently there is no written agreement with CPCS. Administration is currently drafting a formal agreement, which will be presented to Council for their consideration at a future date.

Discussion ensued and it was requested by Council that this item be taken back to the Agricultural Service Board to investigate where the funds are being allocated from.

MOTION

21.23.09.08

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council request the Agricultural Service Board to investigate this item and bring back to a future meeting with the requested information.

Carried

8.1 Peace AirShed Zone Association

Reeve Stone presented Council with his report on the meeting he attended at the Peace Airshed Zone Association regarding air quality.

MOTION

22.23.09.08

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

Carried

9. Information Items

1. Accounts Payable
2. Contact
3. Ponoka County – Reeves Meeting at AAMD&C Convention
4. Synergy Alberta Conference 2008
5. Municipal Safety News
6. PREDA
7. NADC News Clippings
8. Local Government Services Division
9. MMSA Monitor
10. Thank you from the Spirit River Museum
11. Thank you from the Spirit River Happy Hour Club
12. Correctional Services Canada
13. 12th Annual Canadian Fall Outlook Conference
14. Municipal Law
15. News Release
16. Alberta To Study Water Rights
17. Glacier Power Presentation (will be available on the back Council table for review)

MOTION

23.23.09.08

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

Carried

MOTION

24.23.09.08

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council go into In-camera at 3:00 p.m.

Carried

MOTION

25.23.09.08

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council go out of In-Camera at 3:27 p.m.

Carried

MOTION

26.23.09.08

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council assist the Municipal District No. 133 with minimal temporary administrative support. The Reeve and Deputy Reeve authorized to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Municipal District No. 133.

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Stone declared the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

REEVE

CAO