

**MINUTES
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2009**

Meeting of the Council for Saddle Hills County was held in the Council Chambers of the Saddle Hills County Administration Building on Tuesday February 24, 2009.

PRESENT:

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

***REEVE
DEPUTY REEVE
COUNCILLOR
COUNCILLOR
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COUNCILLOR***

***TAROLYN PEACH
JASON JAGODICH
SANDY PEDDLE***

***CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER
DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING
AND PUBLIC WORKS
RECORDING SECRETARY***

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M.

Jason Jagodich, Director of Engineering and Public Works entered the Council meeting at 10:15 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 7.10 Agricultural Food Council Nomination
- 7.11 Northern Alberta Elected Leaders
- 7.12 Communities in Bloom
- 7.13 Ideas
- 8.2 PASZA Meeting

**MOTION
01.02.24.09**

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

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2009

The minutes from the February 3, 2009 regularly scheduled meeting of Council were presented for Council's review. The following corrections were noted;

- Pg. 3 – 6.1 correction of the word ratepayer to ratepayers
- Pg. 9 -7.12 change the wording from federal funding to grant funding
- Pg. 10 – 8.1 change the word preparation to fundraising
- Pg. 10 – 8.3 change the In attendance were to reflect In attendance on behalf of
- Pg. 10 – 8.3 change 10-12 MPs to 2 MPs
- Pg. 10 – 8.3 change the word forestry to reflect Natural Resources

MOTION
02.02.24.09

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that the Council minutes from the February 3, 2009 regular scheduled Council meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

5.1 CAO Regular Council Meeting Report

The Chief Administrative Officer report was presented to Council. The following items were discussed:

- Request to utilize Council Chambers
- Strategic Planning
- Assessment Computer
- Municipal Guidebook

MOTION
03.02.24.09

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into an agreement with the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 for the use of the Council Chambers at Saddle Hills County Administration Building.

Carried

MOTION

04.02.24.09

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council authorize the addition of a server for the Assessment department.

Carried

MOTION

05.02.24.09

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

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

- Steaming of Culverts
- Corrected land location in Blueberry
- Rig Moves
- Excavation Tender Documents
- Disposal Bin Site in Bonanza
- South Sneddon Erosion
- Security Camera System for the Bay Tree Bin Site

MOTION

06.02.24.09

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

Carried

5.3 List of Equipment for Disposal

Administration presented Council with a list of equipment that is in the County's yard and has been replaced with other units. Administration would like to send the items to auction.

The list of equipment includes the following:

- SHG 8 – Volvo Grader (replacement is SHG18)
- SH10 – '95 Mack Water Truck (replacement is SH50)
- SH02 – '98 Ford ½ Ton Super cab 4x4 (replacement is SH25)
- SH03 – '98 Ford ½ Ton 4x4 (replacement is SH34)
- SH04 – '98 Ford ¾ Ton 4x4 (replacement is SH46)
- SH15 – '00 Ford ½ Ton Super cab 4x4 (replacement is SH33)
- SH16 – '01 Ford ¾ Ton 4x4 (replacement is SH40)

MOTION

07.02.24.09

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council direct administration to send the said units to auction.

Carried

6.1 Northern Alberta Youth Entrepreneurship Camp

Administration was requested to research the criteria for selection to this camp. The only criterion that is currently required is to submit answers to 4 questions in an 80 word essay form.

MOTION

08.02.24.09

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council donate \$1000.00 dollars to the Northern Alberta Youth Entrepreneurship Camp.

Carried

Laurie Jackson, Manger of Planning and IT Services entered the Council meeting at 10:45 a.m.

7.1 Alberta Transportation – Highway 727

Administration has received correspondence from Alberta Transportation regarding the alignment of Highway 727. The following proposal is being brought forward from Alberta Transportation for County Council's consideration.

The request is as follows:

a) Direction, control, and management of Highway 727:02 from Km 3.70 to Km 13.20 (From the junction of existing Highway 727 and Range Road 70 to the tie-in of existing Highway 727 and new Highway 727), will be transferred to Saddle Hills County on construction and opening to traffic of the new alignment of Hwy 727.

b) Bridge culverts at Bridge File 72963, Bridge File 72964 and culvert at Km 10.90 will be removed by Alberta Transportation, and full reclamation will take place.

c) Access to the Highway in stretches between West of Range Road 70 and East of Range Road 70A, and between North of farm access at Km 9.1 and South of Township Road 793 as shown in the attached sketch will be permanently closed by Alberta Transportation.

d) Pulling of shoulders of the road being transferred except for stretches where access to the Highway is being permanently closed off will be done by Alberta Transportation.

**MOTION
09.02.24.09**

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council accepts the proposal from Alberta Transportation in principle with the attached plan.

Carried

7.2 Subdivision Extension Request – 01-SH-08 (Geisbrecht)

Our Subdivision File: 01-SH-08

Land Description: PT SE 3-79-13-W6

Landowner: Randal and Kathyryne Geisbrecht

Applicant: Randal and Kathyryne Geisbrecht/Beairsto Lehnars Ketchum Engineering Ltd.

In accordance with Section 657 (1) of the M.G.A., the applicant has until March 11, 2009 to meet all of the conditions of subdivision and submit the subdivision plan to the County for endorsement.

The applicant has applied for an extension to meet the above obligations. Section 657(6) states that Council may extend the one year deadline.

**MOTION
10.02.24.09**

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council approve an extension to March 11, 2010 for the applicant of subdivision applications #01-SH-08 (PT SE 3-79-13-W6) to meet the conditions of subdivision approval and to submit the required plan for endorsement.

Carried

**7.9 Request to Remove Deferred Reserve Caveat from Title 082 460 931
(NE 2-79-13-W6)**

Mr. Les Enyedy has requested that Council consider removing the deferred reserve caveat from his property on Pt. NE 2-79-13-W6M – Title 082 460 931.

When a subdivision took place in 1983 (Lot 1, Plan 842-0206) the deferred reserve caveat for 14.6 acres (Number 842015614) was placed on the balance of the quarter. Later, when another subdivision took place on the balance of the quarter to separate the remnant on the north side of Highway from the south portion, the deferred reserve was automatically registered against both titles.

In 2008 Mr. Enyedy further subdivided the remnant parcel on the north side of the highway by creating two additional parcels (14.93 and 36.92 acres). The deferred reserve caveat was automatically registered on the title for the new subdivision as well as the balance of the parcel. Therefore, the deferred reserve caveat currently exists on three titles for this quarter. Mr. Enyedy is requesting that the caveat be removed from the newly created 14.93 acre parcel.

At the time of the 2008 subdivision application, the County's lawyer was consulted with respect to the deferred reserve and if it should be modified for each of the parcels. The lawyer's recommendation was to retain the deferred reserve on each title as is, so that when the County does require the reserve to be dedicated, we could seek the entire 14.6 acres from any of the parcels, or a portion from each of them.

If the County determines that a reserve will not be required in the future, the caveat could be removed from any or all titles.

Reeve Stone stepped out at 11:10 a.m. Deputy Reeve McRann took the chair until his return at 11:20 a.m.

**MOTION
11.02.24.09**

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council authorize the removal of the Deferred Reserve Caveat #82015614 from all titles within NE 2-79-13-W6 at the landowners expense.

Defeated

MOTION

12.02.24.09

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council authorize the removal of the Deferred Reserve Caveat #842015614 from Title 082 460 931 at the landowners expense.

Carried

Laurie Jackson, Manger of Planning and IT Services departed the Council meeting at 11:27 a.m.

7.3 FCM Nomination to the FCM Roll of Honour

Administration would like to ask if County Council would like to nominate an individual who meets the attached criteria.

MOTION

13.02.24.09

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council accept the FCM Roll of Honour nomination for information purposes only.

Carried

7.4 G5 Meeting

The next G5 meeting will take place on February 26th, at 6 p.m. at the Rycroft Community Hall. The Village of Rycroft is hosting and the Village is asking municipalities for items to be placed on the agenda. Some of the items thus far are as follows: Medical Facility Update, Update on Hwy 2/49 Intersection, and Veterinary Services. Also, Administration needs to forward who will be attending this meeting.

7.5 Peace Wapiti School Division No.76 Invitation

Administration was requested to bring this item forward from the Peace Wapiti School Division No. 76 from Dr. Rodney Lee, extending an invitation to County Council to attend an information evening on improving capacity of schools and community partners.

MOTION

14.02.24.09

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council authorize Councillor Buck to attend on behalf of Saddle Hills County.

Carried

MOTION

15.02.24.09

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council authorize Deputy Reeve McRann to attend the Northern Alberta Affairs meeting on March 7th, 2009 in Grande Prairie.

Carried

7.6 Reynolds Mirth Richard and Farmer LLP

Administration presented Council with information on the upcoming Municipal Law Seminar. Dates have been set and administration would like to know if Council would like to attend the March 20th session in Grande Prairie.

MOTION

16.02.24.09

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council authorize attendance to the Municipal Law Seminar on March 20th, 2009 in Grande Prairie.

Carried

7.7 Policy AG05 – Meetings, Courses & Conferences

The Agricultural Service Board is requesting that County Council adopt the Meetings, Courses & Conferences Policy AG05 as presented.

MOTION

17.02.24.09

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council adopt the Meeting, Courses & Conferences Policy AG05 as presented.

Carried

7.8 Council Meeting Date Change Request

Administration would like to request that County Council reschedule the March 24th, 2009 meeting to March 31, 2009 as there is a conflict with the AAMD&C Conference.

MOTION

18.02.24.09

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council reschedules the March 24, 2009 meeting to March 31st, 2009.

Carried

7.10 Agriculture Food Council Nomination

Administration presented Council with a request for support for the nomination of Dave Pelland to the Agriculture Food Council put forward by the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133.

MOTION

19.02.24.09

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council send a letter of supporting the nomination of Dave Pelland to the Agriculture Food Council.

Carried

7.11 Northern Alberta Elected Leaders

Reeve Stone asked County Council if they wish to renew the membership with the Northern Alberta Elected Leaders for 2009 at a cost of \$100.00 dollars. Discussion ensued and it was decided to continue participating in this organization.

MOTION

20.02.24.09

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council renew the membership for 2009 with the Northern Alberta Elected Leaders.

Carried

County Council recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Discussion ensued on possible projects under the Building Canada Fund. Suggestions for this fund were presented by Mr. Jagodich for Councils consideration on the Hamlet of Woking road rebuild and the Lift Station at the Hamlet of Woking. County Council directed Mr. Jagodich to proceed with these projects and inform Council of any changes.

Jason Jagodich, Director of Engineering and Public Works departed the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

7.12 Communities in Bloom

Councillor Clarke wanted to talk about starting up the Communities in Bloom in the Hamlet of Woking. Discussion ensued and it was noted that a budget of \$2000.00 dollars would be a good starting point for this endeavour. The Chief Administrative Office would be more than willing to look after this endeavour.

MOTION
21.02.24.09

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council authorize administration to proceed with this project on a budget of \$2000.00 dollars.

Carried

7.13 Ideas – Councillor Hubert

Councillor Hubert wanted to see if anyone had any ideas on how to promote Saddle Hills County by using promotional items. Discussion ensued and several ideas were mentioned like small County flags, playing cards and posted notes all having the County logo on them. Administration will be looking at the cost for these items and bring the information back to a future meeting for further discussion.

8.1 AAMD&C Northern District Zone 4 Meeting

Reeve Stone presented Council with a copy of the minutes from the AAMD&C District 4 Zone meeting and have been copied and made part of these minutes.

8.2 PASZA

Reeve Stone presented Council with his report on the PASZA meeting he attended. He noted that there was discussion on the Canadian Air Strategy Alliance. The next meeting would take place on April 21, 2009 with the location to be posted at a later date. The next Annual General Meeting has been set for September 10th, 2009.

MOTION
22.02.24.09

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council accept the AAMD&C Northern District Zone 4 Meeting and the PAZSA meeting for information purposes only.

Carried

9. Information Items

1. Accounts Payable
2. Newspaper Clippings (assorted material)
3. AAMD&C Member Bulletin (assorted material)
4. FCM Members Advisory (assorted material)
5. Contact (assorted material)
6. AAMD&C District Highlights
7. AAMD&C Executive Highlights
8. Alberta Transportation – Cost-sharing Paving
9. STARS
10. Regional Wildlife Committee Representative
11. Alberta Health Services
12. Framework for Safe Drinking Water
13. Approved Orders in Council
14. Alberta Community & Co-Operative Association
15. Alberta Culture & Community Spirit
16. Municipal Safety News
17. Operation Clean Sweep
18. AAMD&C Partners in Trade
19. Community Leaders
20. Letter from Minister Ray Danyluk
21. Letter from Chris Warkentin
22. PREDA
23. PASZA
24. Alberta Municipal Health & Safety Association
25. FCM Sustainable Community Awards Update

MOTION

23.02.24.09

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council accept the information items for information purposes only.

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Reeve Stone declared the meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

REEVE

CAO