

**MINUTES
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 10, 2009**

Meeting of the Council for Saddle Hills County was held in the Council Chambers of the Saddle Hills County Administration Building on Tuesday March 10, 2009.

PRESENT:

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

***REEVE
DEPUTY REEVE
COUNCILLOR
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***TAROLYN PEACH
JASON JAGODICH
SANDY PEDDLE***

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

ABSENT:

BARBARA BUCK

COUNCILLOR

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 11:10 A.M.

Jason Jagodich, Director of Engineering and Public Works and Bill Mills, Construction Projects Manager entered the Council meeting at 11:11 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 7.6 County House – Insurance
- 8.1 Grande Spirit Foundation
- 8.2 FCM
- 8.3 Ainsworth
- 8.4 Minister and MP Meeting
- 8.5 ASB Breakfasts

MOTION

01.03.10.09

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

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2009

The minutes from the February 24, 2009 regularly scheduled meeting of Council were presented for Council's review. The following corrections were noted;

Pg. 9 – Motion 20 correction of the word membership

MOTION

02.03.10.09

Moved by Councillor Hubert that the Council minutes from the February 24, 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:

- FCM Annual Conference
- Assistant Assessor position
- Donated Funds for MCR's
- Saddle Hills County FCSS Program
- High Speed Internet
- Longevity Study
- Communities In Bloom
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MOTION

03.03.10.09

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann 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;

- Volvo Graders
- Clam Shell Belly Dump Truck
- Vehicle Maintenance
- Transfer Station Hours for Working

MOTION
04.03.10.09

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

Carried

6.1 Saddle Hills County Bursary

County Council has reviewed the criteria and the suggested wording was added. Saddle Hills County has received notification from Northern Alberta Development Corporation that Saddle Hills County has been accepted in the Bursary Partnership Program. The next step is to begin advertising and forwarding the application form and info to area schools.

Selection Committee

I would recommend that the entirety of Council participate as the selection committee, and evaluate this practice in the fall of 2009.

MOTION
04.03.10.09

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council accepts the bursary format as amended and that Administration begins to advertise the 2009 Saddle Hills County Bursary.

Carried

7.1 Hwy 727 Old Alignment

Councillor Jack has been approached by ratepayers who live between the creeks on the existing Hwy 727, and he will be present all of their concerns, at the Council meeting. Discussion ensued and Councillor Jack brought forward the concerns from the ratepayers regarding the promise that Alberta Transportation made to them regarding the old Hwy 727 alignment that now seems to have been misleading information. Administration will look into this matter and bring back relevant information regarding this issue to a future Council meeting.

County Council recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:41 p.m.

Councillor Clarke departed the Council meeting at 12:15 pm

7.2 Woking Infrastructure Improvement Program – Build Canada Fund

The local infrastructure in the Hamlet of Woking requires improvement. Infrastructure improvements including: curb and gutter construction, asphalt overlay, and replacement/installation of municipal services (including storm sewer) are advised by the Saddle Hills County Public Works Department. The Building Canada Fund is a rural infrastructure initiative spearheaded by the Governments of Canada and Alberta that may be able to provide funding assistance to such a project. The approximate cost of this project is estimated at \$5.5 million.

Councillor Clarke returned to the Council meeting at 1:50 p.m.

MOTION

05.03.10.09

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council directs administration to postpone the submission of the application to the Build Canada Fund until public input from the Hamlet of Woking is collected.

Carried

7.3 Woking Lift Station- Build Canada Fund

The Woking Station Lift Station requires significant upgrades and rehabilitation efforts. The Building Canada Fund is a rural infrastructure initiative spearhead by the Governments of Canada and Alberta that may be able to provide funding assistance to such a project. The approximate cost of this project is \$70,000.

MOTION

06.03.10.09

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council direct administration to apply for funding under the Building Canada Fund to complete the ‘Woking Lift Station Rehabilitation and Upgrade Project’.

Carried

7.4 Range Road 84 Paving Project

The project under Contract No. 1009007 consists of granular base course, asphalt concrete paving and other work on RR84 from HWY 681 to north of TWP 822, and the intersection improvement of the junction of HWY 681 and 725. Tenders were received from a total of three (3) bidders for the above noted project on March 3, 2009. The low bidder was Knelsen Rock Products GP Limited with a total tender value of \$3,468,453.37

**MOTION
07.03.10.09**

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council direct administration to award this project to Knelsen Rock Products GP Limited for the bid price of \$3,468,453.37.

Carried

**MOTION
08.03.10.09**

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council derives the balance of funding for paving of Range Road 84 from the Infrastructure Development Reserve.

Carried

7.5 AAMD&C Resolutions

Administration presented Council with the AAMD&C Resolutions package for review.

**MOTION
09.03.10.09**

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council accept the AAMD&C Resolutions package for information purposes only.

Carried

7.6 County House – Insurance

Discussion ensued on how to proceed with the County House that was damaged during a fire.

**MOTION
10.03.10.09**

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council authorize administration to tender the rebuilding of the County house located at 62 McAlpine Crescent.

Carried

MOTION

11.03.10.09

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council authorizes the Housing Committee to purchase appropriate housing for around \$150,000 to \$200,000 thousand dollar price range and also authorizes the Housing Committee to put a down payment for appropriate housing of \$10,000 thousand dollars.

Carried

8.1 Grande Spirit Foundation

Councillor Clarke presented her report to Council on the Grande Spirit Foundation meeting she attended. It was noted that the province has indicated that they will likely be asking management bodies to take on clients currently supported by Employment, Immigration and Industry. It was also noted that the waiting list for housing does not reflect the current need as some do not apply since there is no room: Lodges 181, senior apartments 148, and enhanced apartments 86, family housing 421. The average age for the lodge waiting list is 82 and for apartments is 74. It was stated that the organization is getting more pressure from family members of current residents regarding the shortage of long term care for seniors. Grande Spirit is not looking to change the scope of their operation because of this.

8.2 Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Reeve Stone presented his report on the FCM meeting he attended to Council. It was noted that most of the discussion took place around the Build Canada Fund program. Some had the attitude of “use it or lose it”. There was also a lot of discussion on the sale of bottled water by municipalities.

8.3 Ainsworth

Deputy Reeve McRann presented his report to Council on the Ainsworth meeting he attended. It was noted that the meeting turned into a road tour rather than a formal meeting.

8.4 Meeting with Ministers Merifield, Minister Ambrose and M.P. Warkentin

Deputy Reeve McRann presented his report to Council on the meeting he attended on Federal Grant Funding with Minister Merifield, Minister Ambrose and with M.P. Chris Warkentin. The message was clear from Minister Ambrose offering to have her department put on training seminars on how to fill out grant funding applications. It was noted that applications should be submitted prior to the March deadline.

8.5 ASB Breakfasts

Deputy Reeve McRann presented his report to Council on the ASB Breakfasts. It was noted that it was very successful and had very good turnouts with the exception of two locations. It was noted that perhaps the speakers should have been given a longer time frame for their presentations as long as it is only one speaker. The ASB would like to thank all the non members that participated and assisted with all the breakfast. Discussion ensued and it was mentioned that perhaps this should become a Council driven event opposed to an ASB driven event.

MOTION

12.03.10.09

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council accept the Grande Spirit Foundation, FCM, Ainsworth, Minister and MP meeting and the ASB Breakfast reports for information purposes only.

Carried

9. Information Items

1. Accounts Payable
2. Newspaper Clippings (assorted material)
3. AAMD&C Member Bulletin (assorted material)
4. Letter from Deputy Minister John Knapp
5. Reynolds Mirth Richard & Farmer Law Seminar
6. Alberta Health Services
7. FCM Member Advisory
8. Letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs
9. Thank you Letter from the Savanna Creations Craft Club
10. 2010 Arctic Winter Games
11. Mountain Pine Beetle Update (assorted material)
12. Saddle Hills County Web Page usage data

MOTION

13.03.10.09

Moved by Councillor Clarke 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 3:25 p.m.

REEVE

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