

**MINUTES
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 31, 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 31, 2009.

PRESENT:

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

***REEVE
DEPUTY REEVE
COUNCILLOR
COUNCILLOR
COUNCILLOR
COUNCILLOR
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 10:02 A.M.

Jason Jagodich, Director of Engineering and Public Works entered the Council meeting at 10:03 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 7.6 CPCS Agreement
- 7.7 Communication/Paging System
- 8.2 Housing Committee Report
- 8.3 Clinic Report
- 8.4 PREDA Report

**MOTION
01.03.31.09**

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

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2009

The minutes from the March 10, 2009 regularly scheduled meeting of Council were presented for Council's review. The following correction was noted;

Pg. 7 ASB Breakfasts- remove the words non members from the paragraph

MOTION

02.03.31.09

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that the Council minutes from the March 10, 2009 regular scheduled Council meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

5.1 CAO Regular Council Meeting Report

The Chief Administrative Officer presented Council with her formal resignation as Chief Administrative Officer for Saddle Hills County effective July 3rd, 2009.

MOTION

03.03.31.09

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council accept Tarolyn Peach, Chief Administrative Officer's formal resignation with regret.

Carried

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

- FCSS Program
- Strategic Planning
- Working Communities in Bloom
- Community Libraries
- Interprovincial Meeting

MOTION

04.03.31.09

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;

- Rig Moves
- Lot In Woking
- Cost of repairs breakdown
- Road Ban Information
- Policy for equipment entering Saddle Hills County

MOTION

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

05.03.31.09

Carried

7.1 Agreement with Alberta Transportation

Presented for Council's consideration was an agreement with Alberta Transportation for the Transfer of Highway 727.

MOTION

06.03.31.09

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council enter into an agreement with Alberta Transportation for the transfer of Highway 727 as presented.

Carried

7.2 Donation to Gordondale Antique Tractor Pull

Presented for Council's consideration was a request for funding for the 12th Annual Gordondale Antique Tractor Pull to be held June 20, 2009.

In 2008 Council provided funding in the amount of \$250.00.

MOTION

07.03.31.09

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council provide funding in the amount of \$250.00 for the 12th Annual Gordondale Antique Tractor Pull.

Carried

7.3 PASZA Membership Renewal

Administration asked County Council if they wish to renew the membership with Peace AirShed zone Association (PASZA)

MOTION

08.03.31.09

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council purchase a 2009 membership with PASZA for \$1,442.57.

Carried

7.4 FCM Nomination for National Board of Directors

Presented for Council's consideration was a copy of the nomination papers from FCM for the National Board of Directors Committee that will be selected during the Annual Conference in British Columbia from June 5-8, 2009.

If Council wishes to submit a nomination it must be sent in prior to May 15, 2009.

MOTION

09.03.31.09

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council endorse the nomination of Reeve Stone to the FCM National Board of Directors.

Carried

7.5 2009 Final Budget

Council was requested to set a meeting date to finalize the budget with the anticipation of reading the mill rate bylaw at the April 28, 2009 regular meeting.

MOTION

10.03.31.09

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council hold a budget meeting on April 20th at 10:00 a.m.

Carried

7.6 Central Peace Conservation Society(CPCS) Agreement

Administration presented Council with an agreement with CPCS for conducting agricultural research.

MOTION

11.03.31.09

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council enter into an agreement with the Central Peace Conservation Society (CPCS) to provide funding of \$7500.00 per year for 2009, 2010 and 2011.

Carried

Brian Ballard, Regional Fire and Disaster Services Manager entered the Council meeting at 11:45 a.m.

7.7 Communication/Paging System

Administration presented Council with a recommendation and preliminary pricing from Critical Communication Solutions Inc. for a communication system for the Saddle Hills County Fire Services and Medical Co-Responders. Discussion ensued and Council would like to begin re-negotiations with the City of Grande Prairie for the Communications and Paging System for Saddle Hills County.

MOTION

12.03.31.09

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council authorize Administration to begin negotiations with the City of Grande Prairie for the communication and paging system for Saddle Hills County and address all deficiencies prior to finalizing an agreement for services.

Carried

8.1 AAMD&C Convention and Workshops

Reeve Stone made a brief presentation on the Convention and workshops. He stated that he would make a formal presentation at a future meeting.

8.2 Housing Report

Councillor Clarke presented her report to Council on the Housing situation in Spirit River. It was noted that at present there is not much available for

purchasing in Spirit River but would keep looking and advise Council of any changes.

8.3 Health Clinic Meeting

Councillor Buck presented her report to Council on the Clinic meeting she attended. It was an overall good meeting with a good deal of discussion on cost sharing.

8.4 PREDA

Reeve Stone gave a brief presented on the PREDA meeting he attended and would give a formal report at a future meeting.

MOTION

13.03.31.09

Moved by Councillor Moen that the AAMD&C Convention and Workshop, Housing Report, Health Clinic meeting and PREDA be accepted for information purposes only.

Carried

9. Information Items

1. Accounts Payable
2. Newspaper Clippings (assorted material)
3. AAMD&C Member Bulletin (assorted material)
4. Contact (assorted material)
5. News Release (assorted material)
6. AAMD&C FCM Highlights
7. AAMD&C Executive Highlights
8. AAMD&C District Highlights
9. FCSS Program Information
10. Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs
11. FCSS Invitation
12. Invitation from Clear Hills County
13. Human Resources Canada
14. Statistics Canada
15. NEB Pipeline Regulations Update
16. Environmental Design Solutions
17. Rural Alberta's Development Fund
18. Occupational Health & Safety
19. IPM's 2009 Spring Convention

20. Municipal Safety News
21. Health Matters
22. Monsanto Scholarship Program
23. Victims Assistance
24. ATCO Community Symposium
25. NADC Communiqué'
26. PREDA (assorted material)
27. Mountain Pine Beetle Update (assorted material)

MOTION

11.03.31.09

Moved by Councillor Buck 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 2:10 p.m.

REEVE

CAO