

**MINUTES
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 13, 2009**

Meeting of the Council for Saddle Hills County was held in the Council Chambers of the Saddle Hills County Administration Building on Tuesday October 13, 2009.

PRESENT:

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

***REEVE
DEPUTY REEVE
COUNCILLOR
COUNCILLOR
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DIANNE NELLIS

***CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER***

SANDY PEDDLE

RECORDING SECRETARY

JASON JAGODICH

***DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING
AND PUBLIC WORKS***

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 10: 47 a.m.

Jason Jagodich, Director of Engineering and Public Works entered the Council meeting at 10:48 a.m.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 7.7 Discussion with New CAO
- 7.8 Community Recognition
- 7.9 LAPP Policy AD17
- 8.1 NAEL Meeting
- 8.2 Central Peace Health Committee Meeting
- 8.3 MDP Update

MOTION

01.10.13.09

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council adopt the agenda for the October 13, 2009 regular meeting with the noted additions.

Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – September 22, 2009

The minutes from the September 22, 2009 regular scheduled meeting of Council were presented for Council's review.

MOTION

02.10.13.09

Moved by Councillor Clarke that the Council minutes from the September 22, 2009 regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

Trevor Loberg, Team Leader and Tony Straquadine, Manager of Government Relations from Alliance Pipeline entered the Council meeting at 10:51 a.m.

4.1 Alliance Pipeline

Trevor Loberg, Team Leader from Grande Prairie and Tony Straquadine, Manager of Government Relations made a verbal presentation to Council outlining the proposed extension to the current Alliance Pipeline within Saddle Hills County.

Trevor Loberg, Team Leader and Tony Straquadine, Manager of Government Relations from Alliance Pipeline departed the Council meeting at 11:16 a.m.

5.1 CAO Report

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

- Library Board
- AAMD&C Conference

MOTION

03.10.13.09

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council accept the Chief Administrative Officer's written report for information purposes only.

Carried

5.2 Director of Engineering and Public Works Report

The Director of Engineering and Public Works report was presented to Council. The following items were discussed;

- Range Road 84
- Bonanza Bin Site
- Pillsworth Road Project
- Woking Flooding Re-occurrence
- Spring Lake

MOTION

04.10.13.09

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

Carried

7.1 Acreage Land Acquisition for Twp 805A

This project consists of grading, slide rehabilitation and other works on TWP805A in the East Doe River Valley. Land must be acquired to conduct slope rehabilitation. Information was presented from Stewart Weir regarding land negotiations conducted by their sub-contracted land agent.

MOTION

05.10.13.09

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council direct administration to offer \$2500.00 dollars per acre for the 1.24 acres relating to the lands required from Pt. NE 33-80-13-W6 for Township Road 805A project, as per new proposed Purchase of Property Policy; and that any additional compensation over and above Saddle Hills County policy be deferred to Stewart Weir.

Carried

7.2 Alberta Transportation Regional Office

Alberta Transportation, Regional Director has inquired whether Saddle Hills County would like an appointment during the AAMD& C Convention to discuss transportation or grant issues with their staff. Administration will contact the Minister's Office and request a meeting during the AAMD&C Convention.

Council recessed for lunch at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened at 1:17 p.m.

7.3 Minister of Municipal Affairs Regional Consultation Sessions

Information on the Minister Consultation sessions was received on Friday, October 2nd, 2009. With such short notice and the Peace Region session being scheduled for October 13th, 2009 options were discussed with Reeve Stone. It was decided to continue with the scheduled Council meeting.

The next closest session is scheduled for October 19th, 2009 in either Red Deer or Camrose.

MOTION 06.10.13.09

Moved by Deputy Reeve McRann that County Council authorize Reeve Stone and CAO Nellis to attend the Minister of Municipal Affairs Regional Consultation Session in Camrose on October 19th, 2009.

Carried

7.4 Grande Spirit Foundation Request

Grande Spirit Foundation is requesting a letter of support for the proposal to borrow \$1.5 million to be repaid over 20 years. While their letter indicates that the "Economic Analysis of the project indicates a positive cash flow for the Foundation which will not require additional municipal requisition for its support", the motion they are requesting so that they can receive Ministerial approval would suggest otherwise.

The motion they are seeking indicates the municipality would provide financial support based on (Equalized Assessment) for any operating deficits including any **deficits** resulting from the borrowing. This would occur only if the positive cash flow which they are counting on is not generated for some unforeseen reason.

MOTION

07.10.13.09

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council agrees with Grand Spirit Foundation borrowing \$1.5 million from a financial institution for the Wild Rose Villa expansion in Grande Prairie and to provide financial support (based on Equal Assessment) for any future operating deficits, if needed, including any deficits resulting from the borrowing for the construction of the 16 new units.

Carried

7.5 2009 Organizational Meeting

As per the Municipal Government Act, a municipality must hold its annual organizational meeting no later than two weeks after the third Monday of October.

MOTION

08.10.13.09

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council set October 27th, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. as the date and time to hold the 2009 Organizational Meeting and that the regular Council meeting follow the Organizational Meeting.

Carried

Laurie Jackson, Manager of Planning and IT Services and Cheryl Dwernychuk, Assistant Development Officer entered the Council meeting at 1:30 p.m.

7.6 2010 Growing the North Conference – NADC

Administration presented Council with a request for sponsorship for the Growing the North Conference for consideration.

MOTION

09.10.13.09

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council sponsor the 2010 Growing the North Conference up to a maximum of \$2,500 dollars for a Coffee Break Session and/or a Bronze Sponsorship if available.

Carried

Reeve Stone recessed the Council meeting to hold a Municipal Planning Committee meeting at 1:32 p.m. Deputy Reeve McRann and Councillor Moen departed the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

Reeve Stone reconvened the Council meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Deputy Reeve McRann and Councillor Moen re-entered the Council meeting at 2:04p.m.

7.7 Discussion with new CAO

Council would like to set up a meeting with the new CAO to establish protocol for Saddle Hills County.

7.8 County Recognition for Community Buildings

Councillor Hubert asked that administration draft a policy to establish criteria for the recognition of Community Buildings, such as re-openings and new buildings, etc. The proposed policy is to be brought to the November meeting for discussion.

7.9 LAPP Policy AD17

Administration presented the LAPP Policy AD17 for Councils adoption.

MOTION

10.10.13.09

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council adopt the LAPP Policy AD17 as presented.

Carried

8.1 Northern Alberta Elected Leaders Meeting

Reeve Stone presented Council with a verbal report on the Northern Alberta Elected Leaders Meeting.

8.2 Central Peace Health Clinic Meeting

Councillor Clarke presented Council with a verbal report on the Central Peace Health Clinic meeting she attended.

MOTION

11.10.13.09

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council go into an In-camera Meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Carried

MOTION

12.10.13.09

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council come out of the In-camera meeting at 2:58 p.m.

Carried

8.3 Municipal Development Plan

Deputy Reeve McRann presented Council with a verbal report on the Municipal Development Plan meeting he attended.

MOTION

13.10.13.09

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council accept the Northern Alberta Elected Leaders, Central Peace Health Council and the Municipal Development Plan meetings for information purposes only.

Carried

9. Information Items

1. Accounts Payable
2. Contact (assorted material)
3. NAEL (assorted material)
4. Client Appreciation Dinner – Stewart Weir
5. Culture and Community Spirit Minister – CIP Grant Information
6. Resource Road Funding
7. VSI Services
8. EMS Foundation
9. Pool Project Forum – Town of Spirit River
10. Newspaper Clippings
11. PREDA (assorted material)
12. 2010 Alberta Winter Games
13. Travel Alberta
14. Grande Spirit Foundation – 2010 Requisition
15. Communities in Bloom (assorted material)
16. Rycroft Agriculture Society – Thank You
17. Letter from Municipal Affairs – Safety Codes

MOTION

14.10.13.09

Moved by Councillor Moen 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 3:20 p.m.

REEVE

CAO