

**MINUTES
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY DECEMBER 8, 2009**

Meeting of the Council for Saddle Hills County was held in the Council Chambers of the Saddle Hills County Administration Building on Tuesday December 8, 2009.

PRESENT:

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

*REEVE
COUNCILLOR
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DIANNE NELLIS

*CHIEFADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER*

SANDY PEDDLE

RECORDING SECRETARY

JASON JAGODICH

*DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING
AND PUBLIC WORKS*

ABSENT:

BRUCE JACK

COUNCILLOR

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Jason Jagodich, Director of Engineering and Public Works entered the Council meeting at 10:31 a.m.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 6.1 Communities in Bloom
- 7.6 Foreign Ownership
- 7.7 Savanna School Request for Waste Bin
- 7.8 Assessment Review Board
- 7.9 Master Rates Bylaw 179-2009

**MOTION
01.12.08.09**

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council adopt the agenda for the December 8, 2009 regular meeting with the noted additions.

Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Council Meeting Minutes –November 24, 2009

The minutes from the November 24, 2009 regularly scheduled meeting of Council were presented for Council's review.

**MOTION
02.12.08.09**

Moved by Councillor Moen that the Council minutes from the November 24, 2009 meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

Amy Kennaway and Jamie Hallett from Golden Sheep Power and David Peachy of Bay Tree Logging Ltd. entered the Council meeting at 10:35 a.m.

4.1 Bay Tree Wind and Waste to Power Project – Golden Sheep Power

Amy Kennaway and Jamie Hallett from Golden Sheep Power presented Council with a verbal presentation on the Bay Tree Wind and Waste to Power Project that they are currently working on in conjunction with the sawmill expansion.

Amy Kennaway and Jamie Hallett from Golden Sheep Power and David Peachy of Bay Tree Logging Ltd. departed the Council meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Bill Hurtle, Tracey Noullett from Meyers Norris Penny LLP and Faye Kary, Director of Corporate Services, entered the Council meeting at 11:10 a.m.

4.2 Meyers Norris Penny LLP – Annual Audit Service Plan

Bill Hurtle and Tracey Noullett gave Council a verbal presentation on the Annual Audit Service Plan that will be conducted for Saddle Hills County.

Bill Hurtle, Tracey Noullett, from Meyers Norris Penny LLP and Faye Kary, Director of Corporate Services, departed the Council meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Dmitri Boychuk and Jack Jullick entered the Council meeting at 11:30 a.m.

4.3 Secondary Highway 677

Mr. Boychuk made a verbal presentation on the concerns that ratepayers face on Secondary Highway 677 for Councils' consideration. Mr. Jullick provided additional information and comments regarding the history of Secondary Highway 677.

Dmitri Boychuk and Jack Jullick departed the Council meeting at 11:48 p.m.

Karen Guillette, Laurie Jackson, Manager of Planning and IT Services and Cheryl Dwernychuk, Assistant Development Officer entered the Council meeting at 11:49 a.m.

4.4 Request for an Approach – SE 23-79-13-W6

Ms. Guillette gave a verbal presentation on a request to have an approach built across the statutory road allowance to accommodate a proposed subdivision on SE 23-79-13-W6.

Karen Guillette, Laurie Jackson, Manager of Planning and IT Services and Cheryl Dwernychuk, Assistant Development Officer departed the meeting at 12:03

County Council recessed for lunch at 12:04 and reconvened at 1:22 p.m.

5.1 CAO Report

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

- Mighty Peace Tourism Association
- Reeves and CAO's Meeting

**MOTION
03.12.08.09**

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

Carried

Council recessed the regularly scheduled meeting at 1:29 p.m. to hold an MPC Meeting

Council reconvened the Council meeting at 2:04 pm

Councillor Moen and Councillor McRann re-entered the Council meeting at 2:05 pm

5.2 Director of Engineering and Public Works' Report

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

- CN Rail Hamlet of Woking Drainage Issue
- Sure Way Services
- Gravel Crushing Program Update

**MOTION
04.12.08.09**

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council authorize Administration to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with adjacent municipalities for waste collection services.

Carried

**MOTION
05.12.08.09**

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

Carried

Jason Jagodich, Director of Engineering and Public Works departed the Council meeting at 2:20 p.m.

6.1 Communities in Bloom Logo

Ms. Nellis provided a verbal report regarding the request to incorporate the Communities in Blooms logo into the proposed logo for the Hamlet of Woking.

MOTION

06.12.08.09

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council authorize the use of the new logo with the Communities in Bloom National logo incorporated to be utilized by the Hamlet of Woking for Communities in Bloom.

Carried

7.1 Central Peace FCSS

Central Peace FCSS has provided information relating to the number of Saddle Hills students currently in the Central Peace FCSS catchment area. This information was requested so that Saddle Hills County would have a basis to use to assist to evaluate programs currently offered by FCSS to the schools in their area.

Further, as indicated in their letter, in conjunction with the School Division, FCSS is hosting a speaker in February who will also be attending Savanna and Bonanza Schools. Although Central Peace FCSS has not requested any contributions. Council was requested to authorize Administration to dialogue with Central Peace FCSS to discuss sponsorship.

MOTION

07.12.08.09

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council authorize Administration to communicate with Central Peace FCSS to determine possibility of sponsorship of February, 2010 Speaker at various Peace Wapiti Schools and to further obtain information on future support of identified programs without the necessity of joining Central Peace FCSS Board.

Carried

7.2 Cancellation of Taxes

Administration requested that Council consider the cancellation of taxes on the presented tax roll accounts in the amount of \$21.56.

MOTION

08.12.08.09

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council approve the cancellation of taxes as recommended by Administration.

Tax Roll 232782

\$1.83

Tax Roll 309574	\$6.40
Tax Roll 066084	\$3.07
Tax Roll 205967	<u>\$10.56</u>
Total	\$21.56

Carried

7.3 Wild Boar Bounty Program Extension

Wild boars were added to the Agricultural Pests Act in 2008. In order to curb the spread of these vertebrate pests, Alberta Agriculture implemented a wild boar bounty pilot program for the 2009 year. The program paid hunters \$50 per pair of wild boar ears turned in. Concerned ASBs entered into an agreement with the Minister of Agriculture to facilitate the bounty program, receiving ears, paying hunters, and were then reimbursed by the Alberta government. The pilot program was set to end on December 31, 2009 however; Alberta Agriculture has decided to extend the program until March 31, 2011. All interested municipalities are required to sign a new agreement with Alberta Agriculture.

MOTION
09.12.08.09

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council support Saddle Hills County's participation in the provincial Wild Boar Bounty Program until March 31, 2011 and authorize entering into an Agreement with Alberta Agriculture for the same.

Carried

Faye Kary, Director of Corporate Services, and Jason Jagodich, Director of Engineering and Public Works, entered the Council meeting at 2:30p.m.

7.4 2010 Interim Budget

Administration presented Council with the 2010 Interim Budget for consideration.

MOTION
10.12.08.09

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council adopt the 2010 Interim operational budget in the amount of \$34,183,007.99, as attached to the minutes.

Carried

MOTION

11.12.08.09

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council approve the 2010 Equipment/Vehicle Purchase Schedule as presented.

Carried

MOTION

12.12.08.09

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council adopt the 2010 Mobile Equipment Replacement Plan as presented.

Carried

MOTION

13.12.08.09

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council adopt the 2010 Computer & Office Equipment Replacement Plan as presented.

Carried

MOTION

14.12.08.09

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council adopt the 2010 Building Replacement Schedule as presented.

Carried

Faye Kary, Director of Corporate Services, and Jason Jagodich, Director of Engineering and Public Works, departed the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

7.5 2010 Arctic Winter Games

Administration presented Council with a letter from the 2010 Arctic Winter Games Host Committee looking for volunteers.

MOTION

15.12.08.09

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council accept the letter from the Arctic Winter Games Host Committee for information purposes only.

Carried

7.6 Peace Wapiti School Division #76 – Request for Waste Bin

Administration received a request from Peace Wapiti School Division #76 to place a waste disposal bin at the Savanna school site.

MOTION
16.12.08.09

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council direct Administration to respond that Council is not prepared at this time to provide waste disposal services to Savanna school if private industry is available to provide the same service.

Carried

7.7 Foreign Ownership – SW 24-79-11-W6

Administration presented Council with correspondence in regards to a second request for input on the sale of lands to a foreign controlled corporation.

MOTION
17.12.08.09

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council direct Administration to respond to Foreign Ownership of Land in support of the potential decision to allow the sale of SW 24-79-11-W6 with the recommended conditions placed on it and to express Council's appreciation for taking Saddle Hills County's concerns into account.

Carried

7.8 Assessment Review Board

Administration presented Council with a recommendation to attend the Assessment Review Board training in Grande Prairie.

MOTION
18.12.08.09

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council authorize Councillors Hubert, Clarke and Buck to attend the certification training for Assessment Review Board members in Grande Prairie on January 20 and 21, 2010 and February 25 and 26, 2010.

Carried

7.9 Master Rates Bylaw 179-2009

Administration presented the amended Master Rates Bylaw 179-2009 for Council's consideration.

MOTION

19.12.08.09

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council introduce the Master Rates Bylaw 179-2009 for first reading.

Carried

MOTION

20.12.08.09

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council give the Master Rates Bylaw 179-2009 second reading.

Carried

MOTION

21.12.08.09

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council consent to third reading of the Master Rates Bylaw 179-2009.

Carried Unanimously

MOTION

22.12.08.09

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council give the Master Rates Bylaw 179-2009 third and final reading.

Carried

8.1 Councillors Reports

County Councillors provided verbal reporting on various topics for information purposes only.

MOTION

23.12.08.09

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

Carried

9. Information Items

1. Accounts Payable – November 25- December 2, 2009
2. Newspaper Clippings (assorted material)
3. Alberta Emergency Management Agency - Nominations
4. Thank you from- Grande Prairie & District Victims Services Association
5. FCM Members Advisory (assorted material)
6. Economic Developers Alberta – Annual Conference Agenda
7. Jubilee Insurance Bulletin – Business Interruption Coverage
8. Insight – 7th Annual Canada Oil Sands
9. Thank you from the Farm Women’s Conference
10. Contact (assorted material)
11. TransCanada
12. Letters from Municipal Affairs

MOTION
24.12.08.09

Moved by Councillor 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 3:12 p.m.

REEVE

CAO