

**MINUTES
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2010**

Meeting of the Council for Saddle Hills County was held in the Council Chambers of the Saddle Hills County Administration Building on Tuesday February 23, 2010.

PRESENT:

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

*REEVE
COUNCILLOR
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DIANNE NELLIS

*CHIEFADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER*

SANDY PEDDLE

RECORDING SECRETARY

JASON JAGODICH

*DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING
AND PUBLIC WORKS*

ABSENT:

CINDY CLARKE

COUNCILLOR

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

Jason Jagodich, Director of Engineering and Public Works entered the Council meeting at 10:41 a.m.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 7.10 Dogs in the Hamlet of Woking
- 7.11 FCM Conference

**MOTION
01.02.23.10**

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council adopt the agenda for the February 23, 2010 regular meeting with the noted additions.

Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2010

The minutes from the February 9, 2010 regularly scheduled meeting of Council were presented for Council's review.

Pg. 5 Motion 11.02.09.10 wording change from Municipal Affairs to Alberta Transportation

MOTION 02.02.23.10

Moved by Councillor McRann that the Council minutes from the February 9, 2010 meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

5.1 CAO Report

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

- Council Visioning
- Library Board
- Alberta Capital Bonds

Alberta Capital Bonds went on sale February 16th, 2010. The goal of the Alberta Government is to sell \$100 million in bonds with a non redeemable five year fixed rate of interest of 3.3% per year. The maximum amount per beneficial owner is \$25,000 (for 2010) and corporations or societies (and other like organizations) having permanent offices in Alberta are eligible.

Administration has checked and this is a reasonable rate of investment in today's economy. As per the Municipal Government Act, Municipalities are permitted to invest in bonds that are guaranteed by the Province. These bonds will be on sale until March 1st, 2010 or the termination date, should that date be earlier and should the Minister of Finance and Enterprise choose to discontinue sales.

MOTION 03.02.23.10

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council direct Administration to purchase \$ 25,000.00 in Alberta Capital Bonds only after determining that the general public is not deterred from obtaining bonds due to Saddle Hills County proceeding with the purchase on March 1, 2010.

Carried

MOTION

04.02.23.10

Moved by Councillor Jack 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' written report was presented to Council. The following items were discussed;

- CNRL Cotillion Park Power Supply
- Stop Signs at Transfer Sites
- Over Weight Bridge Traffic
- SUV Proposal

MOTION

05.02.23.10

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council accept the letter from CNRL regarding the Power Supply for Cotillion Park for information purposes only.

Carried

MOTION

06.02.23.10

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

Carried

Councillor McRann stepped out at 11:27 a.m. and returned at 11:32 a.m.

Rail Review

Administration presented Council with information on the rail servicing review currently being conducted.

MOTION

07.02.23.10

Moved by Councillor Hubert that Administration prepare a draft submission relating to the challenges to obtain materials via rail in respect to the rail servicing review currently being conducted.

Carried

Glenda Farnden and Andy Stewart entered the Council meeting at 11:34 a.m.

4.1 STARS – Andy Stewart and Glenda Farnden

Glenda Farnden and Andy Stewart presented Council with statistics on the types of call outs that STARS has had within the last 3 years. It was also noted that new municipal support has been received in part due to Saddle Hills County's leadership in support of this project. Ms. Farnden expressed appreciation on behalf of STARS to Saddle Hills County for its support over the years.

Councillor McRann stepped out at 11:48 a.m. and returned at 11:49 a.m.

Councillor McRann departed the Council meeting at 11:51 a.m.

Glenda Farnden and Andy Stewart departed the Council meeting at 11:56 a.m.

County Council recessed the meeting at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

6.1 Master Rates Bylaw 180-2010

The Master Rates Bylaw 180-2010 was presented to Council and was given first reading on January 26th, 2010.

**MOTION
08.02.23.10**

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council give the Master Rates Bylaw 180-2010 second reading.

Carried

**MOTION
09.02.23.10**

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council give the Master Rates Bylaw 180-2010 third and final reading.

Carried

7.1 Acceleration/Deceleration Lanes Hwy 49 and RR 131 Intersection

Administration received direction from Council during budgetary discussions to investigate the cost of conducting the required Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) and design of acceleration/deceleration lanes at the intersection of Highway 49 and Range Road 131 in Bay Tree, Alberta. The estimated cost for the above services is \$18,890.00. The preliminary budget for this work was estimated to be \$10,000.

**MOTION
09.02.23.10**

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council direct Administration to proceed with conducting a Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) and intersection analysis for acceleration and deceleration lanes for Highway 49 and Range Road 131 for an estimated cost of \$6,000.00.

Carried

7.2 January 2010 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Administration presented Council with the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for January, 2010, for review.

**MOTION
10.02.239.10**

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council accept the January 2010 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for information purposes only.

Carried

Laurie Jackson, Manager of Planning and IT Services entered the Council meeting at 1:50 p.m.

**7.3 Safety Codes Accreditation
(Building, Plumbing, Gas, Electrical & Private Sewage Treatment)**

Alberta Permit Pro has requested Saddle Hills County consider becoming accredited in the Building, Plumbing, Gas, Electrical & Private Sewage Treatment Safety Codes disciplines, and then to enter into a partnership with them to provide the permitting services. In the past, Saddle Hills County has chosen not to become accredited.

**MOTION
11.02.23.10**

Moved by Councillor Hubert that the County accept the letter from Alberta Permit Pro regarding Safety Code accreditation for information purposes only.

Carried

Laurie Jackson, Manager of Planning and IT Services departed the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

7.4 Fee for Services Agreement – Bonanza General Store & First Stop General Store

The Agricultural Service Board reviewed the 2010 Fee for Services Agreement with the Bonanza General Store and First Stop General Store for the administration of the 5.5 yard scraper rentals at their February 23, 2010 meeting. The agreements are presented for Council's review and approval.

**MOTION
12.02.23.10**

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council approve the renewal of Fee for Services agreement with the Bonanza General Store and First Stop General Store for 2010 for the management of rental of the 5.5 yard scraper.

Carried

7.5 Albert Transportation – AAMD&C Spring Convention

Alberta Transportation submitted an invitation to County Council to meet during the upcoming Spring Convention in Edmonton.

Councillor Hubert stepped out at 2:01 p.m.

**MOTION
13.02.09.10**

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council accepts the letter from Alberta Transportation for a meeting during the AAMD&C Spring Convention for information purposes only.

Carried

**7.6 PREDA 2010 Membership
(Peace Region Economic Development Alliance)**

Administration presented Council with the 2010 PREDA Membership Renewal Invoice for consideration.

**MOTION
14.02.23.10**

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council direct Administration to renew the membership for 2010 with Peace Region Economic Development Alliance.

Carried

7.7 Request for Letter of Support – Spirit River Regional Academy

Administration received a request from Spirit River Regional Academy for a letter of support for their bid to host the 2011 Alberta School Athletic Association 2A Girls' Volleyball Provincials.

**MOTION
15.02.23.10**

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council provide a letter of support for Spirit River Regional High School's bid to host the 2011 Alberta School Athletic Association 2A Girls' Volleyball Provincials.

Carried

7.8 McAlpine Drive

Administration was requested to obtain information on costs to improve the siding of the garage to match the house at 62 McAlpine Drive. The memo presented to Council from Brian Ballard sets out the information on the costs to make the improvements. Also, within the memo is information on doing additional work on the basement walls.

Councillor Hubert re-entered the Council meeting at 2:08 p.m.

**MOTION
16.02.23.10**

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council directed Administration to add the garage improvements and the basement wall improvements to the contract relating to 62 McAlpine Drive, Spirit River with funding for the project being added to the 2010 final budget.

Carried

7.9 Federal Gas Tax Fund Provincial Agreement

Administration has received information from Alberta Transportation regarding the funding under the Federal Gas Tax Fund, previously known as the New Deal for Cities and Communities. Also included with the letter is an amending agreement which extends the 2005 agreement to 2014.

MOTION 17.02.23.10

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council enter into an Amending Agreement with the Province of Alberta in regards to the former New Deal for Cities and Communities funding Agreement, currently cited as the Federal Gas Tax Fund Agreement to extend the term of the Agreement to March 31st, 2014.

Carried

7.10 Dogs in the Hamlet of Woking

Councillor Moen advised Council of concerns he has received from ratepayers in the Hamlet of Woking regarding dogs running free.

7.11 FCM Convention

Administration presented Council with information on the upcoming FCM Convention and requested direction on how to proceed with registrations.

9. Information Items

- 1. Accounts Payable**
- 2. Contact (assorted material)**
- 3. Peace River Regional District – Meeting Scheduled**
- 4. Response Letter from Minister of Energy**
- 5. County of Thorhill No. 7- Resolution Support**
- 6. Reply Letter from Minister Iris Evans**
- 7. Letter from Minister Mel Knight**
- 8. Letter from Minister Hector Gourdreau – MSI**
- 9. Municipal Affairs – Summary of Strategy Meeting**
- 10. FCM Members Advisory (assorted material)**
- 11. AltaGas Community Update Meeting**
- 12. Thank you Letter from Rycroft Agricultural Society**
- 13. AAMD&C Members Bulletin**
- 14. REDI – Building Northern Economics Symposium**

MOTION

18.02.23.10

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council accept the information items for information purposes only.

Carried

8.1 Councillors Corner Reports

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

MOTION

19.02.23.10

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

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Reeve Stone declared the meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

REEVE

CAO