

**MINUTES
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 12, 2010**

Meeting of the Council for Saddle Hills County was held in the Council Chambers of the Saddle Hills County Administration Building on Tuesday January 12, 2010.

PRESENT:

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

*REEVE
COUNCILLOR
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COUNCILLOR
CHIEFADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER*

SANDY PEDDLE

RECORDING SECRETARY

JASON JAGODICH

*DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING
AND PUBLIC WORKS*

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Stone called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

Jason Jagodich, Director of Engineering and Public Works entered the Council meeting at 10:17 a.m.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 7.9 Saddle Hills County Calendar
- 7.10 Seniors Housing Request for Meeting Room
- 7.11 Working Water and Sewer Rates
- 7.12 Utility Account Levies Reimbursement
- 7.13 Photocopier / Printer Purchase Request

MOTION

01.01.12.10

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council adopt the agenda for the January 12, 2010 regular meeting with the noted additions.

Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Council Meeting Minutes –December 8, 2009

The minutes from the December 8, 2009 regularly scheduled meeting of Council were presented for Council's review.

MOTION

02.01.12.10

Moved by Councillor Moen that the Council minutes from the December 8, 2009 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:

- Collective Agreement
- Assessment Review Board
- Visioning
- Efficiency Review
- Herbicide , Tebuthuron
- Working Logo

MOTION

03.01.12.10

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' written report was presented to Council. The following items were discussed;

- SCADA System
- Lighting at Savanna School
- Road Grading
- Spring Water Issues for Woking
- Traffic Count / Grader Beat Assessment
- CN Rail Track Culverts
- Winter Road Maintenance
- Pillsworth Resource Road Application

MOTION

04.01.12.10

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

Carried

Brian Ballard, Regional Fire and Disaster Services Manager entered the Council meeting at 10:58 a.m.

5.3 Protective Services Report

The Protective Services written report was presented to Council.

MOTION

05.01.12.10

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council accept the Protective Services Report for information purposes only.

Carried

Brian Ballard, Regional Fires and Disaster Services Manager departed the Council meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Laurie Jackson, Manager of Planning and IT Services entered the Council meeting at 11:16 a.m.

6.1 Internet Service Providers Survey

As per Council's commitment to assisting residents in obtaining reliable high speed internet service, a survey was conducted of various internet service providers in the area.

Saddle Hills County conducted a general survey in 2006 to determine the interest by residents for high speed internet services. Approximately 275 responded that they were interested. Some of the respondents have obtained the service by now, and it is expected that the number of people requiring high speed internet at this time will have increased. More recently notices were posted in the newspaper asking for public input and the information indicates that there is still a need for residents to obtain high speed internet. To move forward with this initiative, administration presented suggested steps to be considered by Council as a course of action.

Laurie Jackson, Manager of Planning and IT Services departed the Council meeting at 11:34 a.m.

6.2 Policy Purchase of Property PW11 – Annual Review

Saddle Hills County Council is committed to offer fair and equitable payment for private lands required by the County for road construction, drainage and/or other infrastructure. As such, Policy PW11 title ‘Purchase of Property’ has been submitted for Council review.

MOTION 06.01.12.10

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council adopt the Purchase of Property Policy PW11 as amended.

Carried

7.1 Municipal Sponsorship Program (MSP) Grant 2009

Administration presented Council with MSP Grant Funding information for consideration including cost of starting up of the Saddle Hills County Library Project that would qualify under this program.

Consultation has been undertaken with adjoining Central Peace municipalities regarding inter-municipal projects that could result in a further 35% bonus; however the only suggestion coming forward was for funding for the Spirit River swimming pool. Based on the fact that the funds must be spent by December 31, 2011 and the small amount of the grant, Administration is recommending a standalone application for Saddle Hills County. Deadline for applying for this grant is January 15, 2010.

It is recommended that an MSP application be made for funding for the Saddle Hills County Library Project, for start up funds for library services within the County. This project should qualify for priority funding under the Recreation category and will enhance municipal services and service delivery.

MOTION

07.01.12.10

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council authorize Administration to apply for a Municipal Sponsorship Program grant for the Saddle Hills County Library Project under the 2009 Alberta Municipal Affairs Municipal Sponsorship Program and that if the application is successful that Saddle Hills County enter into a Conditional Grant Agreement with Alberta Municipal Affairs for the same.

Carried

7.2 VSI Agreement for 2010

The Agricultural Service Board reviewed the 2010 VSI Agreement at their December 15, 2009 meeting and is recommending to County Council to enter into this agreement for 2010.

MOTION

08.01.12.10

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council enter into the VSI Agreement for 2010 as presented.

Carried

7.3 Agricultural Service Board Pancake Breakfasts

The Agricultural Service Board will be holding ratepayer pancake breakfasts at various locations around the County. Locations and dates have been chosen as follows:

- February 22 – Woking Community Hall
- March 1 – Blueberry Mountain Community Hall
- March 2 – Savanna Rec Plex
- March 3 – Bonanza Community Hall

The breakfasts will begin at 9 a.m. and will include a speaker presentation and tradeshow booths.

MOTION

09.01.12.10

Moved by Councillor Hubert that County Council accept the Pancake Breakfast report for information purposes only.

Carried

7.4 Appointment of Weed and Pest Appeal Committee

As per Section 28(6) of the Weed Control Act: “A local authority shall at least once a year appoint an independent committee to hear and determine appeals under this section and on receipt of a notice of appeal a local authority shall refer the appeal to that committee.” And as per Section 14(5) of the Agricultural Pests Act: “A local authority shall at the beginning of each calendar year appoint a committee to hear and determine appeals under this section and on receipt of a notice of appeal a local authority shall refer the appeal to that committee.”

Barry Nelson, Ed Denis, Allan Bulhofner, and Ken Titford have agreed to form the 2010 Saddle Hills County Weed and Pest Appeal Committee and require appointment by a motion of Council.

MOTION

10.01.12.10

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council appoint Barry Nelson, Ed Denis, Allan Bulhofner and Ken Titford to the 2010 Weed & Pest Appeal Committee under Section 28(6) of the Weed Control Act and Section 14 (5) of the Agricultural Pests Act.

Carried

7.5 Peace Country Beef & Forage Association (PCBFA) Funding Agreement

The Agricultural Service Board received Jaime Borduzak-Semple and Akim Omokanye of PCBFA as a delegation at their December 15, 2009 meeting. PCBFA outlined projects completed in 2009, work planned for the upcoming 2010 season, and requested funding to continue their agricultural research and extension work in Saddle Hills County.

The Agricultural Service Board recommends offering PCBFA a three-year grant of \$7,500 per year to conduct agricultural research and extension.

MOTION

11.01.12.10

Moved by Councillor Moen that County Council enter into a memorandum of understanding with Peace County Beef and Forage Association for a three-year period beginning in 2010 with a \$7,500.00 contribution per year.

Carried

7.6 Reynolds Mirth Richard & Farmer – Annual Municipal Law Seminar

Administration presented Council with information on the upcoming Municipal Law Seminar in Grande Prairie on March 12, 2010.

MOTION

12.01.12.10

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council authorize attendance to the Annual Municipal Law Seminar on March 12, 2010 in Grande Prairie.

Carried

7.7 Royal Canadian Legion – Request for Funding

Administration presented for Council's consideration the request for advertising for The Royal Canadian Legion in the "Military Service Recognition Book"

MOTION

13.12.08.09

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council direct Administration to advertise in the Royal Canadian Legion 2010 issue in the form of a business card advertisement at the cost of \$250.00.

Carried

7.8 Elected Officials Education Program

The Elected Officials Education Program will be having a Team Building Training Session on February 11, 2010 in Grande Prairie.

MOTION

14.01.12.10

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council authorize attendance to the Elected Officials Education Program on February 11, 2010 in Grande Prairie.

Carried

Council recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:31 p.m.

7.9 Saddle Hills County Calendar

Administration presented Council with a draft of a Saddle Hills County Calendar for review.

7.10 Senior Housing Request for Meeting Room

Administration presented Council with a request from the Seniors Housing Committee to permit the use of the Council Chambers to hold their monthly meetings.

**MOTION
15.01.12.10**

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council enter into an agreement for use of the Council Chamber to be utilized by the Seniors Housing Committee.

Carried

7.11 Woking Water and Sewer Rates

Administration presented Council with the current rates being charged for Water and Sewer in the Hamlet of Woking.

**MOTION
16.01.12.10**

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council increase the Woking Water and Sewer Rates by 5% and implement the new rates by March 1, 2010 and to review the said rates in-conjunction with the annual budget deliberations.

Carried

7.12 Utility Account Levies Reimbursement (#212140.000)

Administration presented Council with information on a Utility Account that has been charged levies that requires reimbursement.

**MOTION
17.01.12.10**

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council authorize Administration to reverse all 2009 levies applied to Utility Account 212140.000 after the disconnect date.

Carried

7.13 Photocopier / Printer Purchase

Administration would like to proceed with the procurement of a new color photocopier for the Administration building. Three quotes are being presented for Council consideration.

MOTION

18.01.12.10

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council authorize Administration to proceed with the purchase of a color photocopier from Hi-Tech Business Systems for the Administration building from the IT Equipment Reserve Account.

Carried

8.1 Councillors Reports

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

MOTION

19.01.12.10

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

Carried

9. Information Items

1. Accounts Payable
2. Newspaper Clippings (assorted material)
3. Contact (assorted material)
4. The Advantage
5. Health Matters
6. Letter from Northern Sunrise County
7. Your Alberta News and Information
8. Growing Rural Alberta
9. FCM Municipal Marketplace
10. Wind Turbines Information
11. Nuclear Power in Alberta Information Session
12. Thank you from the Town of Spirit River
13. University of Alberta
14. ERCB Landowner Information Session
15. AAMD&C Member Bulleting
16. Mountain Pine Beetle Update
17. Alberta Surface Rights Federation Meeting
18. Brownlee LLP Emerging Trends

19. Municipal Affairs – MSI Grant
20. Municipal Affairs – MSI Capital Funding
21. Municipal Affairs – Regional Consultation Sessions
22. Alberta Transportation – Pillsworth Road Program
23. Municipal Affairs – 2010 Budget
24. Baytree Logging Ltd. Expansion Public Meeting Notice

MOTION

20.01.12.10

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

Carried

MOTION

21.01.12.10

Moved by Councillor McRann that Council go into an in-camera session at 2:34 p.m.

Carried

MOTION

22.01.12.10

Moved by Councillor McRann that Council come out of the In-camera session at 3:36 p.m.

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Reeve Stone declared the meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

REEVE

CAO