

COUNTY COUNCIL

September 16, 2008

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on September 16, 2008. In attendance were Reeve R. Jones, W. Cunningham, R. Taylor, G. Krokosh, J. Meeks Sr, K. Palmer and Administrator A. Romeril.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES  
(09-20)

W. Cunningham moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 2, (08-2008).

Carried.

ADDITIONS  
TO AGENDA  
(08-09-21)

R. Taylor moved to add the following items to the agenda:  
Municipal Sponsorship Grant (MSP)  
2006 Aerial Photo/Northwest Group  
Alberta Municipal Affairs - MSI Funding Approval for Fuel Truck  
Canadian Badlands - Tourism Development Strategy Plan Unveiling  
Correctional Services Canada - Restorative Justice Week  
Chinook Arch Regional Library - Three Year Budget Forecast  
ORRSC - Minutes and Reports  
Mayors and Reeves Minutes  
Rural Road Signage

Carried.

GRAVEL SALE  
POLICY 320.45  
(08-09-22)

R. Taylor moved to amend the Gravel Sales Policy 320.45 by reducing the amount of gravel for sale to individuals from 60 yards to 30 yards both for the individual sales and on public loading days due to a shortage of gravel supplies within the County, and further this be effective immediately.

Carried.

PETERSON  
GRAVEL PIT  
(08-09-23)

R. Taylor moved that Management meet with Mr. Bill Peterson, owner of the Peterson Gravel Pit, to discuss other options for the private sale of County gravel from the Peterson Pit to other County ratepayers.

Carried.

GRANT FUNDING  
SUMMARY  
(08-09-24)

K. Palmer moved to receive the Grants Funding Summary Schedule as distributed and during the next Council meeting come forward with a recommendation for possible heavy equipment by utilizing the grants.

Carried.

RURAL ROAD  
SIGNAGE  
(08-09-25)

W. Cunningham moved to discuss the possibility of installing rural road signage at all intersections throughout the County at the next Council meeting.

Carried.

ROAD  
CONDITIONS

There are a few areas within the County where the gravel roads have washboards and a few places are showing that could require some gravel due to the recent rains. Overall the roads seem to be good. At the Council Retreat, a discussion will be held on how to deal with roads with high traffic volumes such as some of the oil traffic in the Wrentham area.

CRIME-  
STOPPERS

CPO S. Simpson is working with Crimestoppers to obtain additional information as to what is the best way to handle a cash reward which may lead to the arrest and conviction of individuals breaking the law.

WELL  
MONITORING  
(08-09-26)

R. Taylor moved to approve and sign the revised lease agreement with Alberta Environment regarding the well monitoring system located on the road allowance between Sections 12 and 13 of 2-16-4.

Carried.

RAYMOND  
EFFLUENT  
WATER LINE  
(08-09-27)

K. Palmer moved to rescind Motion 08-08-11 and approve the Town of Raymond to locate the six inch effluent water line coming from the new water treatment plant, within three meters of the County road allowance west of Sections 14 and 23 of 5-20-4 which will assist the Town in dealing with natural drainage courses, and further, if the road is ever upgraded, the Town is responsible for all costs to remove/relocate the line if necessary.

Carried.

RIDGE PARK  
REDEVELOPMENT  
(08-09-28)

G. Krokosh moved to receive the Administrator's update on the engineering work and designs that are being conducted regarding Ridge Park Redevelopment.

Carried.

COUNTY FIRE  
PUMPER PHONES  
(08-09-29)

G. Krokosh moved to receive the Administrator's update on the replacement of the cell phones in the six County fire pumpers or rescue trucks due to Telus not supporting analog phones effective September 15, 2008, and further the costs for the phones and installation will be approximately \$600 per unit.

Carried.

EDUCATION  
COURSES  
(08-09-30)

R. Taylor moved to register J. Meeks Sr, G. Krokosh and W. Cunningham for the Effective Decision Making course on October 23, 2008 at the High River Heritage Inn.

Carried.

RECESS

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess at 10:25 a.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 10:44 a.m.

R.C. BALOG  
TAX RECOVERY  
LANDS  
(08-09-31)

W. Cunningham moved to receive the Administrator's report on the progress that is being made on the future sale of the tax recovery lands described as the NW 33-1-17-4 which are currently leased by R.C. Balog and Administrator will be proceeding with the sale as outlined in Policy 120.42.

Carried.

L. READ  
(08-09-32)

J. Meeks Sr moved to receive the offer letter of L. Read and approve the sale of Lot 6, Block 9, Plan 0811434 (Wrentham Lot) for \$5,000 to him.

Defeated.

(08-09-33)

G. Krokosh moved to offer Lot 6, Block 9, Plan 0811434 within the Hamlet of Wrentham to L. Read for \$7,500.

Carried.

CANADIAN  
BADLANDS  
(08-09-34)

W. Cunningham moved that R. Taylor attend the Canadian Badlands Tourism Development Strategy and Plan unveiling on November 7, 2008 at Royal Tyrrel Museum at Drumheller.

Carried.

WATSUP  
(08-09-35)

W. Cunningham moved to receive the information on the Water Allocation Transfer System Project Team (WATSUP) as being researched by the Alberta Water Council.

Carried.

RAYMOND/  
WATER GOVERN-  
ANCE  
(08-09-36)

G. Krokosh moved that R. Taylor and A. Romeril attend the Water Governance Information Session hosted by the Town of Raymond on Monday, October 6, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Carried.

CRITICAL ILLNESS J. Meeks Sr moved to approve the Critical Illness Benefit as offered by AMSC, and  
(08-09-37) further the benefit be made available to the full time County employees, and further, employees are responsible for 100% of the costs with no contribution from the County.

Carried.

Accountant R. Shaw entered the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

BANK  
RECONCILIATION W. Cunningham moved to approve the bank reconciliation statement as at August  
(08-09-38) 31, 2008 and it is attached.

Carried.

BILLS FOR  
PAYMENT G. Krokosh moved to receive the Schedule of Disbursements as at September 16,  
(08-09-39) 2008 in the amount of \$743,788.83 and it is attached.

Carried.

FINANCIAL  
STATEMENT K. Palmer moved to approve the financial statement as at August 31, 2008 as  
(08-09-40) presented.

Carried.

R. Shaw left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

FIRE CHIEF'S  
MEETING K. Palmer moved to approve the date of Monday, October 6, 2008 to hold the Fire  
(08-09-41) Chief's Committee meeting.

Carried.

LUNCH Reeve R. Jones called a recess for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 1:00 p.m.

MSP GRANT R. Taylor moved to participate in the Foothills Little Bow 2008 Ortho Project under  
(08-09-42) the Municipal Sponsorship Program with the M.D. of Willow Creek acting as the Managing Partner and further, the County will contribute \$12,000 (38.18% of our base grant of \$31,432) towards the project.

Carried.

(08-09-43) G. Krokosh moved to utilize the balance of the Municipal Sponsorship Program Grant of \$19,432 (\$31,432 - \$12,000) for an energy efficiency project to replace the Administration roof top heating and air conditioners, overhead heaters in the Warner Public Works Shop along with one forced air furnace as well as the water heaters in both buildings.

Carried.

NORTHWEST  
GROUP G. Krokosh moved to receive the Administrator's report regarding the Norwest Group  
(08-09-44) deficiencies, who conducted the 2006 aerial photos work on behalf of the rural municipalities in the south end of the province, and the Administrations of the involved municipalities have approved the M.D. of Willow Creek to withhold the final payment to Northwest Group until a settlement has been reached with them.

Carried.

COMMITTEE  
REPORTS K. Palmer - Communications have been had with Town of Raymond Mayor G. Bohne regarding the proposed cemetery fee for non residents of the Town of Raymond. Administration will contact the Town to see if we will receive a written response to our letter. The official opening of the new ambulance bays in Raymond was attended.

G. Krokosh - The Chinook Arch Regional Library has prepared a three year budget. There are concerns over the lack of increased funding from the province.

R. Taylor - Chief Mountain Regional Waste Authority is gathering the job descriptions of all waste transfer attendants. They would like to standardize the job description for all of them in order to reduce conflicts and questions as to who is responsible for what. This will be presented back to the municipalities for their approval. They are continuing to look for contractors to handle some of the metals.

R. Jones - The Mayors and Reeves meeting was attended in Lethbridge where the ambulance transition was discussed. Rural Health Councils are being promoted with the province where local residents could be part of the structure. Terry Kerkhoff, Mayor of Picture Butte, is the new Chair of the Mayors and Reeves Committee. MATL will be making a presentation to County Council on October 7, 2008.

(08-09-45)

K. Palmer moved to receive the Committee Reports as presented.

Carried.

ADJOURN  
(08-09-46)

W. Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Carried.

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Reeve

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Administrator