

COUNTY COUNCIL

April 1, 2008

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on April 1, 2008. In attendance were Reeve R. Jones, R. Ford, W. Cunningham, R. Taylor, G. Krokosh, J. Meeks Sr, K. Palmer, Administrator A. Romeril, Superintendent R. Coppieters and GIS Technician T. Nelson.

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

MINUTES
(08-04-01)

R. Ford moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 4, 2008 as amended.

Carried.

ADDITIONS
TO AGENDA
(08-04-02)

W. Cunningham moved to add the following items to the agenda:
AAMDC - Contact
AAMDC - Fire Fighter Code of Practice
AAMDC - Pilot - Private Sewage Treatment Systems in Subdivisions
News Release - Buckle Up
News Release - Human Rights
News Release - Research for Valuable Minerals in Oil Sands Tailings
News Release - Stelmach Issues Cabinet Team Priorities
News Release - Federal Assistance to Workers due to Global Volatility
News Release - Sheriff's Activities - 1,700 infractions over Easter
County Land Use Planning Document Minutes
Ridge Country Housing Minutes
Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority Minutes
News Article on City Center Airport
UFA - Change of Representative from Ross Ford to Mic Thiessen
Area North of Village of Stirling - Unsightly Petition
Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority 2008 Budget
Warner and District Senior's Drop In Center
AMSC Retiree Health Benefit Package
C. Nett South Gravel Pit
Quad Council Meeting Date
Dust Control Concerns
Municipal Finance Course

Carried.

P. W. REPORT

As presented by Superintendent R. Coppieters and it is attached.

USED FUEL
TRUCK

A letter of intent has been issued to the Milk River UFA for a used tandem fuel truck. The price has been established.

2008 ROAD
PROJECTS
(08-04-03)

R. Taylor moved to approve the tentative 2008 Road Construction Program for the various grants to be received and the schedule is attached.

Carried.

NEW DAYTON
MAIN STREET
(08-04-04)

R. Taylor moved that a cold mix overlay for the New Dayton School parking area (just to the south of the school) be installed at an estimated cost of \$6,000 - \$8,000 and this is being done in conjunction with the centennial celebrations of the community.

Carried.

C. NETT SOUTH
GRAVEL PIT
(08-04-05)

R. Taylor moved that Public Works investigate the amount of gravel that may be left in the C. Nett South Gravel Pit, and further, Administration work with legal counsel to prepare a draft legal agreement in order that the County has long term access to the gravel deposits at the pit.

Carried.

COUTTS BYPASS

ROAD

(08-04-06)

R. Ford moved to forward a letter to Alberta Transportation, Village of Coutts, M. P. Rick Casson and MLA Broyce Jacobs asking for their assistance in upgrading the road that would accommodate the overweight, over-dimensional traffic that is unable to pass through the port facilities due to an inadequate traffic design at the port.

Carried.

(08-04-07)

G. Krokosh moved to receive Superintendent R. Coppieter's report as presented.

Carried.

CPO REPORT

As prepared by CPO S. Simpson and it is attached.

NORTH RAYMOND

T- INTERSECTION

(08-04-08)

J. Meeks moved to rescind motion 08-03-07.

Carried.

During the road tour scheduled for April 2, 2008, the North Raymond T-intersections will be visited by Council.

RIDGE PARK

(08-04-09)

K. Palmer moved to receive the Administrator's update on the redevelopment plans by Alberta Environment and further, progress appears to be slow in obtaining a definite commitment and design as well as the method in which the park will be redeveloped.

Carried.

EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT

WORKSHOP

(08-04-10)

W. Cunningham moved to approve and sign the Emergency Management Training Grant Initiative Agreement for \$3,500 as presented.

Carried.

(08-04-11)

G. Krokosh moved to receive CPO S. Simpson's written report as presented.

Carried.

Superintendent R. Coppieters left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

2006 CENSUS

UPDATE

(08-04-12)

K. Palmer moved to receive Statistics Canada's 2006 revised census count for the County to be 3,776 and further, the County not proceed with conducting its own census for 2008.

Carried.

RECESS

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess at 10:30 a.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 10:45 a.m.

T. Nelson was not present when the meeting reconvened.

WATER TREATMENT

OPERATOR

COSTS

(08-04-13)

R. Taylor moved to forward a letter to Alberta Environment that in addition to the Operational Assistance Pilot Program, training grants should be made available to the municipalities to help offset training costs for staff involved in the water treatment facilities.

Carried.

2007 FINANCIAL

STATEMENT

Accountant R. Shaw entered the meeting at 11:02 a.m. to review the tentative 2007 Year End Financial Statement.

(08-04-14) R. Ford moved to approve the setup of the following capital and operating reserves for 2007:
ASB Light Equipment - 25,000
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ASB Building - 50,000
ASB Light Truck - 25,000
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P.W. Heavy Equipment - 100,000
Hamlet Infrastructure - 25,000
Stirling Drain Reserve - 15,000
Long Service Employment - 14,405
Vacation Reserve - 116,262.15
Memorial Scholarship Interest - 2059.12
Carried.

(08-04-15) W. Cunningham moved to approve the interim 2007 Financial Statement with a combined operating and capital surplus of \$63,275.50, and further the Auditors will present the final version on April 15, 2008.
Carried.

R. Shaw left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

STIRLING
UNSIGHTLY
PETITION
(08-04-16)

R. Ford moved to receive the petition against the alleged unsightly premise just north of the Village of Stirling, and further, continue to investigate the complaints with the landowner.
Carried.

CHIEF MOUNTAIN
WASTE 2008
BUDGET
(08-04-17)

R. Taylor moved to approve the 2008 requisition from the Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority in the amount of \$70,855.16.
Carried.

WARNER'S
SENIOR
CENTRE
(08-04-18)

R. Jones moved to receive the letters regarding the construction of a new Warner and District Senior's Drop In Centre, and further, if they are interested in purchasing the lands immediately to the west of the County Administration Office, an offer to purchase can be submitted for Council's consideration.
Carried.

LUNCH

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess for lunch at 12:17 p.m.

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

AMSC RETIREE
BENEFIT PLAN
(08-04-19)

G. Krokosh moved that the County of Warner sign a Participation Agreement with AMSC for a retiree health benefit plan where the retiree is responsible for the full cost of the health benefit plan if they choose to belong.
Carried.

QUAD COUNCIL

Council felt another date closer to the end of May, 2008 would be a better date due to the farming activities that will commence by April 30, 2008.

BILL C-52
FISHERIES ACT
(08-04-20)

K. Palmer moved to receive the information of the Fisheries Act Review and further the Administrator complete the questionnaire with a comment regarding the need for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to locate the water courses in the municipality that is affected by their regulations.
Carried.

TELUS LAWSUIT
(08-04-21)

R. Taylor moved to receive the Statement of Claim from Telus regarding their concerns over the 2004 linear assessment and tax notices, and further, the County accepts Telus' new position of dropping the lawsuit against those municipalities that met the time line requirements of Ministerial Order of Council issued by Alberta Municipal Affairs and subsequent tax notice by the County of Warner, and further, it now appears that the County's name will now been withdrawn from the lawsuit.

Carried.

MILK RIVER
AMBULANCE
(08-04-22)

R. Ford moved to receive the letter from the Town of Milk River for funding for their new ambulance and deny the request, and recommend the Town follow the funding agreement and formula outlined in the 1995 Ambulance Agreement between the Town of Milk River and the County of Warner.

Carried.

ACCOUNTING
ASSISTANT
(08-04-23)

R. Taylor moved to approve the Administrator's recommendation to obtain additional accounting/clerical support to help the Accountant implement the new Tangible Capital Asset program and other duties as required, and further this item be accounted for in the 2008 budget.

Carried.

CHR & TRI
COUNCIL
MEETING
(08-04-24)

W. Cunningham moved that all Councillors attend a proposed meeting in Raymond on April 23, 2008 with CHR, Raymond and Stirling to review Pandemic Planning and items related to growth within the Raymond Fringe Area.

Carried.

WIRELESS
INTERNET
CONNECTION
(08-04-25)

R. Taylor moved to pay 75% of the initial cost of Councillors G. Krokosh and R. Ford hookup fees to obtain a wireless internet connection.

Carried.

RURAL WATER
COOP FUNDS
(08-04-26)

R. Jones moved to forward a letter to the Provincial Government requesting them to consider implementing a financial grant to assist rural water coops in offsetting the costs associated with major repairs and pipeline and associated equipment replacement.

Carried.

SUBDIVISION
VILLAGE OF
WARNER
(08-04-27)

R. Jones moved that the County has no objections to the proposed subdivisions within the Village of Warner as outlined in ORRSC File 2008-0-073.

Carried.

NEW DAYTON
SIDEWALKS &
STREET
(08-04-28)

R. Taylor moved to obtain a cost estimate to place a cold mix on approximately 600 - 800 feet of Third Avenue in New Dayton along with an estimated cost to repair the north/west sidewalks on the same street.

Carried.

BYLAW 861-08
(08-04-29)

K. Palmer moved to give Bylaw 861-08, a bylaw which rezones the lands described as Block 1, Plan 9610970 (NE 27-5-20-4) of approximately 4.59 acres from Extensive Agriculture to Group Country Residential, first reading this 1st day of April, 2008.

Carried.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

W. Cunningham - The Heritage Handibus Association is looking at acquiring a new smaller mini van to assist in the needs of transportation. The Ridge Country Housing is investigating the replacement of the Ridge View Lodge in Raymond. The concrete basement walls are in very poor condition. Furniture in the lodges have been replaced.

K. Palmer - The addition of the Raymond Ambulance bays have been completed. The handibus is getting old and the repairs are starting to mount. The Raymond Recreation Board is moving forward on their plans to upgrade the many recreation facilities. L. Snow is the Chairman of the Board.

R. Taylor - A meeting with the Southern Alberta Waste Management Alliance was attended where they are proposing a method to eliminate waste in the landfills by recycling and creating other energy sources. People looking to place more input on the Open Spaces Alberta should contact MLA B. Jacobs.

NEW DAYTON
RECREATION
(08-04-30)

R. Taylor moved that the County pay one half of the 2007 recreation monies to the New Dayton Recreation Board as an advance for 2008.

Carried.

G. Krokosh - A Financial Statement has been received from the Wrentham Recreation Board. There is some repair work that has been conducted on the Wrentham Community Hall. The Sunshine Seed Cleaning Plant meeting is tonight. They will be discussing a new road around the plant.

R. Ford - The Coutts Recreation Board is now busy with several projects. They have now received funding from the Village of Coutts. The Milk River Water Monitoring Project is underway. Thirty eight meters have been installed along the river to measure water volumes. Most of the spring runoff is not captured and it is utilized by the Americans when some of it could be kept for use in Canada. Storage issues along the Milk River is still important and will continue to be studied. The Milk River Watershed Council is holding its annual general meeting on April 8, 2008.

R. Jones - A Mayors and Reeves meeting was attended and topics included ambulance rate increases needed, raw water needs, Open Spaces Alberta, and West Nile Funding required. Meetings attended for the AAMDC includes the SARM meeting in Saskatchewan, AAMDC Spring Convention and a meeting with the AUMA. The Warner Fire Department has obtained a heart monitor for the ambulance and are in need of a new rescue truck. Several members are taking the EMT and EMR courses.

(08-04-31)

J. Meeks Sr. moved to receive the Committee Reports as presented.

Carried.

ADJOURN
(08-04-32)

G. Krokosh moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator