

COUNTY COUNCIL

January 8, 2009

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on January 8, 2009. 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 CPO S. Simpson.

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

MINUTES
(09-01-01)

R. Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 16, 2008.

Carried.

ADDITIONS
TO AGENDA
(09-01-02)

R. Ford moved to add the following items to the agenda:
AAMDC - Building Canada Fund Application Website
News Release - Alberta Seeks Best Practices on Natural Resource
News Release - Communities to Benefit from Canada Alberta Partnership
News Release - Alberta Communities Gain Access to Infrastructure Funding
AEMA - Regional Newsletter
Lethbridge Lodge - Contract for 2009 Christmas Social
2009 Administration Capital Equipment
Foothills Little Bow Municipal Association Agenda
Council revenue
Recycling
Southgrow Recognition
Military Service Recognition Book Contribution
Land Use Bylaw 866-08 and Septic Field Regulations

Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

As presented by Superintendent R. Coppieters and the report is attached.

WINTER STORM
(09-01-03)

R. Jones moved to forward a letter of appreciation to all Public Works Staff who worked through the Christmas break due to the severe weather that was experienced.

Carried.

(09-01-04)

K. Palmer moved to forward a letter of appreciation to Volker Stevin for the effort they took to keep the primary and secondary highways open to the public during severe weather experienced during the last few weeks.

Carried.

COUTTS BYPASS
ROAD

The estimated cost to construct the Coutts Bypass Road is estimated to be approximately \$420,000.

(09-01-05)

G. Krokosh moved to immediately erect public notice signs at the north and south ends of the Coutts Bypass Road to notify the overweight and overload traffic of the need to obtain permits, and further 30 days after the notification signs are erected, enforcement action will be pursued, and further, forward letters of the County's intent to the Canada and US Customs, Alberta Transportation, Alberta Weigh Scales/Inspection Station, Alberta Motor Trucking Association, M.P. Rick Casson and MLA B. Jacobs.

Carried.

CARMACKS
METZGER PIT

Administration will proceed with an agreement with Carmacks to purchase the pit run at the Metzger Pit as negotiated.

NEW DAYTON
DRAINAGE

ASB is working with Genivar to obtain a quote to provide the water table monitoring program for the Hamlet of New Dayton.

(09-01-06)

R. Ford moved to receive Superintendent R. Coppieters report as presented.

Carried.

CPO REPORT

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

VANDALISM
(09-01-07)

W. Cunningham moved to draft a public notice regarding the need to report vandalism, property damage and other inappropriate activities to the County who will notify the appropriate enforcement authorities.

Carried.

EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT
TRAINING
(09-01-08)

R. Ford moved to apply for an Emergency Management Training Grant to assist in holding additional training sessions for Council and other affected parties, and further the Disaster Table Top Exercise is scheduled for February 25, 2009.

Carried.

(09-01-09)

R. Taylor moved to receive CPO S. Simpson's report as presented.

Carried.

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess at 10:31 a.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 10:46 a.m.
CPO S. Simpson was not present when the meeting reconvened.

SOUTHGROW
RECOGNITION

R. Jones, R. Taylor, G. Krokosh and A. Romeril will be attending the Southgrow Second Annual Recognition event on January 15, 2009 at the Lethbridge Lodge starting at 5:30 p.m.

YPM AUDIT
ENGAGEMENT
(09-01-10)

R. Taylor moved to receive and approve the terms of engagement as outlined by the County Auditors, YPM.

Carried.

2008 MUNICIPAL
SPONSORSHIP
AGREEMENT
(09-01-11)

W. Cunningham moved to approve and sign the 2008 Municipal Sponsorship Grant agreement in the amount of \$31,090 which is allocated toward energy efficiency upgrades to County buildings.

Carried.

NEW DAYTON
WATER
TREATMENT
(09-01-12)

W. Cunningham moved to receive the letter from Alberta Environment approving the Town of Raymond continuing as the New Dayton Water Treatment Plant certified operator on condition the Town of Raymond continue past practice which is to review reports and provide their expertise/inspection visit on a weekly basis as well as other items outlined within Alberta Environment's December 19, 2008 letter.

Carried.

RAYMOND
CEMETERY
(09-01-13)

K. Palmer moved to receive the Town of Raymond's letter regarding cemetery fees and approve their proposal that the County contribute \$1,000 per year to help offset annual cemetery operating losses on condition the fees be locked in for a minimum of five years and the cemetery fees remain the same for county residents as it is for town residents.

Carried.

FHLB

No resolutions from the County will be presented at the Foothills Little Bow Municipal Association that is scheduled for January 16, 2009 in Lethbridge.

CHRISTMAS
SOCIAL
(09-01-14)

R. Ford moved to enter into a written contract with the Lethbridge Lodge to hold the County Christmas Social on Friday, December 18, 2009 and pay the necessary deposit to hold the date.

Carried.

2009 ADMIN
CAPITAL
(09-01-15)

G. Krokosh moved to approve the 2009 Administration Office Capital in the amount of \$52,500 (net cost of \$32,500) which include computer and photocopier replacement.

Carried.

ROYAL
CANADIAN
LEGION
(09-01-16)

R. Taylor moved to support The Royal Canadian Legion by purchasing advertising space within their commemorative book which recognizes Alberta Veterans in the amount of \$595.

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 12:52 p.m.

BYLAW 866-08
LAND USE
(09-01-17)

K. Palmer moved to give third and final reading to Land Use Bylaw 866-08 as amended with regulations affecting the installation of septic fields, this 8th day of January 2009.

Carried.

RECYCLING

A discussion regarding the recycling of cardboard was held. Due to limited markets for cardboard it appears that many of the municipalities are using the Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste land fill.

ROAD CLOSURE
BYLAW 868-09
(09-01-18)

R. Taylor moved to give Road Closure Bylaw 868-09, a bylaw which closes, sells and consolidated a portion of the undeveloped roadways to the south and east of Section 13-5-21-4 first reading this 8th day of January, 2009.

Carried.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

W. Cunningham - The Prairie Rose Lodge occupancy level is currently 100% while the Ridge View Lodge is at 70%.

G. Krokosh - The Wrentham Community Center is currently hosting the Wrentham Bonspiel. The discussion on a possible need for a playground will be discussed by the Wrentham Community Center at a later date.

(09-01-19)

W. Cunningham moved to receive the Committee Reports as presented.

Carried.

IN-CAMERA
(09-01-20)

R. Ford moved to go in-camera at 1:30 p.m.

Carried.

(09-01-21)

G. Krokosh moved to revert to regular session at 2:09 p.m.

Carried.

SALARY
NEGOTIATIONS
(09-01-22)

R. Taylor moved to commence Salary Negotiations with County Staff on January 19, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

ADJOURN
(09-01-23)

K. Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator