

COUNTY COUNCIL

March 3, 2009

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on March 3, 2009. In attendance were Reeve R. Jones, W. Cunningham, R. Taylor, G. Krokosh, J. Meeks Sr, K. Palmer, Administrator A. Romeril and Superintendent R. Coppieters.

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

MINUTES  
(09-03-01)

G. Krokosh moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 17, 2009.  
Carried.

ADDITIONS  
TO AGENDA  
(09-03-02)

W. Cunningham moved to add the following items to the agenda:

AAMDC - Spring Convention Keynote Speaker  
AAMDC - Creation of Municipal Auditor General  
AAMDC - Invitation for Geophysical Audit  
AAMDC - Sustainability Success Stories  
AAMDC - Action on Climate Change  
AAMDC - Building a Highway Network - Who Pays  
News Release - Province's Financial Picture  
Municipal Affairs - Regional Ortho Aerial Approval  
Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority Minutes  
AAMDC - 2009 Spring Resolutions  
Southgrow Site Selection Workshop  
Building Canada Fund Projects Review  
Ridge Park Preliminary Design  
2008/2009 Municipal Sponsorship Grant Amendment  
Southgrow Water Study Workshop  
Canadian Badlands Fee Increase

Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS  
REPORT

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

COUTTS BYPASS  
ROAD  
(09-03-03)

W. Cunningham moved to receive the Coutts Bypass Road cost estimate in the amount of \$953,400 as prepared by Genivar and submit the project under the Building Canada Projects and further, approve it moving forward on condition the Province of Alberta and the Government of Canada be responsible for the County of Warner/Village of Coutts one third share due to the benefits being received by over dimensional traffic who are required to find an alternate route to pass the border facilities

Carried.

HIGHWAY 4  
ACCESS ROAD  
(09-03-04)

K. Palmer moved to receive the Administrator's report that Alberta Transportation has confirmed there is no plan for an access road from the Milk River Interpretative Center to the south.

Carried.

R. HEGGIE  
ACCESS

(09-03-05)

Robert and Lauren Heggie entered the meeting at 9:35 a.m. to discuss access to a proposed parcel of land they are negotiating on purchasing. After a question and answer period, a lease agreement for the use of the deeded land may be the best option.

J. Meeks Sr moved to support a lease agreement between R. Heggie and the County of Warner for a portion of an old road allowance north of Block 125, Plan 4489J, that is now deeded property, and further, this may be the most viable solution in the short term until a decision can be reached as to the best method to dispose of the property to the east of the drainage ditch, and further the costs to prepare the lease agreement, to construct the access and the road will be the responsibility of R. Heggie.

Carried.

R. and L. Heggie left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

NEW DAYTON  
STORM WATER  
(09-03-06)

R. Taylor moved to submit the New Dayton Storm Water Project under the Building Canada Fund program, as designed by Genivar, with an estimated cost of \$496,580, and further the details of how the County's one third share will be funded will be determined at a later date.

Carried.

(09-03-07)

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

Carried.

R. Coppieters left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

CPO REPORT

As prepared by CPO S. Simpson.

(09-03-08)

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

Carried.

INTERNET  
SPEED

T. Nelson is working with Shockware to see if our internet speed can be increased in order to complement some of the work the County is conducting.

S.A. MEDIC AIR

No response has been received to date from Southern Alberta Medic Air on emergency response abilities.

AMBULANCE  
RESPONSE  
CHANGES  
(09-03-09)

K. Palmer moved to receive the draft letter to MLA Broyce Jacobs regarding concerns over the province taking over ambulance response and further, amend the letter by adding information regarding EMR/EMT responses.

Carried.

RECESS

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess at 10:28 a.m.

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

AAMDC FEE  
SCHEDULE  
(09-03-10)

W. Cunningham moved to approve the 2009/2010 AAMDC fee schedule which is approximately a \$243 increase over the previous year.

Carried.

AAMDC  
MEETINGS

While at the AAMDC Convention, a meetings has been confirmed with Alberta Transportation Minister Luke Ouellette.

HIRSCHE  
CONSTRUCTION  
LTD.  
(09-03-11)

J. Meeks Sr moved to approve the sale of a deeded road allowance (0.77 acres) and the closure, consolidation and sale of a road allowance (0.34 acres) located in Block 187, Plan 4489J to Hirsche Construction Ltd for \$2,500 on condition he is responsible for all costs associated with the sale, closure and consolidation of the lands.

Carried.

POTABLE WATER  
COSTS TO  
HAMLETS  
(09-03-12)

R. Jones moved to prepare a letter to Premier Ed Stelmach outlining the County of Warner's concerns over the costs to improve the Hamlets of New Dayton and Wrentham water treatment plants/regional water lines and the inability of the residents to pay for the required improvements, and further, this letter will be sent following obtaining the final costing estimates from MPE Engineering.

Carried.

STRATEGIC  
PLANNING  
MINUTES  
(09-03-13)

K. Palmer moved to receive the minutes from the Strategic Planning Session and the information will be reviewed in greater detail at a future Council Planning Session.

Carried.

RIDGE PARK  
DESIGN  
(09-03-14)

K. Palmer moved to hold a meeting with Alberta Transportation to review the Ridge Park design, and further, the meeting be arranged for during the week of April 20 - 24, 2009.

Carried.

MILK RIVER  
LOT SALE  
29, (09-03-15)

K. Palmer moved to approve the sale of the Milk River lot, described as Lot 8, Block Plan 7133 H.J. for the price of \$5,000 as is.

Carried.

RAYMOND  
AMBULANCE  
AGREEMENT  
(09-03-16)

K. Palmer moved that the County of Warner give notice to the Raymond Ambulance Society that they no longer wish to be a signing partner to the proposed ambulance agreement with Alberta Health to supply ambulance services, and further, request that the County of Warner be removed as a legal entity/partner to the Raymond Ambulance Society.

Carried.

2008/2009 MUNICIPAL  
SPONSORSHIP  
GRANT  
(09-03-17)

K. Palmer moved to approve the proposed amendment to the 2008/2009 Municipal Sponsorship Grant to allow for the upgrading of six washroom facilities with low water use fixtures, hot water on demand heaters, electric hand dryers and activated towel dispenser, and further, upgrade Public Works inefficient fluorescent lights with energy efficient models.

Carried.

SOUTHGROW  
WATER  
MEETINGS  
(09-03-18)

R. Taylor moved that R. Taylor or R. Ford attend the Southgrow Water Information meeting on March 19, 2009 at the Lethbridge Lodge from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Carried.

CANADIAN  
BADLANDS  
(09-03-19)

R. Taylor moved to notify Canadian Badlands that the County of Warner No. 5 are cancelling their membership from the Canadian Badlands effective immediately due to no perceived benefit/value arising to the County ratepayers through increased membership fees.

Carried.

COMMITTEE  
REPORTS

W. Cunningham - A Health and Safety Meeting was attended. No reports were received from some departments. A safety calendar is being prepared. Public Works has conducted a site inspection. There needs to be improvements in the health and safety communications. A Milk River Watershed Board Meeting was attended. Their funding has increased to \$204,000. There are in the process of hiring a third person to assist in the work. The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2009.

J. Meeks Sr - The Raymond Farm Safety Center meeting was attended. A financial statement will be available for next month. They are looking at improving their time sheet records.

FARM SAFETY

GRAVEL  
(09-03-20)

J. Meeks Sr moved to donate a load of gravel (20 yards) to the Raymond Farm Safety Center.

Carried.

(09-03-21)

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

Carried.

LUNCH

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

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 12:52 p.m.

IN-CAMERA  
(09-03-22)

R. Taylor moved to go in-camera at 12:53 a.m.

Carried.

(09-03-23)

G. Krokosh moved to revert to regular session at 1:12 p.m.

Carried.

ADJOURN  
(09-03-24)

G. Krokosh moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

Carried.

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Reeve

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Administrator