

COUNTY COUNCIL

April 6, 2010

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on April 6, 2010. 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, CPO S. Simpson and Ag Fieldman J. Meeks Jr.

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

MINUTES
(10-04-01)

R. Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 24, 2010.

Carried.

ADDITIONS
TO AGENDA
(10-04-02)

R. Ford moved to add the following items to the agenda:
Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority - Reserves
Moisture Conditions
Road Bans

Carried.

P.W. REPORT

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

SNOW
GRAVEL PIT
(10-04-03)

W. Cunningham moved to receive B. Snow reply in regards to gravel storage costs and further, Administration continue to investigate crushing gravel at the Snow Pit and alternatives to gravel storage locations from a potential gravel crush.

Carried.

COUTTS
BYPASS ROAD
(10-04-04)

R. Ford moved to proceed with a 66 foot road allowance with a 10 meter top for the entire stretch of the Coutts Bypass Road project unless the engineers feel a top greater than 10 meters is required in the Smith and Government lands to maintain the integrity of the developed road.

Carried.

COUTTS BYPASS
ROAD MAINT.
AGREEMENT
(10-04-05)

R. Taylor moved that Administration investigate a road maintenance, road use and enforcement agreement for the Coutts Bypass Road between the County of Warner and the Village of Coutts.

Carried.

OVERHEAD
CRANE

Public Works has not received a revised quote for a 15 ton overhead crane. New costs should be available for the next meeting.

GRADER MOUNT
MULCHER
(10-04-06)

R. Taylor moved that Public Works investigate the costs and benefits of acquiring a grader mount mulcher, and further, arrange for a demo of a unit and invite other municipalities to attend.

Carried.

ROAD BANS

Road bans will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

2010 GRAVEL
CRUSH
(10-04-07)

G. Krokosh moved to proceed with the low bid of Sage Management Ltd to conduct the 2010 gravel crush requirements (60,000 yards at two pits) estimated at a cost of \$190,500.

Carried.

(10-04-08)

J. Meeks Sr moved to receive Superintendent R. Coppieters report as presented.

Carried.

NEW CHIN PARK
RESTROOM
(10-04-09)

J. Meeks Sr moved to proceed with the upgrade of an additional restroom facility at Chin Park near the boat launch area, and further the cost is estimated at approximately \$9,600 with the monies coming from Municipal Recreation Reserves.

Carried.

CHIN PARK
HOSTESS
LOCATION
(10-04-10)

G. Krokosh moved to investigate the costs for the relocation of the Chin Park camp hostess location to the west end of the park which includes moving the power and telephone lines.

Carried.

R. Coppieters and J. Meeks Jr left the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

RECESS

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess at 10:22 a.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 10:35 a.m.

FIRE BANS
(10-04-11)

R. Taylor moved to open the public warning "Extreme Fire Hazard" signs immediately and further, check with the local fire chiefs on the fire hazard conditions in their areas to determine whether a fire ban should be considered.

Carried.

FIRE HYDRANT
LOCATIONS
(10-04-12)

W. Cunningham moved to forward letters to all the Hutterite Settlements in the County requesting permission to use their water sources as water fill stations for emergency fire purposes and further, request permission and potential water fill sites from existing water coops (can be installed at the time water repairs are conducted) and further, request permission from the Raymond Irrigation District to install emergency water outlets on existing irrigation risers in the SE 1-7-21-4 and SW 15-6-21-4 and further, request use of a fire hydrant from the Town of Raymond to be located at the new Raymond Water Treatment Plant in the NW 23-5-20-4.

Carried.

BREATHING
APPARATUS
COMPRESSORS
(10-04-13)

K. Palmer moved to notify the fire departments that since the County purchased the air compressors for the refilling of the breathing apparatus, it was felt that the fire departments should be responsible for the expense of maintaining and inspecting the compressors as required.

Carried.

(10-04-14)

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

Carried.

S. Simpson left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

AHS/RADIO
TOWER USE
AGREEMENT
(10-04-15)

R. Ford moved to receive Administration's report that Alberta Health Services has tabled all discussions regarding ambulance dispatch agreements at this time, and further, they will contact the County regarding a possible agreement when Alberta Health Services determines provincial ambulance dispatch issues have been resolved.

Carried.

WARNER
TRANSFER
STATION

Administration is waiting for the financial information requested from the Village of Warner regarding the operation of the Warner Waste Transfer Site.

COUTTS FIRE
DEPT - 49TH
(10-04-16)

R. Ford moved to donate a few door prizes for the Coutts Fire Department 49th Anniversary.

Carried.

ARB'S
(10-04-17)

G. Krokosh moved to wait for further information from the ORRSC on whether they will be forming a Regional Assessment Review Board before the County makes any decision on establishing a County Assessment Review Board.

Carried.

TAX RECOVERY
LAND SALES
(10-04-18)

R. Taylor moved to receive Administration's report that the Province of Alberta has put a hold on any further tax recovery land transfers to the municipalities, and further, forward a letter to Premier Stelmach indicating the County of Warner's displeasure with the province making a unilateral decision of this nature without proper consultation with, or notification to, the rightful owners of these tax recovery lands which is the local municipality, and further, request the Province to reverse their decision and immediately proceed with the transfer of tax recovery lands to the appropriate municipalities. (Copies to SRD, Alberta Treasury and MLA B. Jacobs.)

Carried.

STIRLING
COMMUNITY
CENTER
(10-04-19)

J. Meeks Sr moved to receive the Stirling Lion's Club letter and approve the donation of 200 yards of crushed gravel (to be supplied and delivered by the County) to the new Village of Stirling Community Hall, Lions Hall and Senior's Center.

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 12:55 p.m.

STIRLING
COMMUNITY
CENTER
(10-04-20)

R. Ford moved to forward a letter to the Stirling Lion's Club indicating that the County contributes an annual allocation for recreation of approximately \$15,000 to the Village of Stirling and that the Lions Club may wish to approach the Village of Stirling and request funding from those monies.

Carried.

CHIEF MOUNTAIN
TRANSFER
STATION

R. Taylor will be clarifying with the Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority the value of the depreciation reserves account and what operating reserves/accumulated surplus are available.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

W. Cunningham - The Milk River Watershed Canada Council's annual general meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. at the Milk River Civic Center. Progress is being made on the doctor recruitment needs in Milk River. One doctor should be available in six months.

R. Taylor - Water treatment inspections are becoming very complex and the local municipality may have to become involved in the administrative end because the County holds the water license.

G. Krokosh - The Canadian Badlands annual general meeting was attended. Changes were made to their bylaws on who can belong on the executive committee.

R. Ford - The Milk River Watershed Canada Council meeting was attended where they talked about erosion control on areas of the Milk River, zero landscaping to conserve water, and the joint water commission report is coming where water storage and release will be discussed. A canoe trip down the Milk River is planned for June 12, 2010. The RAC will likely request additional time to complete the work on the

South Sask. Water Basin Land Use Area. The Coutts Recreation Board is donating \$10,000 to the Coutts Rodeo Association to fix up the grounds. The Coutts Community School will likely be closed for this fall. The Sunshine Seed Cleaning Plant is looking at ideas for possible upgrading or a new plant.

R. Jones - A meeting was attended with representatives of the Alberta Health Service ambulance dispatch team. An information meeting was attended where the RCMP and Sheriffs will be working together on traffic enforcement. It is a three year test program.

(10-04-21)

G. Krokosh moved to receive the Committee Reports as presented.

Carried.

STATEMENT
OF CLAIM
(10-04-22)

R. Taylor moved to receive the Statement of Claim from the law firm Torry Lewis Abells naming the County of Warner as a third party in the accident of Scoville, Hoffman and Lucas, and further, this information will be forwarded to Jubilee Insurance.

Carried.

ADJOURN
(10-04-23)

G. Krokosh moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator