

COUNTY COUNCIL

June 17, 2008

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on June 17, 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, Purchasing Agent R. Carlson and CPO S. Simpson.

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

MINUTES
(08-06-32)

R. Ford moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 3, 2008.

Carried.

ADDITIONS
TO AGENDA
(08-06-33)

G. Krokosh moved to add the following items to the agenda:
Subdivision Application from Cardston County,
Bylaw 864-08 - Rezoning Bylaw,
Proposed Letter to Alberta Transportation Minister Ouellette
AMSC/Nexen Energy Aggregation Program
AAMDC Contact
AAMDC - Executive Meeting Highlights
News Release - Wet Weather and Land Stewardship Needs
News Release - New Grant for Farm Water Capacity
Alberta Transportation - AMIP Project Approvals
Municipal Affairs - MSI Project Approval
Breathing Apparatus Compressors for Fire Departments

Carried.

P.W. FUEL TANKS

Purchasing Agent R. Carlson reviewed the regulations being enforced by the Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta. In order to meet the new regulations, the costs to implement the gas tanks is approximately \$25,000 per unit. Units are required at five maintenance yards throughout the County.

(08-06-34)

G. Krokosh moved to approve the installation of five fuel storage facilities that meet the new regulations for the County maintenance shops at an estimated costs of \$125,000 and further make application for funding under the Municipal Sustainability Initiative Program or Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program.

Carried.

R. Carlson left the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

TITLED ROAD
ALLOWANCE
(08-06-35)

R. Taylor moved to proceed with returning the developed road between Lots 103 and 104 of Plan 4489J to an open road status and proceed with the legal and survey work to accomplish the task.

Carried.

OVERTIME
OPTIONS SURVEY
(08-06-36)

R. Taylor moved to receive the results of the overtime survey conducted with the Public Works employees.

Carried.

NEW DAYTON
CAMP SITE TREES
(08-06-37)

R. Taylor moved to proceed with the planting of trees along the west boundary of the New Dayton Campground which will consist of approximately 52 trees, irrigation supplies and labor and the estimated cost will be \$2,300, and further the work will be conducted this fall or the spring of 2009.

Carried.

HIGHWAY 4
ACCESS ROAD
(08-06-38)

R. Ford moved to approve the closure and consolidation of the forced road located in the SE 4-3-16-4 and allow Alberta Transportation to exchange the lands needed for the road construction land requirements directly west of the road closure.

Carried.

SPIKE CANAL Administration will research details relating to the Spike Canal north of the Town of Milk River to see if there are any historical recognition given to it.

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

RECESS Reeve R. Jones called for a recess at 10:06 a.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 10:19 a.m.

RAGGETT
UNSIGHTLY
PREMISE
(08-06-39)

R. Ford moved to receive Alberta Transportation's reply regarding no opportunities for the department to resolve the unsightly property at the intersection of Highways 4 and 61, and further, forward a letter to Alberta Transportation Minister Luke Ouellette asking for his intervention in order to resolve the concerns of both the County of Warner and Village of Stirling.

Carried.

VILLAGE OF
STIRLING LETTER
(08-06-40)

G. Krokosh moved to receive the letter from the Village of Stirling regarding alleged properties that they consider to be unsightly in the Urban Fringe District of the Village of Stirling.

Carried.

RAYMOND
IRRIGATION
DISTRICT WAIVER
(08-06-41)

K. Palmer moved to receive the letter from the Raymond Irrigation District and approve a waiver of the 100 foot setback to 40 feet from the property line in the E ½ of Sections 30 and 31 of 6-19-4 with a minimum of 36 inches of cover.

Carried.

FORTIS ALBERTA
ROAD CROSSING
(08-06-42)

K. Palmer moved to approve and sign the Road Crossing Agreement with Fortis Alberta for the property described as Parcel 5 in Plan 4489J in the West ½ 11-6-21-4 which is a closed road slated for returning it to open status.

Carried.

S. Simpson left the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

CHINOOK ARCH
LIBRARY

The delegation from the Chinook Arch Regional Library entered the meeting at 10:38 a.m. and consisted of M. Macdonald and R. Hopher. They reviewed the services offered by the library and reviewed their operations and funding requirements. They are also meeting with the Wrentham Library Association tonight at 6:00 p.m. After a question and answer period the delegation left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

EXH ENG. &
RIDGE PARK

The EXH Engineering delegation entered the meeting at 11:16 a.m. and consisted of J. Bestor and C. Carlson to review Ridge Park Redevelopment concepts. Ag Fieldman J. Meeks Jr and CPO S. Simpson also entered the meeting. EXH is proposing to allow the park to be flooded and spend the funds available on redevelopment of the park in other areas with more amenities being made available to the camping public. After a question and answer period, the delegation left the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

LUNCH

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess for lunch at 12:11 p.m.
Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 12:55 p.m.
S. Simpson was not present when the meeting reconvened.

RIDGE PARK

The Council reviewed the pros and cons of allowing the park to flood versus the various berm proposals. Considerable discussion regarding possible development to the south and west, a new marina, locations of other potential boat unloading sites, beach areas, washrooms, and sewage disposal drop areas were debated.

(08-06-43) R. Taylor moved that Administration meet with Alberta Transportation and indicate that the Council wishes to review a new park design based on allowing the park to be flooded to the full supply level, the park be expanded to the south and west and the monies being made available be allocated towards providing the various amenities that will be more acceptable to the park patrons.
Carried.

J. Meeks Jr left the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

REGIONAL
WATER STUDY
(08-06-44)

G. Krokosh moved to appoint R. Taylor as the County Council member to the Regional Water Study Steering Committee.
Carried.

Accountant R. Shaw entered the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

BANK RECON-
CILIATION
(06-45)

R. Taylor moved to approve the bank reconciliation statement as at May 31, 2008 (08- and it is attached.
Carried.

BILLS FOR
PAYMENT
(08-06-46)

J. Meeks Sr moved to receive the Schedule of Disbursement in the amount of \$900,778.87 as at June 17, 2008 and it is attached.
Carried.

FINANCIAL
STATEMENT
(08-06-47)

W. Cunningham moved to approve the May 31, 2008 financial statement as presented.
Carried.

IN-CAMERA
(08-06-48)

G. Krokosh moved to go in-camera at 2:20 p.m.
Carried.

R. Shaw left meeting at 2:23 p.m.

(08-06-49)

W. Cunningham moved to revert to regular session at 2:45 p.m.
Carried.

AAMDC
LEGAL MATTER
INVOLVEMENT
(08-06-50)

K. Palmer moved to receive the AAMDC information policy on when to become financially involved in legal matters of individual municipality issues.
Carried.

GREENGATE
POWER CORP.
(08-06-51)

R. Ford moved that G. Krokosh attend the Greengate Power Corporation open house in Stirling regarding a proposed wind farm north and east of Stirling, and further the open house is scheduled for June 23, 2008 at the Stirling Lion's Hall from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Carried.

MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP
(08-06-52)

G. Krokosh moved to approve awarding the County of Warner Memorial Scholarships to the following students:
Janay Doenz - \$650
Zach Miller - \$450
Carried.

STIRLING IMDP

J. Meeks Sr moved to receive the Village of Stirling's letter approving the lands located in the NW 32-6-19-4 being zoned as group country residential from potentially County Industrial Expansion area as outlined in the Stirling Intermunicipal Development Plan, and further, wait for a formal application from land owner G. Schneider for the change in the land use bylaw.
Carried.

MILK RIVER
WATER BASIN

COSTS

(08-06-53)

R. Ford moved to approve a \$3.00 per capita donation to the Milk River Watershed Council Canada for the 974 County residents who live within the Milk River Water Basin area.

Carried.

RAYMOND
HERITAGE DAYS

(08-06-54)

R. Taylor moved that R. Jones and K. Palmer attend the Raymond Heritage Days on July 1, 2008.

Carried.

CARDSTON
SUBDIVISION

(08-06-55)

R. Taylor moved that the County has no concerns with the proposed subdivision within the Cardston County and described as Block 1, Plan 8111861 in the NE 21-6-21-4.

Carried.

BYLAW 864-08

(08-06-56)

R. Ford moved to give first reading to Bylaw 864-08, which is a bylaw that rezones Lots 29-34, Block 2, Plan 7677AQ, within the Hamlet of Wrentham, from Hamlet Industrial to Hamlet Residential, as amended.

Carried.

BYLAW 863-08

(08-06-57)

R. Taylor moved to give first reading to Bylaw 863-08, which is a bylaw that rezones Lots 14-16, Block 6, Plan 7677AQ, within the Hamlet of Wrentham, from Hamlet Industrial to Hamlet Residential.

Carried.

NEXEN ENERGY
AGGREGATION

(08-06-58)

R. Taylor moved to receive the information regarding the Nexen/AMSC Energy Aggregation Program.

Carried.

BREATHING
APPARATUS

COMPRESSORS

(08-06-59)

G. Krokosh moved to investigate cost for three breathing apparatus compressors for the Coutts, Milk River and Stirling Fire Departments based on a 75/25 cost sharing plan with the communities with the County paying the 75% and further, investigate obtaining the funding under the MSI or AMIP program.

Carried.

COUTTS PORT
OF ENTRY ROAD

(08-06-60)

R. Ford moved to receive M.P. Rick Casson's letter to Federal Minister of Public Safety Stockwell Day regarding road infrastructure needs around the Coutts Port of Entry due to oversize loads.

Carried.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

R. Taylor - The Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority has hired a new truck driver and the new operational organization is working well.

G. Krokosh - The Annual General Meeting of Southgrow was attended where a review of the last years work was presented. The Sunshine Seed Cleaning Plant is concerned over club root and will be watching Bill C-32 to see whether the disclosure regulations might change.

R. Ford - A Border Seed Cleaning Plant meeting was attended where they discussed potential plant upgrades.

R. Jones - A Mayors and Reeves meeting was attended. A new CAMRIF program is being introduced where the application rules are being amended. There is some union drives being initiated in some municipalities. An AAMDC meeting with Municipal Affairs Minister R. Danyluk was attended where discussions centered on land use framework, ambulance governance, municipal restructuring, funding for senior facilities, residency rules for elections and abandoned pipeline concerns.

ADJOURN
(08-06-61)

J. Meeks Sr moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator