

COUNTY COUNCIL

October 7, 2008

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on October 7, 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, CPO S. Simpson and Purchasing Agent R. Carlson.

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

MINUTES
(08-10-01)

W. Cunningham moved to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on September 16, 2008.

Carried.

(08-10-02)

R. Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the Assessment Review Board meeting held September 30, 2008.

Carried.

ADDITIONS
TO AGENDA
(08-10-03)

R. Ford moved to add the following items to the agenda:

Fall County Newsletter
New Road Construction - Forty Mile to Warner
County Christmas Social
AAMDC - Contact
AAMDC - Do Not Call List
AAMDC - Early Bird Registration
Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority Minutes
Masinasin Fire Hall Power
Road Allowance Policy
Range Road 15-0 Upgrade
Highway 4 Construction
Water Conference
R. Heggie Road Request
Regional Water Governance

Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT

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

GENERAL ITEMS

The bridge on old Highway 36 was shut to traffic due to bridge structural concerns. Work on replacing or upgrading the bridge is to be conducted immediately by Alberta Transportation and Volker Stevin. The New Dayton East Road construction has been completed. A large culvert replacement project will be started soon.

FIRE DRILL

An Administration Building fire drill was held at 9:15 a.m. and all people were evacuated from the Administration Building. The meeting resumed at 9:20 a.m.

P.W. YARD
SECURITY
(08-10-04)

W. Cunningham moved to approve up to a maximum of \$4,000 to install a surveillance security system at the Warner Public Works Yard due to recent attempts to vandalize and steal fuel.

Carried.

R. Carlson left the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

PETERSON
GRAVEL PIT
(08-10-05)

R. Ford moved to receive the Administrator's update on resolving concerns from the owner of the Peterson Pit, and further, additional meetings will be held with Mr. B. Peterson to discuss other options.

Carried.

RANGE ROAD
SIGNS
(08-10-06)

R. Taylor moved to further investigate the costs of installing wooden posts for intersection signage posts due to concerns over the instability of the metal posts, and further come forward with recommendations for the appropriate brackets and costs to the next Council meeting.

Carried.

FUEL PRICE Administration updated Council on fuel pricing from the AAMDC bulk buying program and our current internal program.

FUEL TAX REBATE W. Cunningham moved to receive Administration's report on Provincial Government refusal to issue the fuel tax rebate to the County due to a new regulation that states that if a marked bulk fuel dealer is within 50 kilometres of the County Public Works Shop, the County becomes ineligible, and further, Administration will proceed with an appeal when the formal notice arrives.
(08-10-07) Carried.

DIRT TRAIL R. Ford moved that the dirt trail located between Sections 29 and 30 of 2-13-4 be placed on the 2009 road program for Council's consideration.
UPGRADE Carried.
(08-10-08)

PUBLIC GRAVEL The Public Gravel Loading Days are scheduled for October 20 -29, 2008 at various County Gravel Pits.
LOADING DAYS
(08-10-09)

MILFORD COLONY R. Ford moved to prepare a bylaw for the possible road closure, sale and consolidation of portions of the road allowance south and east of the SE 13-5-21-4 to the Milford Colony, and further, the price be set at \$1,000 per acre and all costs associated with the road closure, sale and consolidation be the responsibility of the Milford Colony.
(08-10-10) Carried.

RECESS Reeve R. Jones called for a recess at 10:34 a.m.

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

WRENTHAM R. Ford moved to tentatively support the concept of relocating the current drainage channel from Bedient Street and Speaker Avenue to the new road allowance north of the Fire Hall and further, conduct a grade survey and present to Council the estimated costs for the proposed relocation.
STREET
DRAINAGE Carried.
(08-10-11)

WRENTHAM G. Krokosh moved to dispose of the playground equipment (slides, swings and monkey toy structure) located to the north of the Wrentham Fire Hall, after notifying the Wrentham Recreation Board of the County's intentions, and further the disposal will be conducted after December 31, 2008 if no interest is received.
PLAYGROUND Carried.
EQUIPMENT

SUNSHINE SEED G. Krokosh moved to donate up to 60 yards of crushed gravel to the Sunshine Seed Cleaning Plant to gravel the laneways around the plant.
CLEANING PLANT Carried.
(08-10-13)

FORTY MILE/OIL R. Taylor moved that Superintendent R. Coppieters investigate with the County of Forty Mile how far they plan to construct a road for an oil company that may continue into the County of Warner to the south of Sections 1-4 of 5-15-4.
ROAD CON- Carried.
STRUCTION
(08-10-14)

HIGHWAY 4
CONSTRUCTION
(08-10-15)

R. Ford moved that the County investigate with the Highway 4 contractors the following issues:
Ditch cuts to the south west of the SW 3-3-16-4
Dog leg in the newly constructed road east of the NE 32-2-16-4
Gravel quantities on new access roads
Water line relocation under the road to the east of the NE 32-2-16-4

Carried.

R. HEGGIE ROAD
(08-10-16)

J. Meeks Sr moved that Superintendent R. Coppieters investigate the costs of a possible new road south of the SW 19-6-20-4 and come to Council with a recommendation.

Carried.

(08-10-17)

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

Carried.

CPO REPORT

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

NEW ROCKPORT
COLONY
(08-10-18)

R. Taylor moved that the County Public Works repair the road that was cut by the New Rockport Colony without a permit and the costs to repair and install a proper culvert be the responsibility of the Colony, and further the rates charged will be at government rate.

(08-10-19)

R. Ford moved to table the motion until later this afternoon.

Carried.

Superintendent R. Coppieters left the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

MATL

The MATL delegation entered the meeting at 11:45 a.m. and consisted of President Bob Williams and Rebecca Loosley. A PowerPoint presentation was followed by a question and answer session. Final approvals have been granted by the EUB and NEB. Agreements are being negotiated with landowners. Construction is anticipated to start in the new year. Very few poles will be located in County road allowances due to the location of the power line being along the quarter lines so they do not run in front of homes. The delegation left the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

LUNCH

Reeve R. Jones called a recess for lunch at 12:27 p.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 1:00 p.m.
ORRSC Planner Steve Harty was present when the meeting reconvened.

BYLAW 866-08

The Public Hearing for the Land Use Bylaw 866-08 was opened at 1:01 p.m.. No members of the public were present and no written submissions were received. The following changes are to be included in the Land Use Bylaw and include a prohibited uses clause, minimum lot size clarified in the Subdivision Section, and setback requirement flexibility in the urban fringe districts.

(08-10-20)

K. Palmer moved to give second reading to Land Use Bylaw 866-08 this 7th day of October, 2008 as amended.

Carried.

CPO S. Simpson entered the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

D. JENSEN
SUBDIVISION/
ANNEXATION
(08-10-21)

R. Taylor moved to receive the ORRSC information letter regarding the D. Jensen subdivision/annexation and further, the County not proceed with conducting the subdivision process/development agreement prior to the lands being annexed into the Town of Raymond.

Carried.

NEW ROCKPORT
ROAD
(08-10-22)

R. Ford moved to bring back to the table the motion regarding New Rockport open cutting the County road without proper authorization.

Carried.

(08-10-23)

R. Taylor moved that the County Public Works repair the road that was cut by the New Rockport Colony without a permit and the costs to repair and install a proper culvert be the responsibility of the Colony, and further the rates charged will be at government rate.

Carried.

VEHICLE DAMAGE
(08-10-24)

R. Ford moved to deny Tracey Kanewischer's request to reimburse her for damage sustained to her vehicle due to hitting a large rock that was left on a developed road, and further, no evidence was presented that the rock was left on the road by the County nor that the County should have known the rock was there.

Carried.

STIRLING IMDP
BYLAW 865-08

The Public Hearing for the County/Stirling Intermunicipal Development Plan (IMDP) Bylaw 865-08 was opened at 2:00 p.m. No members of the public were present and no written submissions were received.

(08-10-25)

R. Taylor moved to give the County/Stirling IMDP Bylaw 865-08 second reading this 7th day of October, 2008.

Carried.

(08-10-26)

K. Palmer moved to give Bylaw 865-08 third and final reading this same day.

Carried.

ORRSC Planner S. Harty left the meeting at 2:11 a.m.

SWEETGRASS
TABLE TOP
EXERCISE
(08-10-27)

The cross border emergency table top exercise was held at Coutts. Communication between all parties seemed to be an area for improvement.

COR AUDIT

It appears the County failed the Certificate of Recognition under the Health and Safety Audit by 3% (76.7% rather than 80%). A final report will be presented to Council when it is received. Management will be reviewing the Health and Safety Adherence Policy at their next meeting.

CRIME STOPPERS

The Crime Stoppers program is being investigated. They will be reviewing the County's request to implement an advertising spot within their program. This needs to be worked out in conjunction with the RCMP. More details are coming and will be presented to Council upon receipt.

FIRE FIGHTING
COST RECOVERY
(08-10-28)

G. Krokosh moved to investigate amending the County's Fire Fighting Cost Recovery Bylaw that allows the fire departments to collect fire fighting costs from insurance if it is available.

Carried.

EOC COURSE
OTTAWA
(08-10-29)

G. Krokosh moved that CPO S. Simpson attend the Emergency Operations Centre Course in Ottawa on October 21 - 24, 2008 if he is selected to attend by the Alberta Emergency Management Southern Field Office, and further, all costs to attend, except wages, are covered by the government.

Carried.

EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT
WORKSHOP
(08-10-30)

R. Taylor moved that R. Jones, A. Romeril and S. Simpson attend the Emergency Management workshop in Lethbridge on October 24, 2008 and also R. Jones may attend the Fire Department Conference on October 24 and 25 in Lethbridge.

Carried.

(08-10-31)

K. Palmer moved to receive CPO S. Simpson's report as presented.

Carried.

RECESS

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess at 2:46 p.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 2:55 p.m.

RIDGE PARK
(08-10-32)

K. Palmer moved to proceed with acquiring the 15 acres of lands for the expansion of Ridge Park based on Reliance Appraisers values as established in the report.

Carried.

COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLAN
(08-10-33)

K. Palmer moved to approve the amended Strategic Planning Agenda and further hold the sessions at the Medicine Hat Lodge on February 4 - 6, 2008 if possible, and further proceed with obtaining a facilitator.

Carried.

RAGGETT/
HIGHWAY 4
(08-10-34)

J. Meeks Sr moved to receive Transportation Minister Luke Ouellette which states that Raggett's will be requested to make the site more presentable to the public and if the request is not complied with the department will erect a fence within the highway right of way, and further, forward a letter of appreciation to the Minister for his decision.

Carried.

AAMDC
CONVENTION
(08-10-35)

R. Taylor moved to arrange a meeting with Alberta Transportation to discuss water treatment plant funding concerns for small hamlets.

Carried.

MEETING
SCHEDULES
(08-10-36)

K. Palmer moved to approve the following County meetings schedule changes:
Reschedule the November 11, 2008 ASB and Planning Meetings to November 18, 2008
Reschedule the November 18, 2008 County Council to November 25, 2008
Cancel the December 2, 2008 County Council meeting

Carried.

ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING
(08-10-37)

R. Taylor moved to hold the Organizational Meeting on October 21, 2008 and that it will be part of the Council meeting agenda.

Carried.

EFFECTIVE
DECISION
WORKSHOP
(08-10-38)

Rooms will be booked at the High River Heritage Inn the evening of October 22, 2008 for the Effective Decision Making Workshop for W. Cunningham, J. Meeks Sr and G. Krokosh.

SOURCE WATER
PROTECTION
CONFERENCE

(08-10-39)

R. Taylor left the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

G. Krokosh moved that R. Taylor attend the Source Water Protection Conference in Edmonton on October 15 - 16, 2008 based on 50% of the costs being the responsibility of the New Dayton Water Coop Ltd.

(08-10-40) G. Krokosh moved to rescind the above motion. Carried.

(08-10-41) W. Cunningham moved to allocate \$1,000 towards all costs and per diems of R. Taylor to attend the Source Water Protection Conference in Edmonton on October 15 - 16, 2008. Carried.

R. Taylor reentered the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

CARDSTON
COUNTY
SUBDIVISION
(08-10-42)

R. Ford moved that the County has no concerns over the proposed 4.0 acre subdivision within the NE 21-6-21-4 located within Cardston County. Carried.

LETHBRIDGE
MOTORCYCLE
CLUB
(08-10-43)

R. Ford moved that Administration prepare a letter to the Town of Raymond outlining concerns the County has, along with the surrounding residents, with the current motor cross track operation practices and perceived lease violations by the Lethbridge Motorcycle Club. Carried.

CHRISTMAS
COUNTY SOCIAL
(08-10-44)

The date may need to be changed from December 4 to December 18, 2008 to accommodate staff who are away at a workshop on December 4 and 5, 2008.

MASINASIN
FIRE HALL
UPGRADE
(08-10-45)

K. Palmer moved to contribute up to \$700 towards installing underground power to the Masinasin Fire Hall which is located on the property of Roy Brown. Carried.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

W. Cunningham - Both the Ridgeview and Prairie Rose Lodges have had their construction priority status raised for the upgrade and the work could start sooner than anticipated. Both lodges are at 100% occupancy. The Milk River Watershed Canada Council goals have been amended. Feasible storage sites are now being investigated. Water sharing agreement reviews between Canada and U.S.A. is continuing.

R. Taylor - Regional Water Governance needs to be discussed and this will be presented at the next County Council meeting.

R. Ford - A Highway 4 construction meeting as been attended. A Water, Agriculture and Environment Conference is being held in Lethbridge on November 27 - 28, 2008 and will be placed on the ASB agenda. A Watershed Group meeting has been held.

R. Jones - A Fire Chief's Committee meeting was attended on October 6, 2008. The items of importance have already been dealt with by Council.

ADJOURN
(08-10-46)

R. Ford moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m. Carried.

Reeve

Administrator