

COUNTY COUNCIL

March 17, 2009

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on March 17, 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 9:01 a.m.

MINUTES
(09-03-25)

K. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held March 3, 2009.

Carried.

(09-03-26)

R. Ford moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting held March 9, 2009.

Carried.

ADDITIONS
TO AGENDA
(09-03-27)

J. Meeks Sr moved to add the following items to the agenda:

AAMDC - Contact
AAMDC - Minister Ron Liepert meeting summary
AAMDC - Ag Equipment Transportation Regulations
AAMDC - TRAVIS Information
AAMDC - Rural Connectivity Series - AEDA and ABC Tech Report
AAMDC - Advisor Newsletter
BEW - FCSS - October to December 2008 Reports
Edmonton Journal - Minister Jack Hayden on Bill 19
AUMA - Future of Local Governance Workshop
Alberta Transportation - TODS
SRD - Wildfire Control Plan Agreement
Water Coop Easements/Caveats
Road Closure Bylaw 869-09
Intersection Signs
Ambulance Meeting with Town of Raymond
Bill 202 - Municipal Auditor General
Road Bans
Gravel Concerns

Carried.

GRAVEL BIDS
(09-03-28)

G. Krokosh moved to accept the low bid of Mesken Contracting Ltd to crush 74,000 cubic yards of gravel at \$273,800.

Carried.

MATL
(09-03-29)

R. Ford moved to receive the letter of MATL requesting to purchase a portion of a (09-road allowance north of Section 8-4-17-4 and deny their request and further, if the County was to consider this, the option should go to the adjacent landowner with a caveat that it needs to be consolidated with the larger title.

Carried.

STREETS
IMPROVEMENT
GRANT
(09-03-30)

W. Cunningham moved to confirm that it is the intention of the County of Warner to proceed with the paving of Third Avenue in New Dayton upon accumulating the necessary funding being received under the Streets Improvement Program.

Carried.

ROAD BANS
(09-03-31)

R. Taylor moved to establish a 75% road ban on all County paved and oiled roads and further, this become effective at 7:00 a.m. on March 19, 2009.

Carried.

GRAVEL ISSUE
(09-03-32)

R. Ford moved to approve the graveling of one half mile of summer road which lies to the west of the NW 4-1-13-4.

Carried.

R. Coppieters and S. Simpson left the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

ALBERTA
ENVIRONMENT

The delegation from Alberta Environment entered the meeting at 9:54 a.m. and included representatives Kathleen Murphy and Rob Burland. Topics of discussion included potable water standards and the costs to the hamlet residents in order to maintain those standards, water supply to the Milk River through a possible pipeline from Ridge Reservoir which would require special permits for an inter-basin transfer, and concerns over representation from outside the area of the Milk River Watershed and the decisions may not be that of the immediate public who live in close proximity to the Milk River. The question raised was whether there are rules that are to be followed when making decisions. Water transfer licenses were discussed. The delegation will inform Minister Rob Renner of the discussions and the delegation left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

RECESS

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess at 10:26 a.m.

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

GRAVEL
INFORMATION

Superintendent R. Coppieters entered the meeting at 10:41 a.m. to discuss further gravel crushing information and he left at 10:43 a.m.

S.A. MEDIC AIR
AND STARS
AMBULANCE
(09-03-33)

R. Ford moved to receive the written response from Southern Alberta Medic Air, and further, invite representatives from STARS to also supply information at a future Council meeting.

Carried.

REG. POTABLE
WATER LINE
REPORT
(09-03-34)

R. Taylor moved to receive the information on the Draft Regional Potable Water Pipeline Study Report and further, wait until after the March 30, 2009 meeting with the regional partners, to report the details of the report.

Carried.

LETHBRIDGE
MOTORCYCLE
CLUB

Administration informed Council that a letter of concern has been sent to the Lethbridge Motorcycle Club regarding the nuisances/concerns expressed by the public and also about the moving in of the ATCO trailers without the proper development permit.

WILDLIFE
AMENDMENT
ACT

Administration will research Bill 26, Wildlife Amendment Act, to determine what is meant by increased access to lands from Fish and Wildlife Officers.

AAMDC SPRING
CONVENTION

Administration will add the topic of hamlet potable water costs to the list of topics with Alberta Transportation Minister Luke Ouellete when the Council meets with him on March 25, 2009.

CANADIAN
BADLANDS
(09-03-35)

R. Taylor moved to invite Cindy Amos, Executive Director of Canadian Badlands to a meeting with County Council to discuss the benefits of being a shareholder of the Canadian Badlands.

Carried.

SHOCKWARE
AGREEMENT
(03-36)

J. Meeks Sr moved to renew the Radio Tower Lease Agreement with ShockWare (09-Inc for an additional five year term with no monthly payments required as outlined in Clause 9 and Clause 21, and further this agreement will be reviewed again on December 1, 2013.

Carried.

CARETAKER
CONTRACT
(09-03-37)

R. Ford moved to approve the Administration Office Caretaker Contract in the amount of \$15,000 per year effective January 1, 2009.

Carried.

RAYMOND
ANNEXATION
LEGAL BILL
(09-03-38)

K. Palmer moved to contribute \$2,800 towards the costs of the preparation of the Town of Raymond/County of Warner Annexation Legal Agreement, and further, this will be paid upon receiving a signed copy of the agreement from the Town of Raymond.

Carried.

AMIP GRANT
(09-03-39)

R. Taylor moved to receive Administration's explanation as to why the Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program Grant has been reduced for the last two years of the five year program from \$721,339 to \$593,134.

Carried.

MILK RIVER
RIDGE PARK
LEASE AGRMT.
(09-03-40)

K. Palmer moved to approve and sign the Milk River Ridge Park Lease Agreement with Alberta Environment for a twenty one year period commencing Jul 4, 2004 through July 3, 2025.

Carried.

RIDGE PARK
REDEVELOP-
MENT

Administration reviewed the preliminary draft designs for Ridge Park as amended by Alberta Transportation and the designs seem to be reasonable as outlined.

LUNCH

Reeve R. Jones called a recess for lunch at 12:07 p.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 12:51 p.m.
W. Cunningham was not present when the meeting reconvened.

VULCAN
COUNTY
RECYCLING
(09-03-41)

R. Jones moved that Administration contact Vulcan County to obtain additional information on their regional recycling project and what support they are requesting from the County of Warner.

Carried.

AG EQUIP.
TRANS. REG.

CPO S. Simpson will be invited to review the Agriculture Equipment Transportation Regulation with Council at their next meeting.

TODS &
TYRRELL LAKE
(09-03-42)

R. Ford moved to receive the information on the Tourist Oriented Directional Sign program.

Carried.

SRD WILDFIRE
CONTROL
AGREEMENT
(09-03-43)

R. Ford moved to approve and sign the 2009 Sustainable Resource Development Annual Mutual Aid Fire Control Plan Agreement for possible air support for the suppression of wild fires.

Carried.

WATER COOP
EASEMENTS &
CAVEATS
(09-03-44)

R. Taylor moved that Administration conduct additional research on the process and costs associated with the possible transfer of pipeline easements/caveats from the County of Warner name into the appropriate water coop name.

Carried.

BYLAW 869-09
(09-03-45)

R. Taylor moved to give Bylaw 869-09, a bylaw which closes a lane north of Area I in Block 187, Plan 4489J, first reading this 17 th day of March, 2009.

Carried.

INTERSECTION
SIGNS
(09-03-46)

G. Krokosh moved to proceed with the supply and installation of the intersection signs for all remaining intersections within the County of Warner due to receiving grant approval under the MSI Grant Program.

Carried.

TOWN OF
RAYMOND
AMBULANCE
(09-03-47)

G. Krokosh moved to approve R. Jones, K. Palmer, J. Meeks Sr and A. Romeril to meet with a Town of Raymond delegation on March 27, 2009 to discuss the possible agreement between the Raymond and District Ambulance Society and Alberta Health.

Carried.

Accountant R. Shaw entered the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

BANK REC-
CILIATION
(09-03-48)

R. Taylor moved to approve the bank reconciliation statement as at February 28, 2009 and it is attached.

Carried.

BILLS FOR
PAYMENT
(09-03-49)

R. Ford moved to receive the Schedule of Disbursements as at March 17, 2009 in the amount of \$788,244.66 and it is attached.

Carried.

FINANCIAL
STATEMENT
(09-03-50)

R. Taylor moved to approve the 2009 Year End unaudited statement with an overall surplus in the amount of \$77,107.59 as presented.

Carried.

R. Shaw left the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

J. Meeks Sr - The Raymond Farm Safety Center meeting was attended. Year end financial information should be available in the near future.

G. Krokosh - The BEW-FCSS All Council meeting was attended in Taber where a review of the programs of activities were reviewed and highlighted.

R. Ford - A "Put Learning First" meeting was attended in Lethbridge on February 19, 2009 where a futurist spoke on what will be required of students who graduate. The future predicts that graduates will need to be generalist rather than specialists. The Coutts School may have a reduced teaching staff due to a drop in student numbers. They are trying to raise monies to assist in acquiring one additional teacher for the school.

R. Jones - A Mayors and Reeves meeting was attended on March 6, 2009 where the topics of discussion included the proposed Municipal Auditor General, Land Use Framework concerns, Proposed Bill 19 dealing with provincial land acquisitions, the need for upgrading Highway 3, Southgrow and rural internet.

(09-03-51)

K. Palmer moved to receive the Committee Reports as presented.

Carried.

ADJOURN
(09-03-52)

J. Meeks Sr moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator