

COUNTY COUNCIL

May 19, 2009

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on May 19, 2009. In attendance were Reeve R. Jones, R. Ford, W. Cunningham, R. Taylor, G. Krokosh, J. Meeks Sr, K. Palmer and Administrator A. Romeril.

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

MINUTES
(09-05-31)

R. Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 5, 2009.

Carried.

ADDITIONS
TO AGENDA
(09-05-32)

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

AAMDC - Contact
AAMDC - New Look for Contact
AAMDC - Equipment Transportation Regulations
AAMDC - Bill 36 - Land Stewardship Concerns
AAMDC - Scholarship Call
News Release - South Sask. Regional Advisory Council
Southern Alberta Energy Alliance Newsletter
MGB - Raymond Annexation Completed
Road Bans
Construction Debris/Demolition Material in Landfill Workshop
NRCB - Fairlane Colony CFO Proposed Expansion
Minutes on County Website
Highway 4 Issues
Administrator Evaluations
In-Camera Session
Local T.V. Concerns

Carried.

PLAINS
MIDSTREAM
CANADA

Administration has forwarded a letter to Plains Midstream Canada regarding a possible agreement for asphalt replacement in front of their premises and have not received a reply to date.

COUTTS
BYPASS ROAD
(09-05-33)

R. Taylor moved to receive the CPR response regarding the possible sale or lease of the property where the Coutts Bypass Road is currently located.

Carried.

(09-05-34)

R. Ford moved that Administration continue discussions with CPR on the purchase or lease of the CPR lands where the current Coutts Bypass Road is located.

Carried.

ROAD BANS
(09-05-35)

R. Ford moved to lift the current road bans effective immediately, and further, Public Works continue to monitor the Stirling Bypass Road, to determine whether a temporary road ban is still required.

Carried.

HIGHWAY 4
CONSTRUCTION

Some of the issues that need to be addressed at the next Highway 4 construction meeting is the poor condition of the oiled road from Spur to S.H. 501, the dog leg to J. O'Donnell home north of Milk River and what are the plans for the intersection which is located at the Milk River Interpretive Center.

HIGHWAY 4
NEAR STIRLING

Administration will contact Alberta Transportation and Volker Stevin regarding severe dips in Highway 4 north of Stirling.

INTERNET
COVERAGE

GIS/GPS/Computer Technician T. Nelson entered the meeting at 9:35 a.m. to discuss wireless internet coverage within the County. According to a internet coverage map by suppliers Shockware, Milk River Cable Club and Platinum Communications, the County is nearly 100% covered. T. Nelson left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

(09-05-36)

R Taylor moved to receive T. Nelson's report on internet coverage within the County of Warner and his information on new technology.

Carried.

SOUTHGROW
AGM

(09-05-37)

J. Meeks Sr moved to support Southgrow's recommendation to change their status to a "Para Municipal Organization", and further R. Taylor, G. Krokosh and R. Jones will be attending the Annual General Meeting on June 18, 2009.

Carried.

BEW-FCSS 2009
REQUISITION

(09-05-38)

W. Cunningham moved to approve the 2009 BEW-FCSS requisition in the amount of \$23,977.60.

Carried.

MSI MEMORANDUM
OF AGREEMENT

(09-05-39)

G. Krokosh moved to approve and sign the amended Municipal Sustainability Initiative Memorandum of Agreement as presented.

Carried.

VIDEO CONFER-
ENCING EQUIP.

(09-05-40)

W. Cunningham moved to partner with the County of Warner Further Education by contributing 50% of the net cost up to a maximum of \$2,500 to purchase video conferencing equipment that will be located within the County Office.

Carried.

RECESS

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess at 10:12 a.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 10:21 a.m.
Accountant R. Shaw was present when the meeting reconvened.

BANK RECON-
CILIATION

(09-05-41)

K. Palmer moved to approve the bank reconciliation statement as at April 30, 2009 and it is attached.

Carried.

BILLS FOR
PAYMENT

(09-05-42)

G. Krokosh moved to receive the Schedule of Disbursements in the amount of \$467,438.35 and it is attached.

Carried.

FINANCIAL
STATEMENT

(09-05-43)

R. Ford moved to approve the Financial Statement as at May 19, 2009 as presented.

Carried.

Accountant R. Shaw left the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

REGIONAL
POTABLE
WATER REPORT

A delegation entered the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and consisted of P. Brouwer and C. Wirzba of MPE, D. Lok and B. Vatcher of Alberta Environment, V. Strain and K. Dalton of the Village of Warner, J. Skeith of the New Dayton Water Users Ltd., and MLA B. Jacobs.

C. Wirzba reviewed the regional potable water pipeline report and the options available, along with costings for each option. Their recommendation is Option 2 which is the regional alternative that will see potable water from Raymond be

delivered by pipeline to the Hamlets of Wrentham and New Dayton and the Village of Warner. It was also recommended that the project be staged with New Dayton and Warner being constructed in Phase 1 and Wrentham in Phase 2. The total cost is estimated at \$15 million. A question and answer period was held. M. Yakamachuk of Alberta Transportation entered the meeting at 11:10 a.m. and provided insight into the application process. The delegations left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

MLA BROYCE
JACOBS

An information session was held with MLA Broyce Jacobs and some of the topics included the need for STARS to be located in the Lethbridge region, regional potable water study, provincial municipal auditor, land assembly project act, senior health care and drug costs, law enforcement review, confined feeding operation odor concerns, Coutts Bypass Road and other various topics. A question and answer period was also held during the discussions.

LUNCH

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

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 12:58 a.m.
MLA B. Jacobs was not present when the meeting reconvened.

PUBLIC HEARING
BYLAW 870-09

A Public Hearing was held for the land rezoning request for 50 acres located in N ½ 6-5-19-4. The land is currently zoned Extensive Agriculture and it has been requested to be changed to Group Country Residential. Delegations included J. and B. Mehew, D. Matsugi, P. and T. Kleinsasser, G. and C. Nelson, S. Harty and J. Schmidt of ORRSC. The hearing was called to order at 1:00 p.m. The letters from the O.K. Hutterite Colony, Mehew Farms and Ranches Ltd., C. Sudo and B. Mehew, and the Matsugi Family were read. S. Harty presented information from the ORRSC perspective. Clarifications were received from all parties present. A question and answer period was also held. Developer G. Nelson and C. Nelson gave their closing comments. The delegation left the meeting at 1:50 p.m. except those persons from the ORRSC. The public hearing was declared closed at 1:51 p.m.

(09-05-44)

R. Taylor moved to give Bylaw 870-09, second reading this 19th day of May, 2009.

Carried.

S. Harty and J. Schmidt left the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

COUNTY
MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP
(09-05-45)

R. Ford moved that the County Memorial Scholarship interviews be held either June 3 or June 5, 2009 and the interview committee consist of J. Meeks Sr, K. Palmer, R. Jones and A. Romeril.

Carried.

ASSESSMENT
ISSUES

Assessor M. Strate entered the meeting at 2:24 p.m. to discuss the assessment process and the rationale for the three acre residential sites valuations. Market zones were also explained as well as the provincial legislation which outlines the processes to ensure the valuations are reasonable. After a question and answer period Assessor M. Strate left the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

RECESS

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess at 3:07 p.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 3:17 p.m.

STIRLING WATER
BULK STATION
(09-05-46)

R. Taylor moved to receive the Village of Stirling's letter regarding their cost concerns over operating the bulk water station within the Village and further, wait for their reply to the County Administrator's request for further information.

Carried.

RECREATION
INFRASTRUCTURE

CANADA FUNDING
(09-05-47) R. Ford moved to receive the news release on the new funding program called Recreation Infrastructure Canada where the Federal government will contribute one third of the total cost of recreation project.

Carried.

RECYCLING
TRAILER
(09-05-48)

W. Cunningham moved to receive the letter of J. Krokosh and that Administration investigate the costs and funding program for a recycling trailer to be placed at the County operated transfer stations.

Carried.

NRCB AND
FAIRLANE
COLONY
(09-05-49)

G. Krokosh moved to receive NRCB preliminary information for a change in the Fairlane Colony's confined feeding operations, and further, more information will be available to the County upon the completion of Colony's application .

Carried.

COUNTY MINUTES
(09-05-50)

G. Krokosh moved to place the notation of "unapproved" on the County minutes that are placed on the County of Warner's website prior to being approved by the County Council.

Carried.

LOCAL T.V.
SUPPORT
(09-05-51)

R. Taylor moved that Administration gather information regarding concerns over the possible loss of local television stations.

Carried.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

R. Ford - The Milk River Elementary Parent Advisory Council meeting was attended where an explanation was given for the County of Warner contributing monies towards the retention of teacher for the Coutts School was given.

R. Jones - A BEW-FCSS meeting was attended where the 2009 annual requisition was approved for distribution to the partnering municipalities.

(09-05-52)

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

Carried.

WASHROOM
UPGRADES

Council was advised on the possible cost increase in quotes required to complete the six washroom upgrades.

REGIONAL POTABLE
WATER STUDY
(09-05-53)

G. Krokosh moved to support Alternative 2 from the Regional Potable Water Study Report as prepared by MPE Engineering and propose that Alternative 2 be broken into two phases, the first being the potable water supply to the Hamlet of New Dayton and Village of Warner, and the second phase being the potable water supply to the Hamlet of Wrentham.

Carried.

ADJOURN
(09-05-54)

R. Ford moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator