

COUNTY COUNCIL

June 16, 2009

A County Council was held in the County Office on June 16, 2009. In attendance were Reeve R. Jones, R. Ford, W. Cunningham, R. Taylor, G. Krokosh, J. Meeks Sr, K. Palmer, Administrator A. Romeril and Superintendent R. Coppieters.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

MINUTES
(09-06-38)

G. Krokosh moved to approve the minutes of the Council meetings held June 2, 2009 and June 4, 2009.

Carried.

ADDITIONS
TO AGENDA
(09-06-39)

K. Palmer moved to add the following items to the agenda:

AAMDC - Contact

News Release - Capital Region Growth Plan (4)

AEMA - Southern Alberta Region Newsletter

Southgrow Regional Initiative Committee Notes

Hamlet Revenue and Expenditure Statement

Ridge Country Housing Minutes

Correspondence - Alberta Transportation - Funding Request Potable Pipeline

Further Education - Grant to set up server-side website

Stirling Lion's Club Building Addition

Enforcement Letter - G. Nelson

Infrastructure Stimulus Fund - New Dayton Drainage

SPUR Oil Road

Goldspring Park

In-Camera Session

Carried.

SPUR OIL

No reply has been received from SPUR Oil on the future replacement on the asphalt that will be located in front of their facilities. The oiled road to the south of the facilities will be part of the 2009 road oiling program due to normal wear and tear.

COUTTS BYPASS
ROAD
(09-06-40)

R. Taylor moved to wait for a response from Minister Luke Ouellette and MP Rick Casson regarding possible additional government funding for the Coutts Bypass Road, before signing an intention to proceed with construction letter, and further, Reeve R. Jones will contact Minister L. Ouellette and M.P. R. Casson if a response has not been received from them within two weeks.

Carried.

(09-06-41)

W. Cunningham moved to immediately proceed with levying fines for over-weight and over-dimensional equipment to those who have not obtained the necessary permits from the County of Warner and are utilizing the Coutts Bypass Road to clear Canada US Customs.

Defeated.

CPO S. Simpson entered the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

S. Simpson answered questions on the number and kind of traffic that were utilizing the Coutts Bypass Road.

CPO S. Simpson left the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

SMALL PACKER
(09-06-42)

R. Taylor moved to replace the old small packer with a newer one that would be suitable for road oiling and patching work, and further, make application under the MSI Capital funding program, and further, the packing of potholes on oiled roads will be discussed again at a future meeting.

Carried.

MILK RIVER
EROSION
WEIR BRIDGE
(09-06-43)

R. Ford moved to research other possible avenues of funding to assist in the repair of serious river erosion problems near the Weir Bridge on the Milk River.

Carried.

GOLD SPRINGS
PARK
(09-06-44)

W. Cunningham moved to haul the dirt from the top of the coulee near Gold Springs Park to the park area and also blade the fire trail, and this work will be a donation on condition the cost does not exceed \$3,000.

Carried.

Superintendent R. Coppieters 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 10:37 a.m.

TABER ROAD
BADGER DEMO
(09-06-45)

R. Taylor moved that G. Krokosh, and if possible R. Coppieters, attend a demo of a road badger style of equipment, at the M.D. of Taber.

Carried.

WOS RODEO
GROUNDS
(09-06-46)

R. Ford moved to receive Administration's report on the increased lease fees from the Province for the Writing on Stone Rodeo Grounds.

Carried.

WEIR BRIDGE
CANOE SITE
(09-06-47)

R. Taylor moved to receive Administration's report on the proposed Texas gate at the Weir Bridge canoe access point and the need will be determined when and if the grant funding application through Canadian Badlands is approved.

Carried.

MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP
(09-06-48)

R. Ford moved to approve the following 2009 recipients for the County of Warner Memorial Scholarships:
Candace Graham - \$500
Craig Harty - \$300
Michele Anderson - \$100
Brant Reese - \$100

Carried.

REGIONAL
POTABLE
WATER LINE
(09-06-49)

R. Taylor moved to receive Administration's report that the funding application for the Warner Regional Potable Water Line has been submitted to Alberta Transportation.

Carried.

RECYCLING
TRAILERS
(09-06-50)

G. Krokosh moved to table any decision regarding the purchase of waste recycling trailers, and further, Councillors take the information on the purchase price of the recycling trailer options back to their residents to obtain feedback before making a decision.

Carried.

STARS
(09-06-51)

R. Taylor moved to receive R. Jones report on his meeting with STARS representatives and with the Mayors and Reeves, and further STARS will be making a presentation to the Mayors and Reeves Committee at their September 2009 meeting.

Carried.

RAYMOND
AMBULANCE
SOCIETY
(09-06-52)

R. Taylor moved to forward a letter, as presented and amended, to the Town of Raymond regarding the Town of Raymond's reply to the County's requests to amend the Raymond and District Ambulance Society's bylaws.

Carried.

REG. HOSPITAL
LAB TESTING
(09-06-53)

G. Krokosh moved to receive the information regarding lab testing services changes out of the Lethbridge Regional Hospital.

Carried.

RAW WATER
COOP SERVICES
(09-06-54)

R. Ford moved to receive the draft copy of the Raw Water Coop Assistance Policy and forward a copy to all of the raw water coops within the County asking for their input, comments or suggestions for Council's consideration.

Carried.

SCHOOL
DIVISIONS
(09-06-55)

G. Krokosh moved to invite representatives from the Horizon and Westwinds School Division during September and October of 2009 to discuss the items as follows:
Status of schools,
Student growth patterns,
Funding formulas based on pupil teacher ratios,
School facility additions, and
School bussing routes.

Carried.

LUNCH

Reeve R. Jones called a recess for lunch at 12:02 p.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 12:57 p.m.

BANK
RECONCILIATION
(09-06-56)

W. Cunningham moved to approve the bank reconciliation statement as at May 31, 2009 and it is attached.

Carried.

BILLS FOR
PAYMENT
(09-06-57)

G. Krokosh moved to approve the Schedule of Disbursements in the amount of \$401,287.88 as at June 16, 2009 and it is attached.

Carried.

FINANCIAL
STATEMENT
(09-06-58)

R. Taylor moved to approve the financial statement as at June 16, 2009 as presented.

Carried.

ROAD CLOSURE
(09-06-59)

R. Taylor moved to receive Joe Hofer's request letter and further, prepare a bylaw for a possible closure, sale and consolidation of a portion of a road allowance that is located to the south of the SE 4-3-16-4, and that portion west of Highway 4 to the most north westerly edges of the NE 33-2-16-4.

Carried.

WRENTHAM
PLAYGROUND
909-06-60)

W. Cunningham moved to contribute \$3,000 from the Recreation Reserve Account towards the purchase of the Wrentham playground equipment project on condition the project receives approval under the Community Initiative Program grant.

Carried.

(09-06-61)

R. Ford moved to approve the donation of county gravel for the base of the Wrentham Playground equipment site and the equipment to dig and level (at the County internal rate) the base, on condition the value of the donated gravel and equipment time does not exceed \$2,500.

Carried.

COMMUNITY
SPIRIT GRANTS
(09-06-62)

G. Krokosh moved to forward a letter to MLA B. Jacobs requesting his support for the Wrentham Playground Project under the Community Initiative Program.

Carried.

ASSESSMENT
COMPLAINTS
WORKSHOP
(09-06-63)

R. Taylor moved to approve R. Jones, K. Palmer, G. Krokosh, J. Meeks Sr, and A. Romeril to attend the Assessment Complaints Workshop on June 29, 2009 at the University of Lethbridge from 1:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m..

Carried.

R. THIELEN
TAX RECOVERY
LAND SALE
(09-06-64)

R. Ford moved to receive R. Thielen letter regarding the possible purchase of the tax recovery lands described as the SE 24-2-14-4 and follow the process as outlined in the Sale of Tax Recovery Lease Lands Policy 120.42.

Carried.

GEMINI DATA
SHARING
AGREEMENT
(09-06-65)

R. Taylor moved to approve and sign the Data Sharing Agreement with Gemini Positioning Systems Ltd for the data set required for the Southern Alberta Emergency Routing Project.

Carried.

TELUS
CONTRACT
(09-06-66)

R. Taylor moved to approve and sign the new five year Telus contract for County telephone services which will see the elimination of the Lethbridge telephone lines and the addition of two and possibly three toll free numbers and further, long distance call fees will be set at 3.2 cents per minute.

Carried.

MSI OPERATING
GRANT
(09-06-67)

G. Krokosh moved to make application under the MSI Operating grant for the County's senior lodge contribution to the Ridge County Housing and the recreational monies sent to the Towns and Villages to help offset their recreational costs.

Carried.

STIRLING
SETTLER DAYS

G. Krokosh and J. Meeks Sr will be attending the Stirling Settler Day parade on July 18, 2009.

STIRLING
LION'S CLUB
(09-06-68)

J. Meeks Sr moved to forward a letter of support to the Stirling Lion's Club for their application under the Recreation Infrastructure Program to place a 3,000 square foot addition onto the existing Stirling Lion's Club hall.

Carried.

ENFORCEMENT
CONCERNS
(09-06-69)

R. Ford moved to receive G. Nelson's letter regarding his concerns over enforcement issues within the County of Warner and confirm the County Council's support for the Community Peace Officer position and duties as it currently exists.

Carried.

NEW DAYTON
DRAINAGE
PROJECT
(09-06-70)

R. Taylor moved to submit the New Dayton Drainage Pipeline Project (previously prepared and submitted under the Building Canada Fund Communities Component) under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Program.

(09-06-71)

R. Ford moved to table the above motion until the next Council meeting allowing Administration time to gather additional information from Genivar Engineering on the data collected under the Hamlet of New Dayton water study.

Carried.

FURTHER ED
WEBSITE
DEVELOPMENT

Further Ed Coordinator C. Otto entered the meeting at 2:35 p.m. to discuss the merit of developing an information website under the Community Initiative Grant.

(09-06-72) G. Krokosh moved to receive the Further Education information on the development of website for a single connection to community activities throughout the County, and further, the grant application under the Community Initiative Grant be made by the County on behalf of the Further Education Board.
Carried.

C. Otto left the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

G. Krokosh - The Sunshine Seed Cleaning Plant is proceeding with office renovations. The County of Warner Memorial Scholarship interviews were held and the candidates were outstanding. A meeting sponsored by the ORRSC was attended where legal counsel discussed the Alberta Land User Framework Act. It was recommended that all municipalities working with the ORRSC band together in order to make a positive impression upon the government for requested changes and increased participation.

R. Jones - The Mayors and Reeves meeting was attended where the topics included nursing shortages, STARS services, rural physician needs, and the Oldman Watershed Report. Another meeting attended included the need to increase the number of emergency services personnel throughout the province.

(09-06-73) G. Krokosh moved to receive the Committee Reports as presented.
Carried.

IN-CAMERA
(09-06-74) R. Taylor moved to go in-camera at 3:05 p.m.
Carried.

(09-06-75) R. Taylor moved to revert to regular session at 3:09 p.m.
Carried.

ADJOURN
(09-06-76) R. Ford moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m.
Carried.

Reeve

Administrator