

COUNTY COUNCIL

September 22, 2009

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on September 22, 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 9:01 a.m.

MINUTES  
(09-09-30)

K. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 1, 2009.

Carried.

ADDITIONS  
TO AGENDA  
(09-09-31)

G. Krokosh moved to add the following items to the agenda:  
AAMDC - Contact  
ORRSC - New Fees for recirculating and extension requests  
Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority Minutes  
Bill 50 - Electric Statutes Amendment Act Information  
Alberta Children and Youth Services - Southwest Alberta Child and Family  
Health and Safety Committee Minutes  
Policy 260.05 Safety Policy  
ORRSC - County Inter Municipal Development Plans  
Land Use Framework - RAC Representatives

Carried.

WEIR BRIDGE  
AREA EROSION

Additional information is being gathered by the ASB to see if funding may be available under the Milk River Watershed program for correcting erosion areas along the Milk River.

NEW DAYTON  
DRAINAGE/CPR

No response has been received from CPR on the drainage concerns present near the Hamlet of New Dayton.

FUEL REBATE  
APPEAL

No response has been received from MLA B. Jacobs on the County's concerns regarding the denial from Alberta Finance on the fuel tax rebate program for 2008 and 2009. Reeve R. Jones will contact MLA B. Jacobs on the issue also.

S.H. 501  
EXTENSION  
(09-09-32)

R. Ford moved to request Alberta Transportation to extend S.H. 501 from the Town of Milk River all the way to the south boundary/entrance of the Milk River Travel Information Centre access, and further request a letter from MLA B. Jacobs asking for his support for this road designation change.

Carried.

HORIZON SCHOOL  
DIVISION

The delegation from the Horizon School Division entered the meeting at 9:25 a.m. and they included Superintendent C. Gilmore, J. Rakai, T. Michaelis and D. Baron. The topics included school closure concerns, Coutts School enrolment and pupil/teacher ratios, student growth, facility upgrades, school bus routes, funding and grants, four day school weeks, dwindling populations in small communities like Coutts, and the future availability of teachers. After considerable discussion the delegation left the meeting at 10:19 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 10:35 a.m.

CAT CONTROL  
IN HAMLETS  
(09-09-33)

R. Taylor moved that Administration investigate a bylaw that would restrict the number of cats in a household within the hamlets to four.

Carried.

STIRLING BULK  
WATER OUTLET

B. Bullis entered the meeting at 11:00 a.m. to discuss her concerns over the possibility that the Village of Stirling may close their bulk potable water filling station due to the cost of operating it. Concerns expressed included the cost increase for the water from the station, responsibility of the County to help offset the cost, lack of dialogue with the Village, cost recovery issues, and who is responsible to pay the costs. After a question and answer session, B. Bullis left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

(09-09-34)

R. Ford moved to arrange a meeting with the Village of Stirling Council, at their convenience, to discuss the operation and future of the Stirling Bulk Potable Water Fill Station.

Carried.

FIRE CHIEF'S  
MEETING

(09-09-35)

G. Krokosh moved to schedule a Fire Chief's meeting for October 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. and further, topics of discussion include radio frequencies use on joint response fires, basic fire training for volunteers or staff like Volker Stevin, and planning for fire burns at the transfer stations.

Carried.

LUNCH

Reeve R. Jones called a recess for lunch at 12:00 noon.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 1:04 p.m.  
CPO S. Simpson was present when the meeting reconvened.

NELSON QUAD  
USE- ROADS

CPO S. Simpson reviewed the legislation and laws associated with Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) and their use on provincial highways and locals roads. Any OHV which are being operated on any road and public lands shall be registered and insured. The County's Off Highway Vehicle Bylaw 696 was also reviewed.

(09-09-36)

J. Meeks Sr moved to receive G. Nelson's letter regarding his concerns over the provincial laws which regulate the use of off highway vehicles (OHV) on roads/highways and further, indicate the County supports the provincial law and the need to register and insure the units if they are being operated on roads/highways and public lands, and further, forward a copy of the County's OHV Bylaw 696 for his review.

Carried.

RAGGETT  
ENCROACHMENT

(09-09-37)

R. Taylor moved to forward a letter to W. Raggett requesting him to remove his vehicles and equipment from the County road allowances and right of ways adjacent to his property described as a portion of the SW 4-7-19-4 (Title No. 021267306), and further this work be conducted before November 30, 2009.

Carried.

TOOLE COUNTY

(09-09-38)

R. Taylor moved to arrange a meeting with representatives of Toole County and possible dates include October 22 and 26 or November 5, 2009, and further topics include the Coutts Bypass Road construction, weed control, Border Road maintenance, cattle theft in the area and mosquito control.

Carried.

COUNCIL MEETING  
DATE CHANGE

(09-09-39)

G. Krokosh moved to reschedule the Tuesday, October 6, 2009 Council meeting to Monday, October 5, 2009.

Carried.

ELECTORAL  
BOUNDARY

REVIEW

(09-09-40)

R. Taylor moved to receive the information on the Electoral Boundary Review as distributed.

Carried.

2009 FALL AAMDC  
CONVENTION  
(09-09-41)

R. Ford moved to receive the information on the 2009 Fall AAMDC Convention and arrange the following meetings with Ministers:

Min. Iris Evans - Alberta Finance

Topics: Fuel Tax Rebate Program

Min. L. Ouellette - Alberta Transportation

Topics: Highway 52 Shoulders

S.H. 504 - Pavement Extension

S.H. 506 - Pavement Request

S.H. 501 - Extension to Highway 4

Coutts Bypass Road

S.H. 845 - turning lane to new elevator

Carried.

FORTY MILE  
LUB & MDP  
(09-09-42)

G. Krokosh moved to receive the County of Forty Mile's draft version of their new proposed Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan as distributed.

Carried.

SAFETY VESTS  
(09-09-43)

R. Taylor moved to amend Safety Policy 260.05, Clause 5 (d) as from the following:

Safety vests and beacons on trucks will be used when flagging, rock picking, patching, signing, (and while) working on bridges and culverts when open to traffic.

TO:

Safety Vests - All staff who are working outside of a building, on an outside county project or work assignment, and while operating any equipment, trucks or vehicles, shall wear the reflective vests issued by the County, at all times. This means that a County employee who is **generally an outside worker** which includes positions of ( but not limited to) construction workers, heavy equipment operators, light equipment operators, truck drivers, field mechanics, laborers, flag people, weed sprayer operators, quad operators, mower operators, etc., shall put on the County issued reflective vest when they arrive at work in the morning, and the reflective vest can be removed when they leave work. If there are any variations from this practice, a request shall be made to the Department Manager who can determine what is appropriate.

Beacons - Beacons on trucks will be used when flagging, rock picking, patching, signing, (and while) working on bridges and culverts when open to traffic.

Carried.

COUNTY IMDP'S  
(09-09-44)

K. Palmer moved to approve ORRSC recommendations regarding reviewing and re-adopting the Village of Warner, Town of Milk River and Village of Coutts Inter-municipal Development Plans (IMDP's) with an ending date of December 31, 2011 and further, amend the Town of Raymond and the Village of Stirling IMDP's expiry dates to December 31, 2011 by way of this resolution with the affected municipalities, and further the above changes are contingent upon receiving approval from the affected municipalities.

Carried.

SOUTH SASK.  
L.U.F.

The Regional Advisory Committee membership for the South Saskatchewan Land Use Framework was reviewed.

COMMITTEE  
REPORTS

W. Cunningham - A Milk River Regional Water Supply meeting was attended and various options for the supply of water were reviewed as well as some budgeting and accounting issues. The Ridge Country Housing is conducting salary reviews and negotiations.

R. Taylor - A Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority meeting was attended and the minutes were included in the agenda. The Canadian Badlands received a grant to assist the County of Warner in the Weir Bridge Canoe Day Use Site upgrade.

G. Krokosh - The Wrentham Community Center required additional information from the County to assist in making a grant application for a new playground in the Hamlet of Wrentham.

R. Jones - A Mayors and Reeves meeting was attended in Lethbridge on September 4, 2009. A Foothills Little Bow Municipal Association as well as a County Management meeting was also attended.

(09-09-45)

W. Cunningham moved to receive the Committee Reports as presented.

Carried.

ADJOURN  
(09-09-46)

G. Krokosh moved to adjourn at 2:55 p.m.

Carried.

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Reeve

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Administrator