

COUNTY COUNCIL

December 21, 2010

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on December 21, 2010. In attendance were Reeve R. Jones, R., Ford, W. Cunningham, R. Taylor, G. Krokosh, J. Meeks Sr, Administrator A. Romeril and CPO S. Simpson.

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

MINUTES  
(10-12-27)

R. Ford moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 7, 2010.

Carried.

ADDITIONS  
TO AGENDA  
(10-12-28)

R. Taylor moved to add the following items to the agenda:  
News Release - Pooled Pension Proposal  
News Release - Changes to Recycling Program  
News Release - Collision Damage Reporting Threshold Increased  
Alberta Health Services - Reduce Patient Wait Times  
Assessment Complaint System Administrative Policies  
MATL's Lawyer's Letter from FMC  
Committee Reports - Submit Electronically

Carried.

SH 501 WEST  
(10-12-29)

W. Cunningham moved to receive Alberta Transportation's letter acknowledging the necessary repairs to the 3.7 kilometres of S.H. 501 from the County's west boundary.

Carried.

J. DOENZ FENCING

Mr. and Mrs J. Doenz entered the meeting at 9:09 a.m. to discuss their concerns over being requested to remove the fence from the middle of the road allowance west of the NW 21-3-15-4. Other fencing infractions in other areas were presented to Council and it was stated that all infractions need to be treated the same. The County's Undeveloped Road Allowance Use Policy 320.40 was reviewed and explanations given for the language within the policy. Mr. Doenz indicated he will move the fence but expects everyone else to comply. The delegation left the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

(10-12-30)

R. Ford moved to receive the information presented in the verbal presentation of J. Doenz and continue to follow County Policy 320.40.

Carried.

(10-12-31)

R. Taylor moved that the language within Policy 320.40 be clarified in order to make the policy clearer and present to Council at the next meeting for their consideration.

Carried.

WARNER WEST  
WATER COOP

A delegation from MPE Engineering, M. Cole, entered the meeting at 9:35 a.m. to discuss setback requests from the property lines for the placement of Warner West Water Coop water lines and structures within or close to the road allowances. After the presentation and a question and answer period, the Council passed a motion.

(10-12-32)

R. Taylor moved to handle the setback requests from MPE on behalf of the Warner West Water Coop Ltd as follows:

- Move the pressure reducing station in the NW of 33-3-17-4 to the south in order to eliminate the 2 - 90 degree elbows within the 100 foot setback from the property line,
- Move the booster pump in the SW 15-4-18-4 to the north in order to eliminate 2 - 90 degree elbows within the 100 foot setback from the property line,
- Approve the location of the curb stops on the property lines in the NW 5-4-17-4 and the NW 11-4-18-4, and
- Deny the request to locate the water line in the road allowance to the north of the NW 34-3-17-4.

Carried.

M. Coles from MPE Engineering left the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

CPO S. Simpson left the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

STRATEGIC  
PLANNING SESSION  
(10-12-33)

J. Meeks Sr moved to hold the Strategic Planning/Orientation Session in February or March of 2011 with the topics as discussed and further, investigate acquiring a facilitator for the day.

Carried.

RECESS

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess at 10:19 a.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 10:34 a.m.

2009 AUDITED  
FINANCIALS

D. Adamson of YPM and Accountant R. Shaw entered the meeting at 10:34 a.m. to present the Audited 2009 Financial Statements, Post Audit Letter and the Management Letter.

(10-12-34)

R. Ford moved to approve the Audited 2009 Financial Statements as at December 31, 2009 and prepared by YPM which showed an overall surplus of \$3,304,293.

Carried.

(10-12-35)

R. Taylor moved to approve the Post Audit and the Management letter as presented by YPM for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Carried.

D. Adamson left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

After further discussion about the financial statements, Accountant R. Shaw left the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

MLA B. JACOBS

MLA B. Jacobs entered the meeting at 11:27 a.m. to discuss issues around the UNESCO - World Heritage Site nomination for the Writing on Stone Park. The County of Warner chose not to support the designation and the pros and cons of the decision was discussed. After the discussion, MLA B. Jacobs was asked to have a meeting with the affected landowners around the Writing on Stone Park to obtain their views as well as present information regarding what impact the nomination might have upon them. It was also requested the MLA B. Jacobs request Tourism Minister C. Ady to also attend the meeting and ask the Minister to sign off on the concerns confirming that the landowner's issues will be dealt with.

Other topics discussed included regional water projects, livestock losses during the spring storms, and the Stewardship Land Act.

LUNCH

Reeve R. Jones called a recess for lunch at 12:11 p.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 12:53 p.m.  
MLA B. Jacobs was not present when the meeting reconvened.

NEW DAYTON  
POTABLE WATER  
(10-12-36)

R. Taylor moved to receive the preliminary proposed budget for the operation of the New Dayton Potable Water project and further, Administration continue gathering data from the New Dayton Water Users Ltd. to complete the budget.

Carried.

(10-12-37)

W. Cunningham moved to approve the New Dayton Utility Right of Way easement agreement for the location of the New Dayton Water Treatment Plant on the property described as the NW 30-5-18-4 and further, approve in principle the draft cost sharing agreement for the operation of the New Dayton Potable Water Project with the New Dayton Water Users Ltd. as presented.

Carried.

BYLAW 885-10  
(10-12-38)

W. Cunningham moved to approve in principle Bylaw 885-10, which is a bylaw to operate and control the delivering of potable water within the Hamlet of New Dayton, and further adjust the bylaw to include a clause that all lands with improvements on them will be eligible for a annual fee for water.

Carried.

AHS AMBULANCE  
MEETING  
(10-12-39)

R. Taylor moved to approve the date of January 27, 2011 to hold the meeting with representatives of Alberta Health Service, Alberta Health and Wellness and MLA B. Jacobs along with representation from the Towns and Villages.

Carried.

BANK  
RECONCILIATION

Accountant R. Shaw entered the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

(10-12-40)

R. Taylor moved to approve the bank reconciliation statement as at November 30, 2010 and it is attached.

Carried.

BILLS FOR  
PAYMENT  
(10-12-41)

R. Ford moved to approve the Schedule of Disbursements as at December 21, 2010 in the amount of \$1,452,977.36 and it is attached.

Carried.

FINANCIAL  
STATEMENT  
(10-12-42)

J. Meeks Sr moved to approve the financial statement as at November 30, 2010 as presented.

Carried.

R. Shaw left the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

MATL AND  
FMC LAW  
(10-12-43)

R. Ford moved to receive the letter from FMC Law, legal counsel for MATL, regarding MATL's displeasure with the County for not signing FORTIS request for the relocation of their power line which will now parallel MATL's line, and further, Administration draft an appropriate response.

Carried.

R. Taylor left the meeting at 2:20 p.m. to attend to other business.

CANADIAN  
BADLANDS  
(10-12-44)

G. Krokosh moved to receive Canadian Badland's request for donations to sponsor a tourism development conference on March 30, 2011.

Carried.

SOUTHGROW AGM  
(10-12-45)

R. Ford moved that R. Taylor and G. Krokosh attend the Southgrow Annual General Meeting and Awards Presentation on January 12, 2011 at the Lethbridge Lodge.

Carried.

CHINOOK ARCH  
LIBRARY  
(10-12-46)

W. Cunningham moved to approve the attendance of Chinook Arch Library to attend the February 15, 2011 Council meeting to make a presentation on the activities of the Chinook Arch Library.

Carried.

MUNICIPAL  
SUSTAINABILITY  
STRATEGY  
(10-12-47)

R. Ford moved to receive the document Municipal Sustainability Strategy Summary document as prepared and circulated by the AAMDC.

Carried.

P. JENSEN  
DEV. AGREEMENT  
(10-12-48)

J. Meeks Sr moved to approve and sign the development agreement as presented with P. Jensen which is required to complete the subdivision of Lot 1, Block 115A, Plan 8811341.

Carried.

VILLAGE OF  
WARNER  
ALL COUNCIL  
(10-12-49)

W. Cunningham moved that the County of Warner has no objections or concerns with the Village of Warner hosting another All Council meeting in six months to discuss ongoing and pressing issues.

Carried.

2011 INTERIM  
BUDGET  
(10-12-50)

G. Krokosh moved to approve the 2010 Operating and Capital Budget as the 2011 Interim Budget for the County of Warner No. 5.

Carried.

COMMITTEE  
REPORTS

Reeve R. Jones suggested that Councillors submit their Committee reports in writing so they can be distributed in advance with the agenda.

J. Meeks Sr - The Alberta Farm Safety Centre had a change in the Chairman due to the previous Chair resigning. The new Chairman is Marlin Hogg.

G. Krokosh - The Wrentham Community Centre sponsored a clean up day in the Hamlet of Wrentham which was very successful. The Health and Safety Meeting was attended where it was suggested the County implement a safety recognition program for exemplary conduct.

R. Ford - Concerns over the Stewardship Land Act were expressed. The Coutts Ambulance will become a first responder with the Milk River Ambulance taking on all transfers. This will become effective February 1, 2011. The Milk River Doctor is looking to rent accommodation within the Town of Milk River however nothing can be found. They are investigating other options.

(10-12-51)

R. Ford moved to receive the Committee Reports as presented.

Carried.

ADJOURN  
(10-12-52)

W. Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Carried.

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Administrator