

COUNTY COUNCIL

March 4, 2008

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on March 4, 2008. In attendance were Reeve R. Jones, R. Ford, W. Cunningham, R. Taylor, G. Krokosh, J. Meeks Sr., K. Palmer (late), Administrator A. Romeril, Superintendent R. Coppieters and CPO S. Simpson.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 9:01 a.m.

MINUTES
(08-03-01)

G. Krokosh moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 19, 2008.

Carried.

ADDITIONS
TO AGENDA
(08-03-02)

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

Health and Safety Meeting Luncheon
County Chronicle Newsletter
Municipal Affairs - MSI Grant Reply
SRD - Spring Fire Fighting Meeting
Development Agreement - Ron and Susan Pack
Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership
Canadian Badlands Meeting
AAMDC Contact
AAMDC - New Elected Officials Course
AAMDC - Emergency Registration of 2% Strychnine
Alberta Agriculture and Food
Ridge Country Housing - Minutes, January 24, 2008
North of Raymond T Intersection Letter of Concern

Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT

As presented by Superintendent R. Coppieters and it is attached.

GRAVEL
TENDERS
(08-03-03)

R. Taylor moved to approve the low gravel crushing bid of Nowels Group at a bid of \$3.65 per yard for approximately 90,000 yards of 3/4 crush.

Carried.

K. Palmer entered the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

FUEL TRUCK
(08-03-04)

R. Taylor moved to approve the Public Works to continue the negotiations to purchase the used UFA fuel truck as discussed.

Carried.

CHEC TOWER
ROAD

R. Ford moved to proceed with the construction of the Chec Tower Road for (08-03-05) approximately 1.5 to 2.0 miles east of the SMRID canal by utilizing the borrow dirt from the land described as the NE 36-6-21-4, and further an additional borrow site may need to be found closer to complete the additional 1.0 to 1.5 miles west of S.H. 845.

Carried.

NORTH RAYMOND
T - INTERSECTIONS
CONCERNS
(08-03-06)

J. Meeks Sr. moved to receive the letter from the residents along the Temple Hill Road north of Raymond regarding the stop signs and T-intersections where speed curves existed at one time.

Carried.

(08-03-07)

J. Meeks Sr. moved to obtain a traffic consultant to review the current road and traffic sign designs and come forward to County Council with a recommendation for the two T-intersections with stop signs with are to the north west of the Town of Raymond.

Carried.

(08-03-08) R. Ford moved to table the discussion until the next Council meeting on April 1, 2008.
Carried.

(08-03-09) R. Ford moved that CPO S. Simpson contact a representative from Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation to review the T-intersection sites and signage north of the Town of Raymond and come forward with their recommendation if possible.
Carried.

(08-03-10) K. Palmer moved to receive Superintendent R. Coppieters report as presented.
Carried.

RAYMOND
ANNEXATION

A Town of Raymond delegation entered the meeting at 10:08 a.m. and consisted of CAO S. Barton, Town Development Officer J. Olson and Developer D. Jensen. County ORRSC Planner S. Harty was also present. S. Barton presented information about the growth that the Town is currently experiencing and their need for additional lots in the future. The goal is to infill first, followed by fringe development and then annexation. Several maps were presented regarding areas of potential annexation and growth areas. A formal annexation application will be presented to the County shortly. After a question and answer period the delegation left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

RECESS Reeve R. Jones called for a recess at 10:36 a.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 10:49 a.m.
Superintendent R. Coppieters was not present when the meeting reconvened.

RAYMOND
ANNEXATION

ORRSC Planner S. Harty reviewed some further statistics of growth within the Raymond area and other data regarding annexation processes. S. Harty left the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

CPO REPORT As presented by CPO S. Simpson and it is attached.

RCMP MOU'S
(08-03-11) G. Krokosh moved to approve and sign the RCMP Memorandums of Understanding with the Raymond and the Milk River RCMP Detachments as presented.
Carried.

HEALTH AND
SAFETY POLICIES
(08-03-12) G. Krokosh moved to approve the Health and Safety Policies as amended within the County Health and Safety Manual.
Carried.

SRD FIRE
WORKSHOP
(08-03-13) W. Cunningham moved that R. Jones and A. Romeril attend the Sustainable Resource Development Spring Mutual Aid meeting on March 31, 2008 in the M.D. of Crowsnest Pass starting at 9:30 a.m.
Carried.

FIRE FACILITY
TOUR
(08-03-14) W. Cunningham moved to have Administration organize a Council tour of all emergency facilities within the County, Towns and Villages and this tour be held sometime in the summer.
Carried.

(08-03-15) W. Cunningham moved to receive CPO S. Simpson report as presented.
Carried.

S. Simpson left the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

MUNICIPAL
HERITAGE
PARTNERSHIP

Administration is investigating other options for grants to place plaques at old school sites within the rural areas of the County.

TIRE
RECYCLING
GRANTS

R. Taylor reported that the Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority is not pursuing any grants on upgrading the transfer station sites for tire handling due to insufficient volumes of tires in the region.

LAND USE
WORKSHOP
(08-03-15)

G. Krokosh moved to hold the Land Use Workshop on March 27, 2008 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the County Office.

Carried.

OPEN SPACES
ALBERTA
(08-03-16)

R. Taylor moved to prepare an emergent resolution for presentation at the AAMDC Spring Convention that will recommend an immediate stop to implementing the Open Spaces Alberta by the Government of Alberta.

Carried.

LUNCH

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

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 12:45 p.m.

ASSESSMENT
REVIEW BOARD
TRAINING
(08-03-17)

R. Ford moved to approve the attendance of W. Cunningham and K. Palmer at the Assessment Review Board training workshop on April 9, 2008 at the University of Lethbridge.

Carried.

BADLAND
SURVEY
(08-03-18)

R. Ford moved to forward the completed Canadian Badland survey back to Canadian Badlands Ltd as presented.

Carried.

AAMDC FEE
(08-03-19)

R. Ford moved to receive the AAMDC proposed fee schedule for 2008/09 as presented.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATION
ROOF BID
(08-03-20)

R. Ford moved to approve the bid for re-roofing the Administration Office Building to Ted's Quality Roofing at \$51,870.75 plus GST.

Carried.

AAMDC SPRING
RESOLUTIONS
(08-03-21)

R. Taylor moved to receive the 2008 AAMDC Spring resolutions as distributed.

Carried.

POTABLE WATER
OPTIONS STUDY
(08-03-22)

R. Taylor moved to recommend to the communities of Warner, Milk River and Coutts that MPE Engineering Ltd. be contracted to prepare a proposal to be submitted to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation for a potable water feasibility study and associated grant.

Carried.

CHINOOK
COUNTRY
TOUR. ASSOC.
(08-03-23)

G. Krokosh moved to receive the Chinook Country Tourism Association membership information and fee for information purposes only.

Carried.

LODGE REQUIS.
CALCULATION

Administration reviewed the calculation process for the Ridge Country Housing requisition dollars.

BURNING
BARRELS &
INCINERATORS
(08-03-24)

W. Cunningham moved to review the Fire Fighting Bylaws that deal with using burning barrels and incinerators during a fire ban.

Carried.

FIRE CHIEF'S
MEETING
(08-03-24)

G. Krokosh moved to implement a one hour minimum billing for volunteer firemen responding to emergency calls and fire burning permits should be requested from the local fire department first and the County CPO next if the area fire chief can not be contacted.

Carried.

RID SEMINAR
(08-03-25)

R. Taylor moved to donate one county vest as a door prize at the Raymond Irrigation District annual seminar on March 20, 2008.

Carried.

COUTTS/BORDER
GATE OPENING
(08-03-26)

R. Ford moved to forward a letter of support to the Village of Coutts regarding their efforts in obtaining permission for a gate opening in the fence between the Village businesses and the Customs/Port entry into Canada.

Carried.

COUNTY
NEWSLETTER

Items that can be included in the County Newsletter includes the Hamlet of New Dayton 100th Anniversary and Fire Permit Notification changes.

MSI GRANT
(08-03-27)

G. Krokosh moved to receive Municipal Affairs February 26, 2008 letter granting approval for the County to utilize the entire 2007/08 Municipal Sustainability Initiative Grant for core capital projects.

Carried.

DEVELOPMENT
AGREEMENT
(08-03-28)

J. Meeks Sr. moved to approve and sign the Development Agreement with Ron and Susan Pack for the subdivision located in the SE 27-6-21-4.

Carried.

SOUTHERN
ALBERTA
ENERGY
(08-03-29)

J. Meeks Sr. moved to approve R. Taylor and A. Romeril to attend the Southern Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership meeting in Fort Macleod on March 26, 2008 starting at 11:00 a.m.

Carried.

CANADIAN
BADLANDS
(08-03-30)

R. Ford moved that R. Taylor attend the Canadian Badlands meeting in Taber on March 28, 2008 at the Heritage Inn starting at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

TAX DEFERRAL
(08-03-31)

R. Ford moved to receive Alberta Agriculture letter indicating that the County of Warner is eligible for a tax deferral on drought induced sales of breeding livestock in 2007 and further, this notice be included in the County Newsletter.

Carried.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

W. Cunningham - Ridge Country Housing is investigating the construction of a new lodge facility due to the need for new heating/air conditioning and the need for larger rooms for patrons. Various options will be considered.

K. Palmer - The Raymond Lifeline Association has 35 lifeline buttons throughout the community.

R. Ford - The Milk River Watershed Council met on February 28, 2008. The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for April. Speakers are being arranged and the details are being worked out. The State of the Watershed Report is near completion. The initial pipeline study report to supplement the Milk River is being worked on. The Coutts Recreation Board has held a meeting and are planning some upgrades to various facilities. County recreation funding is being held by the Village and has not been forwarded to the Coutts Recreation Board as has been done in the past.

R. Taylor - The Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority is evaluating a trucking contract versus internal owning and operating. The New Dayton Recreation Board is holding elections on March 12, 2008. New Dayton is planning their 100th Anniversary Celebrations and a letter will be coming from the Recreation Board.

R. Jones - Meetings attended meetings including the Health and Safety Committee, Fire Chiefs Committee, and a meeting in Lethbridge for Premier Ed Stelmach. Concerns over wireless telephone companies charging 911 fees and not submitting to 911 responding agencies is being investigated by the AUMA and the AAMDC.

(08-03-32)

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

Carried.

ADJOURN
(08-03-33)

W. Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator