

COUNTY COUNCIL

November 4, 2008

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

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

MINUTES

(08-11-01)

W. Cunningham moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 21, 2008.

Carried.

ADDITIONS
TO AGENDA

(08-11-02)

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

AAMDC - Partners in Trade

Alberta Recycling - Milk Containers

News Release - Alberta Healthiest Workplaces

News Release - Province Targets Repeat Offenders

News Release - Alberta Economic Development New Chairperson

Alberta Parliamentary Digest

Fire Ban

YPM Audit Seminar - December 2, 2008

Wrentham Playground Equipment

Alberta Transportation - Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

Ridge Country Housing - Letter of Support

Carried.

P.W. REPORT

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

OTHER ITEMS

The old Highway 36 bridge has been repaired and is back open for public travel. The patch crew should finish up the repairs this week. Approximately 2,666 cubic yards of gravel were sold, which is a substantial decrease over previous years. Foreman N. Spitzer will be attending the AAMDC Fall Convention this year.

WARNER/FORTY
MILE ROAD

(08-11-03)

R. Ford moved to place the construction of approximately 1.25 miles of road to the south of Sections 1 and 2 of 5-15-4 on the 2009 Road Construction Priority list.

Carried.

GOLD SPRINGS
PARK

(08-11-04)

R. Ford moved to approve donating the equipment time to install a irrigation pump inlet in the Milk River for Gold Springs Park on condition the Gold Springs Park Society obtain all the required approvals from Alberta Environment and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Carried.

WRENTHAM
PLAYGROUND
EQUIPMENT

(08-11-05)

Administration has received an offer from a private individual to remove the playground equipment from the old Wrentham School grounds. No reply has been received from the Wrentham Fire Department or the Wrentham Recreation Society regarding the removal.

R. Taylor moved to receive Superintendent R. Coppieters report as presented.

Carried.

CPO REPORT

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

SPEED ZONE

A speed zone request by the landowner in the SE 18-6-17-4 is felt to be unwarranted. He may appeal the decision of the CPO S. Simpson to County Council if he has concerns.

STOP SIGNS
(08-11-06)

R. Ford moved that CPO S. Simpson investigate the request to change the stop signs currently at the SW 13-7-19-4 and NE 11-7-19-4 to see if a change is warranted.

Carried.

(08-11-07)

R. Ford moved that CPO S. Simpson and Superintendent R. Coppieters investigate the speed curve removal and possible stop sign near the Village of Stirling in the SSW Lot 103, Plan 753J.

Carried.

ESM COURSE
OTTAWA
(08-11-08)

W. Cunningham moved that CPO S. Simpson make application to attend an Emergency Site Management Course in Ottawa in January or March of 2009, and further the course is designed for people who are at the incident site.

Carried.

FIRE BAN

No fire ban is required at this time. Fire permits are still required.

COR - SAFETY
AUDIT

A Safety Audit of the County was recently completed and the County failed by 1.8%. AHMSA is allowing the County to make up the extra points required in order to obtain a passing mark of 80%.

(08-11-09)

K. Palmer moved to receive CPO S. Simpson's report as presented.

Carried.

RECESS

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

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 10:25 a.m.

R. Coppieters and S. Simpson were not present when the meeting reconvened.

ENCROACHMENT
AGREEMENT
(08-11-10)

R. Taylor moved to approve and sign the Encroachment Agreement between the County of Warner and Daniel Alin Mara for the lot described as Block A, Plan 5173AA.

Carried.

MILK RIVER
STORAGE/
PIPELINE

R. Ford updated Council on several conversations he has had with members of the Milk River Watershed Committee. Several studies have been approved and will be available to Council when they are completed.

CPR LINE
DISCONTINUANCE

CPR is in the process of discontinuing the use of the rail line between Foremost and Raymond. Administration updated Council on the process that will be followed by CPR.

COUNCILLOR
LAPTOP
REPLACEMENT

T. Nelson entered the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

(08-11-11)

R. Taylor moved that the Councillor laptop computers will be replaced on an as needed basis when they begin to fail or no longer meet the needs of the Councillor's duties.

Carried.

T. Nelson left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

MILK RIVER
STORAGE

D. McGee of Alberta Environment entered the meeting at 11:38 a.m. to discuss the progress to date on the Milk River storage or pipeline options. Areas discussed included the political concerns between the Canada and the USA, international water use agreements, engineering aspects of a dam versus pipeline and the pros and cons of each options. The province has not come to any conclusion as to which is the best option and is unable to do that until the two nations can agree upon basic use concepts.

LUNCH

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 1:04 p.m.
D. McGee was not present when the meeting reconvened.

CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAYS
(08-11-12)

R. Taylor moved to close the County Departments/operations at noon on December 24, 2008 and reopen all County Departments to the public on Monday, January 5, 2009 (dependent on weather, etc.) and further, grant 16 hours of Council granted holidays during the period with the balance of the hours being taken as holidays and/or time in lieu.

Carried.

CHRISTMAS
GIFTS
(08-11-13)

K. Palmer moved to supply a \$25 grocery gift card to all County Staff and Council members as a Christmas gift.

Carried.

FHLB MEETING
TOPIC
(08-11-14)

R. Jones moved to suggest as a possible topic for the January 2009 Foothills Little Bow Municipal Association meeting that of water allocations process and concerns around Southern Alberta.

Carried.

POLICY/SALARY
REVIEW
COMMITTEE
(08-11-15)

R. Ford moved to hold a discussion and information session on the various County compensation/benefit policies as well as a review of the Employment Standards Act on December 8, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

ICSP
(08-11-16)

K. Palmer moved that Administration continue to prepare the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan that meets the needs of the County Council as discussed.

Carried.

RIDGE COUNTRY
HOUSING
(08-11-17)

K. Palmer moved to obtain additional information from Councillor W. Cunningham in regards to a letter of support being requested from Ridge Country Housing.

Carried.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

R. Taylor - The New Dayton Recreation Society obtained an \$8,000 grant from the Community Facility Enhancement Program to upgrade the Community Hall. Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority toured the Lomond and Brocket landfill sites.

G. Krokosh - The Effective Decision Making Workshop was very valuable and a good course for all to attend.

R. Ford - A Coumts Recreation Board meeting was attended where it reported on all the work that has been conducted in the Village relating to recreation facilities. A new operator has been hired for the Milk River/Coutts/County Waste Transfer Site.

R. Jones - A regional meeting with the RCMP was attended where the provincial policing contract was reviewed. A wreath will be laid at the Warner School Remembrance Day activities on November 7, 2008. A Mayors and Reeve meeting is scheduled in Lethbridge on November 7, 2008.

(08-11-18) G. Krokosh moved to receive the Committee Reports as presented. Carried.

ADJOURN
(08-11-19) R. Ford moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Carried.

Reeve

Administrator