

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of Clearwater County, Province of Alberta, held March 10, 2015 in the Clearwater County Council Chambers in Rocky Mountain House.

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order at 9:01 A.M. by Reeve Alexander with the following being present:

Reeve:	Patrick Alexander
Councillors:	Curt Maki
	Jim Duncan
	John Vandermeer
	Kyle Greenwood
	Theresa Laing
Acting CAO:	Rudy Huisman
Director, Public Works:	Marshall Morton
Director, Community & Protective Service:	Ted Hickey
Recording Secretary:	Tracy Haight
Staff:	Sgt. Terri Miller
	Kurt Magnus
Media:	Denia Gravelle
	Laura Button

**AGENDA
APPROVAL:**

Councillor Duncan requested the addition of two verbal reports as items E6 – CN Railways Community Advisory Panel Meeting and E7 – Canada's 150th Anniversary Event Planning Meeting.

Reeve Alexander requested the addition of a verbal report as item E8 – O'Chiese First Nation Election.

COUNCILLOR GREENWOOD: That the March 10, 2015 Regular Meeting Agenda be accepted as amended.

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**CONFIRMATION
OF MINUTES:**

1. February 24, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: That the Minutes of the February 24, 2015 Regular Meeting be accepted.

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**COMMUNITY
& PROTECTIVE
SERVICES:**

1. Clearwater County Highway Patrol 2014 Annual Report

COUNCILLOR MAKI: That Council raises the Clearwater County Highway Patrol 2014 Annual Report from the table.

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Wesley Saarela joined the meeting.

Sergeant (Sgt.) Terri Miller, Clearwater County Community Peace Officer (CPO), presented the Clearwater County Highway Patrol 2014 Annual Report to Council.

Sgt. Miller outlined the mission, goals, and management of the CPO department.

Sgt Miller responded to questions from Council regarding commercial vehicle inspections and noted as per regulations, the department is required to conduct a minimum of 32 inspections per year in order to retain certification. Currently, there are two certified officers however, a third certified officer would be of benefit in order to increase the number of inspections. Council noted there is merit in discussing the training of an additional officer for certification at a later date.

Erik Hansen, Lindsay Wuth, and Val Murray joined the meeting.

Sgt Miller provided statistics on road use agreements and single trip permits in Clearwater County. Marshall Morton noted Alberta Transportation collects the third highest number of TRAVIS MJ permit fees for road use in Alberta from Clearwater County.

Sgt. Miller provided statistics on files/incidents, complaints, and traffic violations for the one year period and noted comparisons between previous years. Sgt. Miller noted that the increase in speeding violations, and the high speeds attained, is disturbing. Council noted the addition of a fourth CPO contributed to the increase in violation tickets issued in Clearwater County.

Sgt. Miller presented a brochure and provided details on the newly developed "Positive Ride Program" for Councils review. Sgt. Miller noted local businesses and industry have requested an opportunity to donate prizes for the program. Councillor Duncan stated that the use of the "QR" code and Saskquatch logo on the brochure is allowable. Council concluded that further discussion is required to determine the process of the program before the May long weekend.

Sgt. Miller provided information on the involvement of CPO's in public education, public meetings, and events throughout the year. Sgt. Miller outlined the duties and efforts the Clearwater County CPO officers have undertaken in 2014 and the successful completion of tasks and projects that have received attention from provincial agencies and other municipalities.

Discussion followed on reporting requirements from the CPO Department. Council concluded that two interim reports, one in June and one in October, and an annual report the following year, is sufficient.

Discussion followed on the requirement for the CPO Department's long weekend enforcement coverage. Council determined that the CPO Department's presence during long weekends provides valuable assistance to the Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development's (ESRD) enforcement efforts as funding for these resources are extremely limited. The data collection carried out by the CPOs during long weekends also provides important information that enhances Council's lobby efforts for the protection of the West Country.

Discussion continued on long weekend recreational activity in Clearwater County and the number of visitors that enjoy the region. Council noted the benefits of obtaining accurate traffic counts during the long weekends in order to bolster lobby efforts with the provincial government. Council suggested the use of traffic counters at main access points to Clearwater County. Marshall Morton noted that the Public Works budget allows for the purchase of several low cost traffic counters. Sgt. Miller inquired if Council wishes to continue with the May long weekend checkstop practice to which Council agreed.

COUNCILLOR MAKI:

That Council accepts the Clearwater County Highway Patrol 2014 Annual Report for information.

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Sgt. Terri Miller left the meeting.

2. Everdell Community Centre Grant Request

Ted Hickey reviewed the application from the Everdell Community Centre for \$15,000 in funding as per Council's policy for Grant Funding For Community Halls, Associations and Non-profit Groups.

Lindsay Wuth, Vice President – Everdell Community Centre Association, explained the restoration improvement project for the centre as a proactive approach to mitigate mold issues. Ms. Wuth replied to questions from Council and stated the centre is heavily booked from May thru September and that the Everdell Community Centre Association has applied for provincial grants.

Val Murray, President – Everdell Community Centre Association, noted the centre's strong, committed, and active volunteer base and that volunteers are willing to participate in the casino work program.

Mr. Hickey replied to questions from Council and stated several funding requests have been received from various applicants however, no funds have been granted as of yet. Currently, there is one request from Aurora Community Centre that has been tabled pending further information from the applicant.

Council commended the Everdell Community Centre Association on their fund raising efforts and the strong community commitment to the active Centre.

COUNCILLOR VANDERMEER: That Council grants \$15,000 to the Everdell Community Centre Association for structure upgrades.

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CARRIED 6/0

Val Murray and Lindsay Wuth left the meeting.

3. Leslieville Hall Community Hall Grant Request

Ted Hickey reviewed the application from the Leslieville Community Hall Society for \$15,000 in funding as per Council's policy for Grant Funding For Community Halls, Associations and Non-profit Groups.

Wesley Saarela replied to questions from Council and explained the project is to create additional storage space for table, chairs and entertainer's equipment thus facilitating better use of existing space.

Council noted that the hall is extremely active with bookings throughout the year, especially by seniors groups. Mr. Saarela noted that interest from younger community members is increasing.

Mr. Hickey replied to questions from Council and stated the tabled request from the Aurora Community Centre is for \$15,000. Applications from two or three other community halls are expected within the year.

Discussion followed on the benefits of other funding sources, such as the casino work program and provincial grants that are available to community facilities. Council encouraged the Leslieville community members to participate in the casino work program.

COUNCILLOR GREENWOOD: That Council grants \$15,000 to the Leslieville Community Hall Society for additional storage space.

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Wesley Saarela left the meeting.

INFORMATION:

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: That Council raises the MGA Review – Questions for the Ministerial Forum during The AAMDC 2015 Spring Convention from the table.

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Council noted that due to the timing of the provincial budget release date of March 26, which is after the convention, expectations of comprehensive responses from ministers are low. Therefore there is little value in presenting prepared questions. However, if any questions become apparent at the convention, councillors are encouraged to question the ministers during the forum.

Council discussed the AAMDC Spring 2015 Resolutions – CAO Overview. Councillor Duncan noted the Agriculture Service Board submitted a similar resolution to the Legal Opinion on Jurisdiction of the Weed Control Act on CN Rail AAMDC resolution, with no response as of yet.

6. Verbal Report - CN Railways Community Advisory Panel Meeting

Councillor Duncan provided a verbal report on the CN Railways Community Advisory Panel meeting. Councillor Duncan suggested that staff attend the next meeting as CN Railways will present information regarding transportation of dangerous goods.

7. Verbal Report - Canada's 150th Anniversary Event Planning Meeting

Councillor Duncan provided a verbal report on the Canada's 150th Anniversary Event Planning meeting with the Rocky Mountain House National Historical Park. Councillor Duncan noted potential celebration events were discussed. Funding is not expected from Clearwater County, however any contributions-in-kind, for example representation by staff, is appreciated. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19.

8. Verbal Report - O'Chiese First Nation Election

Reeve Alexander stated O'Chiese First Nation reelected Darren Whitford to the Office of Chief. Christine Heggart presented a congratulatory message for Chief Whitford from Reeve Alexander on behalf of Council for Council's review.

Reeve Alexander noted Council wishes to meet with the O'Chiese, Sunchild, and Bighorn First Nations to discuss any issues of concern and mutual interest at first opportunity.

COUNCILLOR VANDERMEER: That Council accepts the CAO Report, Public Works Director's Report, Accounts Payable Listing, AAMDC Spring 2015 Resolutions, Councillor Remuneration, and verbal reports on CN Railways Community Advisory Panel meeting, Canada's 150th Anniversary Event Planning meeting, and the O'Chiese First Nation Election as information.

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IN CAMERA:

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: That Council meets as a Committee of the Whole to discuss a Land issue at 10:53 A.M.

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COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: That the meeting reverts to an Open Meeting at 12:35 P.M.

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Discussion followed on suitable land locations to facilitate a salt storage shed and operations building.

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COUNCILLOR LAING: That Council authorizes Public Works to move forward with the purchase of land to facilitate a salt storage facility and operations building.

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ADJOURNMENT:
12:36 P.M.

COUNCILLOR MAKI: That the Meeting adjourns.

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REEVE


ACTING CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER