

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of Clearwater County, Province of Alberta, held February 12, 2013 in the County Office at Rocky Mountain House.

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M. by Reeve Alexander with the following being present:

Reeve:	Pat Alexander
Councilors:	Earl Graham
	Dick Wymenga
	John Vandermeer
	Bob Bryant
	Earl Graham
	Jim Duncan
Chief Administration Officer:	Ron Leaf
Director, Agri Services:	Matt Martinson
Recording Secretary:	Tracy Haight
TIMS:	Darrell Philip
	Trevor Duley
	Christine Heggart
Media:	Helge Nome
Media:	Sarah Maetche

AGENDA: Councillor Bob Bryant requests that Council add two items under Information. Councillor Jim Duncan requests that Council add In Camera item. Ron Leaf requests that Council withdraw agenda item F3.

EARL GRAHAM:	That the February 12, 2013 Regular Meeting Agenda be accepted as amended.
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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: 1. January 22, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

DICK WYMENGA:	That the Minutes of the January 22, 2013 Regular Meeting be accepted.
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Rick Emmons joined meeting.

AGRICULTURE SERVICES:
1. Agriculture Services Department Update

Matt Martinson provided an Agriculture Services update and stated that future updates will be presented every six to eight weeks. Mr. Martinson noted in the fall of 2012, Agriculture Services was informed by an adjacent municipality that Clubroot was discovered approximately two miles from the boarder in the South West portion of Clearwater County. Mr. Martinson stated that landowners and canola producers in the surrounding area will be notified and informed of risks and Agriculture Services will increase surveillance during the 2013 growing season. Mr. Martinson is confident that clubroot is not wide spread in the area as no symptoms were found in the field samples taken near where the Clubroot was discovered. Mr. Martinson noted Clearwater County's current Clubroot policy prohibits canola from being grown on infested land for four years under the authority of the Agricultural Pest Act. Should canola be planted earlier, part or the entire canola crop could be destroyed. Destruction of any crop for any pest reason

would be done through Agriculture Service Board recommendation and Council approval.

Mr. Martinson noted the Eradicable Weeds program has been successful in reducing the 2012 inventories of Hawkweed from previous years. Mr. Martinson is confident that meadow hawkweed infestations to north of Highway 12 have been contained and large infestations have been eliminated. Mr. Martinson noted due to landowner awareness and effective control in previous years, small sporadic infestations will be quickly controlled while utilizing fewer resources.

Mr. Martinson stated Agriculture Services have requested nominations for the 2013 Farm Family Award. The 2013 honoree will be presented the award at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet in March and then further recognized at the 2013 Northlands Farm Fair. Mr. Martinson noted the last award was received by the Lawrence Pengelly family in 2011. Mr. Martinson stated the Landcare Board will also be presenting the first Landcare Award at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet in March.

Mr. Martinson responded to questions from council regarding clubroot; fusarium; other agricultural issues province wide and actions taken by the federal and provincial government in response to these issues; the agriculture market and crop insurance.

JIM DUNCAN: That Council accepts the information as presented.

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2. Agriculture Services Department Name Change

Matt Martinson noted in 2010 Reeve Dwight Oliver informally proposed to include “and Landcare” in Agriculture Services department title. Mr. Martinson stated the Agricultural Services Board also recommends to Council that Agricultural Services Department change the department title to “Agriculture Services and Landcare Department”. Mr. Martinson noted the proposed change better describes the department’s function and brings further awareness to the history and current mandate of protecting surface/ground water and upland environmental resources. The new name will also encourage nonagricultural residents to identify at a glance with the services provided to all Clearwater County landowners and residents. Mr. Martinson stated there will not be any impact to the budget as a result of the proposed change.

JOHN VANDERMEER: That Council approves Agricultural Services Department name change to the Agricultural Services and Landcare Department.

040/13 CARRIED 6/0

Denniece Crout and Jenny Oatway joined the meeting. Matt Martinson left the meeting.

CORPORATE SERVICES:

1. Request for Partial Property Tax Refund

Denniece Crout presented a letter from a ratepayer requesting a partial refund of the 2012 property tax for NE-13-39-6W5, roll number 3906131002. Ms. Crout stated the residence burnt beyond repair September 12, 2012. The request for a partial refund is based on Bylaw 832/05 which states that the landowner must make written application, must be displaced for at least 30 days and the adjustment prorated based on the use of the principal

residence. Ms. Crout stated the property owner has been displaced for 111 days and the municipal taxes levied in 2012 for the improvement that was destroyed were \$179.56. As per bylaw 832/05 the calculation for a partial refund would be $\$179.56/365 * 111 = \54.61 .

Ms. Crout responded to questions regarding refunding school tax. Ron Leaf noted regulations as per the Municipal Government Act which does not allow waiver or partial waiver of school tax.

DICK WYMENGA:	That Council approves municipal tax refund of \$54.61 on roll number 3906131002
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Denniece Crout, Rick Emmons and Darryl Philip left the meeting.
Mike Haugen joined the meeting.

MUNICIPAL: 1. Ministerial Forum Questions

Trevor Duley presented questions for review to be asked at the 2013 Spring AAMDC Convention during the Ministerial ‘Bear-Pit’ session. Mr. Duley stated this is an opportunity for delegates to ask questions of the Premier and her Ministers in regards to municipal issues and concerns. Mr. Duley noted due to the number of delegates at the conference and the time constraints of the session, there will be a limited opportunity to direct questions to Provincial Ministers. Mr. Duley stated Staff has written a list of four (4) questions that focus on areas that have been recently discussed by Council and are identified in Council’s Strategic Plan. Mr. Duley noted should Council wish to see changes made to the list of questions, the item may be brought back to Council on February 26th.

Ron Leaf commented on the selection process of the questions and the pertinence of the issues connected to the provincial and federal government. Discussion followed on the format of the ministerial ‘bear-pit’ session to take place and the ranking of each question in order of importance. Council selected their preferred questions to ask as follows: Reeve Pat Alexander will ask question 1; Councillor John Vandermeer question 2; Councillor Bob Bryant question 3 and Councillor Earl Graham question 4.

DICK WYMENGA:	That Council accepts the questions as presented.
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2. Reeves Economic Summit Agriculture Working Group Terms of Reference

Trevor Duley presented Terms of Reference for the Reeve’s Economic Summit: Agriculture Working Group and noted Council have indicated in the past that it is important to help maintain and foster agriculture in Clearwater County. Mr. Duley provided background information on the previous Reeve’s Economic Summit and outlined the aim was to bring together business leaders within the County to identify and discuss present and future economic opportunities and challenges and to establish actions required to address these concerns. Mr. Duley noted the purpose of Agriculture Working Group will help to reflect Council’s interests with business leaders; will be a forum for discussion between industry and government to detail cooperative action; will strive to remain general and to understand the industry holistically; and will consider new avenues of economic development to grow the industry and enhance the region.

Mr. Duley stated staff is recommending that the Reeve and two Councilors be appointed to this group. He also noted the cost of hosting agriculture specialists is accounted for within the Economic Development budget.

Discussion followed on past Reeve's Economic Summit and Reeve Pat Alexander congratulated Trevor Duley on the interesting selection of speakers. Reeve Alexander noted all members of council would benefit from attending future summits. Ron Leaf commented on the option of partnering with other groups such as the Chamber of Commerce to develop a workshop that would include Oil & Gas, Forestry and Tourism industries and all of Council.

EARL GRAHAM:

That Council approves the Agriculture Working Group Terms of Reference as presented.

043/13

CARRIED 6/0

Councillor Jim Duncan and Councillor Dick Wymenga volunteered as members for the Agriculture Working Group.

BOB BRYANT:

That Council appoints Councillor Duncan and Councillor Wymenga to the Agriculture Working Group

044/13

CARRIED 6/0

4. Open Houses/Town of Rocky Mountain House Invitation

Christine Heggert presented an invitation to Council from the Town of Rocky Mountain House Council to co-host a "Meet and Greet" during the 2013 Festival of Culture at the Lou Soppit Community Centre from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 23, 2013. Ms. Heggert noted that the "Meet and Greet" will offer the public an opportunity to bring any concerns, questions or comments to Councillors in an informal setting.

Councillor Duncan, Councillor Bryant and Reeve Alexander indicated they will attend the event.

DICK WYMENGA:

That Council authorizes Councillor Duncan, Councillor Bryant and Reeve Alexander to attend and co-host the Town of Rocky Mountain House Meet and Greet event.

045/13

CARRIED 6/0

Christine Heggert provided background information regarding Council's intentions to hold two multi-divisional open houses in 2013, in Rocky Mountain House and Caroline, prior to July.

Discussion followed regarding June 19 and 20 as possible dates and venues such as the Kurt Browning Arena and the Lou Soppit Community Centre. Ms. Heggert noted she will investigate any scheduling and venue conflicts and return with recommendations.

EARL GRAHAM:

That Council approves two multi-divisional open houses in June 2013 in

Rocky Mountain House
and Caroline.

046/13

CARRIED 6/0

Christine Heggert left the meeting.

INFORMATION: 1. Information Items

Councillor Bob Bryant noted Red Deer Watershed Alliance extends an invitation to all councillors to attend a special meeting to initiate bylaw changes in Rosebud, AB on Friday, March 22 2013.

BOB BRYANT:

That Council authorizes councillors to attend the Red Deer Watershed Alliance meeting if they so choose.

047/13

CARRIED 6/0

Councillor Bob Bryant requested authorization to attend the Canadian Water Resources Association (CWRA) conference March 12 to 14 at the Black Knight Inn in Red Deer, Alberta. Councillor Bryant noted CWRA has partnered with the Red Deer River Watershed and the conference theme is Water and the Environment: Watershed Planning and Management in Alberta. Ron Leaf commented that Director Rick Emmons, Assistant Manager Keith McCrae, and Bill Shaw on behalf of Municipal Development Planning Commission will be making a presentation at the CWRA conference. Discussion followed regarding all of council attending if they so choose.

BOB BRYANT:

That council authorizes Councillor Bryant and any councillors to attend the CWRA conference if they so choose.

048/13

CARRIED 6/0

Councillor Bryant reported extensive water damage to offices and 8 suites at Westview Lodge due to water backup in the sprinkler system. He noted repairs and restoration are taking place and that insurance coverage will apply.

Council discussed the Manager's Report. Ron Leaf inquired if Council would like to meet with North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA). Council noted it would not be necessary.

BOB BRYANT:

That the CAO's Report, Public Works Director's Report, Committee Report, Accounts Payable listing as of February 12 2013, and council remuneration be accepted as information.

049/13

CARRIED 6/0

5. IN CAMERA

JIM DUNCAN:

That Council meets as a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing

West Country Enforcement
and Wetaskiwin Revenue
Sharing Review Committee
10:15 A.M.

CPO Terri Miller joined the meeting.
Helge Nome, Sarah Maetche, Jenny Oatway, Tracy Haight and Trevor Duley left the meeting.

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CARRIED 6/0

BOB BRYANT:

That the meeting reverts to an
Open Meeting at 10:59 A.M.

051/13

CARRIED 6/0

Reeve Alexander recessed the Council meeting for two Public Hearings at 11:00 A.M.
CPO Terri Miller left the meeting. Sarah Maetche, Tracy Haight, Brian Bilawchuk, and Marshall Morton joined the meeting.

Jim Duncan declared a conflict of interest as he is one of the individuals making application for the road allowance permit. Mr. Duncan then appeared before Council in order to comment on his application for Bylaw 968/13.

Reeve Alexander reconvened the Council meeting at 11:57 A.M. with the same people present as noted at the beginning of the meeting excluding Matt Martinson, Trevor Duley, Helge Nome, Darrell Philip and Christine Heggert.

Councillor Jim Duncan left the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS: 1. Duncan Bylaw 968/13

Council reviewed all information presented at the February 12, 2013 public hearing for application for the use of a road allowance which lies between the SW-7-39-8 W5M and SE-12-39-9 W5M (approximately 4.00 acres more or less). Both effected parcels are used as grazing leases for cattle and horse.

SECOND READING of Bylaw 968/13 for Permitting of Road Allowance which lies between SW-7-39-8 W5M & SE-12-39-9 W5M (approximately 4.00 acres) was moved by Councillor Bryant.

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CARRIED 5/0

THIRD READING of Bylaw 968/13 for Permitting of Road Allowance which lies between SW-7-39-8 W5M & SE-12-39-9 W5M (approximately 4.00 acres) was moved by Councillor Wymenga.

053/13

CARRIED 5/0

Brian Bilawchuk, Marshall Morton left the meeting. Jim Duncan rejoined council.
Keith McCrae, Eleanor Pengelly, Bill and Kathy Ramage, Bob and Elvie Labonte joined the meeting.

PLANNING AND

WEST COUNTRY: 1. Eldorado Pressure Services Ltd. Bylaw 969/13

Council reviewed all information presented at the February 12, 2013 public hearing for application 07/12 to amend the Land Use Bylaw for the redesignation of 48.31 acres from Country Residence Agricultural District "CRA" and Agriculture District "A" to Light Industrial District "LI" combined with Subdivision Application 21/3273 for the consolidation of Lot 1, Plan 992 2128 with SW 29-40-06- W5M and a boundary adjustment between Lot 1, Plan 002 2128 and Lot 1, Plan 762 1435 Eldorado Pressure Services Ltd.

Discussion followed regarding Alberta Transportation concerns and requirements, road access, noise issue, and placement of tanks.

SECOND READING of Bylaw 969/13 Land Use Amendment for the redesignation of 48.31 acres from Country Residence Agricultural District "CRA" and Agriculture District "A" to Light Industrial District "LI" combined with Subdivision Application 21/3273 for the consolidation of Lot 1, Plan 992 2128 with SW 29-40-06- W5M and a boundary adjustment between Lot 1, Plan 002 2128 and Lot 1, Plan 762 1435 Eldorado Pressure Services Ltd. was moved by Councillor Duncan.

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CARRIED 6/0

THIRD READING of Bylaw 969/13 Land Use Amendment for the for the redesignation of 48.31 acres from Country Residence Agricultural District "CRA" and Agriculture District "A" to Light Industrial District "LI" combined with Subdivision Application 21/3273 for the consolidation of Lot 1, Plan 992 2128 with SW 29-40-06- W5M and a boundary adjustment between Lot 1, Plan 002 2128 and Lot 1, Plan 762 1435 Eldorado Pressure Services Ltd. was moved by Councillor Bryant.

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CARRIED 6/0

Keith McCrae, Eleanor Pengelly, Bill and Kathy Ramage, Bob and Elvie Labonte left the meeting.

5. IN CAMERA

EARL GRAHAM:

That Council meets as a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing West Country Enforcement and Wetaskiwin Revenue Sharing Review Committee 12:00 P.M.

Sarah Maetche and Tracy Haight left the meeting.

056/13

CARRIED 6/0

JOHN VANDERMEER:

That the meeting reverts to an Open Meeting at 12:25 P.M.

057/13

CARRIED 6/0

ADJOURNMENT: DICK WYMENGA:
12:26 P.M

That the Meeting adjourns.

CARRIED 6/0

REEVE

MUNICIPAL MANAGER