

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of Clearwater County, Province of Alberta, held November 8, 2011 in the County Office at Rocky Mountain House.

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order at 8:54 A.M. by Reeve Alexander with the following being present:

Reeve:	Pat Alexander
Councillors:	Earl Graham
	John Vandermeer
	Jim Duncan
	Robert Bryant
	Dick Wymenga
	Case Korver
Municipal Manager:	Ron Leaf
Public Works Manager:	Marshall Morton
Construction Supervisor:	Erik Hansen
Recording Secretary:	Christine Heggart
Mountaineer:	Jessica Jones

**AGENDA
APPROVAL:**

JIM DUNCAN: That the November 8, 2011 Regular Meeting Agenda be accepted as circulated.

423/11

CARRIED 7/0

**CONFIRMATION
OF MINUTES:**

1. October 25, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

EARL GRAHAM: That the Minutes of the October 25, 2011 Regular Meeting be confirmed as circulated.

424/11

CARRIED 7/0

2. October 25, 2011 Organizational Meeting Minutes

JOHN VANDERMEER: That the Minutes of the October 25, 2011 Organizational Meeting be confirmed as circulated.

425/11

CARRIED 7/0

PUBLIC WORKS: 1. Road Surfacing and Other Major Projects

Marshall Morton asked Council wishes to confirm or Road Surfacing and Other Major Priority policy at their upcoming Agenda and Priorities meeting. This policy is used to establish surfacing priorities and the criteria to be used for establishing the road upgrade and paving schedule.

Mr. Morton noted that staff wishes to begin the assessment and engineering of 2013 & 2014 road projects in early 2012 with the intent of tendering the 2013 projects in September/October of 2012.

Staff responded to questions regarding ban free and 90% ban standards and associated costs.

JOHN VANDERMEER: That Council approves adding the Road Surfacing Policy to the December 6th Agenda and Priorities agenda.

426/11

CARRIED 7/0

Council discussed Charter cities concept and directed that regarding Chartered Cities be included.

JOHN VANDERMEER: That Council accepts the questions as amended and directs the CAO to forward questions to AAMDC's "Provincial Perspectives: Alberta's Opposition Parties" panel.

429/11

CARRIED 7/0

MUNICIPAL: 4. Additional Council Appointment(s)

Ron Leaf noted that on review of the October 2011 Organizational meeting minutes, Council did not appoint the Chair or Vice Chair for the Development/ Subdivision/ Environmental Review Appeal Board (SDAB).

Pat Alexander and Dick Wymenga were appointed to the SDAB during Council's organizational meeting. Dick Wymenga nominated Pat Alexander for position of Chair.

No further nominations were received.

JIM DUNCAN: That Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for the Development/Subdivision/ Environmental Review Appeal Board cease.

430/11

CARRIED 7/0

JIM DUNCAN: That Pat Alexander be appointed as Chairman on the Development/ Subdivision/ Environmental Review Appeal Board.

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CARRIED 7/0

JOHN VANDERMEER: That Dick Wymenga be appointed as Vice-Chairman on the Development/ Subdivision/ Environmental Review Appeal Board.

432/11

CARRIED 7/0

MUNICIPAL: 5. Nordegg Area Recreation Concept Plan

Tyler McKinnon proposed the development of a recreation concept plan for the Nordegg area. A recreation concept plan would outline what recreation activities could be developed in various areas around Nordegg, as well as how those activities would tie back into the Rocky – Nordegg Trail and Nordegg itself through access points.

Mr. McKinnon noted the plan would provide a guideline for future recreation use in the area around Nordegg and hopefully encourage the development of formal trail systems by the various user groups. Once the concept plan is in place, Alberta Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) will have the ability to conduct enforcement around use.

The estimated cost of developing this concept plan is \$9,800.00. SRD has noted a willingness to cost share 30-40% on this project (if funding is approved) and that they are able to provide mapping support for this project.

Staff responded to questions regarding the Saunders Alexo Node plan and that it will be complimentary to the Nordegg Area Recreation Concept Plan.

DICK WYMENGA: That Council reallocate up to \$10,000 from the Reeve's Economic Summit budget for the development of a Nordegg area recreation concept plan.

433/11

CARRIED 7/0

MUNICIPAL: 6. Community Hall Capital Grant Funding Requests

Tyler McKinnon presented three requests for community hall capital funding from the Shilo Community Club, Leslieville Community Hall and Condor Community Centre.

Shilo Community Club requested \$4,950.51 retroactive funding towards the replacement of cedar shingles on the Shilo school.

Leslieville Community Hall requested funds for replacing the eaves on the west side of the building; replacing the kitchen and bar window closings; renovating the coffee area; and a new toilet bowl for the ladies handicap stall with 50% of the proposed work estimated to cost \$2,775.00.

Condor Community Centre requested \$25,000.00 to replace the hall heating system, which has failed. The estimated total expenses for this project are \$27,500.00. The requested amount exceeds 50% of the total cost, which would be \$13,750.

Mr. McKinnon noted that should Council choose to approve all three hall funding requests, the budget would be in deficit however would not impact the overall Community Services budget.

Council discussed the possibility of need for hall inspections and Council's philosophy on funding halls and scope of which halls to fund.

JOHN VANDERMEER: That Council approve \$4,950.51 capital funding for the Shilo Community Club.

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CARRIED 7/0

DICK WYMENGA: That Council approve up to \$3,000.00 capital funding for the Leslieville Community Hall.

435/11

CARRIED 7/0

CASE KORVER: That Council approve \$25,000.00 capital funding for the Condor Community Centre.

436/11

CARRIED 7/0

Terri Miller and Don Livingston joined the meeting. Tyler McKinnon left the meeting.

MUNICIPAL: 6. December 27, 2011 Council Meeting

Ron Leaf noted that Council's second regular meeting in December would normally be scheduled for December 27, 2011. However, this meeting date falls on a Christmas holiday as per Council policy.

DICK WYMENGA: That Council cancels their second regular meeting in December, due to the Christmas Holiday.

437/11

CARRIED 7/0

Mr. Laidlaw noted that aggressive cocaine trade exists in the area, an increase in gang activities and a significant issue with 911 pocket dials and false alarms – all issues which are stretching RCMP resources.

Mr. Laidlaw noted the value of the school resource officer and proposed using 10% of time for adult education, such as recent charter efforts with businesses.

Discussion took place on legal alcohol limits and the impacts of impaired driving on the community.

RCMP HIGHWAY PATROL BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE

Terri Miller provided an update on the Highway Patrol (HP) Proposal including updated statistics for the area.

Discussion took place on the need for being proactive with enforcement and not only reactive.

Ron Leaf summarized comments that Clearwater County continues to lead district in fatalities and the need to maintain and eventually increase RCMP presence in our area, rather than consolidation elsewhere. Mr. Leaf noted that a meeting is scheduled with Superintendent Curtis Zablocki and Superintendent Gary Brine and also suggested requesting meeting with Solicitor General in January or February followed by a potential meeting at the Spring AAMDC meeting in March.

EARL GRAHAM: That Council accepts the RCMP and Highway Patrol Updates.

439/11

CARRIED 7/0

BOB BRYANT: That the meeting recess for lunch at 12:10 P.M.

440/11

CARRIED 7/0

The Meeting reconvened at 1:15 P.M. with the same people present as noted at the beginning of the meeting excluding Marshall Morton and Erik Hansen and including Darlene Walter, Keith McCrae, Marilyn Sanders, Gary West, Chris Gilbertson, Ken Qually and Darren Bauer.

PLANNING: 1. First Reading of Bylaw 950/11

Keith McCrae presented application No. 10/11 to amend the Land Use Bylaw for the redesignation of 152.42 acres in the NE 33-38-07-W5 from Agriculture District "A" to Residential Estate District "RE" for the purpose of creating approximately 54 country residential parcels.

Mr. McCrae noted the applicable sections of the Municipal Development Plan within the agenda package and the history of the application.

The applicant Darren Bauer addressed concerns heard previously noting that a hydrologist report indicates the property can sustain 80 residential lots with a communal system. Mr. Bauer noted that market concerns aren't a concern to the developer as they have had interest without any marketing. Mr. Bauer further noted that the subdivision is close to pavement and other residential subdivisions, the soil testing is sent to Alberta Environment for wastewater system approvals and that they will try to mitigate concerns from the public as much as possible.

FIRST READING of Bylaw 950/11 was moved by Councillor Graham.

441/11

CARRIED 6/1

Darren Bauer, Gary West, Ken Qually and Chris Gilbertson left the meeting. Bill Thomas, John Fletcher and Barry Bowman joined the meeting.

PLANNING:

2. Third Reading of Bylaw 918/09

Application No. 08/09 to Amend the Land Use Bylaw to redesignate ±64.49 acres of the S½ NE 27-40-05-W5M from Agriculture District "A" to Country Residence District "CR" and Country Residence Agriculture District "CRA" to facilitate future subdivision to create additional country residential parcels.

Mr. McCrae provided an overview of the application site and history as well as the legal opinion received in regards to Councillor's eligibility to vote, which allows only the four Councillors present at the public hearing. Section 184 (a) of the Municipal Government Act states a councillor must abstain from voting on bylaw or resolution if the councillor was absent from all of the public hearing.

John Fletcher noted a consultant's report detailing flood plain areas, a geotechnical report and soil sampling for wastewater treatment options. The proposed lots 10, 11 and 12 are suitable for septic fields. Proposed lot 13 – mound or engineered treatment system would be suitable therefore all lots are serviceable.

Mr. McCrae noted the requested adjustment to the rezoning seeing lot 10, 8 and 7 being zoned CR and also adding an additional lot 16.

Murray Hagan and Ed Grose joined the meeting.

Mr. Fletcher answered questions regarding adjacent water wells and aquifer and the hatchery pond.

Mr. McCrae noted that internal roads, intersections and wastewater systems would be addressed at the subdivision stage.

Mr. McCrae responded to question about the amendment to the Schedule A of the bylaw and that bylaws may be amended by Council,

Discussion took place on the smallest lot size and that it meets the serviceability of lots of similar size.

THIRD READING of Bylaw 918/09 was moved by Councillor Bryant.

442/11

CARRIED 4/0

Bill Thomas, John Fletcher, Barry Bowman and Darlene Walter left the meeting.

INFORMATION:

1. Manager's Reports

EARL GRAHAM:

That the Public Works Manager's Report, the Accounts Payable listing and the Municipal Manager's Report of November 8, 2011 be accepted as information.

443/11

CARRIED 7/0

IN CAMERA: 6. In Camera

EARL GRAHAM:

That Council meets as a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Employee Salary and Benefits Survey results and Nordegg 10 Year Capital Plan.
2:23 P.M.

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CARRIED 7/0

Christine Heggart left the meeting.

JIM DUNCAN:

That the meeting reverts to an Open Meeting at 4:58 P.M.

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CARRIED 7/0

**ADJOURNMENT: JOHN VANDERMEER:
4:59 P.M.**

That the Meeting adjourns.

CARRIED 7/0

REEVE

MUNICIPAL MANAGER