

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of Clearwater County, Province of Alberta, held August 14, 2012 in the County Office at Rocky Mountain House.

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Reeve Alexander with the following being present:

Reeve:	Pat Alexander
Councillors:	Earl Graham
	Jim Duncan
	Dick Wymenga
	Case Korver
	John Vandermeer
	Bob Bryant
Municipal Manager:	Ron Leaf
Director, Public Works:	Marshall Morton
Manager, Infrastructure:	Erik Hansen
Industry/Land Acquisitions Coordinator:	Brian Bilawchuk
Recording Secretary:	Christine Heggart
TIMS:	Darrell Philip
	Sarah Maetche
	Helge Nome

AGENDA: Ron Leaf requested Council remove item D2 – Devon Energy Presentation from the agenda as the delegates were not able to attend and E2 – 2012 Synergy Conference as Council addressed this item in July. Mr. Leaf also noted that as a result item F1 time has been amended to 10:00am.

CASE KORVER: That the August 14, 2012 Regular Meeting Agenda be accepted as amended.

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CARRIED 7/0

**CONFIRMATION
OF MINUTES:**

1. July 24, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

JIM DUNCAN: That the Minutes of the July 24, 2012 Regular Meeting be confirmed as circulated.

295/12

CARRIED 7/0

PUBLIC WORKS: 1. Angle Road Tender Results

Erik Hansen presented the five tenders received for the proposed Angle Road base and pave project. This project includes re-grading the existing road, the placement of granular base course and asphalt surfacing to construct a ban free structure.

Mr. Hansen noted M. Pidherney's Trucking Ltd. being the low valid bidder but that the bid for the project came in \$ 754,313.42 over the budgeted amount of \$3,504,000.00.

Mr. Hansen noted the rationale for the cost differentiation and recommended a tender release with a completion date of next year to allow for more potential bidders and provide potential cost savings.

DICK WYMENGA:

That Council does not award this project at this time and directs staff to re-tender the project in December for a completion date of October 2013.

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CARRIED 7/0

PUBLIC WORKS: 3. Request for Road Closure and Consolidation - Loewen

Brian Bilawchuk presented background information on a land transfer agreement on part of the SE 21-038-07W5 along the Everdell Road and the title exchange concludes side slope improvements that were completed in 2010.

Mr. Bilawchuk described the area required for the improvement and noted that the County will add the 0.038 HA (0.094 acres) to the Everdell Road plan from the Loewen's title and that the County will also remove the 0.188 HA (0.465 acres) from the 699PX Road Plan and add it to the Loewen's title.

Mr. Bilawchuk referenced the Municipal Government Act (MGA) Section 22 and 24 and noted that as this closure does not result in any disruption in traffic accommodation and may be completed with a resolution.

Mr. Bilawchuk noted that staff did not receive any objections from notified parties and that should Council approve the road closure resolution, the resolution will be forwarded to the Minister of Infrastructure for approval.

BOB BRYANT:

That Council approves the Request for Road Closure and Consolidation to All that portion of extra road and adjoining road within Road Plan 699 PX as contained within Area 'A', Plan 102, containing 0.188 hectares more or less. Excepting thereout all mines and minerals.

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CARRIED 7/0

Ron Leaf noted that Public Works are working on the Red Deer River Access Road and Erik Hansen provided a description of the maintenance work and shoulder pull being completed on the road. Marshall Morton noted the status of a cost sharing for dust control proposal to industry and responded to questions regarding industrial activity in the area.

Diane Fingler joined the meeting. Marshall Morton, Erik Hansen, Brian Bilawchuk and Darrell Philip left the meeting.

MUNICIPAL: 1. Olds College Centennial

Mike Haugen presented a request for sponsorship of the Olds College Centennial in support of the 100th anniversary events and noted the request does not meet the funding criteria in the Council's Events Funding Policy.

Mr. Haugen noted however that the policy allows Council to consider funding the request and that the lowest outlined sponsorship level is that of "Friend" in the amount of \$5000.00.

Council discussed sponsorship levels and the other municipality's involvement and the rationale for sponsorship.

JIM DUNCAN:

That Council does not support the request for sponsorship of the Olds College Centennial in support of their 100th Anniversary events.

298/12

CARRIED 5/2

MUNICIPAL: 2. 2012-2014 Strategic Plan

Ron Leaf provided background information as well as an update on the feedback received on the draft 2012 – 2014 Strategic Plan indicating no comments were received from the public following a six month comments period.

Mr. Leaf noted that Plan was posted on the County's webpage, hard copies presented at five divisional open houses between March and July, highlighted in an information sheet sent to every household with tax notices and as well covered by the local print and radio media.

Mr. Leaf recommended Council consider formal adoption of the 2012-2014 Strategic Plan.

JOHN VANDERMEER:

That Council approves the 2012 – 2014 Strategic Plan as presented.

299/12

CARRIED 7/0

MUNICIPAL: 3. Invitation Health Meeting – Minister Horne

Mike Haugen presented and invitation to attend the provincial government's "discussion with Albertans regarding health care" meeting in Rocky Mountain House on August 15th at 1 – 3 p.m. at the Lou Soppit Centre.

Mr. Haugen noted that the County has been invited to representatives and recommended Bob Bryant, as a member of the Town/Village/County Hospital Committee, and Ron Leaf, as CAO, be authorized to attend the 15th meeting.

Mr. Haugen recommended the following items be raised as concerns with the AB Health representatives:

1. The need for replacement of the Rocky Mountain House hospital;
2. Concern with Emergency Medical Service operations (e.g. response capability and resource allocation);
3. Clarifying the role of Primary Care Networks vs Family Care Centres in the provision of health care services to Albertans; and,
4. Clarifying policies relating to doctor allocation within regions or communities and identify the difficulties this policy is creating for communities to attract specialists, such as surgeons.

Ron Leaf noted that Minister Horne will not be attending the meeting and that Mr. Casey will be in attendance.

Reeve Pat Alexander noted that for concern #4 that it in attracting surgeons, there are challenges in getting permissions and that this is dealt with at the College of Physician level.

EARL GRAHAM: That Council confirms Bob Bryant and Ron Leaf as Council's representatives at the August 15th meeting.

300/12

CARRIED 7/0

Mr. Leaf noted a fifth concern to raise with Mr. Casey regarding the impact on Westview Lodge and Seniors Housing with limited long term care beds in the community and noted that items such as the administration of medications are having to be undertaken by Westview Lodge staff.

Council further discussed the need for a new hospital in Rocky Mountain House area and the area's position in the queue for a new hospital.

JIM DUNCAN: That Council confirms the discussion topics for the August 15th meeting as amended.

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CARRIED 7/0

Trevor Duley joined the meeting.

MUNICIPAL: 4. Bingley Hall Capital Grant Request

Mike Haugen presented background information regarding the Bingley Hall Community Association's request for \$3000 through the 2012 Capital Grant for Community Halls/Associations to be used towards the installation of a new furnace.

Mr. Haugen provided the additional information requested by Council, and noted the Association stated that the installation of the new furnace is estimated to save up to 20% of their current heating costs, which would be a savings of up to \$240.00 per year based on their current heating costs. He also noted the hall had several plumbers look at the furnace and noted it is reaching the end of its effective life as it is estimated to be approximately 40 years old.

Mr. Haugen added that the hall has noted they will receive a provincial casino fundraiser in 2015. He added that the Association was unable to provide specifics regarding revenues but that they are currently working on a plan to increase hall revenues and attract more attendance at the hall on an annual basis in order to become more sustainable.

Mr. Haugen noted that the Bingley Hall has not previously received funding through this grant and that currently \$3,764.47 remains in the 2012 Capital Grant budget.

Discussion took place on whether the application meets the 50/50 cost share requirement and by consensus Council determined the need for a listing of hall activity and revenue projections.

JOHN VANDERMEER: That Council tables Bingley Hall's request for \$3000 Capital Grant Funding for furnaces until a hall activity listing and estimated revenue projections are received.

302/12

CARRIED 7/0

MUNICIPAL: 5. Capital Grant Policy

Mr. Haugen presented an updated Capital Grant Funding for Community Halls/Associations policy and described the highlighted changes including:

- 1) Increase the annual grant budget amount from \$30,000.00 to \$35,000.00.
- 2) Include a requirement that applicants provide a five year sustainability plan with their application.
- 3) Include a requirement that applicants provide financial statements with their application.

Mr. Haugen noted that the application form reflects the policy changes as well as to encourage applicants to provide additional information requested by Council such as other potential funding sources approached, history on recent capital work completed, recent hall booking information, group financial statements and long term sustainability plans.

Councillor John Vandermeer noted the need for halls to provide financials for a three year period and Mr. Haugen added that staff is currently developing a Hall Sustainability Planning Kit to aid the halls in their planning.

Reeve Pat Alexander noted Item 8 in the policy and the expectation that halls provide 50/50 cost share for the project and discussion took place on whether community support or 50 percent funding should be required prior to County granting funds.

By consensus Council determined that Item 8 should remain as presented.

Discussion took place on Item 9 and rates for work in kind and Mr. Haugen noted that the rates correspond to those in provincial grant requirements.

Mr. Haugen also noted that retroactive funding was not referenced in the policy as Council directed staff that they would not consider retroactive funding.

BOB BRYANT:	That Council approves the Capital Grant Funding for Community Halls/Associations policy as presented.
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CARRIED 7/0

INFORMATION: 1. Information Items

BOB BRYANT:	That the Accounts Payable listing, the CAO's Report and the Public Works Director's Report be accepted as information.
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CARRIED 7/0

Keith McCrae, Marilyn Sanders, Holly Bily and Gary Aubuchon joined the meeting.

PLANNING: 1. Road Closure Application

Holly Bily presented an application to close all that portion of Road Plan 2677BM, an undeveloped road allowance, lying between two residential parcels within the SE 26-39-05 W5M south of the Hamlet of Leslieville.

Ms. Bily noted the south boundary of Road Plan 2677BM borders Road Plan 1297ET and comes to a dead end at the Aubuchon's property to the north and that currently all this portion of Road Plan 2677BM provides access to the Coomb's property to the east. With the Aubuchon's property lying to the west and north and that the Aubuchon's do have access via Road Plan 1267ET.

Ms. Bily added that Clearwater County Public Works Department has no objection to the application but recommended a future acquisition of land agreement be put in place for road widening purposes along the east boundary of all three parcels bordering Road Plan 1297ET. The County will retain five (5) metres from Road Plan 2677BM adjacent to Road Plan 1297ET for road widening purposes.

Ms. Bily noted that in order to close this portion of road a resolution process is required and then approval by Alberta Transportation.

Gary Aubuchon responded to questions regarding the property boundaries and the future road widening.

DICK WYMENGA: That Council approves closing all that portion of Road Plan 2677BM within the SE 26-39-05-W5M for consolidation with lands under ownership of Gary & Sheila Aubuchon (Title Number 082 182 417) and Jamie & Robin Coombs (Title Number 102 071 778) as shown on Schedule "A" forming part of the Resolution.

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CARRIED 7/0

BOB BRYANT: That Council enters into a Future Land Acquisition Agreement with Gary & Sheila Aubuchon (Title Number 082 182 417) and Jamie & Robin Coombs (Title Number 102 071 778) at the same time as the road closure resolution is completed.

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CARRIED 7/0

Keith McCrae, Marilyn Sanders, Holly Bily and Gary Aubuchon left the meeting.

IN CAMERA: 6. In Camera

EARL GRAHAM: That Council meets as a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing a land matter.
10:19 A.M.

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CARRIED 7/0

Diane Fingler, Helge Nome, Sarah Maetche and Christine Heggart left the meeting.

DICK WYMENGA: That the meeting reverts to an Open Meeting at 11:15 A.M.

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CARRIED 7/0

Discussion took place on the Brazeau County official opening of the new administration office on September 10, 2012.

CASE KORVER: That Councillor authorizes a member of Council to attend the grand opening of the new Brazeau County Administration building.

309/12

CARRIED 7/0

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

Councillor Jim Duncan provided a highlight on a recent meeting with the Minister of Agriculture.

Councillor Earl Graham noted he and other members of the Executive will be meeting with Minister Diane McQueen for Red Deer River Municipal Users Group (RDRMUG).

**ADJOURNMENT:
11:20 A.M.**

JOHN VANDERMEER:

That the Meeting adjourns.

CARRIED 7/0

REEVE

MUNICIPAL MANAGER