

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of Clearwater County, Province of Alberta, held July 24, 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
Municipal Manager:	Ron Leaf
Director, Public Works:	Marshall Morton
Recording Secretary:	Christine Heggart
TIMS:	Darrell Philip
TIMS:	Brad Welygan
	Sarah Maetche
	Helge Nome
	Trevor Duley

**AGENDA:** Ron Leaf requested Council add E5 - Support Letter for CIIF Grant and E6 - In Camera - Legal items.

JIM DUNCAN: That the July 24, 2012 Regular Meeting Agenda be accepted as amended.

278/12

CARRIED 6/0

**CONFIRMATION  
OF MINUTES:**

**1. July 10, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes**

EARL GRAHAM: That the Minutes of the July 10, 2012 Regular Meeting be confirmed as circulated.

279/12

CARRIED 6/0

**CORPORATE  
SERVICES:**

**1. County Operating and Capital Reports to June 30, 2012**

Rhonda Serhan presented an overview of the operating and capital reports providing a snapshot of the County's financial performance against the 2012 budget up to June 30, 2012.

Ms. Serhan noted that there were no anomalies to report, that some organizations haven't received grants yet and that operating expenditures are right on track. She added that most capital projects were just getting underway at the end of June and that the exceptions are the capital purchases for vehicles and equipment, which have, in most cases, been purchased already.

Ms. Serhan responded to questions regarding user fees and oil well drilling taxes.

DICK WYMENGA: That Council accepts the operating and capital reports to June 30, 2012 as information.

280/12

CARRIED 6/0

**MUNICIPAL:            1.        Town of RMH Invitation to the 2012 AUMA Convention**

Christine Heggart presented an invitation from the Town of Rocky Mountain House for one Clearwater County Councillor to attend the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) Convention 2012, taking place on September 26 – 28, 2012 in Edmonton.

Council discussed previous Councillor attendance.

DICK WYMENGA:	That Council authorizes Jim Duncan attend the 2012 AUMA Convention as the guest of the Town of Rocky Mountain House.
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**281/12**

**CARRIED 6/0**

Diane Fingler joined the meeting. Darrell Philip and Brad Welygan left the meeting.

**MUNICIPAL:            2.        Primary Care Network (PCN) Request Letter**

Ron Leaf presented a request from the PCN requesting a letter of support for their fundraising efforts in order so that they can relocate the PCN offices to an alternate, larger location across the road from the existing medical clinic.

Mr. Leaf noted that the support letter emphasizes that the PCN is a provincially funded service and responded to questions regarding PCN mandate and the anticipated future of PCN in Alberta.

Reeve Alexander and Councillor Wymenga noted the need to remove the last sentence of the support letter.

Council discussed the need for more details surrounding the PCN's space requirements, expanded services and long term lease agreement.

Councillor Graham noted the need to know more about their governance and funding structures.

EARL GRAHAM:	That Council table the request for a letter of support until information is received regarding the PCN's governance and funding structures.
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**282/12**

**CARRIED 6/0**

**MUNICIPAL:            5.        Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF) Support Letters**

Trevor Duley presented background information regarding the CIIF grant of which \$46 million is allocated to Western Economic Diversification Canada to invest in capital renovation projects and upgrades amongst the Western provinces.

Mr. Duley presented two letters of support, one for the Village of Caroline regarding the Caroline Arena renovations and the other for the Town of Rocky Mountain House regarding renovations to their rectangular sports fields.

CASE KORVER:	That Council directs Administration to provide a support letter for Caroline's application for the CIIF Grant.
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CARRIED 6/0

JIM DUNCAN:

That Council directs Administration to provide a support letter for Rocky Mountain House's application for the CIIF Grant.

284/12

CARRIED 6/0

MUNICIPAL:

**3. May Long Weekend Report and Statistics**

Terri Miller presented a report for the May long weekend 2012 taskforce in which 128 taskforce officers participated. She noted that the objectives of the taskforce included: increased enforcement presence and public safety; traffic safety; respect for the land; responsible camping; liquor violations; fire safety; and, garbage disposal.

Ms. Miller discussed check stops and that next year there may be multiple stop locations and that in 2012 there were many youth related alcohol infractions and alcohol storage infractions.

Ms. Miller responded to questions regarding Sustainable Resources Development (SRD) and their enforcement void with SRD no longer having the ability to write tickets.

Ms. Miller referred to the taskforce's annual statistics noting the number of people checked, tickets issued, impaired drivers, ambulance calls, arrests, abandoned vehicles, abandoned fires, emergency room visits, OHV checks, warnings issued and the impacts of industrial dumpsters.

Ms. Miller responded to questions regarding clean up efforts after the fact and noted that there was less garbage in 2012 than in previous years.

JOHN VANDERMEER:

That Council accepts the May long weekend report as information.

285/12

CARRIED 6/0

Mike Haugen, Keith McCrae, Marilyn Sanders, Kelly Spongberg, Jenny Kasproicz, Vic Maxwell, Dan Spongberg and Frances Spongberg

PLANNING:

**1. First Reading of Bylaw 964/12 – Land Use Amendment**

Keith McCrae presented an application for the redesignation of approximately 70 acres of the subject lands to the Light Industrial District "LI" for the purpose of creating a business park. The proposed development would provide for the relocation of an existing oilfield tank storage business along with the creation of a number of light industrial parcels of various sizes for sale.

Mr. McCrae provided background information on the application and noted that the subject land is located approximately 1.5 miles north of the Town of Rocky Mountain House on the east side of the Airport Road and that Kelly Spongberg holds title to the remainder of NW 02-40-07-W5 containing 152.06 acres and presently zoned Agriculture District "A".

Jenny Kasproicz of Matrix Planning introduced herself and noted the new name for the development is Metaldog Industrial Park. She provided an overview of the Area Structure Plan (ASP) location, history of the application, anticipated market demand and site features, suitability and topography.

Ms. Kasprovicz referenced the applicable IDP policy and map, the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) policy and the Land Use Bylaw and noted how the application complies with these plans.

Ms. Kasprovicz noted the proposed public and stakeholder consultation process including an open house as well as provided an overview of the proposed lot plan and layout and the proposed organization of an ASP.

Ms. Kasprovicz responded to questions regarding lot plan, municipal reserves and a Ducks Unlimited caveat on title. Kelly Spongberg added that 30% of the lake at the airport is on the north east corner of the property.

Mr. McCrae noted that the application meets all the requirements of the MDP and that an ASP is a statutory document that must be adopted by bylaw.

**FIRST READING** of Bylaw 964/12 for the redesignation of approximately 70 acres of the subject lands to the Light Industrial District "LI" for the purpose of creating a business park was moved by Councillor VANDERMEER.

**286/12**

CARRIED 6/0

EARL GRAHAM:

That Council approves the terms of reference for the preparation of an Area Structure Plan for the subject lands.

**287/12**

CARRIED 6/0

Jenny Kasprovicz left the meeting.

**PLANNING:**

**2. First Reading of Bylaw 963/12 – Land Use Amendment**

Marilyn Sanders presented an application for the redesignation of ±39.00 acres in Plan 3329-TR, Block 2, Lot 10, PT SW 23-39-08-W5M, from Agriculture District "A" to Country Residence District "CR" for the purpose of developing 13 residential parcels.

Ms. Sanders noted the subject land is located approximately 5 miles west of the Town of Rocky Mountain House on Old Highway #11A with legal and physical access is north off of the westerly extension of Ferrier Drive.

Ms. Sanders referenced applicable Municipal Development Plan (MDP) policy and that the previous adoption of an area structure plan allows for traditional lot development.

Vic Maxwell noted that the property is wooded and that the protection of wooded areas was accounted for in the lot plan development and that access road site lines have been reviewed by Clearwater County's public works department.

Ms. Sanders responded to question on site lines and public works review of the property.

**FIRST READING** of Bylaw 963/12 for the redesignation of ±39.00 acres in Plan 3329-TR, Block 2, Lot 10, PT SW 23-39-08-W5M, from Agriculture District "A" to Country Residence District "CR" for the purpose of developing 13 residential parcels was move d by Councillor DUNCAN.

**288/12**

CARRIED 6/0

Keith McCrae, Marilyn Sanders, Kelly Spongberg, Dan Spongberg, Frances Spongberg and Vic Maxwell left the meeting.

**INFORMATION:     1.     Information Items**

Ron Leaf discussed the proposed federal wastewater regulations and noted that the public works department will be presenting a council agenda item in this regards at a later date.

Council discussed the invitation to the opening of the MLA Joe Anglin's office in Sundre on Saturday July 28 and by consensus agreed Pat Alexander will attend.

By consensus, Council directed staff to send a plaque to Starland County to commemorate the opening of their new administration building.

CASE KORVER:	That the Accounts Payable listing, the CAO's Report and the Public Works Director's Report be accepted as information.
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**289/12**

**CARRIED 6/0**

**MUNICIPAL:     4.     January – June 2012 Highway Patrol Report**

Terri Miller responded to questions regarding the July long weekend enforcement noting that there were more people in the West Country on the July 2012 long weekend then the May long weekend.

Councillor Duncan noted complaints he received about high speeds and high volumes around South Fork and Boundary areas. Ms. Miller added that many complaints come in after the fact and at that point it is difficult to respond. She recommended people call the RCMP when issues are occurring so that even if they do not respond, issues are being identified.

Mr. Leaf noted that RCMP and SRD have jurisdiction in the West Country and proposed a meeting with the Solicitor General and SRD/Environment Ministers to discuss enforcement issues.

CASE KORVER:	That Council directs staff to set up a meeting with the Alberta Solicitor General's office and Alberta SRD/Environment to discuss West Country enforcement.
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**290/12**

**CARRIED 6/0**

Ms. Miller responded to questions regarding all summer long weekends, Council's placement of priority on road use enforcement and needing two officers to enforce in the West Country to mitigate safety issues.

Mr. Leaf noted his upcoming discussion with Rocky RCMP Staff Sargent Bill Laidlaw and that staffing issues mean the RCMP may need to shift the check stop long weekends due to limited manpower.

Councillor Vandermeer discussed the need to see statistics regarding hospital visits for all long weekends during the summer months.

Ms. Miller provided an update on the Community Peace Officer training and recertification completed for the year and noted that there was an increase in number of violations and tickets issued in the first half of 2012 compared to same period last year, that the number of complaints surrounding quads increase in spring/summer months and that the new side by side is now in use.

Ms. Miller noted that during commercial vehicle inspections 36% of inspected vehicles were put out of service and she provided an update from community hall and CCPAC meetings, safety day, May long weekend task force and July long weekends.

Ms. Miller noted the types and volumes of tickets issued compared with same period in 2011 and highlighted the increase in numbers of overloads, speeding tickets in excess of 50 km/h over speed limits and stop sign violations.

Ms. Miller responded to question regarding Off Highway Vehicle complaints and tracking procedures as well as the RCMP's jurisdiction to issue tickets.

EARL GRAHAM: That Council accepts the Community Peace Officer report for January to June 2012.

**291/12** CARRIED 6/0

Marshall Morton joined the meeting.

**IN CAMERA: 6. In Camera**

JIM DUNCAN: That Council meets as a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing a legal matter.  
11:49 A.M.

**292/12** CARRIED 6/0

Helge Nome, Diane Fingler, Sarah Maeche, Christine Heggart, Mike Haugen and Trevor Duley left the meeting.

DICK WYMENGA: That the meeting reverts to an Open Meeting at 11:59 A.M.

**293/12** CARRIED 6/0

**ADJOURNMENT:** JOHN VANDERMEER: That the Meeting adjourns.

**12:00 P.M.**

CARRIED 6/0

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MUNICIPAL MANAGER