

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of Clearwater County, Province of Alberta, held May 22, 2012 in the County Office at Rocky Mountain House.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Meeting was called to order at 9:03 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
Assistant Director, Public Works:	Rick Emmons
Recording Secretary:	Christine Heggart
TIMS:	Brad Welygan
TIMS:	Darrell Philip
Construction Supervisor:	Erik Hansen
	Trevor Duley
	Sarah Maetche
	Helge Nome
	Diane Fingler

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** EARL GRAHAM: That the May 22, 2012 Regular Meeting Agenda be accepted as circulated.

194/12 CARRIED 7/0

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** 1. May 8, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

CASE KORVER: That the Minutes of the May 8, 2012 Regular Meeting be confirmed as circulated.

195/12 CARRIED 7/0

**PUBLIC WORKS:** 1. Request for Pavement of Highway 11A West of Rocky Mountain House

Erik Hansen presented a request from the Bill and Doreen Sands for pavement on Old Highway 11A a portion of road that is approximately 12km in length beginning just past Ferrier and continues west to Highway 11.

Mr. Hansen noted that a traffic count was completed on this portion of road last year and the average count at the east end was 187 vehicles per day with 10.2% truck traffic and the average count at the west end was 56 vehicles per day with 9.7% truck traffic.

Mr. Hansen noted that another traffic count is scheduled for this portion of road in 2012 and responded to questions regarding traffic counts and paving criteria.

JIM DUNCAN: That Council accepts the request for pavement of Highway 11A as information for discussion purposes during the 2013 budget deliberations.

196/12 CARRIED 7/0

**PUBLIC WORKS: 2. Management of Utilities Policy Reveiw**

Erik Hansen presented amendments to the Management of Utilities Policy including the management of the twinning of power lines as well as how to manage underground power lines.

Mr. Hansen noted that the main changes to the policy being the additions of numbers 11 and 12 and responded to questions regarding the location of the power lines in the road allowance and why power some providers are adverse to placing power lines on private property.

JIM DUNCAN: That Council approves the draft revisions of the Management of Utilities Policy.

197/12

CARRIED 7/0

**PUBLIC WORKS: 3. Withrow Request for Engineering Study of Communal Wastewater Facility**

Rick Emmons presented a signed petition with 24 signatures (out of 35 (representing 68.5% of residents)), from the property owners of the Withrow community requesting that Clearwater County undertake engineering studies for the feasibility of the installation of a communal wastewater treatment system.

Mr. Emmons provided background on the application stating that Council received a similar request in 2010 and 2001.

Mr. Emmons noted that a community meeting was held in Withrow during the spring of 2011 by Clearwater County to provide the community an opportunity to ask questions and discuss costs related to performing a new engineering study and new communal system.

Mr. Emmons noted that at the time of the community meeting it was noted that all costs associated with the study and any infrastructure development would be borne by the residents of Withrow and the community as a whole expressed mixed feelings and asked for time to discuss further. Mr. Emmons added that staff followed up with the community on several occasions and was told that the community was still considering their options.

Ron Leaf responded to questions regarding percentage of residents that need to be in favour in order to proceed with study at resident's cost.

DICK WYMENGA: That Council accepts the petition for information and directs Administration to include the Withrow communal wastewater needs in the waste water site investigation, currently being undertaken by staff.

198/12

CARRIED 7/0

Darrell Philip, Brad Welygan, Rick Emmons and Erik Hansen left the meeting.

**MUNICIPAL: 1. June 26 MP Meeting – Howse Pass**

Ron Leaf noted that Members of Parliament Blaine Calkins and Blake Richards confirmed their attendance at the June 26 Council meeting and that one of the items Council previously indicated they wished to discuss was the Howse Pass.

Mr. Leaf provided the Howse Pass report completed in 2005 which detailed location of the Howse Pass (west of Highway 11/93 Intersection) and that construction of 66 kilometers of road would provide access to Highway 1 at Donald B.C. which is just west of Golden.

Mr. Leaf provided background information on a number of lobby efforts over the past 50 years regarding Howse Pass and that in 2004 the Town of Rocky Mountain House and Clearwater County received funding to undertake a study (Lacombe County joining the Howse Pass committee in 2005). The cost benefit analysis considered: direct construction costs, maintenance costs, costs of overpass/underpass construction costs, travel time cost savings, accident cost savings, vehicle operating cost savings and vehicle emission cost savings.

Mr. Leaf summarized the outcomes of the study and committee recommendations and noted the significant issues to be addressed are federal Parks legislation, environmental opposition and the potential opposition from the Town of Golden.

Mr. Leaf noted that with a majority government the amendments to the Parks Act may be more feasible and that private investment could be used to fund the Howse Pass project.

EARL GRAHAM: That Council accepts the Howse Pass briefing as information.

199/12

CARRIED 7/0

Mike Haugen and Tyler McKinnon joined the meeting.

**MUNICIPAL: 2. June 26 MP Meeting – Blaine Calkins and Blake Richards**

Ron Leaf recommended that Council raise the issues of Municipal Infrastructure Deficit and Howse Pass during the June 26 meeting with Members of Parliament Blaine Calkins and Blake Richards.

Mr. Leaf noted the need to lobby for increased funding for the upgrade of critical infrastructure such as roads, bridges, water and wastewater funding and referenced the issue of rural sustainability identified in the 2009 FCM report, *Wake Up Call: The National Vision and Voice We Need for Rural Canada - The Federal Role in Rural Sustainability*.

Reeve Alexander noted the need to add enforcement of federal grounds to the agenda for discussion and Councillor Duncan noted the need to add the cancellation of the Prairie Shelterbelt Program.

Matt Martinson provided a summary of the federal budgets cuts that impacted the shelterbelt program and the Agricultural Services Board (ASB) position on the closure of the shelterbelt centre in Indian Head, Saskatchewan.

BOB BRYANT: That Council approves that amended discussion agenda for the June 26 meeting with Members of Parliament.

**200/12**

CARRIED 7/0

Matt Martinson and Marty Winchell joined the meeting.

**MUNICIPAL: 3. Aq Services and Landcare Provincial Legislative Appointments**

Matt Martinson discussed the Agricultural Services and Landcare seasonal weed extension and enforcement programs and presented the required staff appointments as Clearwater County Weed Inspectors for the 2012 season.

Mr. Martinson responded to questions regarding seasonal staff and how they deal with difficult ratepayers.

DICK WYMENGA: That Council appoints Agricultural Services and Landcare Seasonal Staff members Aimee Delaney, Erin Brun, Erica Ziegler and Kortney Ahlstrom as Clearwater County Weed Inspectors for the 2012 season.

201/12

CARRIED 7/0

Matt Martinson and Marty Winchell left the meeting.

**MUNICIPAL: 4. Leslieville Road Closure Request**

Tyler McKinnon presented a request from Kim Neudorf-Armstrong, of Three Ladies and Their Stuff, to close Third Street in Leslieville for one evening (1:00 pm to 12:00 am on August 4, 2012) to accommodate a drive-in movie and outdoor market during Leslieville Antique days.

Mr. McKinnon noted the process to close the street, including the placement of advertisement in the local papers, as well as signage being installed two weeks prior to the event along the effected street and that Three Ladies and Their Stuff, Inc. would be required to pay for the advertising and signage.

Mr. McKinnon added that Ms. Neudorf-Armstrong indicated that should the event continue to prove successful, she would hope to make it an annual event for the community.

DICK WYMENGA: That Council approves the closure of Third Street in Leslieville from 1:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on August 4, 2012.

202/12

CARRIED 7/0

**MUNICIPAL: 5. May Long Weekend Report**

Mike Haugen presented an update on the May long weekend taskforce and noted that there were a lot of people in the West Country with a large number of tickets issued for alcohol and speeding. He added that the Community Peace Officers (CPOs) were out on the side-by-side off highway vehicle (OHV) doing enforcement the entire weekend and that there were reports of a few OHV accidents and a few campfires getting away from campers.

Ron Leaf noted that Council will receive a formal report at the end of June or in July.

Reeve Alexander noted he experienced the usual May Long weekend traffic, commended the volunteer fire departments, and added the OHV enforcement was well received.

JIM DUNCAN: That Council approves the May long weekend report as information.

203/12

CARRIED 7/0

**INFORMATION: 1. Information Items**

Mr. Leaf noted that his meeting with Supt. Curtis Zablocki has been rescheduled until the middle of June, that the meeting with the Village of

Caroline on May 23 at the Caroline arena has been changed to 6:00pm and that the bus for the Drumheller Tour is scheduled to leave the County office at 7:30am on May 28.

CASE KORVER:

That the Accounts Payable listing, the Municipal Manager's Report, Public Works Manager's Report, County Operating Report and Council Calendar of May 22, 2012 be accepted as information.

204/12

CARRIED 6/0

IN CAMERA:

**6. In Camera**

JOHN VANDERMEER:

That Council meets as a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing enforcement.  
9:51 A.M.

205/12

CARRIED 7/0

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

BOB BRYANT:

That the meeting reverts to an Open Meeting at 10:15 A.M.

206/12

CARRIED 7/0

Christine Heggart, Helge Nome, Diane Fingler, Trevor Duley, Vic Maxwell and Sarah Maeche joined the meeting.

PLANNING:

**1. Land Use Amendment - Maxwell**

Kimberly Jakowski presented an application for the redesignation of 3.16 acres described as Pt. SW 01-40-07-W5 from Country Residence District "CR" to Country Residence Agricultural District "CRA" and; for the redesignation of 1.34 acres described as SW 01-40-07-W5 from Agriculture District "A" to Country Residence Agricultural District "CRA" for the purpose of consolidating with the existing first parcel out to increase the size.

Ms. Jakowski noted the subject land is located approximately 2.5 miles northeast of the Town of Rocky Mountain House and that Vic and Mary Maxwell hold title to the SW 01-40-07-W5 containing 155.8 acres and presently zoned Agriculture District "A".

Ms. Jakowski provided background on the property and noted that the land proposed to be rezoned and subdivided is located in the southeast corner of the quarter section and that Stewart Ball and Patricia Lentz hold title to Pt. SW 04-40-07-W5 containing 3.16 acres and presently zoned Country Residence District "CR".

Ms. Jakowski noted the application is to create a 4.5 +/- acre Country Residence Agricultural parcel adjacent to Airport Road (TWP RD 40-0). The proposal is to rezone the existing residential parcel and a portion of the quarter section adjacent to the parcel to create a larger parcel out, with the appropriate zoning.

Ms. Jakowski responded to a question regarding numbers of houses currently on the property and noted that the two residences on the property would need to be removed should a development permit for a new residence emerge. Ms. Jakowski noted that the second residence currently on the property did not receive a development permit and that it is for a bona fide

need, but that the appropriate permits and approvals have not been completed by the property owner.

Councillor Bryant noted that the applicants should be required to complete the development permit and bona fide need verification process in order to proceed with the redesignation/zoning request.

Ms. Jakowski responded to a question regarding what entails a bona fide need, and how applicants must apply through the MPC and verify with a signed affidavit and agreement annually that the bona fide need still exists and she added that the bona fide structure must be temporary.

Keith McCrae responded to a question regarding parcel size and that the parcel size of 4.5 acres will not permit future subdivision.

FIRST READING of Bylaw 962/12 to amend the Land Use Bylaw for for the redesignation of 3.16 acres described as Pt. SW 01-40-07-W5 from Country Residence District "CR" to Country Residence Agricultural District "CRA" and; for the redesignation of 1.34 acres described as SW 01-40-07-W5 from Agriculture District "A" to Country Residence Agricultural District "CRA" for the purpose of consolidating with the existing first parcel out to increase the size was moved by Councillor Bryant.

**207/12**

**CARRIED 7/0**

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:**

Reeve Alexander noted in his recent meeting with Parks Canada that federal budget cutbacks will affect Rocky Mountain House Historic Site and that the hours of operation will be reduced to May 1 – End of September for 2012 and that from 2013 onward the tours will be self-directed. He further noted that the Confluence Heritage Society does a lot of volunteer work at the Historic Site and that the number of visitors have been increasing.

**ADJOURNMENT:  
10:31 A.M.**

**JOHN VANDERMEER:**

That the Meeting adjourns.

**CARRIED 7/0**

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MUNICIPAL MANAGER