

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of Clearwater County, Province of Alberta, held October 11, 2011 in the County Office at Rocky Mountain House.

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order at 9:10 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
Public Works Assistant Manager:	Rick Emmons
Maintenance Supervisor:	Frank McBride
Recording Secretary:	Christine Heggart
IT:	Brad Welygan
IT:	Darrell Philip
Mountaineer:	Jessica Jones

AGENDA

Additions:

Committee Report – Big Horn Back Country
In Camera – F5 CAO Performance Evaluation

Deletion:

Bridge Restriction – D6

APPROVAL:

EARL GRAHAM: That the October 11, 2011 Regular Meeting Agenda be accepted as amended.

382/11

CARRIED 7/0

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

1. September 27, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

JIM DUNCAN: That the Minutes of the September 27, 2011 Regular Meeting be confirmed as circulated.

383/11

CARRIED 7/0

Diane Fingler joined the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS: 1. Public Works Manager's Report

Marshall Morton presented the October 11, 2011 Public Works manager's report.

Construction

All Gravel Road rehab projects are now completed with only clean up and reclamation of borrow areas remaining.

Prentice Creek Contracting has completed the intersectional improvements for the alternate access into the North Nordegg Subdivision. A final inspection will be completed this week.

There currently are two crews working on shoulder pulls one of which will be starting work on the Crammond Road East from Burnstick Lake Road to Caroline South.

The other crew is working on TWP 37-3 (by Butte Hall) and should have this road completed this week.

M. Pidherney's Trucking has completed work on TWP 40-2 & the intersection of 761. There is some re-alignment that is required on the East of 761 that will be undertaken this week.

Access Roads

McMeekin Resources has commenced building the Access Road to SW17-35-5-W5 which is being done on a cost share basis with the Mckeown's.

Bridges

BF 1963 (James River South) - Will be closing Oct. 17 for approximately two weeks in order to facilitate a deck replacement. Notices have been sent to local papers as well as posted on the Clearwater County website. Emergency Services and the three local school divisions have also been contacted.

Gravel

The gravel crushing contractor has moved into the Cooper pit and has started crushing, beginning with the winter sand.

Surfaced Roads

The annual line painting program has now been completed.

Water/Wastewater

Fortis is anticipating having the installation of three phase power to the Leslieville lift station site by November.

Leslieville lagoon has closed to external hauling and Taber Solids Control Ltd has moved in and has begun the dredging of the lagoon.

The Maintenance Department will be doing the annual release of the Condor lagoon this week.

Flushing of the main sewer lines in the hamlets is scheduled to begin October 24. Notices have been sent to local papers as well as posted on the Clearwater County website.

Current Road Bans:

Road Bans are unchanged from September 27, 2011 Council meeting.

Staff responded to questions regarding accounts payable listing.

CASE KORVER: That the Public Works Manager's Report of October 11, 2011 be accepted as presented.

384/11

CARRIED 7/0

Darrell Philip and Brad Welygan left the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS: 2. Sunchild Road Speed Increase to 90 km/h

Frank McBride presented bylaw 948/11 to increase the speed of the newly paved section of Sunchild Road, from the Nordegg River Road heading north 2.4 Km's to Clearwater County boundary, to 90 Km/hr. zone.

This proposed By-law amends the remaining 80 Km/hr. zone to a 90 Km/hr. zone and to rescinds the existing By-laws (By-law No. 930/10 and By-law

No. 933/11) making the Sunchild Road a 90 Km/h zone beginning at Provincial Highway No.11 north 48.5 Km's to the Clearwater County boundary.

Staff responded to questions regarding the speed limit on the Brazeau County boundary.

FIRST READING of By-law No. 948/11 amending the 80 Km/hr. zone to 90 Km/hr. zone, along with the rescinding of the two previous By-laws and make the Sunchild Road a 90Km/hr. zone under on By-law was moved by Councillor Wymenga.

385/11

CARRIED 7/0

SECOND READING of By-law No. 948/11 amending the 80 Km/hr. zone to 90 Km/hr. zone, along with the rescinding of the two previous By-laws and make the Sunchild Road a 90Km/hr. zone under on By-law was moved by Councillor Graham.

386/11

CARRIED 7/0

JIM DUNCAN: Moved that Third Reading of Bylaw No. 848/11 be granted.

387/11

CARRIED 7/0

THIRD READING of By-law No. 948/11 amending the 80 Km/hr. zone to 90 Km/hr. zone, along with the rescinding of the two previous By-laws and make the Sunchild Road a 90Km/hr. zone under on By-law was moved by Councillor Bryant.

388/11

CARRIED 7/0

PUBLIC WORKS: 3. Proposed Access to NW 1-39-8 W5

Marshall Morton presented a request from Mr. Dale Speight proposing the construction of 850m of municipal standard road under the Access Road Policy. The proposed road would continue north on the currently undeveloped portion of Range Road 8-1 north of Twp. Rd 39-0 (Speight Road) approximately 850m.

Mr. Morton noted that staff inspected the subject area and determined the proposed road does qualify under the "Access Roads" policy. The estimated cost of this project is \$148,951.75. If Council approves the described development the County's share would be \$104,380.94 whereas the applicants share would be \$44,570.81, consistent with policy.

Staff responded to questions regarding location of access road, access road policy and tenders.

JOHN VANDERMEER: That Council approves the construction of the Speight Access request under the provisions of the Access Roads Policy, thus allowing for this road to be added to the queue for construction.

389/11

CARRIED 7/0

PUBLIC WORKS: 4. Stop Sign Amendment

Frank McBride presented information Trevor and Lois Donner's subdivision which received conditional approval dated October 10, 2008. As part of the

conditional approval the applicant was required to upgrade the existing access road and driveways to County specifications at their sole expense and provide a stop sign to be placed at the corner of the access road (SE 6-40-9 W5) and township road TWP Rd. 40-0.

JIM DUNCAN: That Council approves stop sign installation, thereby amending the regulatory sign bylaw to permit the installation of a stop sign as shown on Aerial Map SE 6-40-9 W5.

390/11

CARRIED 7/0

PUBLIC WORKS: 5. Stock Crossing Signage Request

Rick Emmons presented a request from Jenny Al-Adra on behalf of the Pioneer Ranch Camp for the installation of two stock crossing signs equipped with flashing lights. Clearwater County's Private Signs Policy stipulates the cost for material and labour of the requested stock crossing signs is to be borne by the applicant and requires council's approval.

Mr. Emmons recommended the option for Clearwater County to construct signage powered by a 12 volt battery that can be magnetically attached to the "stock Crossing" signs which the County would authorize Pioneer Ranch Camp to attach to the signs when they are moving cattle across the roadway - at a cost of \$450.00 per sign including the flashing lights which would be covered by the Camp.

Staff responded to questions regarding location of signage, costs and maintenance.

JOHN VANDERMEER: That Council approve Pioneer Ranch Camp's request and grant permission for the installation of two stock crossing signs with magnetic flashing lights.

391/11

CARRIED 7/0

Denniece Crout and Murray Hagan joined the meeting.

FINANCE: 1. Accounts Payable Listing

Council reviewed the Open Payable Report for October 11, 2011 which was previously sent to Council.

JIM DUNCAN: That Council accepts the Accounts Payable Listing as information.

392/11

CARRIED 7/0

Marshall Morton, Rick Emmons, Frank McBride left the meeting.

FINANCE: 2. Recovery of Taxes

Denniece Crout presented information regarding a property three years in tax arrears and with all avenues for payments exhausted, the only recourse for Clearwater County is to hold an auction. In the case of the property located at NW -8-38-6W5. the auction of this property is scheduled for November 3, 2011 at 10:00a.m.

MGA Section 412 states that the property must be placed on an arrears list. Section 413 states the land titles registrar must endorse on the certificate of title the tax recovery notification. As per Section 417 the registrar for land titles must notify the owner of the land and each encumbrance must be shown on the title. Clearwater County has advertised the property for auction in the Alberta Gazette and the local newspaper within the specified time lines as per section 421 of the MGA. All the steps mentioned above have been executed within the time frame specified in the MGA.

As per section 419 of the MGA council must set the minimum reserve bid and set any conditions that may apply to the sale. If the parcel is not sold at public auction then Clearwater County would acquire the title.

The firm of Haldane Appraisals Ltd. was hired to perform an appraisal. The value placed on the property as per the appraisal is \$205,000 as of September 19, 2011.

Staff responded to questions regarding property location, tax recovery and auction protocol.

BOB BRYANT: That Council set the minimum bid at \$205,000.00 and set the conditions of certified cheque or cash at the time of auction for 10% of the bid price and the balance paid within 30 days.

393/11

CARRIED 7/0

MUNICIPAL: 1. Municipal Manager's Report

Ron Leaf presented the Municipal Manager's Report for October 11, 2011.

Sunchild Road Opening

An official opening of the Sunchild Road has been confirmed for this Thursday, October 13. The opening ceremonies will be held at the Brazeau Dam with representatives from Brazeau County, Clearwater County, O'Chiese and Sunchild First Nations and a representative(s) from the Federal Infrastructure Fund.

Meeting with Sundre Mayor and CAO

Mr. Leaf and Reeve Alexander will meet with the Sundre Mayor, Annette Clews, and the Sundre CAO, Ryan Leuzinger, to discuss the following items:

- General discussion building relationships and potential future partnerships
- Mutual aid agreements discussion (Fire Services)
- Shared services
- Mutual Concerns (Rivers, etc.)

October 25 Organizational Meeting

Council's Organizational meeting will be October 25. As of Friday, there were still a few board openings and Mr. Leaf encouraged any community members interested in sitting on a Board or Committee to contact Christine Heggart.

Kim Neilson Retirement

Mr. Leaf reminded Council of the County staff BBQ for Kim on October 27 from 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. Kim's formal retirement party is being held November 3 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Pine Hills Golf course.

Hospital Committee

Mr. Leaf discussed the proposed Hospital Committee as discussed at Chamber breakfast. Council discussion took place in terms of

representation, importance of fundamental infrastructure and the need for other potential committee members from Caroline Council and Chamber of Commerce.

EARL GRAHAM: That Council appoints Pat Alexander and Bob Bryant to sit on the newly formed Hospital Committee.

394/11

CARRIED 7/0

Upcoming Events:

- CAAMDC Zone meeting – Friday October 14, Ponoka
- October 27 – Kim Neilson retirement BBQ
- October 31 – PW Road Tour - Red Deer River Access
- Nov 3 – Media Training in the morning and Kim Neilson Retirement – Pine Hills at 6:30pm
- November 21 – 24 – AAMDC convention

JOHN VANDERMEER: That the Municipal Manager's Report of October 11, 2011 be accepted as presented.

395/11

CARRIED 7/0

MUNICIPAL:

3. RCMP Update

Ron Leaf presented an update on a recent discussion with Superintendent Curtis Zablocki following the tri-Council meeting with K Division and the AB Solicitor General's Department.

Mr. Leaf noted Council's concern about speed and safety for the traveling public in the Clearwater County area and the need for the RCMP to establish a Highway Patrol (HP) sub-office in RMH was reiterated. Mr. Zablocki agreed that the County will provide an update reflecting some of the numbers and amount of activity that our municipality is seeing and that he will be meeting with S/Sgt. Bill Laidlaw and Terri Miller to discuss data and other changes necessary to update proposal. This report when compiled will be presented to Council for review and endorsement.

Mr. Leaf also noted that County Council, and potentially the Village and Town Councils, may be requesting a meeting with Superintendent Gary Brine during the AAMDC convention.

JIM DUNCAN: That Council accepts the above report for information.

396/11

CARRIED 7/0

Keith McCrae, Marilyn Sanders and Ron Lepard joined the meeting.

PLANNING:

2. Application to amend the Ferrier-Garth Area Structure Plan

Marilyn Sanders presented a request to amend the Ferrier-Garth Area Structure Plan in respect to direction regarding Figure 1 Future Land Use mapping from Country Residence Minor Industrial "CRMI" to Country Residence Agriculture "CRA" for a portion of Plan 912-3255, Block 1, Lot 1 containing 15.0 acres, more or less for the purpose of consolidating with adjacent land.

Ms. Sanders provided background on the application and subject property.

Ron Lepard responded to Council in regards to intention of application.

FIRST READING for Bylaw No. 949/11 to amend the Ferrier-Garth Area Structure Plan was moved by Councillor Bryant.

397/11

CARRIED 7/0

JIM DUNCAN: That Council authorize an addition of ACE Diversity Friendly Communities – F4 to the agenda.

398/11

CARRIED 7/0

MUNICIPAL: 4. ACE Diversity friendly communities

Tracy King presented details regarding the Active, Creative, Engaged Communities (ACE) initiative to enhance the quality of life in rural Alberta. The program intends to strengthen community leadership, collaboration and innovation through recreation, parks, arts, culture and heritage.

Tracy responded to questions regarding Diversity Friendly Communities, the FCSS Volunteer Coordinator position and video conferencing equipment.

EARL GRAHAM: That Council appoints Jim Duncan to be involved in the ACE project over the next two years.

399/11

CARRIED 7/0

MUNICIPAL: 2. STARS Air Ambulance

Tyler McKinnon introduced Pamela Ison Reilander. Ms. Reilander offered a PowerPoint presentation noting STARS 26 years of care in the air and provided a history of STARS 20,500 missions.

Ms. Reilander discussed STARS Four Pillars– finding the patient, care and transport of patient, The STARS Centre mobile training bus, fundraising and community partnerships. Ms. Reilander provided Clearwater County statistics that in 2009 there were 27 transports, in 2010 there were 29 transports and there have been 23 missions to date in 2011 (3 pediatric patients, 20 adults).

Ms. Reilander responded to questions of dispatching protocol and location, provided an overview of service map, discussed STARS other functions including community awareness and fundraising, service areas, other provincial systems, calendar sales and lottery campaigns.

JIM DUNCAN: That Council accepts the STARS presentation as information.

400/11

CARRIED 7/0

COMMITTEE REPORTS: 1. Big Horn Back Country

Councillor Duncan presented a report on the Bighorn committee meeting and discussed the anticipated impacts of a new Premier and the new Public Lands Act.

Mr. Duncan also discussed public education program, trail closure strategy and the September long weekend usage and enforcement.

Ron Leaf discussed the CPO commitment to West Country and maintenance and infrastructure protection.

EARL GRAHAM: That the meeting recess for lunch at 11:38 A.M.

401/11

CARRIED 7/0

The Meeting reconvened at 12:35 P.M. with the same people present as noted at the beginning of the meeting excluding Marshall Morton, Rick Emmons, Frank McBride, Darrell Philip, Brad Welygan and Jessica Jones.

IN CAMERA: 5. In Camera

EARL GRAHAM: That Council meets as a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing CAO Performance Evaluation.
12:36 P.M.

402/11

CARRIED 7/0

Christine Heggart left the meeting.

JIM DUNCAN: That the meeting reverts to an Open Meeting at 1:12 P.M.

403/11

CARRIED 7/0

BOB BRYANT: That the meeting recess for a public hearing.
1:13 P.M.

404/11

CARRIED 7/0

The Meeting reconvened at 3:45 P.M. with the same people present as noted at the beginning of the meeting excluding Marshall Morton, Rick Emmons, Frank McBride, Darrell Philip, Brad Welygan and Jessica Jones and including Vic Maxwell, Mike Haugen, Steven Hart, Gordon Hart, Malcolm Cochrane, Jerry Visser, Bruce Anderson, Philip Paquette, Karen Paquette, Dennis Nielsen, Joyce Nielsen, Alanna Arns, Ken Scott, Penny Butler, Doug Butler, Larry Rhude, Joan Murray, Gordon Van Bosch, Dennis Ross, Ethel Williams, Lori Mosinsky, Ian Murray, Rob Hart, Jamie Hart, Myrna Gazdag, Frank Gazdag, Ray Marler, Carmen Marler, Dan Hart, Phyllis McNutt, Ken Qually, Mary Parker, Stan Olmstead, Marianne Cole, Marion Schafer, Rod McDermand, June McDermand, Helge Nome, Jennifer Newton, Tammy Davis, Judie Davis, Wes Davis, Aly Visser, Chris Carr-Bourne, Robert Bourne, Tom Smid, Max Anderson and Dori Weston.

PLANNING: 1. Public Hearing – Land Use Bylaw Amendment 946/11

Council discussed Application No. 08/11 to amend the Land Use Bylaw for the redesignation of 29.97 acres described as PT NW 32-38-06-W5 from Agriculture District "A" to Light Industrial District "LI" for the purpose of establishing an oilfield rental business site.

Councillor Graham noted that with land use planning comes the need to weigh all issues and make a fair and equitable decision.

Councillor Korver noted that as a farmer he appreciates the need for the oil and gas activity and many people derive income from industry and that both agriculture and industry can work alongside.

Councillor Bryant stated his concerns with the opposition to all development, that the dust control offer was appropriate to mitigate some concerns and that roads belonging to the County are maintained well.

Councillor Vandermeer noted he thought an additional industrial park would be ideal but none exist and that light industrial is attractive to the County creating jobs.

Councillor Duncan noted that referral agencies make recommendations and MPC can add stipulations to development.

Councillor Wymenga stated that Alberta Transportation, as a referral agency, will ensure the Highway access is safe.

Councillor Alexander added that the difficult part of being a Councillor is finding a balance and that there is currently no area for industrial development.

SECOND READING of Bylaw No. 947/11 was moved by Councillor Bryant.

405/11

CARRIED 7/0

EARL GRAHAM:

That Council review a Traffic Impact Assessment prior to Third Reading of Bylaw No. 947/11.

406/11

CARRIED 7/0

**ADJOURNMENT:
4:05 P.M.**

BOB BRYANT:

That the Meeting adjourns.

CARRIED 7/0

REEVE

MUNICIPAL MANAGER