

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of Clearwater County, Province of Alberta, held September 10, 2013 in the Clearwater County Council Chambers in Rocky Mountain House.

Terri Miller introduced Kevin Bordeleau, Community Peace Officer; and Brad Welygan introduced Stephan Wanitsch, Information & Technology/Records Management Manager, to Council.

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:	John Vandermeer
	Bob Bryant
	Jim Duncan
	Case Korver
	Dick Wymenga
	Earl Graham
Chief Administrative Officer:	Ron Leaf
Director, Public Works:	Marshall Morton
Director, Community & Protective Serv:	Mike Haugen
Recording Secretary:	Tracy Haight
	Brad Welygan
	Helge Nome
	Sarah Maetche
	Michelle Marshall
	Erik Hansen
	Kurt Magnus
	Stephan Wanitsch

AGENDA: Ron Leaf stated In-Camera item F1 will be presented to Council as E2. Mr. Leaf requested the addition of D5 - Repair of Bridge BF75189 and BF01963. Councillor Jim Duncan requested the addition of an In-Camera item.

JOHN VANDERMEER:	That the September 10, 2013 Regular Meeting Agenda be accepted as amended.
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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: 1. August 27, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

CASE KORVER:	That the Minutes of the August 27, 2013 Regular Meeting be accepted.
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PUBLIC WORKS: 1. AAMDC Request for Input re Maintenance and Service on Three-Digit (Secondary) Highways

Marshall Morton stated the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) requested council and administration complete a survey on maintenance and service on three-digit (secondary) highways and submit responses by October 2, 2013.

Christine Heggart and Trevor Duley joined the meeting.

Mr. Marshall reviewed the survey questions and Council noted to include the response “reduced investment in maintenance and infrastructure” to question 9 and to include the comment “service is the same but the quality is less on

three-digit (secondary) highways compared to Clearwater County roads” with question 10.

Jenny Oatway and Rhonda Serhan joined the meeting.

Discussion followed on provincial maintenance and service on three-digit highways, purpose of the survey, and the relationship between provincial government and municipalities involving service contracts

EARL GRAHAM: That Council authorizes staff to submit the AAMDC survey as amended.

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CARRIED 7/0

3. Policy Review – Final: “Approach Construction Guidelines”

Erik Hansen presented the final revised draft of the “Approach Construction Guidelines” policy for review.

Discussion followed on item 4 under “General Provisions” on the policy.

DICK WYMENGA: That Council approves the final draft of the “Approach Construction Guidelines” policy.

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CARRIED 6/1

5. Repair of Bridge BF75189 and BF01963

Kurt Magnus reported flood damage inspections were conducted on 172 bridges and culverts. Bridge BF75189, referred to as Speight Road bridge, (located at SW 04-39-08-W5M) and bridge BF01963, referred to as James River bridge, (located at NW 15-34-05-W5M) have sustained major and extensive damage.

Mr. Magnus stated bridge BF75189 is closed until repairs, at a cost estimate of \$372,000, have been completed. Bridge BF01963, as per Alberta Transportation’s recommendation, is restricted to a maximum load of 10 tonnes and will require an inspection every 12 months.

Discussion followed on the effects of the Speight Road Bridge closure and detour routes, effects of the restricted load on James River Bridge, effects of permanent closure of the James River Bridge, required repairs for both bridges, and estimated completion time.

Marshall Morton noted there is currently \$857,000 in the bridge rehabilitation budget that could be used for bridge repairs.

JOHN VANDERMEER: That Council approves reallocation of funds from bridge rehabilitation for the repair of bridge BF75189 (Speight Road Bridge).

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CARRIED 7/0

JOHN VANDERMEER: That Council tables the recommendation for reallocation of funds from bridge rehabilitation for the repair of bridge BF01963 (James River Bridge) pending further information.

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CARRIED 7/0

Reeve Alexander recessed the Council meeting for a Public Hearing at 9:44 A.M.

Reeve Alexander reconvened the Council meeting at 9:47 A.M. with the same people present as noted at the beginning of the meeting including Christine Heggart, Trevor Duley, Rhonda Serhan and Jenny Oatway.

2. Little Bylaw 978/13

Council reviewed all information presented at the September 10, 2013 Public Hearing for application for the use of a road allowance which lies between the NE 8-41-5 W5M and NW 9-41-5 W5M (approximately 4.00 acres) for grazing purposes and to accommodate fencing.

SECOND READING of Bylaw 978/13 for Permitting of Road Allowance which lies between NE-8-41-5 W5M and NW-9-41-5 W5M (approximately 4.00 acres) was moved by Councillor Wymenga.

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CARRIED 7/0

THIRD READING of Bylaw 978/13 for Permitting of Road Allowance which lies between NE-8-41-5 W5M and NW-9-41-5 W5M (approximately 4.00 acres) was moved by Councillor Korver.

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CARRIED 7/0

Michelle Marshall left the meeting.

**COMMUNITY
& PROTECTIVE
SERVICES:**

1. Nordegg Chamber of Commerce Funding Request

Trevor Duley presented a request from the Nordegg Chamber of Commerce to fund wholly or in part, costs incurred for advertising during July and August. Mr. Duley stated the Nordegg Chamber of Commerce was concerned with the loss of revenue for local businesses as a result of public misconception of wildfire and flood damage in the area. In order to promote tourism in Nordegg and area, the Chamber rented advertising space on an LED sign located along Highway 2 near Innisfail in the amount of \$800.

Discussion followed on the timing of the request and Council noted the request is for reimbursement as opposed to funding. Council also noted requests for funding are typically submitted for consideration prior to the County's yearly budget process.

CASE KORVER:

That Council denies the request to reimburse advertising costs incurred by the Nordegg Chamber of Commerce.

341/13

CARRIED 7/0

Rhonda Serhan, Mike Haugen and Trevor Duley left the meeting. Dawna Santer, Neil Whitburn and Syd Loeppky joined the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS: 4. Eagle Ridge Hill Community Association Delegation – Request for Road Surfacing

Erik Hansen presented a request from Eagle Ridge Hill Community Association for Council to consider upgrading and paving Township Road 36-2 from the Burnstick Lake Road to Range Road 6-4 (a distance of 1.6 km). Mr. Hansen stated administration recommends including the request in the 2014 budget considerations.

Neil Whitburn and Syd Loeppky, residents of Eagle Ridge Hill community noted the road is a bus route and there are concerns with road safety due to

the steep incline and the underground spring resulting in soft spots and washboard conditions.

Rhonda Serhan and Denniece Crout joined the meeting.

Discussion followed on the number of fulltime residents in the community, and the improvements completed to the intersection in 2005. It was noted the road is a thru road and that it is a low priority road for gravel rehabilitation.

JOHN VANDERMEER: That Council authorizes staff to include costs for upgrading and paving 1.6 km on Township Road 36-2 in the 2014 Clearwater County budget deliberations.

342/13

CARRIED 7/0

Erik Hansen, Marshall Morton, Kurt Magnus, Dawna Santer, Neil Whitburn and Syd Loeppky left the meeting.

**COMMUNITY
& PROTECTIVE
SERVICES:**

2. Well Drilling Equipment Tax (WDET)

Denniece Crout provided background information on the WDET legislation and stated after a joint stakeholder consultation session with Alberta Municipal Affairs, the Office of the Minister decided to renew the current WDET Regulation for a five-year period with the intent that further reviews and discussions will take place and included in the Municipal Government Act review.

Christine Heggart left the meeting.

Dissussion followed on the impact of fracking on roads, road damage resulting from usage by various industries, and differing perspectives of other rural municipalities and the oil and gas industry.

Councillor Dick Wymenga left the meeting.

EARL GRAHAM: That Council accepts the information as presented.

343/13

CARRIED 6/0

Denniece Crout and Rhonda Serhan left the meeting.

INFORMATION: 1. Information Items

AAMDC Board Compensation Review on Wednesday, October 2, 2013.

JIM DUNCAN: That Council authorizes Reeve Patrick Alexander to attend the AAMDC Board Compensation Review on October 2, 2013.

344/13

CARRIED 6/0

Marshall Mortor, Erik Hansen, and Kurt Magnus joined the meeting.

JIM DUNCAN: That the CAO’s Report, Public Works Director’s Report, Accounts Payable listing as of August 27, 2013, and Councillor Remuneration, be accepted as information.

345/13 CARRIED 6/0

IN CAMERA: 1. In Camera

EARL GRAHAM: That Council meets as a Committee of the Whole to discuss the Town wastewater upgrade, DRAFT wastewater agreement, CPO Service Level Review, and the Town arena at 10:36 A.M.

346/13 CARRIED 6/0

Stephan Wanitsch, Helge Nome, Jenny Oatway and Sarah Maetche left the meeting. Councillor Dick Wymenga joined the meeting.

DICK WYMENGA: That the meeting reverts to an Open Meeting at 1:03 P.M.

347/13 CARRIED 7/0

ADJOURNMENT: 1:04 P.M. EARL GRAHAM: That the Meeting adjourns.

348/13 CARRIED 7/0

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER