

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of Clearwater County, Province of Alberta, held October 25, 2016, in the Clearwater County Council Chambers in Rocky Mountain House.

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order at 10:49 am by Reeve Alexander with the following being present:

Reeve:	Pat Alexander
Councillors:	Earl Graham
	John Vandermeer
	Jim Duncan
	Kyle Greenwood
	Theresa Laing
	Curt Maki
Staff:	
Chief Administrative Officer	Ron Leaf
Recording Secretary	Tracy Haight
Director, Community and Protective Services:	Ted Hickey
Director, Corporate Services	Rodney Boyko
Communications	Christine Heggart
Public:	Staff Sgt. Mark Groves
	Sgt. Jason Penner
Media:	Helge Nome
	Laura Button
	Keanna Nelson

**AGENDA
APPROVAL:**

The October 25, 2016, Regular Council Meeting agenda was amended as follows:

- Councillor's Verbal Reports: i) Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference; ii) Rocky Mountain House Hospital Committee Tour with the Minister of Health; and iii) Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) Board Meeting with Municipal Affairs as item G3.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: That the October 25, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda be adopted as amended.

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CARRIED 7/0

**CONFIRMATION
OF MINUTES:**

1. October 11, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

COUNCILLOR MAKI: That the Minutes of the October 11, 2016 Regular Meeting are adopted as circulated.

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CARRIED 7/0

COMMUNITY &
PROTECTIVE
SERVICES:

1. Delegation: Rocky Mountain House RCMP Detachment
Commander, Staff Sgt. Mark Groves

Staff Sgt. Mark Groves provided crime statistics from 2013 to 2016 and noted personal property crimes continue to increase. Successful partnerships with Clearwater County Highway Patrol Officers, provincial agencies, and other RCMP detachments continue to aid enforcement measures.

Staff Sgt. Groves announced the vacant School Resource Officer position is filled. Overall, the Rocky Mountain House Detachment is almost operating with a full staff complement which has improved service for First Nations and the Caroline area.

Sgt. Penner responded to questions and explained response service for Nordegg successfully met objectives for coverage during peak periods.

Discussion took place on rural crime in the area. Staff Sgt. Groves noted the Rural Crime Watch program is developing with intent for improvements. Currently, rural crime activity is mostly related to property theft, unfortunately lack of reporting of stolen property hinders RCMP efforts in property recovery.

Discussion took place on the current backlog in the court system for processing traffic and criminal charges. Staff Sgt. Groves is working with Sgt. Miller, Clearwater County Highway Patrol Officer, to determine a course of action. Staff Sgt. Groves suggested lobby efforts may be beneficial in addressing this issues.

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM: That Council receives the information as presented.

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CARRIED 7/0

Staff Sgt. Groves and Sgt. Penner left the meeting.

2. Policy Review: Community Hall Capital Grant Funding

Ted Hickey outlined proposed amendments to the *Capital Grant Funding For Community Halls* policy. Amendments provide clarity, emphasize the County's position as 'funder of last resort', and sets procedure for timely budget planning.

Discussion took place on the recommendation to include an administrative appendix to identify dollar values for costs such as labor rates, trade rates, and machinery or equipment rates, based on provincial and/or industry guidelines, to provide context and fairness in relation to "matching component" for County financial contribution.

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM: That Council approves the *Capital Grant Funding For Community Halls* as amended with the recommendation for inclusion of an administrative appendix.

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CARRIED 7/0

3. Policy Review: Donations and Solicitations

Ted Hickey outlined proposed amendments to the *Charitable Donations and Solicitations* policy to clearly define and establish criteria for responding to

donation requests. He noted the amended policy no longer includes reference to funding STARS as Council considers this during budget deliberations.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: That Council approves the amendments to the *Charitable Donations and Solicitations* policy as presented.

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CARRIED 7/0

MUNICIPAL:

1. Draft Letter to AAMDC re Carbon Tax Implications

Ron Leaf presented a draft letter requesting the AAMDC Board strike a committee for the purpose of analyzing the impact of a carbon tax on rural Alberta and rural municipalities. He noted the recommendation is based on discussions that took place on October 14 at the Central Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties general meeting.

Discussion followed on the potential of increased costs for goods overall, especially for agricultural producers and rural residents, as a result of a carbon tax. With a clearer indication of anticipated costs, Council will have the necessary information to develop lobby strategies and budget plans.

COUNCILLOR MAKI: That Council approves the draft letter as presented and directs Administration to copy letter to the AAMDC municipal membership.

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CARRIED 7/0

CORPORATE SERVICES:

1. Tax Penalty Waiver Request

Denniece Crout stated that Clearwater County received a request to waive the tax penalty on Roll 4012214015. She explained the property owner suggests the penalty should be waived as there is concern with property development in the neighboring area.

Discussion took place and Ms. Crout confirmed legislative requirements were met in the mail-out of assessment and tax notices, including advertising and notification.

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM: That Council upholds the penalty provisions of the tax rate bylaw and denies the request to waive the tax penalty on Roll 4012214015.

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CARRIED 7/0

RECESS: Reeve Alexander recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:16 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Alexander called the meeting to order at 12:49 p.m. with the following people present: Councillors Graham, Duncan, Maki, Vandermeer, Laing, and Greenwood; Ron Leaf and Tracy Haight.

INFORMATION: 1. CAO's Report

Ron Leaf noted upcoming dates for events and programs and noted Councillors attendance at upcoming Remembrance Day ceremonies.

3. Councillor Verbal Reports

Councillor Duncan reported on sessions and activities that he attended at the Regional Agricultural Service Board Conference.

Reeve Alexander reported on Rocky Mountain House Hospital Committee's hospital tour with the Minister of Health.

Councillor Graham reported on the AAMDC Board's meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: That Council receives the CAO Report, Public Works Director's Report, Councillor Verbal Report, Accounts Payable Listing, and the Councillor Remuneration as information.

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CARRIED 7/0

ADJOURNMENT: COUNCILLOR MAKI: That the Meeting adjourns.
1:37 pm

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CARRIED 7/0


REEVE


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER