Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of Clearwater County, Province of Alberta, held April 12, 2011 in the County Office at

Rocky Mountain House.

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M. by Reeve Alexander

with the following being present:

Reeve: Pat Alexander Councillors: Robert Bryant

Dick Wymenga John Vandermeer Case Korver Jim Duncan Ron Leaf

Marshall Morton

Municipal Manager: Public Works Manager:

Public Works Assistant Manager: Rick Emmons
IT: Darrell Philip
Recording Secretary: Christine Heggart

**AGENDA** 

**APPROVAL:** JIM DUNCAN: That the April 12, 2011

Regular Meeting Agenda be

accepted as amended.

**144/11** CARRIED 6/0

**IN CAMERA:** 

CASE KORVER: That Council meets as a

Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing the

Sewage Lagoon.

9:06 A.M.

**145/11** CARRIED 6/0

Darrell Phillip left the meeting.

DICK WYMENGA: That the meeting reverts to an

Open Meeting at 10:05 A.M.

**146/11** CARRIED 6/0

BOB BRYANT: That Council add Engineering/

Exploration for Future Lagoon Site as D4 to the agenda.

**147/11** CARRIED 6/0

CASE KORVER: That the April 12, 2011

Regular Meeting Agenda be

accepted as amended.

**148/11** CARRIED 6/0

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

I. March 29, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Councillor Bryant asked that addition to the agenda read Westview Lodge Update.

JIM DUNCAN:

That the Minutes of the March 29, 2011 Regular Meeting be confirmed as amended.

149/11

CARRIED 6/0

# PUBLIC WORKS: 1. Public Works Manager's Report

Marshall Morton presented the April 12, 2011 Public Works Manager's Report to Council.

#### **Frost Probes**

The frost probes that located on the Caroline South, Prairie Creek, Hwy 761 and Wallstreet Roads indicate that 0.7m of frost has come out. The total depth averaged 2.4 meters.

#### **Gravel Pits**

The work in the Martin Pit (Clearing) has been completed in preparation of the moving of the Rocky Gas Coop pipeline to the perimeter of the pit.

# Water/Wastewater

Staff anticipate the commission of the Nordegg lagoon by the end of April, the delay a few weeks due to mechanical issues with one of the lift station pumps.

#### Maintenance

The maintenance Dept. has been busy steaming culverts and cleaning ditches to facilitate the spring runoff. The tender for Clearwater County's anticipated culvert requirements for the 2011 year has gone out to culvert manufacturers with a closing date of the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2011.

# Nordegg FD/PW Building

Crews are busy constructing the building site for the Nordegg Fire Hall/Public Works shop and should have this completed by the end of the week(weather permitting). Even with the increased volumes of topsoil that required removal this project is still on budget.

#### **Access Roads**

Mark Michealchuk has sent in a letter informing us that he will not be moving forward with his Access Road application that was approved last. This now allows for the McKeown application (SW 17-35-5-W5) to move forward in the queue to this season. All currently approved applications for Access Roads should now be completed in the 2011 season. We have one application that came in this week that will be brought to the next Council meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Gravel Road Rehab**

Staff are busy working on borrow pits and planning for this seasons construction season.

#### **Bridges**

MPA has put out the tender for construction of BF 75318 with a tender closing date of the 21 of April 2011.

# **Current Road Bans:**

Percentage Axle Weights for Highways are: HIGHWAY # LOCATION

**AXLE WEIGHT** 

Angle Road Twp Rd 38-0	From Hwy 22 East to Arbutus Road Rge
Rd 6-3	<mark>75%</mark>
Arbutus Rd RR 6-3 & 6-1	From Hwy #11 to Butte Hall Rd
Airport Road Access	From Twp Rd 40-0 North 2.8 Kms
Airport Rd TWP RD 40-0 Alhambra Rd RR 5-4	From Taimi Rd to Highway #22 From Hwy #11 to SH598
Beaver Flats Rd RR 6-0	From Hwy #598 to Hwy #12
Bunch Road Rge Rd 5-4	From Hwy #598 north to Twp Rd 40-0
Burnstick Lake Rd RR 6-3	From Hwy #54 to 9 km south
Buster Creek Rd RR 8-0	From end of Hwy #756 north 6 KM to
Twp Rd 41-0A	100%
Buster Creek Rd RR 8-0	From Twp Rd 41-0A north 13 KM to end
of chip seal	<b>75%</b>
Caroline North RR 6-1	From Hwy #54 north 10.5 kms to Butte Hall
Rd	<b>75%</b>
Caroline South Rd RR 6-1	From the Village of Caroline south to
<mark>#587</mark>	90%
Chicken Ranch Rd RR 7-3A	From Hwy #11 north for 1.5 km TWP RD
40-1A	<mark>. 75%</mark>
Condor Rd RR 4-5	From Hwy #11 to Condor
Cougar Ridge Twp Rd 38-5	From Hwy752 east ¼ mile Cougar Ridge
Access Rd	75%
Crammond Rd TWP RD 35-4	From Hwy #22 east for 8 km
Everdell Rd RR 7-3	From Prairie Creek (Hobbs) Road north 75%
to Hwy #752 Golf Course Rd TWP RD 39-5	From Hwy #11A east to the golf course
James River Rd RR 5-3	From James River Store on Hwy #587
south to Bridge	75%
North Fork Rd RR 9-1	From Hwy #752, north 8 km
Old 11A TWP RD 39-3	From Junction Hwy #11A west to the
gravel	75%
Old Dovercourt Rd	From Hwy #11 for 1 km south RR 7-1 &
east TWP RD -	<mark>75%</mark>
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Staff responded to questions received from Council regarding road construction.

BOB BRYANT: That the Public Works

Manager's Report of April 12, 2011 be accepted as

presented.

CARRIED 6/0

# PUBLIC WORKS: 2. Policy Review/ Surfacing Strategies

150/11

Marshall Morton requested a full day session with Council to discuss the updating the Access Road Policy and other road

policies and proposed the afternoon focus on surfacing strategies and priority setting guidelines for the future surfacing needs of this municipality.

Other potential topics of discussion could include alternative dust control products and how escalating fuel costs may impact current programs.

DICK WYMENGA: That Council selects May 5<sup>th</sup>,

2011 to meet with Administration to discuss Access Roads Policy and

Surfacing Strategies.

**151/11** CARRIED 6/0

# PUBLIC WORKS: 4. Engineering/ Exploration for Future Lagoon Site

Marshall Morton and Rick Emmons presented a request to undertake the necessary steps to begin the engineering of a new Clearwater County sewage lagoon facility. The location of the new wastewater collection and treatment facility is yet to be determined and will form part of this process.

County staff will be moving as quickly as possible to identify and secure lands for a new wastewater lagoon, in order to make application to Alberta Environment for the necessary approvals.

Administration requested \$74,000.00 to be transferred from reserves to fund the necessary soil and environmental testing and engineering requirements and to prepare an application to Alberta Environment for the construction of a wastewater collection site and wastewater treatment lagoon to meet the County's immediate and long term wastewater needs.

BOB BRYANT: Council approves \$74,000.00

to be transferred from reserves to the Sewer section of the Public Works budget to facilitate the necessary engineering required for Clearwater County's future

lagoon site.

**152/11** CARRIED 6/0

Ron Leaf discussed the Public Consultation meeting regarding bylaw 939/11 scheduled for later in the day, and that the applicant, Darl Charton, has requested to attend via phone as he is out of the country.

DICK WYMENGA: That Mr. Charlton can attend

the April 12, 2011 Public Hearing, regarding bylaw

939/11, via phone.

**153/11** CARRIED 6/0

Marshall Morton and Rick Emmons left the meeting. Murray Hagan, Matt Martinson and Tyler McKinnon joined the meeting.

# MUNICIPAL: 1. Municipal Manager's Report

Ron Leaf presented the Municipal Manager's Report for April 12, 2011.

# 1. Appointment of Bob Bryant to AAMDC Standing Issues Committee

The Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties (AAMDC) announced the appointment of Bob Bryant to its Resources, Agriculture and the Environment Standing Issues Committee. Dick Wymnega (Infrastructure, Transportation and Municipal Affairs) and Earl Graham (Intergovernmental Relations, Finance and Justice) who were also appointed as alternates for these other Committees. The AAMDC Standing Issues Committees (SICs) provides ongoing input the Board on provincial policy and legislative matters affecting rural Alberta municipalities..

#### 2. Lower Athabasca Report - Public Meetings

The Government of Alberta announced last week the public meeting dates with respect to the draft Lower Athabasca plan and proposed regulations. The consultation process begins April 18 and concludes on May 19. The meetings run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The majority of the meetings are in northeastern Alberta however there are meetings in Edmonton (May 17 at the Ramada Hotel & Conference Center -Kingsway) and May 19 in Calgary (Radisson Hotel Calgary – Airport).

BOB BRYANT: That all Councillors are authorized to

attend Lower Athabasca meetings.

**154/11** CARRIED 6/0

# 3. AAMDC position on Land Use Framework

The AAMDC released the following position statement this past week with respect to the *Alberta Land Stewardship Amendment Act* (Bill 10) reflecting a rural municipal perspective. The Association's position on these proposed amendments to the *Alberta Land Stewardship Act* (ALSA) and ALSA in general have been submitted to SRD Minister Mel Knight. The position is summarized as follows:

- 1. The AAMDC believes that municipalities should be given five years from the date of a regional plan to bring affected municipal plans into alignment. While coordinated planning is necessary under ALSA, it is unrealistic to expect immediate compliance with regional plans due to public processes and municipal capacity. The AAMDC has requested that Bill 10 add a specific timeline to Section 20 of ALSA to provide certainty to municipalities in this regard.
- The AAMDC believes it necessary to develop overarching provincial policies and strategies to address the gaps identified in the Land Use Framework. Some examples of these gaps include reducing the fragmentation and conversion of agricultural land, developing a transportation and utility corridor strategy, and managing flood risk.
- 3. The AAMDC continues to support the Guiding Principles of the Land Use Framework. These principles will assist municipalities in making long-term planning decisions that benefit future generations in Alberta.

The AAMDC's evaluation of the LUF does not include the recent amendments proposed in Bill 10.

#### 4. CAAMDC Golf Tournament

Mountain View County has advised that the CAAMDC Golf tournament is being hosted at the Olds Central Highlands Golf Course on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 starting at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Christine prior to the June 8, 2011 deadline to register.

BOB BRYANT: That all Councillors are

authorized to attend CAAMDC Golf tournament in 2011.

**155/11** CARRIED 6/0

#### 5. April 26 Councillor Recognition Luncheon

Staff will contact Dwight, Ken and Larry to invite to Council's proposed luncheon date of April 26<sup>th</sup>. Once the three 2007-10 Councillors are confirmed, we will invite Councillors from previous Councils to also attend the luncheon and confirm with Council that the event is "a go".

# **Upcoming Events**

- Office Closed April 22 & 25 (Good Friday & Easter Monday)
- Councillor recognition luncheon April 26 tentative
- Strategic Planning Session May 30 & 31

Council discussed the Municipal Manager's Report.

JIM DUNCAN: That the Municipal Manager's

Report of April 12, 2011 be

accepted as presented.

**156/11** CARRIED 6/0

# FINANCE: <u>1. Accounts Payable Listing</u>

Council reviewed the Open Payable Report for April 12, 2011 which was previously sent to Council.

JIM DUNCAN: That Council accepts the

Accounts Payable Listing as

information.

157/11

CARRIED 6/0

#### FINANCE: 2. Financial Reserves

Murray Hagan discussed that Clearwater County's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2010, and related audit which is nearly complete, and that it would be beneficial to discuss financial reserves, noting they provide a transparent method of restricting funds for specified future projects as defined by the County's strategic plan.

As at December 31, 2009, the County had \$374,264,000 in accumulated surplus. Of this amount, \$338,107,000 is represented by equity in tangible capital assets with the remainder of \$36,157,000 being allocated between unrestricted surplus and various reserves.

Mr. Hagan noted to Council the rationale for identifying funds as restricted and unrestricted, along with an overview of funds transfers.

Transfers of \$6,682,000 were previously approved during 2010 and another \$3,751,000 in recommended transfers that will require Council's approval to balance the reserves with 2010 and 2011 budgets.

Mr. Leaf further discussed that the Financial Reserves document will reconcile budget from budget 2010 to budget 2011.

JOHN VANDERMEER:

That Council approves the recommended schedule for additional transfers as presented.

**158/11** CARRIED 6/0

Tyler McKinnon and Matt Martinson left the meeting.

Mike Haugen and Wild Rose School Division delegates: Nancy McLure – Ward 1, Keith Warren – Ward 1/ Board Chair, Lyle Oberle – Ward 2, Bonnie Miller - Ward 4, Brian Celli – Superintendent of Schools, and Gordon Majeran - Secretary Treasurer joined the meeting.

#### MUNICIPAL: 3. Wild Rose School Division (WRSD) Meeting

Councillors and Wild Rose School Division (WRSD) Board members introduced themselves.

#### Joint Use Agreements

Reeve Alexander asked about the joint use agreements which sets out details regarding the use by the schools of municipal facilities (e.g. arenas) and the municipal/public's use of school facilities (e.g. gymnasiums). Mr. Celli responded that agreements are working well and are being reviewed to keep current.

Mr. Leaf noted the Village of Caroline's intent is to negotiate its own agreement separate from the Town of Rocky Mountain House. Mr. Celli noted that the Boys and Girls Club in Caroline is run out of Rocky and the need to engage the adult community more than they have in the past. Confluence campus was also discussed.

Reeve Alexander asked WRSD delegates how the janitorial and supervision is going at Confluence Campus and Mr. Celli stated those organizing the groups supervise well.

### **Emergency Planning**

Council discussed the need to improve our respective emergency plans to provide for better coordination of municipal and school responses to major emergencies or disasters. Discussion focused on a coordinated emergency response and the potential for a full day training session, few times per year.

# Family Wellness Worker (FWW) Program

Council discussed that WRSD assumed administration of the FWW program a couple of years ago and asked WRSD to provide an update on how the program was working. Mr. Celli noted the FWW Program is working extremely well. Ron described program and Brian added how program is complimentary to other school and community initiatives.

#### **School Time Zones**

Council discussed that the Province is proposing changes to school time zones and Mr. Warren discussed impacts of these changes on the David Thompson, Condor and Leslieville schools and stressed the need for slowing down traffic in school zones.

# Campus Alberta

Council discussed Campus Alberta - the provincial initiative targeted at improving post-secondary opportunities within rural Alberta, principally through video conferencing. Council expressed a desire to see post-secondary opportunities improved in the area and Mr. Celli noted that facilities are not being capitalized on. Mr. Celli added that a County representative should attend the meeting with the Town regarding Campus Alberta.

Reeve Alexander noted the benefits and opportunities to train locally after work hours, programming availability and questioned how to make that happen. Mr. Celli noted there are three classrooms at the Confluence Campus that are underutilized. A Learning Centre concept was also discussed.

# School Resource Officer (SRO) Program

Council discussed that the SRO program - which provides two SRO positions to serve the Rocky Mountain House, Caroline, Condor, David Thompson and Leslieville schools - is entering its third year with one of the contracts due for renewal in 2011.

Councillor Duncan provided background information on SRO program including SRO funding crisis and the need to find additional funding dollars so SRO program can continue. Reeve Alexander questioned the rate of student population decrease, and Mr. Celli stated that both rural and urban school populations are seeing very slow erosion and no closures are occurring in foreseeable future.

Discussion occurred on the use of Community of Peace Officers, as an alternative or compliment to SRO functions.

DICK WYMENGA: That Council accepts this

report for information.

**159/11** CARRIED 6/0

CASE KORVER: That the meeting recess for

lunch at 12:07 P.M.

**160/11** CARRIED 6/0

The Meeting reconvened at 1:10 P.M. with the same people present as noted at the beginning of the meeting excluding Marshall Morton.

#### MUNICIPAL: 2. Authorization of Absence

Ron Leaf presented on behalf of Councillor Earl Graham an authorization of absence request, due to Councillor Graham's illness.

Section 174 (d) of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) states that a

Councilor is disqualified from Council if they miss all regular Council meetings within an 8 week period. Councillor Graham will have missed two Council meetings in a four week period. Although Councillor Graham anticipates being able to return to Council duties shortly, as a precaution, he has requested that Council authorize his absence from Council meetings as per Section 174 (2).

Section 174 (2) allows Council to authorize, by resolution, the Councilor's absence.

JOHN VANDERMEER: That, pursuant to Section 174

(2) of the Municipal Government Act, Council authorizes Councilor Graham's absence from Council meetings, due to illness.

161/11 CARRIED 6/0

Darrell Misner, Rawdy Jorgrnson, Shelley Jorgenson, Betty Landry, Carol Alstott, John Alstott, Shirley Chambers and Darl Charlton (via phone) joined the meeting.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS:** Bylaw 939/11 - Road Allowance Permit Application

Marshall Morton presented to Council a request from Mr. Charlton to lease an undeveloped road allowance for horse grazing at the east end of Twp. Road 36-4 and read two objection letters from Christie Johnston and Tracy Fortin.

Darrell Misner spoke to verbal responses from Ray Rempel and John Beck, regarding the access to the road allowance and both parties had no objections to the application. Two members of the public noted concern with not being able to access the road allowance if leased.

Darl Charlton spoke to the application and the background on proposed usage of the road allowance to intermittently graze horses to remove grass eliminating the fire hazard and that public access to the road allowance would be unrestricted.

Staff responded to Council's questions of locations of fences on the road allowance and that fences cannot be locked on road allowance.

**BOB BRYANT:** That first reading of Bylaw No.

939/11 is denied.

162/11 CARRIED 6/0

Darrell Misner, Rawdy Jorgrnson, Shelley Jorgenson, Betty Landry, Carol Alstott, John Alstott, Shirley Chambers and Darl Charlton (via phone) left the meeting.

Tyler McKinnon and Matt Martinson joined the meeting.

#### MUNICIPAL: <u>Governance Structure - Regional Solid Waste</u> **Authority**

Ron Leaf advised that the Board of the Rocky Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority ("the Board") passed a motion "that the Rocky Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority Board supports changing the governance model to a corporation and the costs to do so will be covered by the Rocky Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority budget" at their March meeting.

Once approved in principle by all three members, Waste Authority staff and the managers of the Town, Village and County can begin work on the development of a "shareholders agreement" which sets out the various powers, duties, roles, responsibilities of the new corporate structure to the three municipalities. The three municipalities will also need to deal with issues governance structure as well as the transfer of existing assets and liabilities currently related to the management of the solid waste of the Town, Village and County.

The process of developing the shareholder agreement and receiving the necessary government approvals is anticipated to take upwards of 24 months. Once completed the shareholder agreement will need to be endorsed and approved by the Town, Village and County councils.

Council discussed the process, the timeframes to finalize, the pros and cons and that the County, Town and Village all need to be on board to proceed.

CASE KORVER:

That Council accepts, in principle, the recommendation of Regional Solid Waste Authority Board to change the governance model to a Corporation structure, with associated costs to be incurred by Rocky Mountain Regional Sold Waste Authority and further, that the draft shareholder agreement, once completed, be submitted to Council for final approval.

**163/11** CARRIED 6/0

# MUNICIPAL: <u>5. Blazing Saddles 2011</u>

Tyler McKinnon presented the request to use of \$1000 of existing economic development budget for Blazing Saddles program for 2011.

The Blazing Saddles initiative through the Rocky Mountain House and District Chamber of Commerce is intended to encourage more visitors to come to the area for tourism opportunities and is scheduled to run from May

1 - August 31, 2011 and consists of a radio advertising campaign targeted to Central Alberta.

The Chamber notes that three campgrounds last year participated in data collection from their visitors. This data showed that and average of 32 visitors per month noted that they had come to our area as a result of the radio advertising.

DICK WYMENGA: That Council approve

membership with the Blazing Saddles initiative and payment of \$1,000 fee from the economic development

budget.

**164/11** CARRIED 6/0

Tyler McKinnon left the meeting.

AG SERVICES: 1. Ag Services Update

**Agricultural/Community Awards** 

The 2010 Farm Family Award was given out at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet to the Lawrence Pengelly Family. The Rural Beautification awards were given out at the Rocky Agricultural Society Awards banquet, the farm category presented to the Lyell and Leanne Smith, acreage category going to Gerald and Anne Mofford. These awards are a great way to recognize and show case agriculture and our rural community.

# **Age Verification**

Over the last year and a half Ag. Services staff have Age Verified calves for 180 producers attaching birth dates to over ten thousand calves. This is an excellent way for extension staff to build and maintain strong relationships with landowners and producers, as well as taking a leadership role in managing risk to the beef industry by way of disease outbreak and food safety. Clearwater County is the largest third party age verification agency in Canada, and have received \$9000 in grants in the lifespan of the program.

#### **Fines Request**

ASB received a response from Ag. Minister Hayden regarding request for support and permission to pilot fines as a compliance tool within our community driven weed control program (PAWC). The response was positive, though we never received the go ahead to test this compliance tool in the 2011 growing season.

#### **Hawkweeds**

Currently Clearwater, Wetaskawin, Ponoka, Brazeau, Yellowhead, and Leduc Counties have confirmed infestations of Orange and or Yellow Hawkweeds and were represented at a meeting in Ponoka County.

Mountain View, Red Deer, Lacombe and Parkland, who currently do not have confirmed infestations, were also in attendance. Ag. Services sold a considerable amount of herbicide to various S.R.D. divisions to be utilized for hawkweed control. The Invasive Alien Species Partnership Program grant Ag. Service's has applied for through Environment Canada, which would see \$100,000 over three years injected into the County's Hawkweed eradication efforts, is under review.

JIM DUNCAN:

That Council accepts the Agriculture Services Update as information.

**165/11** CARRIED 6/0

Matt Martinson left the meeting.

Will and Dana MacDonald, Kimberly Jakowski and Marilyn Sanders joined the meeting.

**166/11** CARRIED 6/0

# PLANNING: <u>1. First Reading of Bylaw 938/11</u>

Kimberly Jakowski presented Application No. 05/11 to amend the Land Use Bylaw for the redesignation of 11 acres described as Plan 1992NY, Lot B, PT NE 14-39-07-W5 from Industrial District "I" to Agriculture District "A" for the purpose of subdividing off and consolidation with the remainder of NE 14-39-07-W5, which is currently Agriculture Land.

Council introduced themselves to the applicants. Will and Danna MacDonald were present on behalf of Blair Hirsch, the title holder, to speak to the application. The applicant's land is located on the east border of the Town of Rocky Mountain House partially within

the Long Term Town Boundary and the remainder in the Rural Policy Area as directed in the Rocky – Clearwater Inter-municipal Development Plan (IDP).

In January 2005 the applicant's parcel, 21.67 acres, was approved for rezoning from the Agriculture District "A" to the Industrial District "I" in order to facilitate the development of a shop on west half of parcel (approved in 2007) and for the operation of a business.

The current application for the redesignation of 11.0 acres, the east half of the existing 21.67 acre parcel, from the Industrial District "I" back to the Agriculture District "A" is for the purpose of consolidation with the remainder of NE 14-39-07-W5 to allow for physical and legal access and an appropriate building site for a residence. The application is consistent with the goals of the IDP regarding the premature conversion of land to non-agricultural uses and minimizing the urban expansion on agricultural lands.

FIRST READING of Bylaw No. 938/11 was moved by Councillor Vandermeer.

**167/11** CARRIED 6/0

IN CAMERA: 6. In Camera

JIM DUNCAN: That Councils meets as a

Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing the North Saskatchewan River Park.

2:20 P.M.

**168/11** CARRIED 6/0

Christine Heggart, Will McDonald, Dana MacDonald, Kimberly Jakowski, Marilyn Sanders and Jessica Jones left the meeting.

JIM DUNCAN: That the meeting reverts to an

Open Meeting at 3:20 P.M.

CARRIED 6/0

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

3:21 P.M.

CARRIED 6/0

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