

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of Clearwater County, Province of Alberta, held October 14, 2014 in the Clearwater County Council Chambers in 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:	Patrick Alexander
Councillors:	Earl Graham
	Curt Maki
	Jim Duncan
	Theresa Laing
	Kyle Greenwood
	John Vandermeer
CAO:	Ron Leaf
Recording Secretary:	Tracy Haight
Director, Public Works:	Marshall Morton
Staff:	Katie Lutz
	Erik Hansen
	Kurt Magnus
Media:	Sarah Maetche
	Dania Gravelle

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Councillor Vandermeer requested addition of an in camera item: Pre-budget discussion.

Rhonda Serhan joined the meeting.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: That the October 14, 2014 Regular Meeting Agenda be accepted.

367/14 CARRIED 7/0

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** 1. September 22, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

COUNCILLOR MAKI: That the Minutes of the September 22, 2014 Regular Meeting be accepted.

368/14 CARRIED 7/0

**PUBLIC WORKS:** 1. Cliffside Trail Stop Sign

Kurt Magnus stated Public Works identified a requirement for the installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Range Road 7-3A (River Road) and Cliffside Trail as a result of routine maintenance inspections and expectation of increased traffic volume.

Dennis Ross joined the meeting.

Mr. Magnus and Mr. Morton responded to questions from Council and discussion followed.

COUNCILLOR LAING: That Council approves the amendment to the Traffic Control Device Bylaw 804/04 Regulatory Sign Map.

369/14 CARRIED 7/0

**PUBLIC WORKS:     2.     Stop Sign Installation at Railroad Crossing on RR 5-2**

Kurt Magnus stated a recent railway safety inspection completed by CN Railway concluded sightlines are restricted at the crossing of Range Road 5-2 and Mile 77.87 Brazeau Subdivision. Discussions with CN Railway determined installation of two stop signs, one on each side of the railway crossing, would correct sightline issues.

Marshall Morton responded to questions from Council and discussion followed.

COUNCILLOR GREENWOOD:     That Council approves the amendment to the Traffic Control Device Bylaw 804/04 Regulatory Sign Map.

**370/14**

CARRIED 7/0

**3.     Bylaw 995/14 – Speed Reduction**

Kurt Magnus presented a draft amendment to Bylaw 995/14 for a reduction to the posted speed limit from 50km/hour to 30 km/hour on a 250 meter portion of road on Range Road 8-2.

Mr. Magnus noted the reduced speed limit would address safety concerns and allow for enforcement of the posted speed limit thru a playground zone.

Erik Hansen responded to questions from Council, explained Alberta Transportation requirements for the enforcement of signage, and noted the proposed locations of posted speed limits meets those requirements.

Terri Miller joined the meeting.

COUNCILLOR LAING:             That Council grants first reading to Bylaw 995/14.

**371/14**

CARRIED 7/0

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

**MUNICIPAL:     1.     TABLED ITEM: Rescheduling of November 11 Regular Council Meeting**

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN:             That Council removes Item F.1., Rescheduling of November 11 Regular Council Meeting, from the table.

**372/14**

CARRIED 7/0

Ron Leaf stated Councillor Duncan determined that he does not have any scheduling conflicts with the proposed November 12 Regular Council meeting.

Mr. Leaf noted should Council support rescheduling the November 11 meeting to November 12, the date change will be advertised in accordance with the Procedural Bylaw and Municipal Government Act.

RCMP Sergeant Mark Groves joined the meeting.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: That Council reschedules the November 11 Regular Council Meeting to November 12.

373/14

CARRIED 7/0

COMMUNITY &  
PROTECTIVE  
SERVICES:

1. Parkland Regional Library Budget

Katie Lutz presented Parkland Regional Library's (PRL) 2015 – 2017 proposed budget and noted PRL increased per capita rates by 3%. Consequently, the estimated requisition amount for 2015 is \$94,908.94. Projected increases to the requisition amount for 2016 and 2017 are approximately 5%.

Discussion followed and Councillor Laing provided information on PRL's service to the community and noted lack of funding could comprise these services. The loss of funding from school contracts was noted.

Councillor Duncan noted a review of an actual budget, opposed to a proposed budget, would be beneficial.

RCMP Sergeant Jim Lank joined the meeting.

COUNCILLOR LAING: That Council approves Parkland Regional Library's 2015-2017 proposed budget as presented.

374/14

CARRIED 7/0

INFORMATION:

Discussion took place on the proposed meetings with adjacent rural municipalities and Council noted value in discussing industry road use standards with Mountain View County and issues with the Red Deer River access road with Red Deer County.

COUNCILLOR VANDERMEER: That Council accepts the CAO Report, Public Works Director's Report, Accounts Payable Listing and Councillors Remuneration as information.

375/14

CARRIED 7/0

COMMUNITY &  
PROTECTIVE  
SERVICES:

2. Delegation: RCMP Detachment Commanders' Reports

RCMP Detachment Commanders Sergeant (Sgt) Jim Lank, Sundre and Sgt Mark Groves, Rimbey, introduced themselves to Council.

Sgt. Groves provided an update on activities in and around the Rimbey RCMP Detachment. Sgt. Groves noted patrol area and successful partnerships with Clearwater County Community Peace Officers and the ESRD Fish & Wildlife Agency.

Sgt. Groves noted statistics for violations, charges, and arrests related to drug trafficking, and noted impaired driving charges have increased.

Sgt. Groves noted detachment staffing levels and the addition of a community peace officer.

Sgt. Groves responded to questions from Council and discussion followed on drug use in the Rimbey area and patrolling of gravel roads.

Sgt. Lank provided third quarter crime statistics from the Sundre RCMP Detachment and noted the increase in traffic offences are due to a concentrated focus and increased enforcement. Sgt. Lank noted a reduction in industrial property damage; detailed crime statistics for Clearwater County compared to Mountain View County; and the number of calls for service in the area.

Sgt. Lank and Sgt. Groves responded to questions from Council and discussion followed regarding staff levels, resource challenges, and the potential of using relief resources to provide coverage in smaller rural areas.

Discussion continued on abandoned vehicles in rural areas; increase in impaired driving charges; and theft of industrial property.

COUNCILLOR MAKI:                      That Council accepts the information as presented.

376/14

CARRIED 7/0

Katie Lutz left the meeting.

**4.      May Long Weekend Task Force Report**

Sgt. Terri Miller presented information on the May Long Weekend Task Force and provided a summary of the 2014 May long weekend activities. Sgt. Miller noted the task force was a joint operation undertaken by Rocky Mountain House RCMP, municipal and provincial agencies, and Clearwater Highway Patrol. Sgt. Miller explained the task force’s objectives included public safety messaging, user education, and greater enforcement coverage.

Sgt. Miller provided statistics on amount of violations for this year compared to previous years and noted although there were fewer visitors, there was an increase in environmental damage, impaired drivers, and arrests.

Sgt. Miller responded to questions from Council and discussion followed on lobbying the provincial government to address resources required for management, education, enforcement and policing in Rimbey, Sundre, and the West Country during the summer months.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN:                      That Council accepts the information as presented.

377/14

CARRIED 7/0

**3.      Community Peace Officers Quarterly Report**

Sgt. Miller noted the Community Peace Officers (CPO) quarterly report will be presented to Council at the October 28 meeting.

COUNCILLOR MAKI:                      That Council tables the CPO Quarterly Report.

378/14

CARRIED 7/0

**MUNICIPAL:** 2. Request for Reimbursement of Legal Costs

Councillor Vandermeer declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

Ron Leaf stated Chuck Shipley and John Vandermeer request reimbursement for legal costs incurred for the judicial review resulting from the 2013 municipal election.

Mr. Leaf stated there is no historical precedent, Clearwater County policy, or a comparable case law to provide guidance on this issue.

Discussion followed and Council noted that one third of costs incurred by Shipley and Vandermeer have already been paid as per the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench Justice ruling. It was suggested that the County share 50% of the remaining costs as the legal issue resulted from a clerical error and legal issues are part of the fair election process.

Discussion continued on the development of a policy to address reimbursement of legal costs upon receipt of a request within three months of the legal decision.

**COUNCILLOR LAING:** That Council reimburses Vandermeer and Shipley 50% of their remaining legal costs incurred from the 2013 municipal election.

**379/14**

CARRIED 5/1

### **3. AAMDC Questions for Opposition Leaders**

Ron Leaf stated a question and answer session with Alberta's opposition parties will be held at the 2014 Fall AAMDC Conference and noted should Council have any questions, the deadline for submissions is Friday, October 17.

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM: That Council accepts the information as presented.

380/14

CARRIED 6/0

Reeve Alexander recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 11:49 A.M.

Reeve Alexander reconvened the Council meeting at 1:12 P.M. with the following present: Councillors Graham, Maki, Duncan, Laing, Vandermeer, and Greenwood; Ron Leaf, and Tracy Haight.

**IN CAMERA:**

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM: That Council meets as a Committee of the Whole to discuss Land and Labour issues at 1:12 P.M.

381/14

CARRIED 7/0

Councillor Maki left the meeting at 2:25 P.M.

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM: That the meeting reverts to an Open Meeting at 4:15 P.M.

382/14

CARRIED 6/0

COUNCILLOR VANDERMEER: That Council accepts the offer to purchase Block 2 Lot 10 within Phase 1 of the South Nordegg Development as presented.

383/14

CARRIED 6/0


ADJOURNMENT:  
4:15 P.M.

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM:

That the Meeting adjourns.

384/14

CARRIED 6/0

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
REEVE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER