

**CLEARWATER COUNTY
COUNCIL AGENDA
September 08, 2014
9:00 A.M.
Council Chambers
4340 – 47 Avenue, Rocky Mountain House AB**

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. AGENDA ADOPTION

C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. August 25, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. August 25, 2014 Public Hearing Minutes

D. PUBLIC WORKS

1. Development Request
2. Ridgeland Estates Yield Sign
3. AAMDC Provincial Water/Wastewater Grants Resolution

E. COMMUNITY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES

1. *Verbal Report:* Partial Activation of EOC on September 4
Due to TELUS Phone/Cell Service Disruption
2. Clearwater Forest Recreational Trail Initiative
3. Sundre Petroleum Operators Group (SPOG) Neighbours' Day Event
4. Improvement of Internet Broadband Access

F. INFORMATION

1. Upcoming Events
2. Public Works Director's Report
3. Accounts Payable Listing
4. Councillor Remuneration

G. ADJOURNMENT

TABLED ITEMS

Date Item, Reason and Status

- 04/10/12 **Arbutus Hall Funding Request**
- To allow applicant to provide a complete capital projects plan.

STATUS: Pending Information, Community and Protective Services



Agenda Item

Project: Development Request	
Presentation Date: September 8, 2014	
Department: Public Works	Author: Erik Hansen/ Marshall Morton
Budget Implication: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Funded by Dept. <input type="checkbox"/> Reallocation	
Strategic Area: Infrastructure & Asset Management	Goal: To effectively manage the financial and physical assets of the County in order to support the growth and development of the County while obtaining maximum value from County owned infrastructure and structures.
Legislative Direction: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Provincial Legislation (cite) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> County Bylaw or Policy (cite) ____	
Recommendation: That Council review the information provided and approve the applicants requests as provided in the agenda	
Attachments List: Notice of Decision, Air Photo, Applicant Request Letter	

Background: Clearwater County has received a request from Pidherney's regarding an undeveloped gravel pit located on the SW 14- 39- 8- W5M. The request is a product of a Subdivision and Development Appeal Board decision dated April 12, 1996. A meeting was held August 28, 2014 between staff and Pidherney's representatives to discuss the conditions laid out by the Appeal Board. The notice of decision has been attached for your review.

See Attached

- 1) Part of Condition #1 states **“Requirement for the Applicant to enter into a development Agreement to address Road Use and Other Issues. The applicant shall be required to enter into a Development Agreement with the Council of the Municipal District of Clearwater prior to proceeding with the proposed development.”**

Typically a development agreement would be required between Clearwater County and the Applicant, not Council. The Administration requests that the agreement be drafted between the Applicant and Clearwater County with the appropriate department administering the agreement.

- 2) Regarding the road upgrades; Part of Condition #1 states –“**No work may commence in the proposed gravel pit until the above mentioned road is upgraded to include a 26 foot top and an 18” clay cap and any other requirement deemed necessary by the Council.**”

Due to the existing road structure in the area the applicant is proposing to reconstruct the effected roadway to Municipal Standard including a 26’ road top, an 200mm structure of 2” crushed gravel capped with a 100mm structure of ¾ “ crushed gravel. It is Public Works opinion that the proposed structure exceeds the requirement of the Appeal Boards’ condition.

- 3) Further to Condition #1 the road upgrades included the entirety of the original haul route.” **All that portion of the developed municipal road lying south of the subject lands, from the proposed point of access into the pit, proceeding in an easterly direction approximately 1.5 to 2 miles and then north on the developed road which lies east of SE 13- 39-8 W5M to Hwy 11A. Particular attention should be paid to the upgrade of the Garth Cemetery Hill considering site lines, private driveways and access to the cemetery.**

-application of dust control and maintenance the same

-the placement and erection of signage;

-all road repair and maintenance beyond normal will be charged to the developer;

Any other issues determined by Council.”

The applicant has proposed utilizing only a portion of the original haul route. This route would include an access from approximately the mid- point of the south side of SW 14 -39- 8 W5M, proceeding east approximately 1.5 miles then accessing north into the SE 13- 39- 8 W5M. The haul route would continue on private property accessing onto the Range Road 8-0 utilizing the existing M.P.T. Gravel Pit access then continue north to Hwy 11A. Public Works agrees that this revised haul route is preferable to the existing haul route.

Condition #2 –“**The Board further recommends that the Municipal District Council reduce, by bylaw, the posted speed limit on the haul route to 60Km /hour.**”

If Council grants the applicant permission to utilize and upgrade the revised haul route only, the applicant has requested that this portion of the condition be waived as the haul route will have a design speed of 90Km /hour posted at 80Km. It is Public Works opinion that the reduced speed limit was to assist in mitigating the concerns for the north /south portion of the original haul route and recommend leaving the posted speed limit of 80Km for the revised haul route.

From: Dave McLaughlin [mailto:dave.m@pidherneys.com]
Sent: September-02-14 3:54 PM
To: Erik Hansen
Cc: Charlie Macdonald
Subject: Pit development request

Marshall and Eric thanks for meeting with us today , Pidherneys would like to present the following to the Clearwater County Council in regards to our Development permit No.55/95 at the next council meeting September 8th 2014

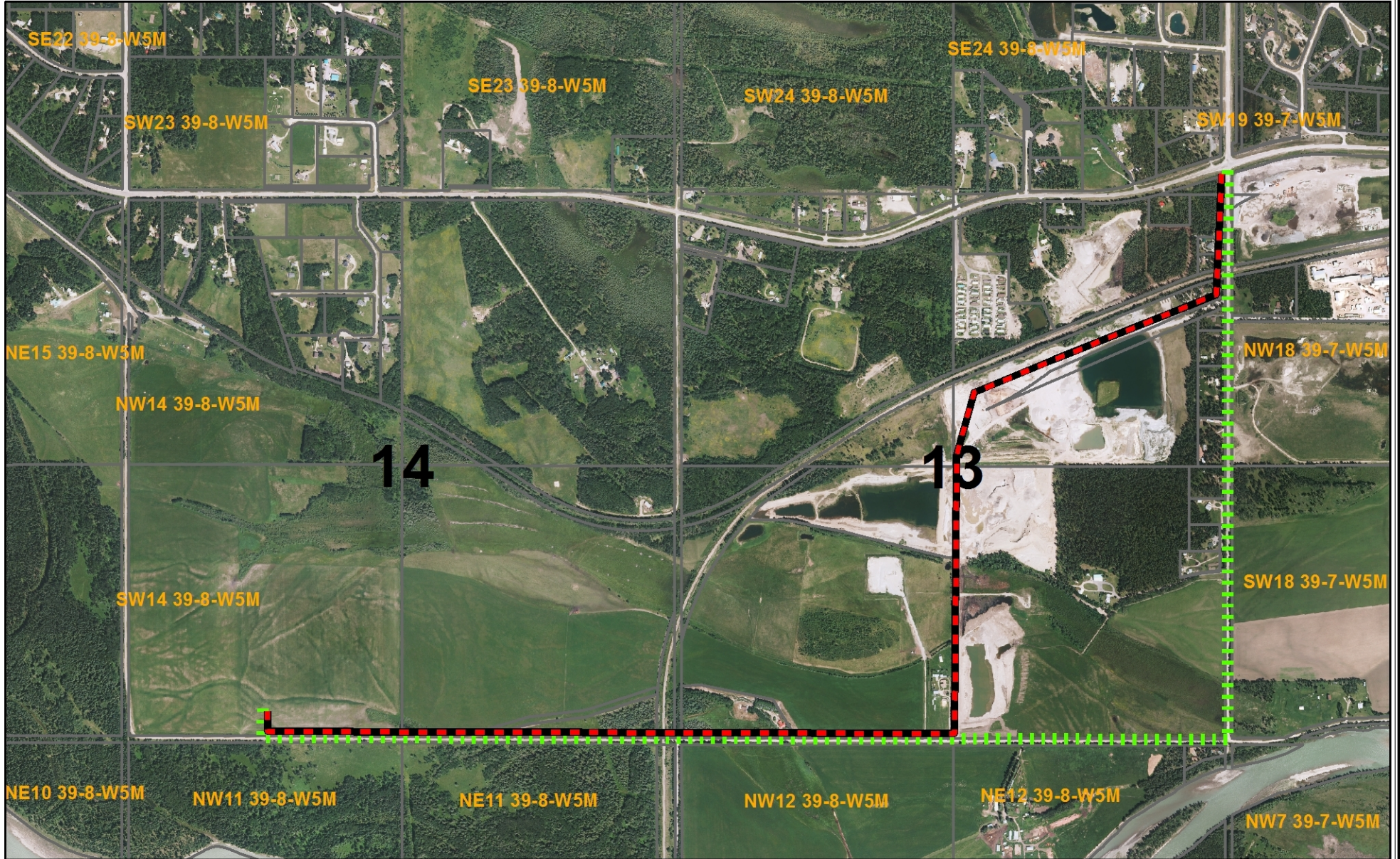
1. Pidherneys will only need to utilize 2.0 km of road from the S.W 14-39-8-W5 going in an easterly direction from the pit along the south boundary of lands to the SE of 13-39-8 W5. Pidherneys plans on utilizing this 2.0 km to haul material from one quarter to the other, therefore bypassing the south and east side of SE 13-39-8 W5. By not developing the east side of this quarter we will not be effecting any residence going north next to the quarter towards Highway 11 A as we will not be hauling along here.
2. Pidherneys will develop the 2.0 km of road with a 26ft road top and developed to Clearwater County standards.
3. Pidherneys will upgrade the existing access to the quarter (SW14-39-8W5) this will be the only access constructed.
4. Pidherneys requests to construct a top structure of 200mm of 2"crush and 100mm of ¾ crush for a total granular structure of 300mm instead of 18" of claythat is in the agreement.
5. Pidherneys proposes that the county speed limit stays at the current speed limit of 80km .
6. Pidherneys will provide dust control for the entire 2.0 km by using magnesium dust control and maintaining it.
7. Pidherneys will obtain all the necessary utility crossing agreements to construct the 2.0km of road.



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-  Original Route
-  Proposed New Route

Proposed Route to S.W. 14-39-8 W5 Gravel Pit Development



SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CLEARWATER NO. 99
NOTICE OF DECISION

HEARING DATE: March 28, 1996

DECISION DATE: April 12, 1996

BEFORE:

Russell King, Chairman
Tom Clark, Member
Pat Alexander, Member
Dwight Oliver, Member

SECRETARY: Brian Irmien

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER: Keith McCrae
MANAGER ASSESS/DEV: Neil Cameron

APPEAL:

The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for the Municipal District of Clearwater convened to hear representations and appeals against a February 28, 1996 decision of the Municipal District of Clearwater Municipal Planning Commission, to conditionally approve development permit 55/95, for Stewart Woollard on behalf of 496000 Alberta Ltd., on the South West of Section 14, Township 39, Range 8, West of the Fifth Meridian for the development and operation of a gravel pit.

SUMMARY OF HEARING

The Secretary introduced the Board members and officials present. He asked if any Board member was aware of any reason that he should disqualify himself, and he asked if anyone present had any concerns with any of the Board members hearing the case. No conflicts were declared by the Board members nor were any objections raised from others present

The Secretary read the letters of appeal in the order they were received:

Floyd Schamber;
Shirely Leavitt;
Stewart Woollard on behalf of 496000 Alberta Ltd.;
Bill and Wilma Tensen;
Normand Landry.

It was noted that all appeals, except the Woollard appeal (who was also representing the applicant), were against the approval of the development permit. The Woollard appeal was against condition number three of the development permit that restricted hours of operation.

The Chairman then outlined the hearing procedure and asked if there were any objections to the procedures as outlined. There being none, the Chairman asked for the Development Officers report.

The Development Officer reported that the Municipal Planning Commission (M.P.C.) had conditionally approved a development permit for the operation and development of a gravel pit on the subject property. He presented background and reasons for the M.P.C.'s decision. He reported that the M.P.C. considered the development as a discretionary use in the Land Use By-law. Policies of the General Municipal Plan directed that the municipality protect gravel deposits and good agricultural lands, and the Ferrier-Garth Area Structure Plan directed that the subject lands be retained for agricultural purposes. Considering Environmental Protection's permitting and reclamation requirements, the issuance of the development permit, in the opinion of the M.P.C., complied with municipal policy and land use by-law.

Appellants and others opposed to the development were given an opportunity to present their views:

- the condition of the road and railway underpass is not able to handle the additional truck traffic safely, considering the variety of traffic (recreational, tourist, school bus, etc.);
- concern with noise from crushing operations and truck brakes;
- an upgraded road may not be satisfactory to residents;
- dust from trucks along the haul route;
- reduce property values;
- reclamation of quarried area;
- water concerns (on site and off site) and potential pollution of same;
- reduction in quality of life for area residents;
- quality agricultural lands will be lost;
- other gravel sites are available;
- the Farrier-Garth Area Structure Plan directs that only agricultural operations be permitted not gravel pit operations;
- concerns with road development at the Garth Cemetery and hill;
- concerns with continued operations at the existing pit.

The following individuals made presentations to the Board, in opposition to the development: Floyd Schamber, Bill Tensen, Normand Landry, Alf Morrish, Reo Van Maarion, Tom Stewart, Rena Stewart, Fred Fisher, Randy Hill, Carol Kraft, Mel Kraft, Marlene Tulloch, and Janice Van Maarion.

The Board then heard from Stuart Woollard as an appellant and as the applicant. In support of his appeal Mr. Woollard expressed concern that the restricted hours of operation may impact the ability of the applicant to service his clients during off hours. The type of industry they serve can require material at any time. He suggested that the Board consider a condition similar to that which was placed on the Fred Fisher pit that allowed the M.D. to restrict the hours operation if required. Alternatively he suggested the M.D. Council could consider a by-law restricting all gravel pits similarly. Regarding the application itself, Mr. Woollard submitted:

- that the M.P.C. had properly interpreted and applied the policies and by-laws of the municipality and issued a permit;

- that the road use issues would be addressed in the developer's agreement negotiated with the M.D. Council;
- a report was prepared by a qualified individual stating that "the development of a gravel pit at this location will not endanger the quality or quantity of the groundwater supply for the surrounding area";
- the protection of the quality soils, pit reclamation and water issues would be addressed by the Department of Environmental Protection permits and licenses;
- there was no evidence presented that supports the claims that property values would decline as there are gravel pits already operating in the area;
- the type and quality of gravel the applicant requires is not readily available in the area at reasonable cost;
- the Board is obligated to comply with municipal policies and by-laws, and approve the development with reasonable conditions.

All appellants, those that spoke in opposition to the development, and the applicant, were then given an opportunity to make additional closing comments.

The hearing closed with Mr. Tom Stewart, an area resident, expressing his concern that the people should be given the opportunity to appeal the Board's decision to another local body and not necessarily the courts.

Detailed copies of the hearing minutes are available from the Secretary.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Upon hearing and considering the representations and the evidence of the parties concerned, the Board finds the facts in the matter to be as follows:

1. The Municipal Planning Commission approved the subject development with conditions;
2. The appeal notices were properly filed with the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board;
3. The proposed development is a discretionary use in the Land Use By-Law in the Agriculture District "A";
4. The Municipal District General Municipal Plan directs the municipality to "protect undeveloped subsurface minerals from conflicting surface land uses and to protect valuable surface resources and uses from the impacts of subsurface resource recovery".
5. The Ferrier-Garth Area Structure Plan states that "all lands in this quarter will be retained for agricultural purposes".
6. The Department of Environmental Protection has jurisdiction to issue permits and licenses regarding:
 - reclamation of gravel pit sites, and;
 - protection and use of water resources.
7. The haul road is not currently developed to a standard that could accommodate gravel truck traffic from the subject lands;
8. Operations within the old gravel pit site, currently owned and operated by the applicant, are not subject to review by the Board.
9. The Board has the discretion to either approve or refuse the application with reasons, and conditions may be attached to any approval that could deal with road issues and hours of operation, among others.

DECISION

It is the decision of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board to deny the appeals filed by Floyd Shamber, Shirely Leavitt, Bill and Wilma Tensen and Normand Landry.

It is also the decision of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board to deny the appeal filed by Stewart Woollard on behalf of 496000 Alberta Ltd.

The Board further directs that development permit 55/95 be upheld and the conditions be amended to read as follows:

CONDITION #1 - Requirement for the Applicant to enter into a Development Agreement to address Road Use and other issues

The applicant shall be required to enter into a Development Agreement with the Council of the Municipal District of Clearwater prior to proceeding with the proposed development. The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board recommends to Council that the said agreement specifically deal with the following road use issues:

- All vehicular traffic over one ton, to and from the proposed pit, shall be through the developed municipal road allowance along the south boundary of the subject lands in an easterly direction to the developed municipal road allowance located on the east side of SE 13, 39-8-W5 then north to Highway 11A. The developed municipal road along the west side of the subject land is not to be used as a haul route by traffic associated with this development.
- No work may commence in the proposed gravel pit until the above mentioned road is upgraded to include a 26 foot top and an 18 inch clay cap and any other requirement deemed necessary by the Council. The portion of road to be upgraded is described as follows;

All that portion of the developed municipal road lying south of the subject lands, from the proposed point of access into the pit, proceeding in an easterly direction approximately 1.5 to 2 miles and then north on the developed municipal road which lies east of S.E. 13, 39-8-W5 to Highway 11A. Particular attention should be paid to the upgrade of the Garth Cemetery Hill considering site lines, private driveways and access to the cemetery;

- application of dust control and maintenance of same;
- the placement and erection of signage;

- all road repair and maintenance beyond normal will be charged to the developer;
- any other issues determined by Council.

CONDITION #2 - Access/Egress

Access to the proposed gravel pit development will be through one approach off the developed municipal road lying south of the subject lands and constructed to municipal standards. The determination of the precise location and standards for the approach will be a matter of agreement between the Municipal District Council and the developer, and will be an item included in the Development Agreement referred in Condition #1.

The Board recommends to Council that the Development Agreement include provisions that permit the approach to be moved as mining operations move across the quarter to ensure that the access location is as close as possible to stockpiles and mining operations. Consideration may be included in the Development Agreement for the placement of an agricultural use only approach on the west side of the subject.

The Board further recommends that the Municipal District Council reduce, by by-law, the posted speed limit on the haul route to 60 kilometers per hour.

CONDITION #3 - Limitations to Hours and Days of Operation

The hours of operation shall be restricted to between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. daily.

The days of operation shall be restricted to Monday through Friday.

No operations shall be conducted on weekends and statutory holidays. In this regard, routine maintenance of equipment is herein deemed to be an acceptable operation subject to the applicant conducting said maintenance in a responsible manner. The Municipality reserves the right to investigate any complaints received and impose further restrictions which are deemed to be justifiable.

The Board also directs that the developer investigate and implement appropriate noise attenuation techniques and facilities, in the operation of the gravel pit. The techniques and facilities proposed by the developer will be approved by the Municipal District Council and included in the Development Agreement referred to in Condition #1. In this regard the Board recommends that top soil storage piles be located north of pit operations and shaped in such a manner to assist in the reduction of noise levels in the area residential subdivision.

CONDITION #4 - Subject to the issuance of Conservation and Reclamation Approval

The issuance of this development permit shall be subject to the Applicant, 496000 Alberta Ltd., providing the Municipality with satisfactory proof that approval has been granted by Alberta Environmental Protection for the proposed gravel pit. No activity, related to gravel mining, other than that considered to constitute testing, shall be conducted without said approval in place. Failure of the Applicant to receive the approval of Alberta Environmental Protection shall render this permit null and void.

The Board further recommends that the Municipal District communicate with Alberta Environmental Protection to express its desire, that as a condition of any approved mining or reclamation plan, that no top soil be sold or removed from the subject lands.

REASONS

The subject property is designated Agriculture District "A" under the Land Use By-Law, wherein a gravel pit is listed as a discretionary use. A discretionary use is defined as a use provided for in the Land Use By-Law which may be compatible with other uses in the District, and, for which a development permit may be issued upon an application having been made.

The Municipal District of Clearwater General Municipal Plan (GMP) directs the municipality to "protect undeveloped subsurface minerals from conflicting surface land uses and to protect valuable surface resources and uses from the impacts of subsurface resource recovery".

The subject property is contained within the Ferrier-Garth Area Structure Plan (FGASP) which states that "all lands in this quarter will be retained for agricultural purposes".

The Board is of the opinion that the use of a 72 acre portion of the subject lands as gravel pit is temporary in nature, with only 10 to 15 acres in operation at any one time, and with an estimated life span of 7 to 10 years. The issuance of Conservation and Reclamation Approval by Alberta Environmental Protection will call for the ongoing reclamation of mined areas. The long term use of this land for agricultural purposes is therefore being preserved.

The Board is of the opinion that the proposed use is compatible with the policies contained within the General Municipal Plan and the Ferrier-Garth Area Structure Plan and ongoing agricultural uses on the subject quarter and in the near vicinity. The Board is satisfied that activities impacting water quality and quantities, on site and off site, will be subject to permit approvals, inspection and enforcement of Alberta Environmental Protection.

The Board agreed with those opposing the approval of the development permit, that the proposed haul route is currently not satisfactory. However, the Board is of the opinion that all issues related to the hauling of gravel, the upgrading and the maintenance of the haul route, and safety, can be adequately addressed in the Development Agreement and by reducing the speed on the haul route to 60 kilometers per hour.

The Board accepts also, that there will be impacts associated with this development, as can be argued with any development. However, the Board was given no tangible evidence that the development, in addition to gravel pits already operating in the area, would significantly impact the value of area properties or that it would significantly impact the quality of anyone's living environment. Including conditions that addresses the hours of operation, noise attenuation, and road development and maintenance, will assist in alleviating disruptive aspects of the gravel pit operations.

The Board did not accept Mr. Woollard's suggestion that hours of operation should be the same for all gravel pit operations. The Board considers that differing conditions, and the type and amount area development, justify a variety of restrictions.



Agenda Item

Project: Ridgeland Estates Yield Sign	
Presentation Date: September 8th, 2014	
Department: Public Works	Author: Peter Leek/Marshall Morton
Budget Implication: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Funded by Dept. <input type="checkbox"/> Reallocation	
Strategic Area: Infrastructure & Asset Management	Goal: To effectively manage the financial and physical assets of the County in order to support the growth and development of the County while obtaining maximum value from County owned infrastructure and structures.
Legislative Direction: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Provincial Legislation (cite) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> County Bylaw or Policy (cite) _____	
Recommendation: That Council reviews and approves by resolution the proposed adjustment thereby amending the regulatory sign bylaw to permit the installation of the proposed Yield sign as shown on the attached map	
Attachments List: Regulatory Sign Map	

Background:

Ridgeland Estates lies at the end of a no exit road and connects to Twp. Road 39-4 going to the east. Through routine maintenance inspections this intersection was identified as a potential spot to have a Yield sign put up in place of the Stop sign as there is only an approach into a residence opposite of the Stop sign to the south and there is no road going to the west.

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NW27 39-8-W5M

NE28 39-8-W5M

SANDHILLS DR



SW27 39-8-W5M

SE27 39-8-W5M

SE28 39-8-W5M

RIDGELAND RD



ASPEN AVE



FOREST CLOSE



TR39-4

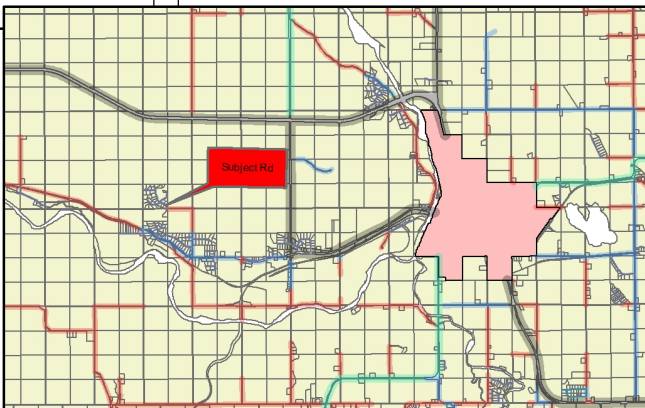


Proposed Sign Revision
From STOP to YIELD

NW22 39-8-W5M

NE22 39-8-W5M

NE21 39-8-W5M



Proposal to Revise Existing Stop Sign to
a Yield Sign at the exit of
Ridgeland Estates - S.W. 27-39-8 W5





Agenda Item

Project: AAMDC Provincial Water and Wastewater Grants Resolution	
Presentation Date: September 8 th , 2014	
Department: Council	Author: Kurt Magnus/Marshall Morton
Budget Implication: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Funded by Dept. <input type="checkbox"/> Reallocation	
Strategic Area: Governance and Intergovernmental Relations	Goal: Council will actively pursue opportunities to discuss with the Premier, Cabinet Members, and Deputy Ministers issues concerning provincial legislation, programs or initiatives.
Legislative Direction: <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Provincial Legislation (cite) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> County Bylaw or Policy (cite) _____	
Recommendation: That Council approves taking the proposed resolution forward to the Fall Central Zone AAMDC Meeting.	
Attachments List: Draft AAMDC Provincial Water and Wastewater Grants Resolution	

Background:

The Fall Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) Convention takes place between November 18th and 20th in Edmonton. Prior to this, the Central Zone AAMDC meeting occurs on October 17th, where members are able to submit resolutions pertaining to municipal advocacy and Provincial Government practices and policies. The AAMDC has asked that members with resolutions take them to their respective zone meeting to be voted on before sending it to the membership at large for the fall convention.

Council has indicated that an area of concern for the municipality is the reinstatement of provincial funding for water and wastewater infrastructure. The water/wastewater infrastructure deficit for both rural and urban municipalities in the province is significant and that municipalities call on the provincial government to reinstate these programs in the 2015/16 provincial budget. Administration has brought forward for Council's review, a resolution which addresses this issue.

Subject to Council's review and approval, Administration is recommending that Council take the Provincial Water and Wastewater Grants Resolution to the Central Zone AAMDC meeting. The membership of the Central Zone would then vote on the resolution as to whether or not it should advance to the Fall AAMDC Convention.

Reinstatement of Funding for Water and Wastewater Systems

WHEREAS municipalities are required to fund any new water or wastewater systems or new extensions to existing water or wastewater systems; and

WHEREAS water and wastewater systems in Alberta must be extended and/or built in order to insure the health and safety of residents; and,

WHEREAS the 2013 provincial budget includes no funding for a number of grant programs essential to development or maintenance of infrastructure in rural municipalities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties lobby the Government of Alberta to reinstate funding for the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Program – Water for Life in the 2015 provincial budget.

Member Background:

In the 2013 budget, the Government of Alberta announced that the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Program – Water for Life will be zero-funded, a decision that has had a significant impact on municipalities across the province.

In the past, the province has been assisting municipalities by providing funding through the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Program – Water for Life. Previously funded at \$75 million for 2014/15, the program is now un-funded and municipalities are left with the responsibility to fund any new water and wastewater developments.

Many Water and Wastewater systems across Alberta are at the end of their lifespan and, without funding, the only choice for municipalities will be to substantially increase taxes, as needed, in order to fund the development of new water and/or wastewater systems. Municipalities do not have sufficient funding available to extend existing water/wastewater systems or develop new water/wastewater systems. The removal of the \$75 million of Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Program – Water for Life funding will result in further growth in infrastructure deficits and will have detrimental impacts for years to come.



Agenda Item

Project: Clearwater Forest Recreational Trails Initiative	
Presentation Date: September 8, 2014	
Department: Corporate Services	Author: Rudy Huisman
Budget Implication: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Funded by Dept. <input type="checkbox"/> Reallocation	
Strategic Area:	Goal:
Legislative Direction: <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Provincial Legislation (cite) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> County Bylaw or Policy (cite) _____	
Recommendation: That Council consider the request for funding of the Clearwater Forest Recreational Trails Initiative	
Attachments List:	

Background:

Council received a presentation on the Clearwater Forest Recreational Trails Initiative. That presentation included information on a grant application to the National Trails Coalition (NTC) to provide partial funding for this project. Based on preliminary estimates, the total project cost will be \$800,000 with a short term alternative which would cost \$360,000. While the grant application is being viewed favourably by NTC, the coalition has indicated that partner funding is an important consideration in the grant approval process. Fund raising efforts are under way with several corporations committed to making contributions including one commitment for \$75,000 over 3 years.

If Council wishes to make a contribution in the current year, in order to strengthen the NTC application, a source of funding will need to be identified.

The Rocky Mountain House to Nordegg Trail was initiated several years ago. To date, the County has received grants totaling \$150,000 for the development of this trail. The County contributed land valued at \$125,588.48 for the staging area and parking lot at the Nordegg end of the trail which was completed in 2012. At December 31, 2013, the Operating Reserve had \$75,000 designated to the Rocky Mountain House to Nordegg Trail made up of the remainder of the grant funding plus some county contributed funds. The full \$75,000 was budgeted in 2014 but to August 31, 2014 nothing has been spent. Council may wish to redirect some of these funds based on availability and the similarity of the projects. Alternatively, Council may choose to apply some of the contingency funds in the 2014 Operating Budget.

If Council wishes to consider a multi year commitment, it can direct staff to include such a contribution in the 2015-2017 proposed budget.



Agenda Item

Project: Sundre Petroleum Operators Group (SPOG) Neighbours' Day Event	
Presentation Date: September 8, 2014	
Department: Community & Protective Services	Author: Katie Lutz/Tracy Haight
Budget Implication: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Funded by Dept. <input type="checkbox"/> Reallocation	
Strategic Area:	Goal:
Legislative Direction: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Provincial Legislation (cite) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> County Bylaw or Policy (cite) _____	
Recommendation: That Council authorizes any or all Councillors attendance at the SPOG Neighbours' Day Event on September 12.	
Attachments List: N/A	

Background:

Sundre Petroleum Operators Group (SPOG) is hosting their annual "Neighbours's Day" event on Friday, September 12. This year's theme "Acts, Agreements & Actions, Who's in Charge?" will focus on helping stakeholders understand the government transition for a single regulator for the oil and gas industry.

A "Breakfast Meet & Greet" with a guest panel consisting of representatives from Alberta Energy Regulator, Farmers' Advocate, Clearwater County, and other regulatory bodies involved in stakeholder engagement will take place at the Sundre Hockey Arena, starting at 9:00 a.m. with opening introductions, followed by a presentation and information period.



Agenda Item

Project: Improvement of Internet Broadband Access	
Presentation Date: September 8, 2014	
Department: Community & Protective Services	Author: Ted Hickey
Budget Implication: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Funded by Dept. <input type="checkbox"/> Reallocation	
Strategic Area: Quality of Life	Goal: Council would like to see broader high speed Internet availability throughout most of Clearwater County.
Legislative Direction: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Provincial Legislation (cite) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> County Bylaw or Policy (cite) _____	
Recommendation: That Council directs Administration to provide a letter, on Council's behalf, to the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Industry, encouraging the Minister to consider additional details to the "Connecting Canadians" program.	
Attachments List:	

Background:

For several years Council has been actively pursuing solutions to increase internet access for business and residents throughout the County. These efforts have included but not limited to:

- Applying for funding through the Provincial 'Final Mile Rural Community Program 2012' for tower construction in the southern portion of the County, which was rejected.
- Seeking mutually beneficial partnerships with other government agencies.
- Encouraging private sector involvement and investment.

Through the AAMD&C, the County has been made aware of The Government of Canada's *Connecting Canadians* program that will provide \$305 million between 2014 and 2017 to strengthen rural broadband access across Canada. The goal of the program is to provide broadband access speeds of 5Mbps or higher to 98% of Canadian households. At this point, Industry Canada is still determining how program funding will be distributed among provinces and territories. The funding will be based on



data compiled by the Canadian Radio-Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) and supplemented by additional data provided by **internet service providers (ISPs)**. Program funding will be distributed on a project basis, and all ISPs and other private and public entities that operate broadband infrastructure will be eligible to receive funding, which will be limited to 50% of project costs.

AAMDC has communicated that it believes:

- Municipalities should have a voice in the project selection process, as ISPs may avoid proposing projects focused on remote areas of the province where project costs may be higher. As such, involving a local perspective in the selection process will help ensure that program benefits are realized in all underserved areas of the province, rather than only those that are the most easily accessible.
- The program must include measures to hold ISPs accountable for delivering the goals of the program – most significant of which are consistent 5Mbps internet speeds in project areas.
- Industry Canada must link funding with a guarantee that the project will deliver results.

AAMDC will be writing to Industry Canada encouraging them to consider the above when crafting details of the “Connecting Canadians” program. AAMDC asks that rural municipalities do the same to voice the rural Alberta perspective on the importance of broadband access and the need for a municipal voice in the project selection process.

Upcoming Events

- September 12 – SPOG Neighbours' Day
- September 14 – Caroline Legion WW1 Commemorative Day
- September 15 – A&P Meeting
- September 17 – CAAMDC Resolution Deadline
- September 24 to 26 – AUMA Conference
- October 6 – ICC Meeting (Pat & Earl)
- October 16 – Tri-Council Meeting
- October 17 – CAAMDC District 2 Meeting

Clearwater County Councilor and Board Member Remuneration Statement For the Year of2014.....

Name of Councilor / Board MemberPat Alexander.....

Payment Periods

January	February	May	June
March	April	<u>July</u>	August
September	October	November	December

Supervision Rate – \$550.00 Monthly
Reeve Supervision Rate - \$850.00 Monthly

Date	Type of Meeting Attended	First 4 Hours \$152.00	Next 4 Hours \$121.00	Next 4 Hours \$121.00	Regular Council Meeting \$276.00	Lunch \$16.00	Mileage @ \$0.54 / km
July 1	Canada	X					84
July 2	Reg. Fire	X					74
July 4	ICC	X					74
July 8	Council				X		74
July 9	Ag Building	X					74
July 11	Pow Wow	X				X	84
July 12	Pow Wow	X					84
July 16	NSWA	X	X	X		X	392
July 22	Council				X		74
July 23	Ag Building	X					74
July 25	NSWA Dryton V	X	X				216

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Remuneration Calculation

<u>9</u>	Meetings @ \$152.00=	<u>1368.00</u>	<u>1304</u>	Kms @ \$0.54=	<u>704.16</u>
<u>3</u>	Meetings @ \$121.00=	<u>363.00</u>	<u>2</u>	Lunch @ \$16.00=	<u>32.00</u>
<u>2</u>	Meetings @ \$276.00=	<u>552.00</u>			
	Supervision=	<u>850.00</u>			
	TOTAL=	<u>3133.00</u>		TOTAL=	<u>736.16</u>

Signature {Councilor / Board Member}