

MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008

PRESENT	Frances Davis Pete Nykolyshyn Bonnie Bigam Brian Harcourt Charles Johnson Bill Moedt	Reeve Deputy Reeve Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor
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REGRETS	Jake Klassen	Councillor
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ATTENDING	Ray Coad Christine Woodward Audrey Bjorklund Allan Rowe	CAO EA CDM PWM
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CALL TO ORDER Reeve Davis called the Regular Council Meeting of January 8, 2008 to order at 9:30 a.m.

AGENDA
C001(01/08/08) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council adopts the agenda governing the January 8, 2008 Regular Council Meeting with the following additions:**

- 9E Dangerous Dog Act **CARRIED**

MINUTES
C002(01/08/08) **RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council adopts the minutes of the December 11, 2007 Regular Council meeting as presented. CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
VSI Agreement This item was tabled at the Dec. 11/07 Council meeting. Council reviewed the schedule of services and the funding component of the VSI program. Community development Manager Bjorklund recommended discussing this at the joint meeting with ASB.

C003(01/08/08) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council discusses the VSI agreement at the ASB joint meeting. CARRIED**

DELEGATIONS
2011 55+ Summer Games Gary Sky and Gord MacLeod presented information regarding Summer Games to be held in Fairview in 2011, for participants aged 55+. The Senior Games are sponsored by NAIT, the MD and Towns of Fairview, Clear Hills County and the Village of Hines Creek. 1500 people are anticipated to attend the Games

(the 26 – 30 July) and approximately 800 volunteers will be needed to plan and facilitate the event; Council was invited to send a member to the upcoming planning meeting Jan 16/08 at 7pm.

Reeve Davis called for a short recess at 9:55 a.m. and the meeting came to order at 10:03 a.m.

C004(01/08/08) **RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyszyn that the information presented regarding the 55+ Summer Games coming to Fairview in 2011 be accepted as information and that Reeve Davis be appointed and Councillors Moedt and Harcourt be appointed as the alternates. CARRIED**

COUNCIL

Council Retreat

During the budget discussion the subject of a Council Retreat was raised; a date and location must be set in order to plan the event. The retreat is an opportunity for goal setting and an annual event to set long term capital plans.

C005(01/08/08) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council directs administration to plan a Council retreat to take place on Feb 29 and Mar 1 in Grande Prairie. CARRIED**

Policy 1107
Remuneration

Council reviewed the current Policy which dictates the remuneration for Councillors and committee members. An AAMD&C compensation survey of similar municipalities and those rate structures was included for Council review. The County Council 2008 remuneration budget placed below the lowest median average in Alberta.

C006(01/08/08) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council accepts the discussion regarding the 2008 Council remuneration budget as information. CARRIED**

Policy 1111
Recognition of Service

Council discussed the current policy and plans to recognize former councillors and committee members.

C007(01/08/08) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that former Councillors and qualified Committee members be invited to the February 12 Council meeting and be recognized per Policy 1111. CARRIED**

Peace Valley CRT
Board

C008(01/08/08) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Councillor Johnson be appointed as the Clear Hills County representative of the**

**Peace Valley Conservation, Recreation and Tourism Board.
CARRIED**

- Communications Council discussed the County newsletter.
- C009(01/08/08) RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that effective January 2008, Council provides a communiqué for publication in the County's monthly newsletter. CARRIED**
- Surface Rights This item will be on the next Council agenda.
- C010(01/08/08) RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam to accept the discussion regarding surface rights. CARRIED**
- Dunvegan Hydro Project
Glacier Power Limited provided responses to the Supplemental Information Requests resulting from a government agency review of the Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed Dunvegan Hydroelectric Project. A meeting will take place in Peace River on January 28 to hear representation respecting certain preliminary and procedural aspects of the public review.
- C011(01/08/08) RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that the information regarding the Dunvegan Hydroelectric Project be accepted and Reeve Davis be authorized to attend the meeting on Jan. 28 in Peace River. CARRIED**
- APEGGA An invitation to the Reeve and guest from the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta was reviewed.
- C012(01/08/08) RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that the invitation from the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta be accepted as information and that Reeve Davis and Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn be authorized to attend the reception dinner in Grande Prairie. CARRIED**
- Senior Mgmt Team The Activity Report was reviewed and discussed.
- C013(01/08/08) RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council receives the Senior Management Team Activity Report of Dec. 12/07 for information. CARRIED**
- Letter A letter from administration to B. Kobbert subsequent to her presentation to Council was reviewed.
- C014(01/08/08) RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that the letter from administration to B. Kobbert be accepted as information. CARRIED**

CORPORATE
SERVICES

Accounts Payable Council reviewed a list of expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of December 12, 2007 to January 8, 2008.

C015(01/08/08) RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council ratifies the list of expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of December 12, 2007 to January 8, 2008, excluding cheques no 2670, and 2677 for a total of \$433,402.12. CARRIED

Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn and Councillor Harcourt abstained from the following vote, declaring a pecuniary interest.

C016(01/08/08) RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council ratifies cheques no 2670 and 2677 for a total of \$3,200.00. CARRIED

Reeve Davis called for a half hour recess for lunch at 12:30. The meeting reconvened at 12:57 p.m.

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT

ASB Joint Meeting There have been some items identified that require mutual discussion; Council considered hosting a joint meeting with the Agriculture Services Board.

C017(01/08/08) RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council invites the Agriculture Services Board to a joint supper meeting on February 26 at 4 pm to discuss items of mutual concern. CARRIED

EMR Licensing Council reviewed a draft letter to Peace Country Health regarding the issue of Alberta College of Paramedics licensing fees for local ambulance attendants.

C018(01/08/08) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council reimburses the six local ambulance attendants for the licensing fees from Alberta College of Paramedics in the amount of \$325 each for the 2008 licensing year, and further that a letter be sent to Peace Country Health President and CEO regarding a verbal commitment to the County for reimbursement of 2007 and coverage of the 2008 and future licensing fees for ambulance attendants. CARRIED

911 Dispatch Peace Country Health is invoicing for the balance of 2006 dispatch fees.

C019(01/08/08) RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council authorizes \$1,386.00 from the 2007 Emergency Services budget be paid

to Peace Country Health for 2006 Fire Department dispatch services. **CARRIED**

**Bylaw 25
File Destruction**

Council must pass a resolution to approve the destruction of temporary records and documents of Clear Hills County.

C020(01/08/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council approves the destruction of 2004 and 2005 monthly reconciliation and receipts and the destruction of 1998 and 1999 temporary files according to Bylaw 25. CARRIED

Dangerous Dog Act

Councillor Harcourt requested that this item be added to the agenda.

C021(01/08/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that administration investigates an animal control bylaw for the County. CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS

Traffic Counts

Traffic count data was reviewed as it pertains to Range Rd 44 and the Clear Prairie Rd west of the Ski Hill Rd. Discussion took place about safety and traffic speeds along that corridor.

C022(01/08/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that the traffic count data regarding Range Rd 44 and the Clear Prairie Rd west of the ski hill road is accepted as information. CARRIED

Clear Hills Connector

A letter from Alberta Sustainable Resource Development was reviewed. It indicated that the routing of the northern section of the Clearhills Connector Rd shall proceed along the revised eastern route, joining to the existing ARC complex access.

SRD has requested a delegation at the January 22 meeting; the study will be provided to Council.

C023(01/08/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that the discussion about the Clear Hills Connector be accepted as information. CARRIED

Bear Canyon Water Comparison

Analysis of Bear Canyon Water Treatment Plant expenditure versus revenue in comparison to Worsley and Cleardale was reviewed.

C024(01/08/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that the water revenue and expenditure comparison of Bear Canyon to Worsley and Cleardale be accepted as information. CARRIED

Secondary
Highway 726
Upgrades

Council reviewed a letter regarding the access road construction. Alberta Transportation has agreed to consider the phasing-in of accel/decel lanes prior to 2027, depending on the growth in the area.

C025(01/08/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council accepts for information the letter from Alberta Transportation and Infrastructure dated December 7, 2007 regarding the Highway 726 intersection upgrades within the NW 36-86-8 W6M and the traffic impact assessment (TIA) recommendations. CARRIED

Correspondence

A letter from the Cherry Canyon Agricultural Society was received.

C026(01/08/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that the letter of November 7, 2007 from the Cherry Canyon Agricultural Society regarding Secondary Highway 717 be accepted for information by Council, and further that administration contacts Alberta Transportation regarding public meetings at Bear Canyon CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE
& INFORMATION**

Council reviewed correspondence items.

C027(01/08/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council accepts for information the correspondence items

- **PREDA Members Report**
- **Peace Country Health Board Highlights**
- **Peace Country Health Direction for Medical Training**
- **Municipal Affairs MSI Approval**

as presented on Jan 8/08. CARRIED

C028(01/08/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that the Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer be protected from any form of pollution. CARRIED

**COUNCIL
REPORTS**

Meeting with
Hines Creek

Council discussed various meetings and committees attended over the past month.

A joint council meeting has been tentatively scheduled for January 10, 2008. (Rescheduled to Jan. 29)

Councillor Moedt withdrew from the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Meeting of
4 Councils

A meeting has been scheduled between the Village of Hines Creek, the MD and Town of Fairview and the County. This shall

take place in Fairview on Mon. Jan 28, the time and place to be determined later.

**MONTHLY
CALENDARS**

At this time Council and Administration reviewed their monthly calendars and brought forth dates to be added.

**CONFIDENTIAL
ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT
C029(01/08/08)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council adjourns
the meeting. CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

January 23, 2008
DATE SIGNED

signature on file
REEVE DAVIS

January 23, 2008
DATE SIGNED

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