

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 12, 2008**

PRESENT	Frances Davis	Reeve
	Pete Nykolyshyn	Deputy Reeve
	Bonnie Bigam	Councillor
	Brian Harcourt	Councillor
	Charles Johnson	Councillor
	Bill Moedt	Councillor

REGRETS	Jake Klassen	Councillor
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ATTENDING	Wendy Schmaltz	CSM/Assistant CAO
	Christine Woodward	EA
	Audrey Bjorklund	CMD
	Allan Rowe	PWM

CALL TO ORDER Reeve Davis called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

AGENDA

C056(021208)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that the agenda governing the February 12, 2008 Council meeting be approved with the addition of:

- o **7d Joint Council meeting date**
- o **10d Senior Snowplowing**
- o **14a Personnel**

CARRIED

Councillor Johnson entered the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

MINUTES

C057(021208)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that the minutes of the January 22, 2008 Regular Council meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING There was no business brought forward from a previous meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Reeve Davis and County Council invited past Councillors and committee members to be recognized for their dedication:
Mae Allen (unable to attend) Marlene Maxwell (unable to attend)
Mike Radzick Wilbert Bontrup
MacKay Ross Nancy van Herk Melvin Worobetz
Per Policy 1111, each person received a piece of original framed

artwork in appreciation.

DELEGATIONS

Sgt. Bruce Bracken

Sgt. Bracken of the Fairview RCMP provided a review of the 2007 Year End Police report. He requested that Council consider policing priorities for 2008 – 2009 which will then be reviewed in the RCMP Performance Plan in April.

Sgt. Bracken described the Rural Crime Watch program implemented in 2007 with the County and the MD of Fairview, and includes Phonetree software. The system can provide direct contact to every resident within minutes of an emergency such as extreme weather warnings or a lost child and will be operational in the near future. The system may also be used for other important messages, road warnings, i.e. bridge closures, or special events like the annual County BBQ.

Having a community peace officer available to investigate vandalism and vehicle complaints was discussed by Council. Bylaw officers were discussed; the levels of responsibility and duties of an officer that might be shared with Fairview. This matter will be investigated further and brought to the Policy and Priorities committee for review.

C058(021208)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council tables discussion regarding the 2007 Year End Report with Sgt. Bracken of the Fairview RCMP until later in the meeting.

CARRIED

Darren Sandbeck &
Bryan Nilsson

Mr. Sandbeck, the Director of Acute Care Services, Regional EMS and Emergency Preparedness for Peace Country Health, provided an update on plans for:

- Improved community to community services
- Organizational structure that supports inter-regional and inter-facility cooperation
- Centralized communications and dispatch centre resulting in more efficient use of resources

Mr. Nilsson, EMS Zone Coordinator for the North, spoke about local service levels and concern about attrition among ambulance attendant recruits; of the original 20 trainees only 5 remain. He reiterated that having EMS people where they are needed is critical and Council agreed that the County could assist in recruitment efforts.

Question about the ambulance program funding was raised. Mr. Sandbeck stated that he believes the Province will continue to fund ambulance services.

C059(021208) **RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolylshyn that Council accepts for information the presentation by Mr. Sandbeck and Mr. Nilsson of Peace Country Health regarding the regionalization of service delivery.**

CARRIED

C060(021208) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council accepts for information the presentation by Sgt. Bracken of the Fairview RCMP and subsequent discussion regarding policing.**

CARRIED

C061(021208) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt the matter of a peace officer be included on the next Policy & Priorities agenda.**

CARRIED

C062(021208) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that administration be authorized to set up a billing account for Phonetree emergency callouts initiated by the County.**

CARRIED

Policy & Priorities

Council determined that the following items would be reviewed at a February 19th P&P meeting:

- Census 2008
- Policy 1107
- Land Use Bylaw 107-08
- Policing Priorities for 2008 -2009
- Community Peace Officer
- Water Wells
- Hamlet Parking

C063(021208) **RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolylshyn that a Policy and Priorities meeting shall be held on February 19 at 9:30.**

CARRIED

MPC Meetings

C064(021208) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Municipal Planning Commission meetings shall be scheduled at 9:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month and at 2 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month or as required.**

CARRIED

Joint Meeting Date
Addition

Reeve Davis requested that this item be added to the agenda. February 20 or March 4th dates were agreed upon. Administration will contact Hines Creek to confirm.

The meeting was recessed by Reeve Davis at 12:10 for lunch, and

reconvened at 12:48 p.m.

Senior Management
Team Activity Report
C065(021208)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council accepts for information the Senior Management Team Activity Report to Jan 31/08.
CARRIED

FINANCE
Bylaw 108-08

Council reviewed Bylaw 108-08, which will replace the existing borrowing bylaw if approved. This bylaw is in place to guarantee County expense credit cards.

C066(021208)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council approves first reading to Bylaw 108-08, being a bylaw of Clear Hills County, in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of establishing a borrowing bylaw as specified in Section 251 of the Municipal Government Act.
CARRIED

C067(021208)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council approves second reading to Bylaw 108-08, being a bylaw of Clear Hills County, in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of establishing a borrowing bylaw as specified in Section 251 of the Municipal Government Act.
CARRIED

C068(021208)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council proceeds to third and final reading to Bylaw 108-08, being a bylaw of Clear Hills County, in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of establishing a borrowing bylaw as specified in Section 251 of the Municipal Government Act.
CARRIED

C069(021208)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council approves third and final reading to Bylaw 108-08, being a bylaw of Clear Hills County, in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of establishing a borrowing bylaw as specified in Section 251 of the Municipal Government Act, and which rescinds Bylaw 89-06 in its entirety.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Accounts Payable

A list of expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of January 23 to February 12, 2008 was provided for Council review.

C070(021208)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council ratifies the expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of January 23, 2008 to February 12, 2008 for a total of \$689,059.00.
CARRIED

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT

Bylaw 8 – Schedule of Fees Rental rates for the Community Centre Room and tables and chairs were considered.

C071(021208) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council amends the Bylaw 8 Schedule of Fees to include rates for renting the Community Centre Room and for rental tables and chairs, as presented.**

CARRIED

Dangerous Dogs
C072(021208)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council tables the discussion on an Animal Control Bylaw and other bylaw enforcement matters to the upcoming Council Retreat.

CARRIED

Mutual Aid

A letter from the Town of Manning regarding mutual aid negotiations was considered.

C073(021208)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council authorizes administration to investigate a formal agreement with the Town of Manning for the provision of emergency service response by the Town of Manning Fire Department to areas in Clear Hills County.

CARRIED

VSI Requisition
C074(021208)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council accepts for information the update on the 2008 VSI requisition.

CARRIED

Heritage Designation

All Saints Anglican Church in Cherry Point would like the 1939 building declared a heritage building. The Church is still in use today.

C075(021208)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council sends a letter of support for the All Saints Anglican Church group seeking Heritage Building status for the Cherry Point Anglican Church constructed in 1939.

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS
Canfor 100 Road

Canfor has responded to the shared maintenance proposal for the Canfor 100 Road near Hines Creek. Public Works has been negotiating with Canfor in order to improve driving conditions for

ratepayers and other road users.

C076(021208) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that the discussion regarding the maintenance of the Canfor 100 Road near Hines Creek is accepted as information.

CARRIED

Clear Prairie Road
Realignment

The drawing for preliminary engineering and construction for the proposed route for the Clear Prairie “Y” Realignment and elimination of the old section of road have been submitted by EXH Engineering.

C077(021208) RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council declines the Clear Prairie Road Realignment proposal from EXH Engineering.

CARRIED

Worsley Street
Parking

Correspondence from a resident of Jubilee Street in Worsley was reviewed, including a letter and photos of tanker trucks parking in front of residences.

C078(021208) RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council refers the matter of street parking in the Hamlet to the Policy and Priorities Committee for review.

CARRIED

Senior Driveway
Plowing
Addition

This item was added to the agenda by Public Works Manager Rowe after a request was made that the County plow the snow for a senior citizen’s relative.

C080(021208) RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that the snow plowing policy remains as is.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE Council reviewed the correspondence:

- Alberta Transportation – Paving 730
- Alberta Health and Wellness – Tobacco Reduction Act
- Alberta Solicitor General – Crime Prevention Awards
- Northern Alberta Elected Leaders – Jan 11/08
- J & D Bass – Thank you letter

C081(021208) RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council receives the correspondence for information as presented.

CARRIED

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council tabled the discussion regarding meetings until the Policy and Priorities meeting on February 19th.

