

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 26, 2008**

PRESENT	Frances Davis	Reeve
	Pete Nykolyszyn	Deputy Reeve
	Bonnie Bigam	Councillor
	Brian Harcourt	Councillor
	Bill Moedt	Councillor
	Jake Klassen	Councillor
	Charles Johnson	Councillor

REGRETS

ATTENDING	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
C087(02/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that the agenda governing the February 26, 2008 Council meeting be approved with the addition of:

- o **7d: Medical Building & Letter from E. Stiles**
- o **9k: North Peace Housing Coalition**
- o **14a: Contracts**

CARRIED

MINUTES
C088(02/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that the minutes of the February 12, 2008 Regular Council meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

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

DELEGATIONS The delegate, MLA Hector Goudreau, was expected to arrive at 1:45 p.m.

C089(02/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that the delegation with MLA Goudreau takes place at 1:45 p.m.

CARRIED

COUNCIL

4Joint Council Meeting The minutes of the January 28, 2008 Joint Council meeting were reviewed. Reeve Davis, Deputy Reeve Nykolyszyn and Councillor Johnson were in attendance at that meeting. The subject of medical clinic rental was tabled until later in the meeting.

C090(02/26/08) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that the minutes of the Jan. 28/08 4-Joint Councils meeting be accepted as information.**
CARRIED

Reeve Davis called for a short recess at 10:30 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

Policy 1107
C091(02/26/08) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Policy 1107 be accepted as information as presented.**
CARRIED

Senior Management
Team Activity Report
C092(02/26/08) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council accepts for information the Senior Management Team Activity Report to Feb. 20/08.**
CARRIED

ADDITION
Medical Building

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

The medical building operating committee requested that Councils discuss the proposed increase in doctors' rent at the Fairview Medical building. The doctors have indicated that they will not accept an increase and would choose to vacate the building in such an event.

A letter from Ms. Stiles, executor of the estate of F. Spirk who willed a considerable sum to Peace Country Health which resulted in the construction of the medical building, was reviewed. She requested a combined meeting with the doctors and the committee responsible for the operation of the clinic.

C093(02/26/08) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that a letter be sent in support of Ms. Stiles' requests for a combined meeting and for information regarding the medical clinic, stating that the County would be most interested in any information as a result.**
CARRIED

C094(02/26/08) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that a letter be sent to Mr. Dechant requesting a combined meeting regarding the Fairview medical clinic.**
CARRIED

FINANCE
Manager's Report

There was no report from the Corporate Services Manager.

Accounts Payable

A list of expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of February 13 to February 26, 2008 was provided for Council review.

C095(02/26/08) **RESOLUTION** by Councillor Moedt that Council ratifies the expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of February 13, 2008 to February 26, 2008 for a total of \$236,526.67.

CARRIED

Councillor Harcourt abstained from the following vote, declaring a pecuniary interest.

C096(02/26/08) **RESOLUTION** by Councillor Klassen that Council ratifies cheque no. 2851 for a total of \$1,016.31.

CARRIED

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

C097(02/26/08) **RESOLUTION** by Councillor Klassen that Council ratifies cheque no. 2857 for a total of \$3,150.00.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
Manager's Report

Community Development Manager Bjorklund offered a verbal report:

- Phonetree software
- CCFC meeting Feb 27
- Worsley Volunteer Fire Fighters Society grant
- FCSS Drug Awareness evening in Fairview
- ASB meeting
- Mapping
- Long distance changes approved by CRTC (April 9) means local calling to Whitelaw and Bear Canyon in this service area
- AB First Responders meeting to standardize radio frequencies

C098(02/26/08) **RESOLUTION** by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that the Community Development Manager's report is accepted as information.

CARRIED

FCSS Alberta Children's Services FCSS funding has been increased by 16%; an additional \$10,317 in 2008.

C099(02/26/08) **RESOLUTION** by Councillor Klassen that Council accepts for information that FCSS funding has increased by 16% in 2008.

CARRIED

Policy 2303

C100(02/26/08) **RESOLUTION** by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Policy 2303 be amended by increasing the Annual Base Honorarium for fire fighters from \$100 to \$160 to cover the increased cost for individual insurance.

CARRIED

Policing Priorities At the Feb. 12 regular meeting, Sgt. Bracken requested that the County provides the RCMP with policing priorities to be incorporated into the

Annual Performance Plan for 2008 – 2009. The Policy and Priorities Committee recommended the following resolution:

- C101(02/26/08)** **RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that the policing priorities for 2008-2009 include:**
- **Police presence**
 - **Timely response to calls**
 - **Drug awareness**
 - **Traffic enforcement**
- And that these priorities be submitted to Sgt. Bracken for inclusion in the 2008 Annual Performance Plan.**

CARRIED

Subdivisions Near
Highways

The County received an information bulletin from the Municipal Government Boards regarding limits to the ability of a municipality other than a city to approve subdivisions near a highway.

- C102(02/26/08)** **RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council accepts for information the MGB Subdivision Appeal Bulletin No. 1 whereby the subdivision authority of a municipality (other than a city) has a responsibility not to approve certain subdivision applications within 0.8km of a highway unless the proper approval has been given by Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation.**

CARRIED

ARPA Report:
Foundations for Action

The Alberta Parks and Recreation Association has released a report: "*Foundations for Action: Enhancing the Quality of Life in Alberta*" which was presented for Council review.

- C103(02/26/08)** **RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council accepts for information the Alberta Parks and Recreation Association report: "*Foundations for Action: Enhancing the Quality of Life in Alberta.*"**

CARRIED

PREDA 2008 – 2011
Business Plan

The Peace Region Economic Development Alliance has submitted the 2008 – 2011 Business Plan third draft for review.

- C104(02/26/08)** **RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council accepts for information the PREDA 2008-2011 Business Plan as presented.**

CARRIED

PRSD Joint Meeting

The Peace River School District No. 10 has invited Clear Hills County Council to a joint meeting with other municipal councils.

- C105(02/26/08)** **RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council instructs administration to respond to the invitation by the Peace River School District No. 10 and confirms attendance of Council at the April 7, 2008 joint meeting with the PRSD Board of Trustees and other municipal councils.**

CARRIED

The Reeve called for a recess for lunch at 12:00 p.m.
The meeting was called back to order at 12:45 p.m.

Wild Rose Foundation
Award of Excellence

Alberta's nonprofit organizations have been asked to recognize leaders in Alberta's corporate sector for outstanding contributions to community building.

C106(02/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council accepts for information the Wild Rose Foundation "Corporate Volunteer Award of Excellence 2008" package.

CARRIED

Peace Library System

The Peace Library System is asking all library stakeholders for support to stress the importance of public library services and the need for increased funding.

C107(02/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council directs administration to send letters to the MLA, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Premier to stress the importance of public library services and the need for increased funding.

CARRIED

ADDITION
North Peace Housing
Coalition

The North Peace Housing Coalition has invited County to appoint a representative to sit on the Coalition in support of affordable housing in the region and its impact on employers to attract and retain staff. A meeting is planned on March 11.

C108(02/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that that a request for more information is made of the North Peace Housing Coalition.

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS
Manager's Report

Public Works Manager Rowe offered an update on:

- Regional Water
- Canfor Connector Road Title Transfer
- Rural Road Study
- Tractor Mower and Sidearm
- Worsley Subdivision Registration
- Transfer Stations – engineering changes
- Spring 2008 Gravel Program
- Public Works Staffing

C109(02/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that the Public Works Manager's report be accepted as information.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL
ADDITION
Contract

Public Works Manager Rowe requested that this be added to the agenda.

- C110(02/26/08)** **RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council goes in camera at 1:27 p.m. to discuss:**
- **Gravel Crushing Tenders**

CARRIED

Corporate Services Manager Schmaltz and Executive Assistant Woodward withdrew from the meeting at 1:28 p.m. Ms. Woodward returned to the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

- C111(02/26/08)** **RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council comes out of camera.**

CARRIED

Council resumed the regular meeting at 1:40 p.m.

- C112(02/26/08)** **RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that the Public Works Manager be authorized to negotiate gravel crushing rates.**

CARRIED

AAMD&C Ministerial Meetings

The County has received invitations from Alberta Environment and Alberta Transportation to meet with their office staff at the AAMD&C convention.

- C113(02/26/08)** **RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt the subjects of discussion with Alberta Environment and Alberta Transportation during the AAMD&C spring conference be determined at the Retreat.**

CARRIED

DELEGATION

MLA Goudreau, Mrs. Goudreau and Carl Leary entered the meeting at 1:45 p.m. Topics of discussion with Mr. Goudreau included:

- MSI funding
- Revenue sharing
- Road paving
- Resource Road program
- Land Use planning
- Surface Rights & Bill 46
- Sour Gas
- Degazetting secondary highways
- Stumpage
- Connector Road
- Women Shelters & PR Regional Housing Coalition

The delegates withdrew from the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

- C114(02/26/08)** **RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that the discussion with MLA Goudreau be accepted as information.**

CARRIED

Councillor Johnson entered the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Public Works
Correspondence

At the February 12 regular meeting, Council instructed administration to draft two letters to Alberta Transportation. Those drafts were reviewed.

C115(02/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council accepts for information the letters to Alberta Transportation regarding dust control on secondary highways and secondary highway 717 graveling.

CARRIED

Hwy 64 Speed Limits

A letter from Alberta Transportation regarding speed limits on highway 64 during construction was reviewed. Question of the accuracy of the described location of the work was raised; the Public Works manager will investigate.

C116(02/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council receives for information the correspondence from AIT regarding the maximum speed limit postings during construction on km 25 – 25.9 on hwy 64 in 2008.

CARRIED

Gravel Loading Tender

Results of the Loader with Print Out Scale tender were submitted for Council review.

C117(02/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council accepts for information the lowest bid for the “Loader with Print-out Scale” provided by G&R Bobcat Service.

CARRIED

Traffic Counts
C118(02/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council receives for information the traffic count data from January 2008 for Twp Rd 870.

CARRIED

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the correspondence from:

- Mighty Peace Tourist Association
- NADC
- ATCO

C119(02/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen Councillor that Council receives the correspondence for information as presented.

CARRIED

CALENDARS
C120(02/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that the calendar update be accepted as information.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT
C121(02/26/08)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that the meeting be adjourned
at 3:00 p.m.**

CARRIED

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MGR
(for CAO)

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