

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 25, 2008**

PRESENT	Frances Davis	Reeve
	Pete Nykolyshyn	Deputy Reeve
	Bonnie Bigam	Councillor
	Brian Harcourt	Councillor
	Bill Moedt	Councillor
	Jake Klassen	Councillor

REGRETS	Charles Johnson	Councillor
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ATTENDING	Ray Coad	CAO
	Christine Woodward	EA
	Audrey Bjorklund	CMD

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

C166(03/25/08)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that the agenda governing the regular Council meeting of March 25, 2008 be adopted as presented with the addition of:

7c: Local artwork

10b: Gravel

CARRIED

MINUTES

C167(03/25/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 11, 2008 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Local Artwork
ADDITION

Council discussed the practice of purchasing local artwork for use as gifts and donations.

C168(03/25/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that the matter of purchasing local artwork be brought to a P&P meeting for Council review.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Two delegations are scheduled to appear later in the meeting;
Worsley Health Council at 11:15 a.m.
Sustainable Resources Development at 1:00 p.m.

COUNCIL

CAO Report

CAO Coad attended the LGAA and AAMD&C over the past two weeks, he referred Council to the next agenda item.

Senior Management
Team Activity Report

The report from Senior Management was reviewed.

C169(03/25/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that the Senior Management Team Activity Report to March 14, 2008 be accepted as information.

CARRIED

CORPORATE
SERVICES

Accounts Payable

The Accounts Payable report for the period from March 12 to March 25, 2008 was reviewed. Council indicated an interest in reviewing future reports on grader activity as discussed.

C170(03/25/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that the Accounts Payable report ending March 25, 2008 is accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Reeve Davis called for a 10 minute break at 10:35 a.m.

Public Meetings

Annually the County holds public meetings to present the prior year's financial statements and the current year's budget.

C171(03/25/08)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council sets the 2008 public meeting dates as follows:
April 24 – Eureka River Hall - 7 p.m.
April 30 – Cleardale School - 7 p.m.**

CARRIED

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
Manager's Report

Community Development Manager Bjorklund reported on a number of departmental matters.

C172(03/25/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that the Community Development Manager's Report is accepted as information.

CARRIED

Mutual Aid Invoice

The Matter of An invoice for the mutual aid of fire suppression was tabled until the SRD delegation arrived at 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Friedman's Northern Alberta Development Council is coordinating a northern Northern Alberta Tour Alberta tour with Dr. Avi Friedman, a renowned affordable housing expert. Council is asked to determine whether to request that Dr. Friedman include the County on his tour, and to approve the costs associated with this.

C173(03/25/08)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council accepts for information NADC submission regarding Dr. Avi Friedman affordable housing and community design.

CARRIED

DELEGATION
Worsley Health
Council and Peace
Country Health

Peace Country Health Board of Governors Chair, Marvin Moore, and members of the Worsley Health Council met with Council to discuss health care issues.

Donna Shilka, Chair of the Worsley Health Council, spoke about current concerns including the recruitment and retention of health care staff, availability of staff housing and ambulance services. She invited Council to discuss solutions with the Health Council and Peace Country Health.

The County has budgeted for housing for health care staff in 2008; land availability and ATCO service to sites in Worsley are delaying plans. Peace Country Health confirmed that a request would be going to the Board regarding starting costs/rent recovery in order to ensure first class housing for staff in the area.

Mr. Moore discussed the shortage of ambulance personnel and first response teams in the region. Locally, there are 4 new recruits awaiting orientation. Ms. Shilka indicated that there appear to be delays causing confusion for newly trained first responders. It was agreed that ground ambulance response is critical for the County.

Reeve Davis called a recess for lunch at 12:00.

Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn withdrew from the meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

C174(03/25/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council directs administration to negotiate an agreement with Peace Country Health for the provision of housing for health care staff.

CARRIED

North Peace Housing Coalition An invitation from North Peace Housing Coalition for a member of Council to sit on the committee was tabled at the February 26, 2008 regular meeting. A reply from the Coalition was reviewed.

C175(03/25/08) RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council appoints Councillor Johnson as the Council representative and Councillor Harcourt as the alternate to the North Peace Housing Coalition.

CARRIED

Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn returned to the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

DELEGATION Tom Patreau, Forest Officer with Sustainable Resource
SRD – Tom Patreau Development, updated Council on the 2008 Fire Control Plan and also provided information regarding a mutual aid invoice from October 2006 for fire suppression.

Reeve Davis called for a short recess at 1:50; the meeting reconvened at 1:55 p.m.

C176(03/25/08) RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council accepts the presentation by Tom Patreau, Forest Officer for Sustainable Resource Development, regarding the 2008 Fire Control Plan for Clear Hills County.

CARRIED

C177(03/25/08) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that a resolution be taken to the fall AAMD&C convention that current legislation be amended to ensure provincial responsibility for the cost of fire fighting on all Crown land.

CARRIED

C178(03/25/08) RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council authorizes the payment of Sustainable Resource Development invoice CAF PMD-0006-06 in the amount of \$16,249.11 for the 2006 mutual aid response to suppress a fire in Twp 82 R13 W6M.

CARRIED

C179(03/25/08) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that the land owner not be invoiced in the matter of invoice CAF PMD-0006-06 for fire suppression on October 6, 2006.

CARRIED

Clear Creek Fire Commission Council was asked to support the proposed expansion of the Clear Creek Fire Commission from that of an advisory committee to include the responsibility of operating the two volunteer fire

departments and managing mutual aid agreements with neighbouring departments.

Councillor Klassen withdrew from the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

C180(03/25/08) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council authorizes administration to begin negotiating an agreement with the Village of Hines Creek to formalize the Clear Creek Fire Commission role as Fire Services Operating Authority for the Hines Creek and Clear Hills County fire services effective January 2009, with funding of the Commission based on a requisition as negotiated with the Village of Hines Creek.**
CARRIED

Information Information and correspondence from the Community Development department was reviewed:
Worsley Fire Department Meeting Minutes of January 2, January 30 and February 27, 2008.

C181(03/25/08) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council accepts for information the correspondence presented by the Community Development Manager.**
CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS
Roads

Council reviewed replies from Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation to Clear Hills County requests to gravel Secondary Highway 717 and to control dust on Secondary Highways 717, 729, 730 and 735. Administration will set up a meeting with AIT and report to Council.

C182(03/25/08) **RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council accepts for information the responses from Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation regarding dust control and graveling on Secondary Highways, and further that the County meets with AIT to discuss safety issues.**
CARRIED

Grading
ADDITION Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn requested that this item be added to the agenda. Discussion took place regarding fuel costs, which are built into the contract bids.

C183(03/25/08) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam to accept the discussion regarding graders as information.**
CARRIED

INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed:

- Mayors/Reeves & Peace Country Health Liaison
- Peace Country Health Board Highlights
- FCM Roll of Honour
- Invitation to meet with MLA Goudreau April 11

C184(03/25/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that the correspondence presented at the March 25, 2008 meeting is accepted for information.

CARRIED

REVIEW of
CALENDARS

Council reviewed upcoming meetings and conference dates and updated calendars.

ADJOURNMENT
C185(03/25/08)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolychyn that the regular Council meeting of March 25, 2008 be adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

CARRIED

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER