MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 26, 2008

PRESENT	Frances Davis	Reeve
	Pete Nykolyshyn	Deputy Reeve
	Charles Johnson	Councillor
	Bonnie Bigam	Councillor
	Brian Harcourt	Councillor
	Bill Moedt	Councillor
	Jake Klassen	Councillor
REGRETS		
ATTENDING	Ray Coad	CAO
	Audrey Bjorklund	CMD
	Wendy Schmaltz	CSM
	Allan Rowe	PWM
	Melissa Kamphuis	EA

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Davis called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

AGENDA
C515(08/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council adopts the agenda governing the Special Council meeting of August 26, 2008 as amended:
Additions:

- **7F – MD of Fairview Letters Re: Drought Compensation**
- **7G – CAO Vacation**
- **9A – Burning Bylaw**
- **10B – 717 Realignment Study**
- **10C – Clear Hills Connector Road**
- **10D – Ben Giesbrecht**
- **10E – High Speed Internet Tower** **CARRIED.**

MINUTES
C516(08/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council adopts the minutes of the regular Council meeting of August 12, 2008, as presented. **CARRIED.**

DELEGATION

One delegation is scheduled to appear later in the meeting:

- Ed Mierzewski at 10:00 a.m.

COUNCIL
Senior Management Team Activity Report

The report from Senior Management was reviewed.

C517(08/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council accepts the Senior Management Team Activity Report of August 13, 2008 for information. CARRIED.

Catering Tender

Tenders for catering meals for Clear Hills County closed on August 15, 2008. One tender was received from the Worsley Gateway Inn.

C518(08/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council awards the Clear Hills County catering tender to the Worsley Gateway Inn for the period of September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009. CARRIED.

Fairview Aquatic Centre

The Fairview Regional Aquatic Centre Enhancement Committee is inviting Councillors and administration (and their families) to an "Appreciation Day" barbeque on September 10th at 6 p.m. They need to know who is attending by September 3rd.

C519(08/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council authorizes attendance of any available Councillors to the Fairview Regional Aquatic Centre Enhancement Committee's "Appreciation Day" barbeque on September 10th at 6 p.m. CARRIED.

Christmas Party

Administration is requesting Councils approval for the Christmas Party details for this year.

C520(08/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council schedules the County Christmas Party for Saturday, December 13, 2008 at the Worsley School Gymnasium. CARRIED.

Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer

The Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer Management Advisory Association is requesting its member municipalities forward a letter to Bruce Power of Alberta in regards to their upcoming environmental assessment.

C521(08/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council forwards a letter to Bruce Power of Alberta recommending that their upcoming environmental assessment include a specific scientific determination of the aquifer boundaries and confirmation as to whether or not there is an identifiable connection between Lac Cardinal itself and the Grimshaw Gravels aquifer. CARRIED.

DELEGATION
Ed Mierzewski

Ed Mierzewski was in attendance at 10:00 a.m. to discuss his request to have an access built across a drainage ditch.

C522(08/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council accepts for information the delegation from Ed Mierzewski regarding his request to have an access built across a drainage ditch and inform Mr. Mierzewski that Council will review and assess the situation on the next road tour. CARRIED.

COUNCIL *ADDITION* - MD of Fairview Letter Re: Drought Funding

Councillor Johnson requested this item on the agenda. Reeve Walter Doll from the MD of Fairview has sent letters regarding the disaster due to drought conditions and the cost impacts on farmers.

C523(08/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council sends a letter to our MLA, the Premier and the Minister of Agriculture requesting payments for drought assistance to the active producer as outlined in the MD of Fairview's letter. CARRIED.

ADDITION - CAO Vacation

Councillor Johnson requested this item on the agenda.

Reeve Davis called for a break at 10:43 a.m.; the meeting reconvened at 10:49 a.m.

C524(08/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council go in camera at 10:50 a.m. CARRIED.

C525(08/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council come out of camera at 12:00 a.m. CARRIED.

Reeve Davis broke for lunch at 12:02 p.m.; the meeting reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

CORPORATE SERVICES
Accounts Payable

A list of expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of August 13, 2008 to August 26, 2008 was provided for Council's review and ratification.

Councillor Johnson abstained from voting on the following resolution due to pecuniary interest.

C526(08/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council ratifies the expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of August 13, 2008 to August 26, 2008 excluding cheque no. 3751 for a total of $514,515.76. CARRIED.

Councillor Harcourt abstained from voting on the following resolution due to pecuniary interest.

C527(08/26/08) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council ratifies cheque no. 3751 for a total of $636.75. CARRIED.**

July Financial Report

A financial report for the operations of the County for the month ended July 31, 2008 was provided for Councils review.

C528(08/26/08) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council accepts for information the financial report for the month ended July 31, 2008. CARRIED.**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ADDITION – Burning Bylaw

Councillor Moedt requested this item on the agenda.

C529(08/26/08) **RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council accepts for information the verbal report from the Community Development Manager. CARRIED.**

PUBLIC WORKS

Road Plan 4071 CL

This item was tabled from the August 12th Council meeting. Walter and Christine Lentz are requesting the County to either close the registered Road Plan 4071 CL that crosses section 35-83-1-W6M or to build it up to County standards and maintain it.

C530(08/26/08) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council bring back a bylaw to close the registered Road Plan 4071 CL that crosses section 35-83-1-W6M. CARRIED.**

ADDITION – 717 Realignment Study

Chief Administrative Officer Coad requested this item on the agenda. A letter was received from Murray Lobert, McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd., as a follow-up from the presentation of the SH 717 Realignment Study at the August 12th meeting.

C531(08/26/08) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council sends a letter to David Kelly with Alberta Transportation regarding the paving alignment of Secondary Highway 717, as discussed. CARRIED.**

ADDITION - Clear Hills Connector Road

Chief Administrative Officer Coad requested this item on the agenda. The Clear Hills Connector Road Operating and Ownership Committees met in mid August. Some draft letters have been prepared as a result of the delegation by SRD at the August 12th meeting.

C532(08/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council schedules a road tour to inspect the Clear Hills Connector Road for September 12, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. CARRIED.

ADDITION - Ben Giesbrecht

Chief Administrative Officer Coad requested this item on the agenda. Ben Giesbrecht is requesting an approach relocation.

C533(08/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council denies the request from Ben Giesbrecht to relocate an approach on the SE 26-83-11 W6M. CARRIED.

Councillor Bigam withdrew from the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

Councillor Klassen withdrew from the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

ADDITION - High Speed Internet

Chief Administrative Officer Coad requested this item on the agenda. A request has been received from AB North Internet Services, a division of Double F & Company Ltd. to put up a free standing tower in the County yard.

C534(08/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council brings back information on the rental fees charged for high speed internet towers by Saddle Hills and Moffatt Construction Ltd. CARRIED.

Councillor Bigam returned to the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed:
o Zone Meeting Disaster Letter
o Branding the Peace Country Fact Sheet
o CNIB Golf Committee Thank You
o Peace Country Health Newsletter
o 2007 MSI Funding Notifications

C535(08/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council authorizes attendance of Reeve Davis to the Tom Baldwin Memorial Park grand opening in Grimshaw. CARRIED.

C536(08/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council accepts the correspondence presented at the August 26, 2008 meeting for information. CARRIED.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council reported on the various meetings, conferences, etc. they attended:

Reeve Davis: Attended the Bruce Power BBQ, PC Golf Tournament in Fairview, Zone meeting, Alberta Health Board Supper and Clear Hills Connector Road Ownership Committee meeting.

Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn: Attended the Bruce Power BBQ, PC Golf Tournament in Fairview and Clear Hills Connector Road Ownership Committee meeting.

Councillor Bigam: Attended the Bruce Power BBQ, PC Golf Tournament in Fairview, the PC Golf Tournament in Fairview, the Municipal Affairs consultation sessions, Zone meeting and a Clear Creek Fire Commission meeting.

Councillor Harcourt: Attended the PC Golf Tournament in Fairview, Branding the Peace meeting, Zone meeting and Clear Creek Fire Commission.

Councillor Johnson: Attended the Bruce Power BBQ, PC Golf Tournament in Fairview and Clear Hills Connector Road Ownership Committee meeting.

Councillor Moedt: Attended the Bruce Power BBQ, PC Golf Tournament in Fairview and Zone meeting.

C537(08/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council accepts for information the Council reports as presented. CARRIED.

REVIEW of CALENDARS

Council reviewed upcoming meetings and conference dates and updated calendars.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

C538(08/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council goes in camera at 3:43 p.m. CARRIED.

Agreements with the Village of Hines Creek

This item was discussed in camera.

C539(08/26/08)

RESOUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council comes out of camera at 3:51 p.m. CARRIED.

C540(08/26/08)

RESOUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council notifies the Village of Hines Creek that the following funding agreements have expired and if the Village wishes to resume negotiations to contact the County office other wise any extended funding under the agreements will terminate as of December 31, 2009.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT
C541(08/26/08)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council adjourns the Special Council meeting of August 26, 2008 at 3:52 p.m.

CARRIED.

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DATE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER