

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

PRESENT

Frances Davis	Reeve
Pete Nykolyshyn	Deputy Reeve
Bonnie Bigam	Councillor
Brian Harcourt	Councillor
Charlie Johnson	Councillor
Jake Klassen	Councillor
William (Bill) Moedt	Councillor

REGRETS

ATTENDING

Wendy Schmaltz	CSM/Assistant CAO
Allan Rowe	PWM
Audrey Bjorklund	CDM
Charlotte Parker	EA
Melissa Kamphuis	EA

**MEMBERS OF THE
PUBLIC**

Dave Bannow, Jim Johnson, Peter Frixel, Baldur Ruecker and Chris Zwick with the Fairview Post.

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA
C084(02/10/09)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council adopts the agenda governing the regular Council meeting of February 10, 2009 as amended with the following additions:

- **7E Policies**
- **7F Credit Cards**
- **14C Personnel**
- **14D Auditors**

CARRIED.

MINUTES
C085(02/10/09)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 27, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES

Reeve Davis requested clarification on the resolution regarding writing off taxes for a lot in the Eureka River Subdivision. Council discussed the lots purchased for the Nurses residence in Worsley. Resolution C069(01/27/09) was passed to sell the lot back to the original landowner and request payment for the removal of the buried tanks.

C086(02/10/09)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council rescinds resolution C069(01/27/09) and direct administration to set up a meeting with Council and Shannon and Allan Burns to discuss Plan 802KS, Block 3, Lots 1 & 2. CARRIED.
C087(02/10/09)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council goes in camera at 9:47 a.m. CARRIED.
ADDITION – Personnel	This item was discussed in camera.
C088(02/10/09)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council comes out of camera at 10:18 a.m. CARRIED.
	Reeve Davis called for a break at 10:20 a.m.; the meeting reconvened at 10:23 a.m.
DELEGATION	The following delegations are scheduled to appear in the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• FCSS – 10:00 a.m.• Fairplex – 10:15 a.m.• MMSA – 11:00 a.m.• NPHF – 1:00 p.m.
FCRC	Mary Bracken and Pam MacKay from the Family and Community Resource Centre were in attendance to discuss program partnering opportunities and bringing more Family and Community Support Service resources to the region. They addressed Council at 10:23 a.m.
C089(02/10/09)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council accepts for information the delegation from the Family and Community Resource Centre and pursue the partnering opportunities as discussed. CARRIED.
Fairplex	Terri Wyness was in attendance regarding a request for funding for the Fairplex (Fairview Arena). She addressed Council at 10:37 a.m.
C090(02/10/09)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council accepts for information the delegation from Terri Wyness regarding a request for funding for the Fairplex. CARRIED.
	Reeve Davis called for a break at 10:44 a.m.; the meeting reconvened at 10:52 a.m.
MMSA	Manni Chauhan and Elise Willison with Mackenzie Municipal Services agency were present to introduce themselves as the new planners at MMSA and discuss 2009 priorities with Council. They addressed Council at 10:52 a.m.

C091(02/10/09) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council accepts for information the delegation with Manni Chauhan and Elise Willison from the MMSA. CARRIED.**

C092(02/10/09) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council includes the MMSA 2009 planning priorities on the February 17th Policies & Priorities Committee Meeting. CARRIED.**

COUNCIL
Senior Management
Activity Report

The report from the Senior Management was reviewed.

C093(02/10/09) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council accepts for information the Senior Management Team Activity Report as discussed. CARRIED.**

Support for STARS
Resolution

As a follow up from the Reeves/CAO's Meeting on Jan. 16, 2009. Ben Boettcher, M.D. of Fairview CAO, is requesting support for a resolution addressing some salient issues affecting STARS at the AAMD&C zone meeting on February 13, 2009.

C094(02/10/09) **RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council supports the M.D. of Fairview's resolution regarding STARS at the Feb. 13 AAMD&C zone meeting. CARRIED.**

Meetings at AAMD&C
Convention

AB. Transportation has issued an invitation to Council to meet with members to discuss roadway and water/wastewater needs. Administration can also arrange meetings with other Ministers during the Convention, as Council chooses.

C095(02/10/09) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council directs administration to schedule a meeting with the Minister of Transportation and the County Auditors during the spring AAMD&C Convention and invite Wayne Franklin, Regional Transportation Director, to a Council meeting prior to the Convention if possible, and if not, meet with the Peace Region staff at the Convention. CARRIED.**

C096(02/10/09) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council directs administration to schedule a meeting with the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development during the AAMD&C Convention, and invite the MLA to any meetings with Ministers at the Convention. CARRIED.**

MPA/PPSA Information
Sessions

Municipal police agreement/provincial police service agreement information sessions will be held in Grande Prairie on April 1 and in Peace River on April 2. Council is requested to determine who will attend this event.

C097(02/10/09)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council authorizes attendance of Councillor Moedt and Councillor Harcourt to the Municipal police agreement/provincial police service agreement information sessions, held in Grande Prairie on April 1, 2009.

CARRIED.

ADDITION – Policies

Councillor Johnson requested this item on the agenda.

C098(02/10/09)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council goes in camera at 11:47 a.m.

CARRIED.

C099(02/10/09)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council comes out of camera at 12:15 p.m.

CARRIED.

Reeve Davis broke for lunch at 12:18 p.m.; the meeting reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

C100(02/10/09)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council goes in camera at 12:40 p.m.

CARRIED.

ADDITION- Auditor

This item was discussed in camera.

C101(02/10/09)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council comes out of camera at 1:25 p.m.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION
NPHF

Richard Walliser and Don Good of the North Peace Housing Foundation were in attendance to present to Council the Foundation's plans for affordable and senior's housing projects. They addressed Council at 1:27 p.m.

C102(02/10/09)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council accepts for information the delegation from the North Peace Housing Foundation representatives and thank them for their presentation.

CARRIED.

ADDITION – Credit
Cards

Councillor Johnson requested this item on the agenda.

C103(02/10/09) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council tables to the next meeting to determine that anyone who breaks the credit card policy, have their credit card destroyed. CARRIED.**

CORPORATE
Accounts Payable

A list of expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of January 28, 2009 to February 10, 2009 was provided to Council for their review and ratification.

C104(02/10/09) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council authorizes the purchase of a GMC 1500 Super cab from Adventure Automotive for \$30,607.75, as well as a Dodge 2500 Regular cab and a Dodge 1500 Mega cab, from Campbell Chrysler for a total of \$67,891.31. CARRIED.**

C105(02/10/09) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council ratifies the expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of January 28, 2009 to February 10, 2009 for a total of \$663,374.72. CARRIED.**

Reeve Davis called for a break at 2:52 p.m.; the meeting reconvened at 2:57 p.m.

C106(02/10/09) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council goes in camera at 3:00 p.m. CARRIED.**

Mastercard Statement This item was discussed in camera.

ASB Appointment Response This item was discussed in camera.

C107(02/10/09) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council comes out of camera at 4:45 p.m. CARRIED.**

C108(02/10/09) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council accepts for information discussion regarding the Reeve's mastercard statement. CARRIED.**

C109(02/10/09) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council replies to the letter from citizens concerned with the recent appointment to Agricultural Service Board, informing that the County follows recognized protocol to recruit and appoint members-at-large to boards and committees. CARRIED.**

Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn declared a pecuniary interest.

Councillor Harcourt withdrew from the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

- C110(02/10/09)** **RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council ratifies cheque no. 4450 for a total of \$283.50. CARRIED.**
- Councillor Harcourt returned to the meeting at 4:52 p.m.
- Payment for Information
- Councillor Johnson requested this item on the agenda. He wishes to discuss payment for information that was requested and received by a ratepayer.
- C111(02/10/09)** **RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council adds FOIP requests, procedures, and fees to the Feb. Policies & Priorities meeting. CARRIED.**
- Council Computer Training
- Administration has received several computer questions from Council and feels it could be valuable to have a scheduled 2-3 hour training session with our Computer Technician and Council.
- C112(02/10/09)** **RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council directs administration to schedule a 2-3 hour computer training session for Council with the Computer technician for March 3rd at 9 a.m. (or after M.P.C if there is a meeting). CARRIED.**
- Sale of Land
- The following motion was passed at the January 27th Regular Council Meeting: *That Council sell Lot 10 and Lot 12, Block 1, Plan 0024465 by sealed tender with a reserved bid of \$20,000 per property in early spring and direct administration to advertise this intent.*
- C113(02/10/09)** **RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council directs administration to advertise the sale of Lots 10 and 12, Block 1, Plan 0024465 by sealed tender submitted by March 6th with a reserved bid of \$20,000, 10% of the tender required by money order or certified cheque to be submitted with the tender and Council to review tenders on March 10th and the successful bidder to have 90 days to submit the balance of the tender plus applicable G.S.T. CARRIED.**
- North Peace Housing
- Administration has received the North Peace Housing Foundation 2009 Requisition as per the approved 2009 budget.
- C114(02/10/09)** **RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council authorizes the attendance of Councillor Klassen to the Alberta Senior's & Community Housing Conference on March 30th to April 2nd, 2009. CARRIED.**

Public Meetings	Annually the County holds public meetings to present the prior year's financial statements and the current year's budget. These meetings are usually held in the later part of April.
C115(02/10/09)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council sets 2009 public meetings for April 22nd at the Bear Canyon Hall and April 23rd at the Dave Shaw Memorial Complex. CARRIED.
COMMUNITY Emergency Management Training	Alberta Emergency Management Agency is offering an Emergency Management Training course in March.
C116(02/10/09)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council tables to the February Policies and Priorities Meeting Councillors attendance to the Emergency Operations Centre training in Slave Lake March 17, 2009. CARRIED.
Lot Sale	Plan 802KS B3 L7 is scheduled to be sold this year and Council must now decide how to dispose of this property.
C117(02/10/09)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council authorizes administration to have an appraisal done on Plan 802KS Block 3 Lot 7. CARRIED.
Cleardale Senior's Housing	Councillor Klassen requested this item be included on the agenda and will have information to present at the meeting. The Cleardale Senior's Housing fundraising committee meeting on February 5 th will have information to present at the meeting.
C118(02/10/09)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council provides a letter of support for the Cleardale Community Enhancement Society's initiative in Cleardale to provide a senior's housing facility within the community. CARRIED.
Disposal of Assets	Policy 1206 requires disposal of assets to be authorized by Council resolution.
C119(02/10/09)	RESOLUTION by Councillor Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council directs Administration to dispose of the following unit at an auction sale this spring: -Manure Spreader – Hagedorn Hydra-Spread (Model 275) CARRIED.
PUBLIC WORKS	

Secondary Highway
726

Correspondence dated January 26, 2009 was received from Danny Jung, Acting Construction Manager regarding the Eureka River Crossing on Secondary Highway 726.

C120(02/10/09)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council accepts for information the correspondence dated January 26, 2009 received from Danny Jung, Acting Construction Manager regarding the Eureka River Crossing on Secondary Highway 726. CARRIED.

Dust Control

Council requested cost estimates for the use of calcium for dust control vs. water for dust control.

C121(02/10/09)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council accepts for information the update on dust control. CARRIED.

Paving of Secondary
Highways Cost-Share

Correspondence dated January 26, 2009 received from Wayne Franklin, Regional Director, regarding 50/50 cost-share offer to pave Secondary Highways 717, 730 & 735.

C122(02/10/09)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council schedules a Road Priorities Session on Feb. 26, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. CARRIED.

Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn withdrew from the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

C123(02/10/09)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council accepts for information the response dated January 26, 2009 from Wayne Franklin, Regional Director, regarding 50/50 cost-share offer to pave Secondary Highways 717, 730 & 735. CARRIED.

C124(02/10/09)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council authorizes administration to assist with water plant operators for the Village of Hines Creek. CARRIED.

C125(02/10/09)

RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council appoints Wendy Schmaltz as the Acting CAO. CARRIED.

INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed:

- Changes to Surface Rights for Landowners
- Growing Rural Tourism Conference
- Alberta Health Services Jan. Newsletter
- PREDA 2008/2009 Achievements
- Letter fr. Mayor of Edmonton re: AB. Forestry
- Letter re: gas tax fund

C126(02/10/09) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council accepts the correspondence presented at the February 10, 2009 meeting for information. CARRIED.**

COUNCIL REPORTS Council tabled the reports to the next meeting.

REVIEW OF CALENDARS Council reviewed upcoming meetings and conference dates and updated calendars.

ADJOURNMENT
C127(02/10/09) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council adjourns the regular Council meeting of February 10, 2009 at 5:41 p.m. CARRIED.**

DATE REEVE

DATE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER