

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 31, 2009**

PRESENT

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

REGRETS

ATTENDING

Ray Coad	CAO
Wendy Schmaltz	CSM
Allan Rowe	PWM
Audrey Bjorklund	CDM
Charlotte Parker	EA

MEMBERS OF THE
PUBLIC

Mike Radzick, Baldur Ruecker, Peter Frixel, Rudy Ostrem, Dave Dillman

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADDITION

AGENDA

C220(03/31/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council adopts the Agenda governing the regular Council meeting of March 31, 2009, as amended. CARRIED.

MINUTES

C221(03/31/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Harcourt that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 10, 2009, as presented. CARRIED.

C222(03/31/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council change the next P. & P. meeting to April 29, 2009. CARRIED.

Reeve Davis called for a break at 9:50 a.m. Meeting reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES

- DELEGATION The following delegations are scheduled to appear in the meeting:
- a. Mike Williamson - 10:00 a.m.
 - b. Mike Radzick - 10:15 a.m.
 - c. Lyle Barritt - 10:45 a.m.
 - d. Albert Johnson - 11:00 a.m.
- Mike Williamson Mike Williamson from SRD/Forestry Division was in attendance at 10:00 a.m. to present revisions to the Mutual Aid Fire Control Plan document and seek ratification of the plan for 2009.
- C223(03/31/09) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council accepts for information the delegation from Mike Williamson, SRD. CARRIED.**
- C224(03/31/09) RESOLUTION by Councilor Bigam that Council approves the Annual Mutual Aid Fire Control Plan for 2009, as presented. CARRIED.**
- C225(03/31/09) RESOLUTION by Councilor Bigam that Council directs administration to prepare a report of cost, locations, etc. for a central firewood gathering place and pursue a plan to implement it. CARRIED.**
- Mike Radzick Mike Radzick was in attendance at 10:15 to address the following:
- Pete Nykolyshyn's question about Mike's term in office
 - County Information
 - Credit Cards
- C226(03/31/09) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council accepts for information the delegation from Mr. Radzick. CARRIED.**
- C227(03/31/09) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council directs administration to send a letter to Mike Radzick, thanking him for attending the March 31 Council meeting and letting him know that the issues of concern are being dealt with. CARRIED.**
- Lyle Barritt Lyle Barritt was in attendance at 10:45 a.m. to address the following:
1. Brushing
 2. Tractor fire
 3. Taxes
- C228(03/31/09) RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council accepts for information the delegation from Lyle Barritt. CARRIED.**
- C229(03/31/09) RESOLUTION by Councilor Bigam that Council directs administration to provide a written report, concerning the issues**

presented by Lyle Barritt in regards to his tractor fire, brushing and taxes, for the next Council meeting. CARRIED.

Alfred Johnson Alfred Johnson and Ed Pimm were in attendance at 11:00 a.m. to make a presentation to Council regarding the Bruce Power Alberta proposal and it's site selection.

C230(03/31/09) RESOLUTION by Councilor Bigam that Council accepts for information the delegation from Alfred Johnson. CARRIED.

Reeve Davis called for a break at 11:25 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

C231(03/31/09) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council directs Administration to send a letter to the Minister of Energy, requesting a decision be made soon, concerning nuclear power in Alberta. CARRIED.

Reeve Davis broke for lunch at 12:13 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 12:54 p.m.

COUNCIL
Senior Management
Activity Report

The report from the Senior Management Activity Report was reviewed. CAO Ray Coad gave a report on the meeting concerning participating in the study about municipal protocol.

C232 (03/31/09) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council tables until the April 14 meeting information concerning this study. CARRIED.

C233(03/31/09) RESOLUTION by Councilor Harcourt that Council accepts for information the Senior Management Team Activity Report, as presented and discussed. CARRIED.

Connector Road Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn asked that the letter from ProspEx Resource Management, concerning the Connector Road, be discussed.

C234(03/31/09) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council send a letter to ProspEx Resource Management Ltd., concerning the Connector Road, and invite them to a future Council meeting. CARRIED.

Inter-Provincial &
Inter-Municipal

Peace Region Mtg.	The County of Grande Prairie No. 1 is pleased to host Peace Region Municipalities for the Inter-Provincial & Inter-Municipal Peace Region Meeting on April 3, 2009 at the T.E.C. Centre at Evergreen Park.
C235(03/31/09)	RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council approves the attendance of all Council for the Inter-Provincial & Inter-Municipal Peace Region Meeting on April 3, 2009 at the T.E.C. Centre at Evergreen Park. CARRIED.
C236(03/31/09)	RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council approves the following items for the Inter-Provincial & Inter-Municipal Peace Region Meeting agenda: 1. update on TILMA 2. damage done by wildlife 3. wasting disease CARRIED.
NADC LETTER OF SUPPORT	A.A.M.D.& C. Northern District Zone 4 is asking for a letter of support for the Grande Prairie Container Depot.
C237(03/31/09)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council directs administration to write a letter of support to the Grande Prairie Container Depot. CARRIED.
Peace Airshed Zone Association	The Peace Airshed Zone Association is holding a General Board Meeting on April 21, 2009 at Sexsmith, Alberta.
C238(03/31/09)	RESOLUTION by Councilor Harcourt that Council received for information the Peace AirShed Zone Association meeting info. CARRIED.
Joint Meeting with Glacier Power	There will be a joint meeting of the four municipalities, regarding the Dunvegan Hydro Project on May 11, 2009, at the Dunvegan Inn.
C239(03/31/09)	RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that all Council attend the Joint Municipalities Meeting to be held in Fairview on May 11, 2009. CARRIED.
Seniors' Week	The Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta is honoring Seniors during the week of June 1 to7, 2009.

- C240(03/31/09)** **RESOLUTION by Councilor Bigam that Council formally recognizes Seniors' Week during the week of June 1 to June 7, 2009. CARRIED.**
- Mighty Peace
Tourism
Clear Hills County is hosting the Mighty Peace Tourism Annual Meeting at Whispering Pines Ski Hill on June 6, 2009.
- C241(03/31/09)** **RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council approves the payment of \$760.00 to Whispering Pines Ski Hill, to provide the chalet and meals for Mighty Peace Tourism Annual Meeting on June 6, 2009. CARRIED.**
- Municipal Airport
A delegation has been formed to try and keep the municipal airport open.
- C242(03/31/09)** **RESOLUTION by Councilor Harcourt that Council send a letter of support to CAANA (Cal Nichols), Premier Ed Stelmach, City of Edmonton, Alberta Health, NADC and Honorable Hector Goudreau, regarding the Municipal Airport in Edmonton. CARRIED.**
- Reeve Davis called for a break at 2:01 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 2:12 p.m.
- CORPORATE
Accounts Payable
A list of expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of March 11, 2009 to March 31, 2009 was provided to Council for their review and ratification.
- C243(03/31/09)** **RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council ratifies the expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of March 11, 2009 to March 31, 2009 for a total of \$298,763.28. CARRIED.**
- Councilor Harcourt abstains from voting because of pecuniary interest.
- C244(03/31/09)** **RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council ratifies cheque no. 4609 for a total of \$16.66. CARRIED.**
- Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn abstains from voting because of pecuniary interest.
- C245(03/31/09)** **RESOLUTION by Councilor Harcourt that Council ratifies cheque no. 4622 for a total of \$5,250.00. CARRIED.**

Land Sale & Tax
Write-Off

Council has accepted the tender to sell Lot 12, Block 1 , Plan 0024465 for \$20,500. There is an error on the bid sheet. The bidder marked his bid for Lot 12 but his intention was for Lot 10 and he just mixed up the description.

Council has reserved writing off the tax balances until the lots sell. The difference between the accepted selling price and the outstanding taxes has to be written off now that the bid has been accepted.

There will be no budget impact for writing off the taxes as an allowance for doubtful accounts has been taken each year in anticipation of not recovering the taxes on these two lots. The only impact will be the \$20,500 proceeds on disposal as our budget for proceeds on these lots for 2009 was zero.

C246(03/31/09) RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council rescinds resolution C196 (03/10/09). CARRIED.

C247(03/10/09) RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council rescinds resolution C198 (03/10/09). CARRIED.

C248(03/10/09) RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council accepts for information the tender opening for sale of Lots 10 and 12, Block 1, Plan 0024465. CARRIED.

C249(03/10/09) RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council accepts the tender from Christopher Kamieniecki in the amount of \$20,500 plus applicable G.S.T. for Lot 10, Block 1, Plan 0024464. CARRIED.

C250(03/10/09) RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council authorizes the write off of taxes, penalties and interest for Lot 10, Block 1, Plan 0024465 in the amount of \$10,195.02, to finalize the sale of the property by Clear Hills County. CARRIED.

C251(03/10/09) RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council advertises for sale in the County newsletter Lot 12, Block 1, Plan 0024465 for \$20,000 to the first bidder who presents a 10% down payment at the County office. CARRIED.

Manager's Report

The Corporate Services Manager wants to report on the following four items to Council:

- TILMA - presentation at AAMD&C Conference
- Municipal Sponsorship Program
- FOIP request
- Telus 2004 Amended Assessment.

- C252(03/31/09)** **RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council accepts for information the report on the Trade Investment, and Labour Mobility Agreement. CARRIED.**
- C253(03/31/09)** **RESOLUTION by Councilor Harcourt that Council authorize the payment of \$17,345.47 to the Village of Hines Creek for the Dave Shaw Memorial Complex, and \$8,000 to each of the Hines Creek & District Library, Worsley & District Library, Cleardale & District Library and Bear Canyon Library under the 2008/2009 Municipal Sponsorship Program. CARRIED.**
- C254(03/31/09)** **RESOLUTION by Councilor Bigam that Council accepts for information the report on the FOIP request. CARRIED.**
- C255(03/31/09)** **RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council authorizes the refund of \$4,760.66, penalties charged and paid by Telus for taxes related to 2004 Amended Assessments in exchange for a discontinuance of action. CARRIED.**
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CDM Report
The Community Development Manager reported on Community Development topics.
- C256(03/31/09)** **RESOLUTION by Councilor Harcourt that Council receives for information the Community Development Manager's Report. CARRIED.**
- FireSmart Grant Applications
Council was presented with information on the FireSmart Community Grant Program.
- C257(03/31/09)** **RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council authorizes applications for development of Wildland Urban Interface plans for the hamlets of Cleardale and the area of Eureka River under the Alberta Sustainable Resource Development FireSmart Community Grant Program. CARRIED.**
- Funding Request
The Cleardale Riders have submitted a funding request for operating funds to help assist with holding four events they are planning this year.
- C258(03/31/09)** **RESOLUTION by Councilor Bigam that Council recommends the Cleardale Riders approach the local recreation board for operating funding support to host their 2009 planned activities. CARRIED.**
- Funding Request
The Fairview Regional Aquatic Centre has submitted a funding proposal to the County for consideration of sponsoring a climbing wall

addition to the pool.

- C259(03/31/09)** **RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council table the request from the Fairview Aquatic Centre for the County to sponsor the AquaClimb project to the 2010 budget deliberations as a Beyond Borders funding request. CARRIED.**
- PREDA PREDA has forwarded a list of the initiatives the Association is considering for the upcoming 2009-2010 operations where they spend their resources.
- C260(03/31/09)** **RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council accepts for information PREDA 2009-2010 initiatives. CARRIED.**
- Funding Request The Worsley Central School has submitted a funding request from the senior high students fundraising to go to the Forum for Young Albertans which is a non-partisan political learning opportunity for senior high students.
- C261(03/31/09)** **RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council approves \$700.00 in funding under the general grants program for the Worsley Central School students going to the Forum for Young Albertans. CARRIED.**
- Hydro Power The ASB recommends Council explores the potential to generate hydro power locally with the goal of lowering power costs to local users and attracting business to the area.
- C262(03/31/09)** **RESOLUTION by Councilor Harcourt that Council authorizes the Agricultural Service Board to research generating hydro power locally and develop a proposal for the 2010 budget discussions. CARRIED.**
- Minutes The ASB have resolved to contribute to the monthly newsletter on a rotational basis and have submitted a recommendation that Council considers including highlights of meeting minutes instead of the entire document in the newsletter.
- C263(03/31/09)** **RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council approves keeping the minutes in the Newsletter as they are. CARRIED.**
- C264(03/31/09)** **RESOLUTION by Councilor Bigam that Council provide the ASB with space in the newsletter for one of the members to give highlights of any ASB issues or events that would be of interest to the County, on a rotational basis. CARRIED.**

Burning Control

At the February 17th Policies and Priorities meeting the Committee recommended including a public safety announcement in the monthly newsletter requesting that those planning to burn within 1 mile of any primary or secondary highway post "Smoke" warning signage at each end of the potential smoke corridor on the highways.

C265(03/31/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council directs that a Public Safety Announcement be included in the monthly newsletter requesting that those planning to burn within 1 mile of any primary or secondary highway post "Smoke" warning signage at each end of the potential smoke corridor on the highways.

CARRIED.

Manure Spreader
Quotes

Council tabled this item at the March 10th meeting.

C266(03/31/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council approves the purchase of the tendered 2006 Bunning 75 MK4 manure spreader from Central Alberta Hay Centre for \$31,500 plus GST to replace the unit being sold by auction this spring and set the rental rate at \$150.00 per day with a \$300.00 damage deposit to be reviewed within one year.

Deputy Reeve Nykolyszyn asked for a recorded vote.

FOR

AGAINST

Reeve Davis

Deputy Reeve Nykolyszyn

Councilor Bigam

Councilor Johnson

Councilor Harcourt

Councilor Moedt

CARRIED.

Reeve Davis called for a break at 4:20 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS

Gravel Purchase

Request letter received from Hines Creek Golf & Country Club Association for approximately 1500 yards of reject chip sand from the David Thompson pit at no charge (Country Club will provide loader and truck to haul).

C267(03/31/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Bigam that Council direct administration to amend the policy regarding gravel purchases, to allow Community Groups to purchase up to 1500 yards of reject or pit run gravel, at rates specified by Council.

CARRIED.

**INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was reviewed:

1. Letter from Emergency Health Services

2. 2008 Municipal Sponsorship Program – H.C. Gold & Country
3. 2008 Municipal Sponsorship Program – Comm. Library
4. Mighty Peace Tourist February Report
5. Letter re: Dunvegan Bridge
6. Letter concerning ASB funding approval
7. Peace Library Board Meeting Highlights.

C268(03/31/09) **RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council accepts the correspondence presented at the March 31, 2009 meeting for information. CARRIED.**

Council Reports moved to next meeting.

REVIEW OF
CALENDARS

Council reviewed upcoming meetings and conference dates and updated calendars.

C269(03/31/09) **RESOLUTION by Councilor Bigam that Council receives for information the upcoming meetings, conference dates and updated calendars. CARRIED.**

C270(03/31/09) **RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council approves Reeve Davis and Councilor Harcourt attend the PASZA general board meeting on April 21, 2009 at Sexsmith, AB. CARRIED.**

C271(03/31/09) **RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that we go into camera at 4:48 p.m. CARRIED.**

C272(03/31/09) **RESOLUTION by Councilor Harcourt that we come out of camera at 5:22 p.m.. CARRIED.**

C273(03/31/09) **RESOLUTION by Councilor Harcourt that we review the CAO's Contract at a special meeting on May 2, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

C274(03/31/09) **RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council adjourns the regular Council meeting of March 31, 2009 at 5:27 p.m. CARRIED.**

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER