

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MAY 12, 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

Don Thomas, Baldur Ruecker, Sharon Ruecker, Linda Richardson

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

ADDITION

AGENDA

C359(05/12/09) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council adopts the Agenda governing the regular Council meeting of May 12, 2009, as amended, with the additional items, as listed. CARRIED.

Additional Items 1. Letter from Mighty Peace Tourist Association
2. Hines Creek Composite

MINUTES

C360(05/12/09) RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 28, 2009, as presented. CARRIED.

C361(05/12/09) RESOLUTION by Councilor Klassen that Council adopts the minutes of the Special Council meeting of May 4, 2009, as presented. CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Public Hearing
C362(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Bigam that Council adjourn the Regular Council meeting. CARRIED.

Bylaw 121-09 changes were introduced.

C363(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council close the public hearing. CARRIED.

Reeve Davis called the Council meeting back to order.

DELEGATION

The following delegations are scheduled to appear in the meeting:

- a. Worsley & Area Community Health Council
- b. Clear Hills Watershed

Worsley & Area
Community Health
Council

A delegation from the Worsley & Area Community Health Council was present at 10:00 a.m. to update Council on the status of a resident nurse coming to Worsley.

C364(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Bigam that Council receives for information the delegation from the Worsley & Area Health Council. CARRIED.

C365(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Bigam that Council directs administration to proceed with funding for furniture for the nurse's residence, up to \$15,000. CARRIED.

Clear Hills Watershed

A delegation from the Clear Hills Watershed group was present at 11:00 a.m., to introduce Jay White and have him speak to Council.

C366(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council receives for information the delegation from the Clear Hills Watershed group and presenter, Jay White. CARRIED.

COUNCIL

Senior Management
Activity Report

The report from the Senior Management Activity Report was reviewed.

C367(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Harcourt that Council accepts for information the Senior Management Team Activity Report, as presented and discussed. CARRIED.

Highway 730
Paving

Councilor Johnson requested that Highway 730 paving be on the agenda.

C368(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council receives for information the discussion of paving Highway 730. CARRIED.

Reeve Davis called for a break at 10:33 a.m. The meeting was re-convened at 10:45 a.m.

C369(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council go in camera at 10:45 a.m. CARRIED.

C370(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Klassen that Council comes out of camera at 11:01 a.m. CARRIED.

Worsley Lots

Councilor Johnson requested that the Worsley lots be put on the agenda.

C371(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council invite Genevar to a future Council meeting to discuss the Worsley lots. CARRIED.

Reeve Davis called for a break for lunch at 12:16 p.m. The meeting re-convened at 12:51 p.m.

Joint Meeting –
Peace River

The Board of trustees of the Peace River School Division No. 10 have invited Clear Hills County to a joint meeting with other municipality Councils within Peace River School Division, to be held May 21, 2009 at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting to be called to order at 6:00 p.m. This will be a dinner meeting at the Pomeroy Inn and Suites in Grimshaw, Alberta. There is no charge for the meal.

C372(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION By Councilor Johnson that Council approves all Councilors to attend the joint meeting with other Municipality Councils on May 21, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. with the Peace River School Division trustees. CARRIED.

Ratepayers
Meetings

Notes were taken at the Ratepayers meetings that were held in Bear Canyon on April 22, 2009 and in Hines Creek on April 23, 2009. There were concerns from the public and replies were made from the Clear Hills County Council and Staff.

Tax Refund George
Lake

Administration brought to Council's attention that the George Lake Aquatic & Recreation Association had been paying taxes in error due to the demolition of a caretaker's residence, not resulting in the elimination of the tax roll.

C379(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Klassen that Council authorizes Administration to refund taxes and the penalties on roll numbers 067006 and 289770, for the years 1996 to 2008, in the amount of \$6,701.97, to the George Lake Aquatic & Recreation Association. CARRIED.

Worsley Phase II

Administration is requesting a budget amendment for the completion of the subdivision for 10 lots and 2 PUL in Phase II of Worsley Hamlet Development.

C380(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council amends the 2009 budget to include \$15,000 for the survey and subdivision of 3 commercial lots, 2 multi-family, 4 low density residential and 3 public utility lots in Phase II of the Worsley Hamlet Development. CARRIED.

Mill Rate Bylaw

Budget was prepared, based on no increases to the mill rate. Our preliminary assessment is \$1,098,681,830 which is a 20% increase over 2008.

C381(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council directs administration to prepare a mill rate bylaw for 2009 maintaining mill rates at 8.450 for farmland and residential and 15.120 for non-residential. CARRIED.

5 Year Plan

The Policies & Priorities Committee recommended that Council adopts the five year plan as presented.

C382(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Klassen that Council adopts the five year plan for 2010 to 2014 as presented. CARRIED.

Reeve Davis called for a break at 2:25 p.m. Meeting was re-convened at 2:29 p.m.

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT

Capital Grant

According to policy 7002 – Capital Grants, Clear Hills County shall provide capital grants to community organizations, and establish a system of evaluation applications for distributing capital funds. The policy lists fund raising efforts, facility usage, other funding sources,

urgency and previous grants received and the criteria for eligibility. Five applications were received.

- C383(05/12/09)** RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council authorizes a \$25,000 grant to the Clear Hills Agricultural Multi Plex Society for the Outdoor Arena and Motor Cross Track project under the 2009 Capital Grant Program. **CARRIED.**
- C384(05/12/09)** RESOLUTION by Councilor Harcourt that Council authorizes a \$25,000 grant to the End of Steel Heritage Museum Society for the Blacksmith Shop project under the 2009 Capital Grant Program. **CARRIED.**
- C385(05/12/09)** RESOLUTION by Councilor Harcourt that Council authorizes a \$21,225 grant to the Hines Creek Curling Club for the a Natural Ice System project under the 2009 Capital Grant Program. **CARRIED.**
- C386(05/12/09)** RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council authorizes a \$2,833.50 grant to the Montagneuse Valley Cemetery #1 for the chain link fence project under the 2009 Capital Grant Program. **CARRIED.**
- C387(05/12/09)** RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council authorizes a \$3,083.50 grant to the Montagneuse Valley Cemetery #2 for the chain link fence project under the 2009 Capital Grant Program. **CARRIED.**
- C388(05/12/09)** RESOLUTION by Councilor Klassen that Council transfer \$22,858 to the Capital Recreation Reserve. **CARRIED.**
- Cemetery Grant According to policy 1215 – Cemetery Grants, Clear Hills County will provide funds in the annual budget for the purpose of assisting with the maintenance or upgrading of public cemeteries within the County. 13 applications were received.
- C389(05/12/09)** RESOLUTION by Councilor Klassen that Council authorizes a \$500 grant to each of the following Cemeteries - All Saints Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery, Cherry Point Cemetery, Cleardale Community Cemetery, Eureka River Cemetery, Hinterland Cemetery, Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Cemetery, Krahn Lutheran Cemetery, Missouri Lutheran Cemetery, Montagneuse Valley Cemetery #1, Montagneuse Valley Cemetery #2, Royce Lutheran Cemetery, St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Cemetery and the Worsley Cemetery, under the 2009 Cemetery Grant program. **CARRIED.**

George Lake Capital
Grant

George Lake Aquatic Recreation Association has provided their Financial Accounting Statement for the Washroom and Shower Facility.

C390(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council uphold the 2008 decision to provide a \$25,000 Capital Grant for the George Lake Aquatic Recreation Association washroom and shower facility project and that no additional county funds be allocated to this project.

Councilor Harcourt asked for a recorded vote.

For
Reeve Davis
Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn
Councilor Bigam
Councilor Klassen
Councilor Johnson
Councilor Moedt

Against
Councilor Harcourt

CARRIED.

National Farmers
Union

The National Farmers Union has issued an invitation to Council to send a representative to their regional convention in Calmar, Alberta on June 13, 2009.

C391(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Bigam that Council authorizes an Agricultural Service Board member to attend the June 13, 2009 National Farmers Union regional conference, on behalf of Clear Hills County.

Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn asked for a recorded vote.

For
Reeve Davis
Councilor Bigam
Councilor Harcourt
Councilor Moedt
Councilor Klassen

Against
Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn
Councilor Johnson

CARRIED.

Municipal Heritage
Partnership Program

The Policies and Priorities Committee made the following recommendations to Council.

C392(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council approves the All Saints Anglican Church application for designation as a municipal heritage site, and include in the designation agreement that there will be no funding from the County to prepare the required documentation or maintain the heritage site. CARRIED.

C393(05/12/09) **RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council proceeds with future applications for Municipal Heritage Site Designation on a case by case basis. CARRIED.**

Emergency Services Charges

Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn requested that the Emergency Services Charges in the Bylaw 8 Schedule of Fees be brought to Council for consideration.

C394(05/12/09) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council accepts for information the discussion on the Emergency Services Fees established in Bylaw 8 Schedule of Fees. CARRIED.**

Wolfe Fire

Council tabled a decision on Judith Wolfe's delegation to the March 10, 2009 Council meeting regarding the fire invoice for a January 28th fire that was attended on their property.

C395(05/12/09) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council directs administration to reverse the invoice for the J & J Wolfe fire response charges. CARRIED.**

County BBQ

The County Community BBQ is scheduled for July 24, 2009 at the Many Islands Campground. In previous years Council has purchased a 4H beef for the event.

C396(05/12/09)
Rescinded by C415(05/26/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council authorizes Councilor Johnson to purchase a local 4H beef at the June 1, 2009 sale, and authorizes administration to arrange for cutting and wrapping, allowing for several BBQ packs for door prizes. CARRIED.

STARS Golf Tournament

The golf tournament to raise funds for the STARS air ambulance service, that the Clear Creek Fire Commission, Fairview Fire and Rescue Commission, Fairview Fire and Rescue Society, and Fairview Fire Department, are organizing for Saturday July 25, 2009 in Fairview, Alberta.

C397(05/12/09) **RESOLUTION by Councilor Bigam that Council authorizes the attendance of all Councilors at the STARS fundraiser golf tournament, being held on July 25, 2009 in Fairview, Alberta. CARRIED.**

C398(05/12/09) **RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council authorizes the donation of a local artist painting for the silent auction at the**

STARS fundraiser golf tournament on July 25, 2009 in Fairview, Alberta. CARRIED.

Bylaw 121-09
There was a 10:00 a.m. public hearing for Bylaw No. 121-09 to amend portions of the Land Use bylaw 107/08. Pending the outcome of the hearing, Council may wish to proceed with second and third (final) readings of the Bylaw.

C399(05/12/09) RESOLUTION by Councilor Klassen that Council gives second reading to Bylaw 121-09, to amend a portion of the Land Use Bylaw 107/08. CARRIED.

C400(05/12/09) RESOLUTION by Councilor Bigam that Council gives third and final reading to Bylaw 121 – 09, to amend a portion of the Land Use Bylaw 107/08. CARRIED.

Mighty Peace Tourist Association
A letter was received from Mighty Peace Tourism regarding a motorcycle community “Rider” destination.

C401(05/12/099) RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council directs administration to provide a letter of support for the Mighty Peace Tourism Association’s initiative to diversify our northern economy by promoting and marketing the tourism potential of the County and the region as a motorcycle community “Rider” destination. CARRIED.

Councilor Klassen left the meeting at 3:14 p.m. He returned to the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS

Clear Hills Connector Road

Master Agreement for *Consent to the Withdrawal of Lands* received from DMI, Peace River Pulp Division to be signed and returned.

C402(05/12/09) RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council directs administration to execute the master agreement for *Consent to the Withdrawal of Lands* with DMI, Peace River Pulp Division. CARRIED.

Clear Prairie Road Repair Recommendation

Clear Prairie pavement repair/improvements recommendation correspondence received from Focus.

C403(05/12/09) RESOLUTION by Councilor Bigam that Council directs administration to do the assessment for Clear Prairie pavement

repairs/improvements for the 2009 budget and address the cost for repairs in the 2010 budget. CARRIED.

Senior's
Snowplowing

Correspondence received from Doreen Chalmers, (senior resident), requesting Clear Hills County to provide a grader to get rid of ruts in her driveway.

C404(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council denies Doreen Chalmers' request for Clear Hills County to provide a grader to get rid of ruts in her driveway. CARRIED.

Road Maintenance

Correspondence from BP Canada Energy Company for the purpose of giving the County written notice of its intentions to terminate the road maintenance agreement for the Chinchaga Road.

C405(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Bigam that Council receives for information the correspondence from BP Canada Energy company. CARRIED.

INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed:

1. Letter from NPHF
2. Letter from Minister, Mel Knight
3. Copy of letter sent to Minister of Transportation
4. Thank you from Menno Simons Library
5. Letter from Hines Creek Ag. Society
6. Letter from Municipal Affairs
7. Letter from Mighty Peace Tourist Association

C406(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council receive for information the correspondence received. CARRIED.

COUNCIL
REPORTS

REVIEW OF
CALENDARS

Council reviewed upcoming meetings and conference dates and updated calendars.

C407(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Bigam that Council receives for information the upcoming meetings, conference dates and updated calendars. CARRIED.

C408(05/12/09) **RESOLUTION by Councilor Bigam that Council go in camera at 4:01 p.m. CARRIED.**

C409(05/12/09) **RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council comes out of camera at 4:55 p.m. CARRIED.**

C410(05/12/09) **RESOLUTION by Councilor Bigam that Council to authorize administration to continue negotiations concerning long term gravel reserves. CARRIED.**

C411(05/12/09) **RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council enter into a three year contract with Ray Coad, as amended. (Clause 8.2).**

Councilor Johnson requested a recorded vote.

For

Against

Reeve Davis

Councilor Johnson

Councilor Bigam

Councilor Klassen

Councilor Harcourt

Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn

Councilor Moedt

CARRIED.

Adjournment

C412(05/12/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Klassen that Council adjourn the regular council meeting on May 12, 2009 at 5:05p.m. CARRIED.

DATE

REEVE

DATE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER