

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 23, 2009**

PRESENT

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

REGRETS

ATTENDING

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

MEMBERS OF THE
PUBLIC

Fred Herzog

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA
C487(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Klassen that Council adopts the Agenda governing the Regular Council Meeting of June 23, 2009 as amended, with the additional items, as listed. CARRIED.

Additional Items
Road Tour

Municipal Affairs

Road Policies

MINUTES
C488 (06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 9, 2009. CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES

COUNCIL

Senior Management
Activity Report

The report from the Senior Management Activity Report was reviewed.

C489(06/23/09)

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

Policy – Charitable
Donations

Clear Hills County Policies & Priorities Committee have requested Council to implement a policy that can be used for contributing to Charitable Donations.

C490(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council approves the policy for Charitable Donations as presented.

CARRIED.

FairCreek Golf
Tournament

An invitation has been received to attend and sponsor the FairCreek Golf Tournament in support of CNIB, to be held on Saturday July 11, 2009.

C491(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Harcourt that Council approves a donation of \$250.00, as per policy 1124, for the FairCreek Golf Tournament on July 11, 2009, to support CNIB. CARRIED.

Annual Dunvegan
Central Peace Golf
Tournament & Dinner

Clear Hills County Council received an invitation to attend the Annual Dunvegan-Central Peace Golf Tournament & Dinner to be held in Eaglesham, AB. on July 30, 2009.

C492(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council authorizes the attendance of the CAO and all Councilors to the Annual Dunvegan-Central Peace Golf Tournament. CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS

Alberta Fish and
Wildlife

Representatives from Fish and Wildlife were in attendance at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the Ungulate Depredation feeding sites in the area.

C493(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council accepts for information the presentation by Fish and Wildlife representatives,

Rob Lamont and Kyland Pennoyer, as well as Fred Herzog.
CARRIED.

Reeve Davis called for a break at 11:02 a.m. The meeting re-convened at 11:13 a.m.

Road Tour

Councilor Johnson requested this item on the agenda. In the future he would like all Council to be notified of a road tour, before it happens.

Municipal Affairs

Councilor Johnson requested this item on the agenda.

C494(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council directs the CAO to put more back ground information in the agenda, rather than introduce it at a Council meeting and that Council directs administration to approve the Controller be accountable directly to Council. Both issues will be brought back to the next P&P meeting.

CARRIED.

CORPORATE

Accounts Payable

A list of expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of June 10, 2009 to June 23, 2009 was provided for Council's review and ratification.

C495(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Klassen that Council ratifies the expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of June 10, 2009 to June 23, 2009 for a total of \$462,083.26. CARRIED.

Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn abstains from voting because of pecuniary interest.

C496(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council ratifies cheque no. 5024 for a total of \$5,439.00. CARRIED.

Lot Financing

The following motion was passed at the June 16, 2009 Policies & Priorities Committee Meeting:

PO63(06/16/09) RESOLUTION by Councilor Klassen that this Committee recommends Council to direct administration to advertise the availability of purchasing Clear Hills County owned lots by mortgage, for 10 years at an interest rate of ATB prime plus 2% and a down payment of 15% of the total purchase price. Conditional on completed development within 2 years.

C497(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Klassen that Council authorizes administration to sell the remaining Clear Hills County owned 20 lots in the Cleardale, 1 in the Eureka River and 15 in the Worsley

subdivisions, as per the price list presented. Requirements will be a 20% down payment and the balance financed by Clear Hills County, with a mortgage amortized over 10 years at a variable interest rate of ATB financial prime plus 2.0%. This will be conditional on completed development within 2 years of purchase.

Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn requested a recorded vote:

For	Against
Councilor Bigam	Reeve Davis
Councilor Harcourt	Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn
Councilor Johnson	
Councilor Moedt	
Councilor Klassen	CARRIED.

Reeve Davis called for a lunch break at 11:57 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT

Community
Development
Manager's
Report

At this time the Community Development Manager will have an opportunity to report on Community Development topics.

C498(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council accepts the Community Development Manager's Report for information. CARRIED.

Tradeshow

The Agricultural Service Board made several recommendations regarding the 2010 Agricultural Tradeshow and pending Council's approval will commence with planning for 2010.

C499(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council adopts the recommendations from the Agricultural Service Board for improvements to the Tradeshow format and authorize planning commence for the 2010 Tradeshow. CARRIED.

MD Peace 135 MDP
Bylaw 5/2009

MMSA has provided the County with a copy of the Municipal District of Peace No. 135's draft Municipal Development Plan Bylaw No. 5/2009 for review and comments.

C500(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council directs administration to send a letter to MMSA indicating the County has no concerns with the draft Municipal District of Peace No. 135 Municipal Development Plan Bylaw No. 5/2009. CARRIED.

Peace Library
System

Bill C-322 (formerly Bill C-458) is a Private Members' bill that was introduced in the House of Commons on February 25, 2009. The bill is to protect the Library Book Rate (LBR) currently available through Canada Post. The Peace Library System has sent a letter requesting the County support the Bill.

C501(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolychyn that Council directs administration to send a letter of support for Bill C-322 to Chris Warkentin, Member of Parliament, and other federal government representatives endorsing the County's support of protecting the Library Book Rate (LBR) currently available through Canada Post. CARRIED.

Rural Addressing

The Policies and Priorities Committee made recommendations regarding rural addressing at their June 16, 2009 meeting.

C502(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council proceeds to first reading of Rural Addressing Bylaw 120-09. CARRIED.

C503(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Klassen that Council undertakes an information campaign to explain the purpose of the Rural Address signage and schedule a public hearing for October 1, 2009 to allow sufficient time for advertising the intent of the pending bylaw before proceeding to further readings. CARRIED.

George Lake Funding
Request

The George Lake Aquatic Recreation Association has submitted a letter requesting Council reconsider their decision to provide no further funds for the completion of the washroom/shower facility.

C504(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council denies the George Lake Aquatic Recreation Association's request for an additional \$25,000 in Capital Grant funding for the washroom and shower facility, as per Policy 7002. CARRIED.

Fire Charges Appeal

An appeal has been received from a landowner requesting that he not be invoiced, as he believes that the fire started on Hwy 64 and spread into his property.

C505(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Bigam that Council upholds the fire charges invoice for the fire that was extinguished on NW 28-83-4-W6M on May 22, 2009, as per Policy 2301. CARRIED.

Bylaw 124-09 To
Amend Land Use

Bylaw 107-08

Bylaw 124-09 is presented to Council to rezone Plan 082235 Block 5 Lots 1-14 and Block 6 Lots 1 - 4 of Worsley from Hamlet Residential District 1 "H-R1" to Hamlet Residential District "H-R". The rezoning will allow varied residential development within that portion of the hamlet.

C506(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council gives first reading to Bylaw 124-09, to rezone Plan 082235 Block 5 Lots 1-14 and Block 6 Lots 1 - 4 of Worsley from Hamlet Residential District 1 "H-R1" to Hamlet Residential District "H-R". CARRIED.

C507(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council approves the public hearing date of July 28, 2009 at the regular Council meeting for the proposed Bylaw 124-09. CARRIED.

Agricultural Service Board

The Agricultural Service Board was to hold a special conference call meeting on Monday, June 22, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the current moisture conditions and determine the need for a recommendation to Council to declare the County an Agricultural Disaster area due to drought.

C508(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council direct that the ASB continue to monitor the moisture conditions in the area. CARRIED.

Reeve Davis called for a break at 1:40 p.m. The meeting re-convened at 1:44 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Manager's Report

At this time the Public Works Manager will have an opportunity to report on Public Works topics of interest.

C509(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that Council accepts for information the Public Works Manager's Report. CARRIED.

Road Maintenance

At Council's request, Administration is presenting Road Construction Policy 3201 for review. The following are the recommendations from the Policy & Priorities meeting held by Council on June 16, 2009.

PO66(06/16/09) RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that this Committee recommends Council snow plow and maintains existing roads, that are on a road allowance, to a permanent residence. CARRIED.

C510(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council table the road maintenance recommendations until Public Works has researched it further and brings information back to Council, with a recommendation.

CARRIED.

PO67(06/16/09) RESOLUTION by Councilor Klassen that this Committee recommends Council grade senior's driveways, as required.

Councilor Klassen requested a recorded vote:

For	Against
Councilor Bigam	Councilor Johnson
Councilor Harcourt	Deputy Reeve Nykolysyn
Councilor Klassen	Councilor Moedt
Reeve Davis	

CARRIED.

C511(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council table this recommendation until Public Works brings back more information and recommendations to a future meeting.

DEFEATED.

C512(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Klassen that Council directs administration to grade senior's driveways, as required.

Deputy Reeve Nykolysyn requested a recorded vote

For:	Against
Councilor Bigam	Reeve Davis
Councilor Harcourt	Councilor Johnson
Councilor Klassen	Deputy Reeve Nykolysyn
	Councilor Moedt

DEFEATED.

C513(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Johnson that Council directs administration to grade senior's driveways once a year, during the summer.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed:

1. Letter from Minister of Tourism re: Hosting 2012 Games
2. Letter re: Economic Impact of AB. Forest Industry
3. ECCA Funding Request
4. Reply to letter re: Edmonton City Centre Airport
5. Municipal Affairs information for Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence
6. ASB Minutes
 - a. May 20, 2009
 - b. June 4, 2009

c. June 17, 2009

7. Letter from Municipal Affairs regarding Petition received
8. Bruce Power Presentation.

C514(06/23/09) RESOLUTION by Councilor that Council receives for information the correspondence, as presented.

C515(06/23/09) RESOLUTION by Councilor Moedt that Council approves the attendance of all Council to attend the Bruce Power and RCMP presentation in Peace River on June 29th. CARRIED.

COUNCIL
REPORTS

Councilors reported on meetings they attended.

All Councilors had attended:

Council Meetings

P.& P. Meeting

Special Meeting, June 2 – mill rate

Staff Bar-B-Q at Ski Hill (except Brian)

Road (except Charlie)

Councilor Klassen–

FCM Conference

North Peace Housing Meeting

Councilor Moedt

Green Communities in G.P.

Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn

4-H Sale to purchase beef

Homesteader Lodge re: Senior's van

Landfill meeting

Reeve Davis

Reeve's/CAO Meeting in Valleyview

ASB Meeting

Mighty Peace Tourism Meeting

Peace AirShed Zone Association in Clairmont

55+ Meeting

ASB Conference Call

Community Futures

Protocol Meeting in Fairview

Rec. Board

Councilor Johnson –

Northwest Corridor Development Corporation (exempt from Council Meeting)

Dawson Creek – Wasting disease meeting

Ag. Society Bear Canyon

Councilor Harcourt-

Open House in H.C.
Mighty Peace Tourism Meeting
Senior's Bar-B-Q in H.C.
Conference with Branding of the Peace
Forgotten Jewels of the Peace
Ag. Society H.C.
Rec. Board
Peace AirShed Zone Association in Clairmont
Senior's Mtg.
CCFC Mtg.
Handi-Bus Mtg.
Branding the Peace Mtg.

Councilor Bigam - Meetings

Mighty Peace Tourism
Green Communities
Aquatic Centre
Health Council
Worsley Chamber of Commerce
Rec. Board
CCFC
Don Speck farewell- speech
STARS Golf Tournament

REVIEW OF
CALENDARS

Council reviewed upcoming meetings and conference dates and updated calendars.

C516(06/23/09)

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

CONFIDENTIAL

ADJOURNMENT
C517(06/23/09)

RESOLUTION by Councilor Klassen that Council adjourns the Regular Council Meeting on June 23, 2009 at 3:11p.m. CARRIED.

DATE

REEVE

DATE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER