

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

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PRESENT

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

ABSENT

ATTENDING

Allan Rowe	Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Audrey Bjorklund	Community Development Manager (CDM)
Hermann Minderlein	Corporate Services Manager (CSM)
Ron Jensen	Public Works Manager (PWM)
Georgia Carter	Administrative Assistant (AA)

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA

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ADDITIONS

Grader Beats – Councillor Harcourt  
Confidential Land Item - CAO  
Delegation at 10:00 am has cancelled

**C882(11/10/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council adopts the Agenda governing the Regular Council Meeting of November 10, 2009. CARRIED.**

MINUTES

**C883(11/10/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council adopts the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 27, 2009. CARRIED.**

COUNCIL

Senior Management  
Activity Report

The report from the Senior Management Activity Report was reviewed.

- C884(11/10/09)**      **RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council accepts for information the Senior Management Team Activity Report, as presented. CARRIED.**
- CAO Report              Chief Administrative Officer, Allan Rowe summarized the CAO written report to Council.
- C885(11/10/09)**      **RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council receives for information the Chief Administrative Officer report, as presented. CARRIED.**
- Advanced Poll              Clear Hills County is holding a by-election on November 30, 2009 to elect a representative for Ward 1. Administration is seeking direction from Council for an advanced poll for this by-election.
- C886(11/10/09)**      **RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council directs administration to hold an advanced poll at the David Thompson Hall on November 24, 2009 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. CARRIED.**
- Volunteer Fire Dept.-  
Cherry Canyon              Councillor Johnson requested that the proposed implementation of a volunteer fire department for Cherry Canyon be included in the November 10, 2009 regular Council meeting agenda.
- C887(11/10/09)**      **RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council refer the request from the Cherry Canyon Agricultural Society to the Clear Creek Fire Commission and bring their recommendations back to Council. CARRIED.**
- Peter Frixel Reply              Peter Frixel made a presentation to council on October 15, 2009 with several County issues of concern. Administration is seeking direction for a response from Council.
- C888(11/10/09)**      **RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council directs administration to proceed with sending a letter to Mr. Frixel addressing the following concerns:**  
**Worsley Lots –**  
**Council remuneration –**  
**Salaries –**  
**Green Zones –**  
**Voting Boundaries –**  
**CARRIED.**
- Internet Air Card              Councillor Johnson requested that Council consider purchasing air cards for Councillors to provide internet services instead of the Xplornet service that they are currently using, at each Councillors residence.

**C889(11/10/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson to bring a revised policy 1222 to the council meeting on November 24, 2009 and direct administration to revise the policy to allow councillors to use alternate service providers if their current contract can be changed over to another member and also provide a reimbursement cap of \$62.99.**

**CARRIED.**

Reeve Nykolyshyn called for a recess at 10:57 am  
Reeve Nykolyshyn reconvened the meeting at 11:06 am

AAMD&C Letter re:  
Fire Resolution

Clear Hills County received a letter from AAMD&C president, Donald W. Johnson, regarding the resolution status of resolution 8-09S:

**C890(11/10/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council directs administration add to the agenda of the Alberta Elected Leaders meeting in High Level on December 4, 2009: excluding fighting and controlling fires within occupied public lands from the responsibility of municipalities.**

**CARRIED.**

AAMD&C Travel

The annual AAMD&C convention will be held in Edmonton on November 16 – 19, 2009. Clear Hills County council and chief administrative officer will be attending.

**C891(11/10/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council approves the travel times of the County van leaving Clear Hills County office on Sunday, November 15, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. with the County van returning on November 19, 2009, leaving the AAMD&C Convention in Edmonton at approximately 1:30 pm.**

**CARRIED.**

Minister's Meetings

The annual AAMD&C convention will be held in Edmonton on November 16 – 19, 2009. Clear Hills County council and chief administrative officer will be attending. During the convention councillors will be attending various Minister meetings.

**C892(11/10/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council accepts the information on Minister's sessions along with the discussion and question sheets compiled by administration in preparation for the sessions with the Minister's at the AAMDC conference being held November 16 – 19, 2009.**

**CARRIED.**

CORPORATE

Finance – Accounts  
Payable

A list of expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of October 28, 2009 to November 10, 2009 is provided for Council's review.

**C893(11/10/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council accepts for information, the expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of October 28, 2009 to November 10, 2009 for a total of \$175,522.05, as presented. CARRIED.**

Reeve Nykolyshyn called for lunch at 12:06 pm  
Reeve Nykolyshyn reconvened the meeting at 12:47 pm

Financial Statement

A financial report for the operations of the County for the month ended September 30, 2009 was provided for Councils review.

**C894(11/10/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council tables the financial statement for Clear Hills County for the month ended September 30, 2009, until later in the meeting. CARRIED.**

Tower Network

Clear Hills County has received notification that the Rural Connections: Community Broadband Infrastructure Pilot Grant Program application for \$500,000 to develop and construct a wireless broadband infrastructure network to provide broadband coverage in the most remote and under-serviced areas in the southern portion of the county has been approved.

**C895(11/10/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council directs administration to thank the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development for funding approval under the Rural Connections Program for the Community Broadband Infrastructure Pilot program and notify the Minister that because private industry is filling the need for wireless broadband in the region the County will not be proceeding with the project. CARRIED.**

Snow Removal  
Tender Opening

Clear Hills County is advertising for tenders for snow removal within the Hamlets of Worsley and Cleardale and various areas as outlined in the tender packages. Tender opening is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. during the regular council meeting on November 10, 2009.

**C896(11/10/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council directs administration to open the tenders for snow removal. CARRIED.**

C897(11/10/09)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council directs administration to do a tender analysis for the snow removal of the hamlets of Worsley and Cleardale and bring back a recommendation to council at the November 24, 2009 regular council meeting.**  
**CARRIED.**

COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT

Manager's Report

The Community Development Manager reported on Community Development topics.

C898(11/10/09)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council receives the Community Development Manager's, report, for information.**  
**CARRIED.**

C899(11/10/09)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council brings back to the table for information the financial statement for Clear Hills County for the month ended September 30, 2009.**  
**CARRIED.**

C900(11/10/09)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council accepts for information the financial statement for Clear Hills County for the month ended September 30, 2009 as presented.**  
**CARRIED.**

Branding the Peace

Councillor Harcourt has requested a letter of support be provided for the Branding the Peace Defining Quality for Peace Country Agriculture Research Series Funding Proposal application to the Agriculture and Food Canada Developing Innovative Agri-Products Initiative program.

C901(11/10/09)

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council directs administration to send a letter of support to Branding the Peace Country Association for the Defining Quality for Peace Country Agricultural Research Services Funding Proposal application to the Agriculture and Food Canada Developing Innovative Agri-Product Initiatives program.**  
**CARRIED.**

PREDA

PREDA has submitted a request to member municipalities for letters of support for the application the Community Futures Grande Prairie & Region's and other partners, such as the Peace Region Economic

Development Alliance (PREDA) is submitting to the Rural Community Adaptation Program for a project that will strengthen Peace Country agriculture by addressing the agri-food chain for producers and processors and building in innovation, competitiveness and productivity themes and initiatives.

**C902(11/10/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council directs administration to send a letter of support to Agriculture and Rural Development for their application to the Rural Community Adaptation Program for a project that will strengthen Peace Country agriculture by addressing the Agri-food chain for producers and processors and building in innovation, competitiveness and productivity themes and initiatives.**

**CARRIED.**

Wolf Bounty

Council had moved to discuss setting a bounty for wolves at a future Policies & Priorities Committee meeting. This item was tabled at the October 27, 2009 council meeting.

**C903(11/10/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council directs administration not to develop a wolf bounty policy because Sustainable Resource Development has a control plan to thin the wolf population during the upcoming winter in areas affected by wolf predation.**

**CARRIED.**

ASB Members - at-Large

The Agricultural Service Board recommends that Council increase the number of members-at-large on the Agricultural Service Board by two members to better represent all agricultural sectors in the County.

**C904(11/10/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council not increase the number of members-at-large on the Agricultural Service Board as the primary agricultural sectors in the County are represented by the members-at-large currently on the board.**

**CARRIED.**

Recreational Signage

Council was requested by the Community Development Manager to consider if they wish to implement a Recreation Signage program for those local facilities that don't qualify for provincial tourism road signage.

**C905(11/10/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that Council directs administration to draft a Recreation Signage Policy for recreation facilities that don't meet the provincially funded tourism signage criteria and bring it back for consideration at a future Policies & Priorities meeting.**

**CARRIED.**

Municipal Disaster  
Services Agency

Council was requested by the Community Development Manager to appoint two members to serve on the Disaster Services Committee.

**C906(11/10/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council appoints Councillor Bigam and Councillor Harcourt to serve on the Disaster Services Committee. CARRIED.**

MMSA

Council was presented with the Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency (MMSA) Draft Five Year Strategic Plan including the proposed Funding Formula for Council's consideration. MMSA is requesting Councils reply as soon as possible indicating their support or non-support of the plan and, if in support, to identify the services the County will be seeking under the new agreement.

**C907(11/10/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council table the Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency Draft Five Year Strategic Plan including the proposed Funding Formula to the November 24, 2009 meeting. CARRIED.**

North Peace  
Housing Foundation

The North Peace Housing Foundation has written to inform that they are prepared to meet all the County's terms, and request that council proceed to make the formal decision to lend the funds over a fifteen year term at 4% fixed rate of interest or a floating prime rate adjusted quarterly.

**C908(11/10/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that Council directs administration to prepare a bylaw to authorize lending of funds to the North Peace Housing Foundation for the Peace River Affordable Housing Project in the amount of \$500,000 financed at 4% fixed rate of interest over a 15 year term, with quarterly installments. CARRIED.**

PUBLIC WORKS  
Manager's Report

The Public Works Manager gave a report on Public Works topics of interest.

**C909(11/10/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that Council receives the November 10, 2009 Public Works Manager report for information, as presented. CARRIED.**

Reeve Nykolyshyn called for a recess at 2:47 pm

Reeve Nykolyszyn reconvened the meeting at 2:59 pm

Clear Prairie Road  
Chip Seal Phase 1

Council will review approval for preliminary work for Clear Prairie Road Phase 1 chip seal.

**C910(11/10/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that Council directs administration to compose and execute a preliminary engineering and tendering proposal and package for chip seal for Clear Prairie Road Phase 1, 16km from Worsley to the Worsley Ski Hill Road. Date of tender package to go out no later than January 11, 2010. CARRIED.**

Addition:  
GRADER BEATS

Council Harcourt presented to council concerns and questions of Grader Beats.

**C911(11/10/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council receive for information the verbal discussion regarding graders, gravel and packing of roads. CARRIED.**

INFORMATION &  
CORRESPONDENCE

Council was presented with the following correspondence for information:

- a. Letter from Alberta Enterprise Group
- b. Letter from Minister of State Transport re: Library Book Rate
- c. Letter from Alberta Transportation re: Maintenance of Gravel Surface Provincial Highways
- d. Alberta Electric System – re: Powering Albertans (Magazines available for Council review in chambers)
- e. Community Futures News Release
- f. Community Futures Economic Development Training

**C912(11/10/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that Council directs administration to send a letter of support to Cal Nichols of Alberta Enterprise Group to keep the Edmonton City Center Airport open, copy to Member of the Legislative Assembly Hector Goudreau, Premier Ed Stelmach and the Mayor of Edmonton Steven Mandel, asking to reverse the decision that the city council of Edmonton made, in regards to the closing of the airport. CARRIED.**

**CARRIED.**



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