

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY  
POLICY & PRIORITIES MEETING  
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JANUARY 20, 2009**

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**PRESENT**

Frances Davis	Reeve
Pete Nykolyshyn	Deputy Reeve
Bonnie Bigam	Councillor
Brian Harcourt	Councillor
Bill Moedt	Councillor
Jake Klassen	Councillor
Charles Johnson	Councillor

**REGRETS**

**ATTENDING**

Ray Coad	CAO
Allan Rowe	PWM
Audrey Bjorklund	CMD
Wendy Schmaltz	CSM
Melissa Kamphuis	EA

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

**AGENDA**

The Policies & Priorities Committee reviewed the agenda.

**P001(01/20/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that this Committee adopts the agenda governing the Policy and Priorities meeting of January 20, 2009 with the addition of:**

- **9B – Fairview Aquatic Centre & Fairview Arena**
- **9C – Carters Camp**
- **10B - Water**
- **12A – Clear Hills Connector Road**
- **12B – North Peace Housing Foundation**
- **14A – Personnel**

**CARRIED.**

**MINUTES**

The Policies & Priorities Committee reviewed the minutes from the December 16, 2008 meeting.

**P002(01/20/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that this Committee adopts the minutes of the December 16, 2008 Policy and Priority meeting, as presented.**

**CARRIED.**

**DELEGATIONS**

There are no delegations scheduled for this meeting.

**COUNCIL**

No items on the agenda.

CORPORATE  
Policy 1202 –  
Revenue

Council has previously passed a motion to direct Administration to draft a policy for the treatment of bad debts.

**P003(01/20/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that this Committee recommends Council amend policy 1202 as discussed to include a section for bad debt, procedures for write-off and denying participation in Municipal programs to customers with written off debts. CARRIED.**

Sale of Land

All legal proceedings on the final two lots in the Eureka River Subdivision have been finalized and these properties are vacant and secured. Council must now decide how to dispose of these properties.

**P004(01/20/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that this Committee recommends 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 and schedule a public hearing. CARRIED.**

Grant Proposals

Hector Goudreau has given us an official letter informing us of the two new grant programs, the Rural Community Adaptation Grant Program and the Community Broadband Infrastructure Pilot Program.

**P005(01/20/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that this Committee recommends Council direct administration to draft proposals for a High Speed Internet Program and Community Trades Training Program under the Provincial Rural Community Adaptation Grant Program and the Community Broadband Infrastructure Pilot Program. CARRIED.**

COMMUNITY  
Firewood

Peter Frixel presented a proposal for county residents getting firewood to Council at the January 13, 2009 meeting. Council passed a resolution to discuss obtaining firewood for county residents at the January Policies & Priorities Committee meeting.

**P006(01/20/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that this Committee accepts for information discussion regarding obtaining firewood for residents and recommend that Council reply to Mr. Frixel's proposal with Alberta Sustainable Resource Developments procedures for individuals collecting firewood on public lands. CARRIED.**

*ADDITION –  
Fairview Aquatic  
Centre & Fairview  
Arena*

Councillor Bigam requested this item on the agenda. The Fairview Aquatic Centre has gotten quotes on a climbing wall and is wondering if Clear Hills County is interested in donating towards it. The Fairview Arena is looking for funding for arena renovations.

**P007(01/20/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that this Committee accepts for information the funding requests from the Fairview Aquatic Centre and Fairview Arena. CARRIED.**

*ADDITION – Carters  
Camp*

Councillor Harcourt requested this item on the agenda. He requested an update on Elroy's Cabin.

**P008(01/20/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that this Committee accepts for information the update provided on Elroy's Cabin. CARRIED.**

Reeve Davis called for a break at 10:42 a.m.; the meeting reconvened at 10:51 a.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
Dust Control**

Council requests Policy & Priority Committee to review Dust Control Policy.

**P009(01/20/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that this Committee recommends Council provide dust control as required with a water truck at the Cherry Point Hall, Cherry Point Post Office, Bear Canyon Post Office and the Cherry Point Cemetery as well as Secondary Highway 717 at administrations discretion. CARRIED.**

**P010(01/20/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that this Committee recommends Council authorize dust control with calcium at the Eureka River Post Boxes, Eureka River Hall, Eureka River Cemetery, Worsley Cemetery, David Thompson Hall, Worsley Water Plant, Clear Prairie Cemetery, 1 mile South of the Whitelaw Landfill, Old Colony Mennonite Church and the Montagneuse Valley Road Cemeteries 1 & 2. CARRIED.**

*ADDITION* – Water

Councillor Klassen requested this item on the agenda. He is inquiring about a water well in Cleardale.

**P011(01/20/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that this Committee accepts for information the update on a water well in Cleardale. CARRIED.**

COUNCIL  
REPORTS

*ADDITION* – Clear Hills Connector Road

Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn wishes to report on the Clear Hills Connector Road meeting held last Thursday.

**P012(01/20/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Nykolyshyn that this Committee accepts for information the update on the Clear Hills Connector Road. CARRIED.**

**P013(01/20/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Klassen that this Committee table to the February Policies & Priorities meeting the monthly service charge for water keys. CARRIED.**

Reeve Davis broke for lunch at 12:05 p.m.; the meeting reconvened at 12:43 p.m.

*ADDITION* – North Peace Housing Foundation

Reeve Davis requested this item on the agenda. She will report on some news regarding the North Peace Housing Foundation.

**P014(01/20/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Harcourt that this Committee accepts for information the update on the North Peace Housing Foundation. CARRIED.**

CALENDARS

The Committee reviewed a calendar of upcoming events, meetings, conferences, etc.

**P015(01/20/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Moedt that this Committee accepts for information the calendar update. CARRIED.**

CONFIDENTIAL  
ITEMS

**P016(01/20/09)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Bigam that this Committee goes in camera at 12:58 p.m. CARRIED.**

*ADDITION* –  
Personnel



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Date Signed

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Chairperson

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Date Signed

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