MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN DRAYTON VALLEY ON TUESDAY, 2012 05 01

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve W. Tweedle called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

PRESENT

W. Tweedle, Reeve
R. Kitching, Councillor
P. Monteith, Councillor
D. Konelsky, Councillor
A. Heinrich, Councillor
S. Mahan, Councillor
M. Schoeninger, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Robinson, Executive Assistant
J. Evasiuk, Interim Director of Public Works
R. Ennis, Director of Community Services
B. Christie, Director of Corporate Services
W. Compton, Economic Development/Communications Manager

ABSENT

K. Westerlund, Councillor

OTHERS

L. Allan, Western Review

ADDITION TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition to and Adoption of Agenda

251/12 Moved by S. Mahan to approve the agenda with the following additions:

5. Delegations/Appointments
   9:30 am Hawkings Epp Dumont - cancelled

7. Community Services
   c) Add discussion on Building Aesthetics
   d) Letter to Honorable Gerry Ritz Federal Minister of Agriculture

8. Public Works and Infrastructure
   b) Environmental Assessment
   c) Pitch-in Program

11. Correspondence
    b) Request for donation for a fundraising event

41. Meeting Dates
    c) Proposed Joint Council Retreat – June 15-16, 2012

43. In Private
    a) Legal: Land – Fire Department - cancelled

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Long Service Awards

Reeve W. Tweedle presented long service awards to Rick Evans, Superintendent of Utilities for 5 years of service and to Robert Gates, Grader Operator for 20 years of service.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of Minutes

252/12 Moved by A. Heinrich to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2012 Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING

Business Arising

None

URGENT ITEMS

Urgent Items

None

CORPORATE SERVICES

Corporate Services

Cash Statement and Bank Reconciliation

Council reviewed the cash statement and bank reconciliation presented.

253/12 Moved by D. Konelsky to accept the cash statement and bank reconciliation for February, 2012 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Investment Summary

Council reviewed the investment summary as presented.

254/12 Moved by P. Monteith to accept the investment summary as at April 30, 2012 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services

Fifth Annual Brazeau County Fair

Council reviewed the report presented.

255/12 Moved by A. Heinrich to contribute $2000.00 towards the Brazeau County Fair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Drayton Valley Catholic High School Safe Grad

Council reviewed the report presented.

256/12 Moved by R. Kitching to approve an in-kind donation of a grader to spread gravel on a private driveway to prepare the road for buses transporting the students for the Drayton Valley Catholic High School Safe Grad.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration Building – Proposed Meeting Room Naming Scheme

Council reviewed the report presented.

257/12 Moved by P. Monteith to approve the proposed meeting room naming scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Building Aesthetics

Council reviewed the report presented.

The consensus of Council for the building aesthetics was as follows: 6 picture collage on meeting room walls; monochromatic murals for Council chambers; a large sized Community Bulletin Board and a collage of pictures of community halls within the County to be placed in the main foyer.

Prairie Shelterbelt Program

Council reviewed the report presented.

258/12 Moved by D. Konelsky to forward letter to the Federal Minister of Agriculture Gerry Ritz in support of the Prairie Shelterbelt Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council also discussed the abundance of weeds along our borders.

259/12 Moved by D. Konelsky to forward a letter to our neighbouring municipalities asking them to control the spread of weeds from their County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve W. Tweedle called a 10 minute break at 10:05 am and the meeting resumed at 10:16 am.

PUBLIC WORKS **Public Works and Infrastructure**

Supplier for the 2012 Gravel/Plow Truck Requirements

Council reviewed the report presented.

260/12 Moved by P. Monteith to authorize Public Works & Infrastructure to proceed with the purchase of a 2012 Western Star from Western Star North, Edmonton, Alberta for $139,850.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Environmental Assessment

J. Evasiuk, Interim Director of Public Works and Infrastructure provided Council with an update regarding the environmental assessment on the old County Public Works Shop and Yard.

Pitch-in Program

Councillor R. Kitching brought forward a concern regarding garbage in ditches along County roads. A discussion took place on expanding the Pitch-in Program to keep roadways clean and provide a program and cost estimates for Council consideration at a future Council meeting.

DELEGATIONS/ APPOINTMENTS

Delegations/Appointments

Sunrise Village Seniors Housing

Paula Mahan, Administrator for the Sunrise Village attended the meeting to make a presentation regarding a new seniors housing unit being built in Drayton Valley and the services they will be offering.

Reeve W. Tweedle thanked Mrs. Mahan for her presentation and she left the meeting at 10:25 am.

Eagle Point Blue Rapids Parks Council

Ryan Edwards from the Eagle Point Blue Rapids Parks Council attended the meeting to make a presentation to Council regarding the upcoming projects for the park. He presented a request to the County for $35,000; $25,000 in cash and another $10,000 in kind to upgrade the current boat launch location in the Willey West Campground.

261/12 Moved by R. Kitching to approve the proposed concept for the upgrade to the boat launch location in the Willey West Campground, subject to provincial permit approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

262/12 Moved by R. Kitching to approve $25,000 from contingency towards the upgrade to the boat launch location at Willey West Campground.

IN FAVOUR: S. Mahan
R. Kitching

OPPOSED: A. Heinrich
D. Konelsky
P. Monteith
W. Tweedle

DEFEATED

DELEGATIONS/ APPOINTMENTS

Delegations/Appointments

Ratepayer Concerns

None

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Planning and Development

First Reading of Bylaw 787-12 (NE 31-49-6-W5M & Part of SE 6-50-6-W5M)

Council reviewed the report presented.

263/12 Moved by D. Konelsky to give first reading to Bylaw 787-12 and to schedule a public hearing for June 19, 2012 at 10:00 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

First Reading of Bylaw 788-12 (NE 33-50-07-W5M)

Council reviewed the report presented.

264/12 Moved by S. Mahan to give first reading to Bylaw 788-12 and to schedule a public hearing for June 19, 2012 at 10:15 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

First Reading of Bylaw 789-12 (NE 33-50-07-W5M)

Council reviewed the report presented.

265/12 Moved by P. Monteith to give first reading to Bylaw 789-12 and to schedule a public hearing for June 19, 2012 at 10:30 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA

Questions from the Media

None

CORRESPONENCE ITEMS

Correspondence/Items for Information

a) Correspondence from the Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP)

b) Request for donation for a fundraising event

266/12 Moved by D. Konelsky to receive the correspondence items for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Reports

Reeve W. Tweedle reported that he attended:
- Meeting with Town Council
- AAMDC Convention
- Agri-plex Meeting
- Evergreen Gas Co-op AGM – no charge
- Budget Meeting
- Regular Council Meeting

Councillor S. Mahan reported that she attended:
- Joint Council Meeting
- AAMDC Convention
- Regular Council Meeting X 2
- Doctor Recruitment
- MPC
- Big Sky Summit
- Budget Meeting
- Library Board Meeting
- EDA Conference

Councillor D. Konelsky reported that she attended:
- Joint Meeting Town of DV
- AAMDC Convention
- MPC
- Big Sky Summit
- Budget Meeting
- Regular Council Meeting
- EDA Conference

Councillor P. Monteith reported that she attended:
- Joint Meeting with Town of DV
- AAMDC Convention
- Regular Council Meeting
- Big Sky Summit
- Council Budget Meeting
- Rural Tourism Conference
- Breton Library Board Meeting

Councillor K. Westerlund reported that she attended:
- Joint Council Meeting – Town of Drayton Valley
- AAMDC Convention
- Regular Council Meeting X 2
- Budget Meeting
- Aquatic Meeting
- Communities in Bloom

Councillor R. Kitching reported that he attended:

- Joint Meeting with TDV
- AAMDC Convention
- Council Meeting X 2
- MPC X 2
- North Saskatchewan Watershed Committee
- Synergy Meeting DV
- Budget Meeting
- Lodgepole Committee Meeting – no charge
- Meeting with residents – no charge
- Aquatic Funding Strategy Meeting
- EDA Conference

Councillor A. Heinrich reported that he attended:

- Lindale Crime Meeting
- Joint Council Meeting with Town
- AAMDC Convention
- Breton Hall Steering Committee
- Regular Council Meeting X 2
- Budget Meeting
- Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant
- Ratepayer Meeting – no charge

267/12 Moved by P. Monteith to receive the Councillor Reports as submitted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REEVE'S REPORT

Reeve's Report

Reeve W. Tweedle reported that he received a phone call regarding federal boundaries.

268/12 Moved by P. Monteith to receive the Reeve's report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Reports

ASB Member's Report

Councillor D. Konelsky provided a report regarding the Agricultural Service Board.

MPC Chairman's Report

Councillor D. Konelsky provided a report regarding the Municipal Planning Commission.

Drayton Valley Library Board

Councillor D. Konelsky provided a report regarding the Drayton Valley Library Board.

North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance

Councillor R. Kitching provided a report regarding the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance.

Breton and District Library Board

Councillor P. Monteith provided a report regarding the Breton and District Library Board.

Yellowhead Regional Library board

Councillor D. Konelsky provided a report regarding the Yellowhead Regional Library Board.

Drayton Valley & District Chamber of Commerce

Councillor D. Konelsky provided a report regarding the Drayton Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Promoting Youth Potential

Councillor S. Mahan provided a report regarding the Promoting Youth Potential Committee.

Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee

Councillor S. Mahan provided a report regarding the Community Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee.

Aquatics Facility Fund Development Strategy Committee

Councillor R. Kitching provided a report regarding the Aquatics Facility Feasibility Study Committee.

Transportation Advisory Committee

Councillor P. Monteith/R. Kitching provided a report regarding the Transportation Advisory Committee.

269/12 Moved by S. Mahan to receive the Councillor Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEETING DATES

Meeting Dates

Ratify any Meetings Attended Since April 17, 2012

None

17th Annual Battle of the Books – May 3, 2012

270/12 Moved by P. Monteith to approve D. Konelsky's attendance at the 17th Annual Battle of the Books on May 3, 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Proposed Joint Council Retreat – June 15-16, 2012

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the proposed joint Council Retreat. Council desires a one day meet and greet to build a relationship of trust with Town of Drayton Valley Council. No Administration is invited.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Recess For Lunch

271/12 Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular Council meeting of May 1, 2012 recess for lunch at 12:11 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve W. Tweedle called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm.

PRESENT

W. Tweedle, Reeve
R. Kitching, Councillor
P. Monteith, Councillor
D. Konelsky, Councillor
A. Heinrich, Councillor
S. Mahan, Councillor
M. Schoeninger, Chief Administrative Officer

K. Robinson, Executive Assistant
R. Ennis, Director of Community Services
B. Christie, Director of Corporate Services
W. Compton, Economic Development/Communications Manager

ABSENT K. Westerlund, Councillor

SHORT TERM ACTION CHART

Short Term Action Chart

272/12 Moved by P. Monteith to receive the Short Term Action Chart for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services

Economic Development/Tourism

Council reviewed the Work Project Plan as presented by W. Compton, Economic Development/Communications Manager.

Reeve W. Tweedle called for a 10 minute break at 2:30 pm and the meeting resumed at 2:42 pm.

Council was advised by the Chief Administrative Officer to go into 'in private' as it was a legal discussion. Council declined the request.

Newspaper Article – Letter from Ratepayer Coalition

Council reviewed the letter from the Ratepayer Coalition printed in the Western Review and Breton Booster.

273/12 Moved by R. Kitching to approve litigation financial support for Councillor defamation of character lawsuit.

IN FAVOUR: R. Kitching
S. Mahan
D. Konelsky

OPPOSED: W. Tweedle
P. Monteith
A. Heinrich

DEFEATED

274/12 Moved by S. Mahan to place an advertisement in the local newspapers addressing the issues raised by the Ratepayer Coalition.

IN FAVOUR: S. Mahan
D. Konelsky
A. Heinrich
W. Tweedle

OPPOSED: P. Monteith
R. Kitching

CARRIED

Reeve W. Tweedle called a 5 minute break at 3:18 pm and the meeting resumed at 3:23 pm.

DELEGATIONS/ APPOINTMENTS

Delegations/Appointments

AAMDC Member Visit

Mr. Bob Barss, AAMDC President and Mr. Gerald Rhodes, AAMDC Executive Director attended the meeting today as part of their municipal tour schedule to discuss issues of concern for the County. The issues of concern for Brazeau County are the provincial gravel strategy; fresh water usage by industry and the well drilling tax review.

Reeve W. Tweedle thanked Mr. Barss and Mr. Rhodes for their presentation and they were given a tour of the new building.

ADJOURNMENT

275/12 Moved by P. Monteith that the regular Council Meeting of May 1, 2012 adjourn at 4:02 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer