MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN DRAYTON VALLEY ON TUESDAY, 2007 04 10.

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve W. Tweedle called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

PRESENT

W. Tweedle, Reeve
R. Kitching, Councillor
T. Mitchell, Councillor
G. Mastre, Councillor
A. Heinrich, Councillor
K. Porter, County Manager
K. Robinson, Recording Secretary

OTHERS

Jeffrey Jackson, Western Review
Denise Thompson, Communication Co-ordinator

ADDITION TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition to and Adoption of Agenda

133/07 Moved by T. Mitchell to approve the agenda with the following additions:

5. Statistics Policing Report

10. e) Additional correspondence regarding Municipal Sustainability

g) update on West Energy Hearing

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of Minutes

134/07 Moved by A. Heinrich to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2007 Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING

Business Arising from the Minutes

None

URGENT ITEMS

Urgent Items

None

DELEGATIONS/ APPOINTMENTS

Delegations/Appointments

Tony Abbott, MLA

MLA Tony Abbott attended the meeting today to discuss Municipal Sustainability, Lodgepole removal from the Green Zone, Hwy. 22 Bridge over the North Saskatchewan River, Provincial Park and to present a cheque to Council for an approval for $20,000, from hotel taxes, to conduct tourism study for the Brazeau Dam.

Reeve W. Tweedle thanked Mr. Abbott for his presentation and he left the meeting at 9: 15 am.

Sgt. Mac B. Richards (RCMP)

Sgt. Mac Richards attended the meeting today to present Council with statistics for a three-month period of January – March, 2007.

Reeve W. Tweedle thanked Sgt. Richards for his presentation and he left the meeting at 9:30 am.

AGRICULTURE MATTERS

Agriculture Matters

Weed Inspector Appointments

Council reviewed the report and recommendations.

135/07 Moved by A. Heinrich to appoint Tara McGinn, Pamela Kluczny, Conny Kappler, Trudy Richert and Erin Jeffrey as Alberta Weed Inspectors for the 2007 season.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

County Pitch In Roadside Clean Up Program

Council reviewed the report and recommendations.

136/07 Moved by R. Kitching to approve $2,900 for the County Pitch-In Roadside Clean Up Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for 25% Matching Funding for Water Well Verification Project

Council reviewed the report and recommendations.

137/07 Moved by R. Kitching to approve $21,525.00 as the County's portion (25%) for the Water Well verification project to match the Canada-Alberta Water Supply Expansion Program for a Regional Groundwater Assessment – Follow-up (CAWSEP) grant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE MATTERS

Finance Matters

Cash Statement and Investment Summary

Council reviewed the cash statement and investment summary submitted.

138/07 Moved by A. Heinrich to approve the Cash Statement and Investment Summary for February, 2007.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2006 Reserve Transfers

Council reviewed the report and recommendations submitted.

139/07 Moved by T. Mitchell to approve the transfers to and from reserve as outlined on the attachment for the year ending December 31, 2006.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS/ APPOINTMENTS

Delegations/Appointments

Drayton Valley Canada Day Celebrations
Kendra Poleshok

Kendra Poleshok attended the Council meeting today to request funding for the Drayton Valley Canada Day Celebrations.

Reeve W. Tweedle thanked Ms. Poleshok for her presentation and she left the meeting at 9:55 am.

Presentation to Terry Fleming

Reeve W. Tweedle presented Terry Fleming with a certificate for 30 years of employment with Brazeau County.

DELEGATIONS/ APPOINTMENTS

Delegations/Appointments

Lodgepole Steering Committee
Donna Wiltse

Donna Wiltse and a delegation from Lodgepole were present to discuss an update on their request to annex lands from the Green Zone to the Hamlet.

Reeve W. Tweedle informed the group that MLA Tony Abbott will be assisting the County with the application.

Reeve W. Tweedle thanked the Lodgepole delegation for their attendance at the meeting and they left the meeting at 10:30 am.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Planning and Development Matters

Dennis and Deborah Baumann
Bylaw 565-07 – Redesignation from Agriculture District to Country Residential District

Council reviewed the report and recommendation.

140/07 Moved by T. Mitchell to give first reading to Bylaw 565-07 and to schedule a public hearing for May 15, 2007 at 10:15 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Aurel and Sue Perry
Bylaw 562-07 – Redesignation from Hamlet Industrial District to Hamlet Residential District

Council reviewed the report and recommendation.

141/07 Moved by R. Kitching to give first reading to Bylaw 562-07 and to schedule a public hearing for May 15, 2007 at 10:00 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

142/07 Moved by A. Heinrich that Administration begin the process for a study of the land use designation for the Hamlet of Lodgepole.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MATTERS

General Matters

Drayton Valley Family School Liaison Program

Council reviewed the correspondence requesting an increase in the County's contribution to the Family School Liaison Program.

143/07 Moved by G. Mastre to approve $3,000 additional funding to the Drayton Valley Family School Liaison Program, which changes the funding annually from $9,890.00 to $12,890.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Village of Breton Canada Day Celebrations

Council reviewed the correspondence from the Village of Breton requesting funding for their Canada Day Celebrations.

144/07 Moved by A. Heinrich to request that the Village of Breton forward a budget for their Canada Day Celebrations for the April 24th Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lodgepole Campsite

Council reviewed the correspondence from regarding the clean up and operation of the Lodgepole campsite.

145/07 Moved by R. Kitching that Administration of the Lodgepole Community Group first right of refusal for this project and then go to tender for proposals for a business plan to operate the Lodgepole Campsite.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS/ APPOINTMENTS

Delegations/Appointments

Ratepayer Concerns

None

Accurate Assessment Group Ltd.
Bob Daudelin and Ray Fortin

Mr. Daudelin and Mr. Fortin attended the meeting today to present to Council the 2006 Assessment Presentation and the 2006 Industrial Assessment Summary.

Reeve W. Tweedle thanked Mr. Daudelin and Mr. Fortin for their presentations and they left the meeting at 12:06 pm.

146/07 Moved by R. Kitching that the Council meeting of April 10, 2007 recess for lunch at 12: 06 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve W. Tweedle called the meeting to order at 1:11 pm.

PRESENT

W. Tweedle, Reeve
R. Kitching, Councillor
T. Mitchell, Councillor
G. Mastre, Councillor
A. Heinrich, Councillor
K. Porter, County Manager
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PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS

Public Works Matters

Dust Control Policy (Rural) Road – PW – 3

Councillor R. Kitching left the meeting at 1:27 pm.

Council reviewed the policy presented.

147/07 Moved by T. Mitchell to approve PW – 3 – Dust Control Policy (Rural) Road as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Dust Control Police Country Residential Subdivisions PW – 18

Council reviewed the policy presented.

Councillor R. Kitching returned to the meeting at 1:29 pm.

148/07 Moved by G. Mastre to approve PW – 18 – Dust Control Policy Country Residential Subdivisions as presented.

IN FAVOUR: W. Tweedle
T. Mitchell
G. Mastre
R. Kitching

OPPOSED: A. Heinrich

CARRIED

Dust Control on Twp. 474

149/07 Moved by A. Heinrich to designate a portion of Twp. 474 from Highway 22 to RR 74 for dust control application.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Dust Control on RR 75 from Twp. 492A to 494 and Twp. 494 east to Hwy. 22

150/07 Moved by T. Mitchell to designate RR 75 from Twp. 492A to 494 and Twp. 494 east to Hwy. 22 for dust control application.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MATTERS

General Matters

Drayton Valley Canada Day Celebrations

Council reviewed the request for funding from the Town of Drayton Valley for their Canada Day Celebrations.

151/07 Moved by G. Mastre to contribute $7,500 to the Town of Drayton Valley Canada Day Celebrations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEDIA

Question Period for the Media

There were none.

BUDGET MEETING

Budget Meeting

152/07 Moved by T. Mitchell to approve $9,564.50 plus GST estimate for upgrading to a 2.4 GH_z access point for the five POP's noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

153/07 Moved by T. Mitchell to approve a contribution of $55,000.00 for the Poplar Ridge Playground project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

154/07 Moved by A. Heinrich to approve an additional $57,879.00 for the purchase of 29 garbage containers for a total of $216,879.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

155/07 Moved by T. Mitchell to approve $25,000 for the replacement of the main floor carpet in the Administration Building.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve W. Tweedle left the meeting at 4:02 pm to attend another meeting.

Deputy Reeve T. Mitchell assumed the Chair.

156/07 Moved by R. Kitching to create a $2,000,000 road reserve, by a transfer from the General Operating Reserve.

IN FAVOUR: T. Mitchell
R. Kitching
A. Heinrich

OPPOSED: G. Mastre

CARRIED

GENERAL MATTERS

General Matters

Member Consultations: Minister's Council on Municipal Sustainability

Council reviewed the correspondence and report received.

157/07 Moved by G. Mastre to forward the completed questionnaire to the AAMD&C.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Private Investigator and Security Guards

Council reviewed the correspondence and report received from Len Webber, MLA regarding the Private Investigator and Security Guards.

158/07 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

West Energy Hearing Update

Councillor G. Mastre presented his submission to the West Energy Hearing he is attending.

Council provided their comments.

CORRESPONDENCE/ ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Correspondence/Items for Information

a) Invitation to John Eriksson's Retirement from the Municipal District of Big Lakes

b) Copy of correspondence from Highpine Oil & Gas to MLA Tony Abbott regarding the proposed Provincial Park and Recreation Area

c) Complimentary copy of a book titled "Then & Now – Exploring Health Care in Central Alberta, published by the David Thompson Health Region

d) FCSS Annual Overview

e) Correspondence from Statistics Canada regarding the 2006 Census

f) EUB Across the Board Newsletter

g) West Central Airshed Society (WCAS) Annual Report

h) FCM Members' Advisory's titled "Budget Delivers Infrastructure Investments But Not Long-Term Solutions", "Winnipeg Councillor Gord Steeves Becomes New FCM President" and "United States Government Moves to Soften Proposed Border Identity Document Regulations; FCM Recommendations Fully Implemented"

i) Alberta Bloom Conference Information

j) Northern Alberta Mayors' and Reeves' Caucus Meeting Minutes

k) FCM Community Energy Planning Mission 2007

l) Update from the Alberta Legislature – Taft's Funding Alberta's Future and the Royalty Review

m) SDAB Board Order – File: 07SDAB-032

n) Email regarding Question in Legislature about an Insulting Email from Save the CWB website

o) AAMD&C District Highlights – February 9, 2007

p) AAMD&C Minister Meeting Summary – Honourable Mel Knight, Minister of Alberta Energy

q) AAMD&C Member Bulletin titled "AAMDC Announces Release of the ICSP Toolkit

r) AAMD&C Press Releases titled: City and County Take Big Step Towards New IDP

s) AAMD&C Contact Newsletters dated March 2, 2007, March 9, 2007, March 16, 2007, March 23, 2007 and March 30, 2007

t) Correspondence from Alberta Health and Wellness regarding the 2007/2008 Ambulance funding

u) Correspondence from Alberta Agriculture and Food regarding Wild Boar's

159/07 Moved by A. Heinrich to send a letter to Alberta Agriculture and Food supporting solution #1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

v) Correspondence from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business regarding the Municipal Sustainability Report

w) Correspondence from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation regarding the 2007 Heritage Awards Program

x) Correspondence from Luke Ouellette, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation regarding grant funding for the Powerhouse Road – Phase 1 – Grading

y) Correspondence from Luke Ouellette, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation regarding grant funding for the Solar Aquatics Waste Treatment System project in Cynthia.

z) AIA Green paper – The Biofuels Frenzy – What's In It For Canadian Agriculture

aa) Thank you card from Courtney Whalen

160/07 Moved by G. Mastre to receive the items of correspondence as information with the exception of item (u) which was dealt with separately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Reports – February 16 – March 15, 2007

Reeve W. Tweedle reported that he attended:
- Breton Fire Dept. Supper – no charge
- SDAB Hearing
- Agricultural Service Board Meeting X 2
- Poplar Ridge ASP
- Parcel Density Open House
- Brazeau Tourism Annual General Meeting – no charge
- Career Pathways
- Meeting with R. Macintosh regarding park
- G.A.E.R. Regional Meeting
- Resource Extraction Open House
- Regular Council Meeting
- W. I. S. H. Supper – no charge
- IMSDAB Hearings X 2
- P.O.P.A. re: air monitors
- Premier's Dinner – no charge

Councillor A. Heinrich reported that he attended:
- Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant meeting
- Agricultural Service Board meeting X 2
- Breton Library Board meeting
- Human Rights Workshop
- Poplar Ridge ASP Update
- Parcel Density Open House
- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting
- Regular Council Meeting
- SDAB Hearing

Councillor R. Kitching reported that he attended:
- SDAB Hearing
- Sentinel Air Monitoring PNOG
- Agricultural Service Board Meetings X 2
- FCC – Ag Seminar – Leduc
- IMSDAB Hearings X 2
- Regular Council Meeting
- Open House LUB Development Permit
- Tree Pest Seminar
- Poplar Ridge ASP
- Parcel Density Open House

Councillor G. Mastre reported that he attended:
- Agricultural Service Board Meetings X 2
- Resource Law
- Parcel Density Open House
- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting
- Natural Resource Extraction Open House
- Regular Council Meeting
- Premier's Dinner

Councillor T. Mitchell reported that he attended:
- Parcel Density Open House
- Natural Resource Extraction Open House
- Poplar Ridge ASP Update
- Ag Density
- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting
- Community Foundation Meeting
- Regular Council Meeting

161/07 Moved by R. Kitching to approve the Councillor Reports as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEETING DATES

Meeting Dates

Manager's Performance Review

162/07 Moved by G. Mastre to schedule the Manager's Performance Review at April 18, 2007 at 1:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Suggested meeting dates for a joint meeting with Wild Rose School Division, Town of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County

163/07 Moved by A. Heinrich to schedule a joint meeting with Wild Rose School Division, Town of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County on May 1, 2007 or May 8, 2007 at 10:00 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Vitalize 2007 Conference Information

164/07 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EDA Spring Educational Session – May 3-4, 2007

165/07 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2007 Municipal Energy Efficiency Conference Information

166/07 Moved by R. Kitching to receive for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Assessment Review Board Training Sessions

167/07 Moved by R. Kitching to receive for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN PRIVATE SESSION

In Private Session

168/07 Moved by R. Kitching that the regular Council meeting of April 10, 2007 proceed into 'in private' at 4:58 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

169/07 Moved by G. Mastre that the regular Council meeting of April 10, 2007 come out of 'in private' at 5:24 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

170/07 Moved by A. Heinrich to forward a letter to the Town of Drayton Valley in response to their letter dated April 10, 2007 regarding the Intermunicipal Development Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

171/07 Moved by G. Mastre that the regular Council meeting of April 10, 2007 adjourn at 5:26 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Reeve

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County Manager