

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN DRAYTON VALLEY ON TUESDAY, 2009 11 03**

**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  
P. Vos, Councillor  
M. Schwab, Councillor  
K. Porter, County Manager  
K. Robinson, Recording Secretary

**OTHERS**

D. Thompson, Communication Co-ordinator  
A. Jeffrey, Western Review  
K. Dykstra, CIBW Radio

**ADDITION TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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**669/09** Moved by A. Heinrich to approve the agenda with the following additions:

Oath of Office for Deputy Reeve Robert Kitching  
November 1, 2009 – April 30, 2010

- 7. General Matters
  - f) Credit Card Use Policy
  - g) Copy of letter from Mel Knight to Cliff Whitelock

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**OFFICIAL OATH**

K. Robinson, Commissioner for Oaths administered the Oath of Office of Deputy Reeve to Councillor Robert Kitching for the period of November 1, 2009 to April 30, 2009.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Adoption of Minutes**

**670/09** Moved by P. Monteith to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2009 Council meeting amended as follows:

Page 8 – Motion 665/09 should read “Moved by A. Heinrich.....”

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

**Business Arising**

None

**URGENT ITEMS**

**Urgent Items**

None

**DELEGATIONS/ APPOINTMENTS**

**Delegations/Appointments**

**Tom Thompson – Introduction of Deputy Fire Chief**

Tom Thompson attended the meeting to provide an update for Council and to introduce the new Deputy Fire Chief Murray Galavan and Maintenance Co-ordinator Kamil Lasek.

Reeve W. Tweedle thanked the delegation for their information and congratulated them on a job well done.

The delegation left the Council meeting at 9:20 am.

**Ryan Edwards – Eagle Point Blue Rapids Parks Council**

Ryan Edwards and Kaylyn Airey attended the meeting to provide an update to Council regarding the Eagle Point Blue Rapids Parks Council and requested \$50,000 funding for 2010.

Reeve W. Tweedle thanked Mr. Edwards for his presentation and they left the meeting at 10:18 am.

**FINANCE  
MATTERS**

**Finance Matters**

**Cash Statement and Investment Summary**

Council reviewed the report presented.

**671/09** Moved by P. Monteith to accept the September, 2009 Cash Statement and Investment Summary as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Tax Recovery Sale Reserve Bids**

Council reviewed the report presented.

**672/09** Moved by M. Schwab to approve the reserve bids for the Tax Recovery Sale as follows:

Roll # 001751 - \$240,000

Roll # 005479 - \$340,000

Roll # 960166 - \$104,000

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**GENERAL  
MATTERS**

**General Matters**

**Business Plan Quarterly Report**

Council reviewed the report presented.

**673/09** Moved by A. Heinrich to send a letter to the Minister of Environment and the Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation and copy to Diana McQueen, MLA and Premier Ed Stelmach regarding the gravel issue in the Eagle Point Blue Rapids Park.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**674/09** Moved by P. Monteith to receive the Business Plan Quarterly Report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Willey West Park and Highway 22 New Bridge Access**

Council reviewed the report presented.

**675/09** Moved by M. Schwab to approve and direct administration to proceed with the "no net loss" direction as agreed to in principle in keeping with the summary identified in Appendix #1 of the Report to Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DELEGATIONS/  
APPOINTMENTS****Delegations/Appointments****Ratepayer Concerns**

Jim Van Heukelom stated that he appreciated Council's comments regarding public input to the Eagle Point blue Rapids Parks Council meetings and was happy to hear Council's dialogue with the Parks Council representatives.

**GENERAL  
MATTERS****General Matters****Funnell Community Society Request for Capital Funding**

Council reviewed the report presented.

**676/09** Moved by R. Kitching to approve funding in the amount of \$7,161.00 for replacement of the roof on the Funnell Community Hall.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Community Group Funding History**

Council reviewed the report presented.

**677/09** Moved by P. Monteith to receive the report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Eagle Point Blue Rapids Parks Council**

Council discussed the presentation from earlier in the meeting.

**678/09** Moved by P. Vos to award \$50,000 in the 2010 budget to the Eagle Point Blue Rapids Parks Council.

**IN FAVOUR:** P. Vos

**OPPOSED:** A. Heinrich  
M. Schwab  
W. Tweedle  
P. Monteith  
R. Kitching  
D. Konelsky

**DEFEATED**

**679/09** Moved by M. Schwab to forward a letter to the Eagle Point Blue Rapids Parks Council regarding Council's discussion on the funding request.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Credit Card Use Policy**

Council reviewed the report presented.

- 680/09** Moved by D. Konelsky to increase the corporate credit card limit to \$20,000 and to direct administration to explore other payment options with regards to corporate payment card usage.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****Copy of Correspondence from Minister Mel Knight, Alberta Energy to Cliff Whitelock**

Council reviewed the correspondence received.

- 681/09** Moved by M. Schwab to forward a letter to Cliff Whitelock and copy to Energy Minister Mel Knight and the ERCB to clarify the statement within the letter from all hazards regarding the primary responsibility for protection of public safety with regard to sour wells lies with the local municipality.

**IN FAVOUR:** M. Schwab  
P. Vos  
A. Heinrich  
P. Monteith  
R. Kitching  
D. Konelsky

**OPPOSED:** W. Tweedle

**CARRIED****CORRESPONDENCE  
ITEMS****Correspondence Items**

- a) Correspondence from Alberta Employment and Immigration regarding the Alberta Business Award of Distinction for Youth and Persons with Disabilities
- b) Correspondence from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the approval to extend the date for holding our organizational meeting
- c) Correspondence from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the submission of the 100 K Kitchen Party for the 2009 Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence
- d) Correspondence from the Co-operative Development Initiative (CDO) Program regarding the 100K Kitchen Party
- e) Correspondence from Alberta Transportation regarding the Cynthia solar Aquatics Wastewater Treatment Project
- f) Correspondence from Alberta Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security regarding additional RCMP members investigation of agriculture thefts

- g) Correspondence from the Eagle Point Blue Rapids Parks Council regarding the application for 'public body' status

**682/09** Moved by A. Heinrich to forward a letter to the Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation and copy to the Lieutenant Governor and the Premier to request 'public body' status for the park.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- h) FCM Member Advisory's titled: Update and Next Steps on Canadian Response to Buy American Clause and Canadian Municipalities at the Upcoming U.N. Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen
- i) Thank you letter from the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance for the County's support for their 2010 operating year
- j) Correspondence from the Coalition for a Nuclear Free Alberta
- k) Email correspondence regarding Information Sessions – Bill 23 – Matters Relating to Assessment Complaints Regulation
- l) Correspondence from the Alberta Medical Association and the Alberta Centre for Injury Control & Research regarding Seniors Falls Prevention Month
- m) Correspondence from the AAMDC regarding the County's resolution for "Suggested Changes to the Municipal Government Act in Regards to Annexation and Section 690 (Intermunicipal Disputes) Appeals" and the Government's reply
- n) Copy of correspondence from the Town of Drayton Valley to the Honourable Jack Hayden, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation regarding the Town's support for the expansion of Highway 22
- o) Correspondence from Alberta Transportation regarding the approval of a grant in the amount of \$394,945.57 to assist with the Cynthia Solar Aquatics Waste Treatment System under the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership
- p) News Release from the County of Wetaskiwin regarding rural mailboxes
- q) AAMDC Member Bulletin titled: FCM Releases 2009 Pre-Budget Submission
- r) News Article titled: Liepert to Announce Phase 2 of Province's Pharmaceutical Plan
- s) AAMDC Contact newsletters dated: October 9, 2009; October 16, 2009; October 21, 2009 and October 28, 2009
- t) ERCB Across the Board Newsletter
- u) Correspondence from Alta Link regarding Bill 50

- v) Alberta Municipal Health and Safety Association Business Plan 2010 – available from Administration
- w) Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) information package – available from Administration
- x) Correspondence from the RCMP regarding the deployment of RCMP resources to the 2010 Olympic
- y) Organizational Meeting Information from County of Wetaskiwin No. 10
- z) Government of Alberta News Release “The Way Forward”
- aa) Press Release from Northern Sunrise County
- bb) AAMDC Member Bulletins titled: Deadline Reminder: CRTC Looking at Basic Service Issues in Rural Areas

**683/09** Moved by P. Monteith to forward Council's concerns to the AAMDC regarding their submission to the CRTC to comment on the length of time it takes for ratepayers to have a land line installed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- cc) Bill 50: Update and Presentation at Convention

**684/09** Moved by P. Vos to receive the correspondence items for information with the exception of items (g) and (bb), which were dealt with separately.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA**

**Questions from the Media**

None

**RECESS FOR LUNCH**

**Recess for Lunch**

**685/09** Moved by P. Monteith that the regular Council Meeting of November 3, 2009 recess for lunch at 12:05 pm.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve W. Tweedle called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

**PRESENT**

- W. Tweedle, Reeve
- R. Kitching, Councillor
- P. Monteith, Councillor
- D. Konelsky, Councillor
- A. Heinrich, Councillor
- P. Vos, Councillor
- M. Schwab, Councillor
- K. Porter, County Manager
- K. Robinson, Recording Secretary

**OTHERS**

- D. Thompson, Communication Co-ordinator

**QUESTION  
PERIOD  
FOR MEDIA**

**Question Period for Media**

D. Thompson requested clarification regarding the newsletter; Fire Department; and community hall promotions.

**COUNCILLOR  
REPORTS**

**Councillor Reports – September 16, 2009 – October 15, 2009**

Reeve W. Tweedle reported that he attended:

- Meeting with Minister Redford
- Thunder Opening Game
- Regular Council Meeting X 2
- SDAB
- Seniors Services Seminar
- Minister Ritz Mayerthorpe
- Strategic Planning Session
- Fire Chief Supper
- Poplar Ridge Playground
- G.A.E.R. – Mayerthorpe
- C.A.O. Discussion
- Electoral Boundaries Commission in Edson
- Early Childhood
- Memorial for Lois Coward at the Library

Councillor P. Vos reported that she attended:

- D.V. Heliport Re-opening
- D.V. Community Foundation
- Mentor Connector/Town of Drayton Valley
- Strategic Planning Session
- Regular Council Meeting
- Day Care Luncheon
- Otoka Presentation
- Memorial for Lois Coward at the Library

Councillor M. Schwab reported that she attended:

- ASB
- Heliport Opening – no charge
- Livestock Compensation Meeting
- Regular Council Meetings X 2
- Federal Ag Minister Mayerthorpe
- Banquet Planning x 3 – no charge
- Strategic Planning Session
- Poplar Ridge Playground – no charge
- MPC
- Special Council Meeting
- Electoral Boundaries Commission in Edson

Councillor P. Monteith reported that she attended:

- Regular Council meetings X 2
- Silver Surge Conference – Edmonton
- Strategic Planning Session
- MPC
- ASB Regional Conference – Alberta Beach
- Brazeau Seniors Foundation – no charge
- Breton Council Meeting – no charge
- Part time staff interviews for Breton Library – no charge

Councillor D. Konelsky reported that she attended:

- Regular Council Meetings X 2
- Strategic Planning Session
- Promotion Dinner – Fire Chief
- Opening for Poplar Ridge Playground
- PSAMS Meeting
- MPC
- CAO Hiring Meeting
- Day Care Luncheon
- Otoka Energy Announcement
- PC Fundraiser – no charge
- Lois Coward Memorial

Councillor R. Kitching reported that he attended:

- EPBR Parks Council Meeting
- Regular Council Meeting X 2
- SDAB
- West Central Airshed Meeting
- Strategic Planning Session
- Poplar Ridge Playground Opening
- PSMAS meeting with Council
- Special Council Meeting
- WFAC
- Biomile Presentation
- NSWA IWMP Meeting
- Cynthia Fire Smart Open House

Councillor A. Heinrich reported that he attended:

- ASB
- Family School Liaison Meeting X 3
- Livestock Compensation Meeting
- Regular Council Meeting X 2
- Strategic Planning Session
- PSAMS
- Special Council Meeting
- FCSS
- ASB Regional Conference

There were verbal reports provided to Council on the Synergy Conference provided by Councillor A. Heinrich and Ron McCullough. As well, there were verbal reports from Councillors Konelsky, Schwab and Vos on the Congress Board Conference.

**686/09** Moved by P. Monteith to receive the Councillor Reports for information.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **REEVE'S REPORT**

##### **Reeve's Report**

Reeve W. Tweedle reported that he attended:

- Meeting with Ray Danyluk (Municipal Affairs) in Red Deer
- Foster Child Ceremony at the Town Office
- New Building Site Tour
- Community Diversity Session at GAER
- Lunch with Premier on October 30<sup>th</sup>
- Rotary Library Opening
- GAER Regular Meeting in Onoway

**687/09** Moved by M. Schwab to accept the Reeve's Report for information.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ASB CHAIRMAN'S  
REPORT****ASB Chairman's Report**

Councillor P. Monteith reported:

- Rola Hogan's presentation at ASB meeting
- Attended Northwest Regional Conference
- Rhodiola Rosea Grand Opening in Thorsby
- AG Banquet

**688/09** Moved by P. Monteith to accept the ASB Chairman's Report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MPC CHAIRMAN'S  
REPORT****MPC Chairman's Report**

Councillor D. Konelsky reported:

- decrease in applications to the MPC

**689/09** Moved by D. Konelsky to accept the MPC Chairman's Report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MEETING  
DATES****Meeting Dates**

**Council Budget Meeting Dates – December 2, 2009 from 9:00 am – noon and December 7, 2009 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm.**

**690/09** Moved by P. Monteith to schedule December 2, 2009 and December 4, 2009 from 9:00 – noon both days.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RADF Project Showcase November 25, 2009**

**691/09** Moved by P. Monteith to receive for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Elected Officials Education Program Emergency Preparedness Planning – November 16, 2009**

P. Vos reported that she will attend.

**Sustainable Water & Sustainable Energy Conference – November 3-5, 2009 – Saskatoon**

No action taken

**Meeting regarding the Forest Industry Sustainability Committee (FISC) report – November 18, 2009**

No action taken

**Recent Developments in Labour & Employment Law – November 12, 2009 – Edmonton**

No action taken

**Athabasca Watershed Council – November 28, 2009 – Athabasca**

No action taken

**Meeting with Minister Liepert – November 19, 2009**

No action taken

**Advanced Seating Selection for Banquet – November 18, 2009**

Councillors indicated whether or not they would be attending.

**Ratify any meetings attended since October 13, 2009**

**692/09** Moved by P. Vos to authorize Councillor R. Kitching's attendance at a Lake Management Workshop (Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**IN PRIVATE  
SESSION**

**In Private Session**

**693/09** Moved by P. Monteith that the regular Council Meeting of November 3, 2009 proceed into 'in private' at 2:00 pm for the purpose of discussing: annexation; Councillor concerns; Administration Building; Breton Fire Hall; Brazeau Sports Park; and Personnel Matter.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**694/09** Moved by P. Vos that the regular Council Meeting of November 3, 2009 come out of 'in private' at 2:40 pm.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**695/09** Moved by D. Konelsky to forward a letter to the Drayton Valley Library and the Town of Drayton Valley regarding the County's contribution recognition for the new library.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**696/09** Moved by D. Konelsky that the regular Council meeting of November 3, 2009 proceed into 'in private' at 2:47 pm.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R. McCullough arrived at the meeting at 3:16 pm.

**697/09** Moved by P. Monteith that the regular Council meeting of November 3, 2009 come out of 'in private' at 4:52 pm.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**698/09** Moved by D. Konelsky to approve the CAO contract for Ron McCullough, as amended, effective upon appointment by resolution of Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**699/09** Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular Council Meeting of November 3, 2009 adjourn at 4:54 pm.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**Reeve**

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**County Manager**