MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN DRAYTON VALLEY ON TUESDAY, 2009 12 15

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

ADDITION TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition to and Adoption of Agenda

831/09 Moved by P. Monteith to approve the agenda with the following additions:

10. Correspondence

    II) Correspondence from Municipal Affairs regarding the Provincial Budget 2010

16. Meeting Dates

    d) Joint meeting request on the Mountain Pine Beetle

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of Minutes

832/09 Moved by P. Monteith to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2009 Council meeting amended as follows:

Page 2 – Motion 785/09 should read "Moved by A. Heinrich"
Page 4 – Motion 797/09 should read "Moved by A. Heinrich"
Page 5 – Motion 802/09 should read "....proposed on this quarter section"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING

Business Arising

None

URGENT ITEMS

Urgent Items

None

FINANCE MATTERS

Finance Matters

Cash Statement – November, 2009

Council reviewed the report presented.

833/09 Moved by P. Vos to approve the November, 2009 Cash Statement as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2009 Write-Offs

Council reviewed the report presented.

834/09 Moved by A. Heinrich to approve the 2009 write-off list as follows:

Roll # 007645	$1,489.05
Roll # 002040	66.37
Roll # 005339	247.92

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Annual Borrowing Bylaw 709-09

Council reviewed the report and draft bylaw presented.

835/09 Moved by D. Konelsky to give first reading to Bylaw 709-09.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

836/09 Moved by R. Kitching to give second reading to Bylaw 709-09.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

837/09 Moved by P. Monteith to give unanimous consent to proceed to third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

838/09 Moved by A. Heinrich to give third and final reading to Bylaw 709-09.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council-1 Council and At Large Appointee Remuneration Policy

Council reviewed the report and draft policy.

839/09 Moved by R. Kitching to receive for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FIN-9 Tangible Capital Asset Policy

Council reviewed the report and draft policy.

840/09 Moved by P. Monteith to approve the FIN-9 Tangible Capital Asset Policy as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2010 Interim Operating and Capital Budget

Council reviewed the report presented.

841/09 Moved by M. Schwab that the amount proposed in the 2010 Interim Operating and Capital Budget for Council conferences remain the same as the 2009 Operating and Capital Budget (at $14,235.00).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

842/09 Moved by P. Monteith to approve the 2010 Interim Operating and Capital Budget as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MATTERS

General Matters

Administration Building Update

M. Schoeninger provided Council with an update on the Administration Building Construction.

Breton Fire Hall Update

M. Schoeninger provided Council with an update on the Breton Fire Hall Construction.

Brazeau Sports Park Update

K. Porter provided Council with an update on the Brazeau Sports Park.

SE 17-48-7 Gravel Pit Access Road Construction

M. Schoeninger provided Council with an update on the SE 17-48-7 gravel pit access road construction.

Brazeau Seniors Foundation Update

Councillor P. Monteith provided Council with an update on the Brazeau Seniors Foundation.

Board Appointments

Council reviewed the report presented.

843/09 Moved by M. Schwab to appoint Bill Urchyshyn to the Local Assessment Review Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

844/09 Moved by R. Kitching to appoint Lynn Raines as a fire guardian for Area 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for a Donation for the Community Scholarship Trust Society

Council reviewed the correspondence received.

845/09 Moved by P. Vos to donate $1,000.00 to the Community Scholarship Trust Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Personnel Policy

Council reviewed the draft personnel policy presented.

846/09 Moved by D. Konelsky to approve the Personnel Policy – PER-1 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONENCE ITEMS

Correspondence items

a) "The Advantage" Newsletter – December 2009

b) Email correspondence regarding a news release titled: "Release of the Water for Life Action Plan"

c) Correspondence and newsletter from the Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council

d) Correspondence from Albertafirst.com regarding their decision to dissolve the organization

e) Members' Advisory's from FCM titled: "Municipal Leadership on Climate Change Action: FCM's Plans in the Lead up to COP-15 in Copenhagen; FCM Launches Guide Responding to Nimbyism of Housing Developments; FCM to Celebrate International Development Week

f) News Release from the County of Wetaskiwin regarding funding for a new ice plant in the Winfield arena

g) News Article titled: "Hospitals Poised for Funding Change"

h) News Article titled: "Ravenous Pine Beetle Reaches Central Alberta"

i) ERCB News Release titled: ERCB Announces Changes in Response to Court of Appeal Ruling

j) Government of Alberta News Release titled: Government Receives Advice from Alberta Water Experts

k) News Article titled: "Alberta MLA's Reject Creation of Civic Spending Auditor"

l) News Article titled: "Passage of Bill 50 will Bring Electricity Hikes, Critics Say"

m) Thank you letter from Brazeau Regional Tourism

n) Government of Alberta Backgrounder titled: "South Saskatchewan Regional Plan Terms of Reference"

o) Correspondence from Citizenship and Immigration Canada regarding the Paul Yuzyk Award for Multiculturalism

p) Correspondence from the Alberta Utilities Commission regarding the Yellowhead Area Transmission Development

q) Correspondence from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the Municipal Sponsorship Program (MSP)

r) Email correspondence regarding the Heartland Transmission Project Newsletter

s) AAMDC Fall 2009 Convention Highlights

t) FCM Board of directors Meeting Highlights Nov 18-21, 2009

u) News Article titled: Stelmach Gov't Cans Funding for 'Green' Transportation

v) News Release from the County of Grande Prairie No. 1

w) Government of Alberta News Release titled: Project will turn coal into clean burning synthetic gas

x) News Article titled: Patient Needs Will be Met Despite Cuts, Official says

y) AAMDC Executive Highlights – October 2009 Executive Board Activities

z) AAMDC District Highlights – Fall 2009

aa) Correspondence from Municipal Affairs regarding the Municipal Sponsorship Program

bb) AAMDC Member Bulletins titled: Proposed Legislative Framework for In Situ Coal Development; Input Required: Commercial Vehicle Dimension and Weight Regulation Changes; Call for Input: AAMDC to Conduct MGA Review; AAMDC Announces 2009 Scholarship Winners; Rural Alberta Development Fund – apply now until January 15, 2010; Alberta SuperNet First Mile Rural Task Force Recommendations Report Released; Hotel Booking for Spring 2010 convention Now Open; Congratulations to the EOEP Graduates of 2009; and TRAVIS Fees Committee Progress Update

847/09 Moved by M. Schwab that Councilor Vos do further research regarding the AAMD&C Alberta SuperNet First Mile Task Force recommendations report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

cc) AAMDC Contact Newsletters dated: November 26, 2009; December 2, 2009 and December 9, 2009

dd) SDAB Board Orders 09SDAB-048 and 09SDAB-049

ee) Correspondence from Municipal Affairs regarding the regional consultation sessions

ff) News Article titled: Alta. Ready to pay Carbon Tax

gg) News Article titled: New FCM Report shows Cities and Communities can Jump-start Federal Climate Change Plan

hh) Government of Alberta News Release titled: More than 700 Seniors Housing spaces to be Built or Upgraded

ii) News Article titled: Alberta Will Teach the World About Oil Sands, Minister Vows

jj) Correspondence from the Legislative Assembly of Alberta regarding the Review of Bill 202 by the Standing Committee on Community Services

kk) Correspondence from the Drayton Valley Municipal Library regarding operational funding

ll) Correspondence from Municipal Affairs regarding the Provincial Budget 2010

848/09 Moved by P. Monteith to receive the correspondence items for information, with the exception of item (bb), which was dealt with separately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS/ APPOINTMENTS

Delegations/Appointments

Blaine Calkins, Member of Parliament, Wetaskiwin

Blaine Calkins, Member of Parliament, Wetaskiwin attended the meeting today to discuss issues regarding agriculture, grant funding, environment and water and other general Federal issues.

Ratepayer Concerns

There were no ratepayers present.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Planning and Development Matters

Public Hearing for Bylaw 705-09

849/09 Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular Council Meeting of December 15, 2009 proceed into 'public hearing' at 11:16 am for the purpose of receiving public input regarding Bylaw 705-09.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There were no members of the public in attendance to speak for or against Bylaw 705-09.

850/09 Moved by R. Kitching that the regular Council Meeting of December 15, 2009 come out of 'public hearing' at 11:38 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Planning and Development Matters

Second and Third Reading for Bylaw 705-09

Council reviewed the report presented.

851/09 Moved by A. Heinrich that under section 6.7 (1) of Bylaw 705-09, delete "on the fringe of the Town of Drayton Valley and".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

852/09 Moved by R. Kitching that 2nd and 3rd reading for Bylaw 705-09 be recessed until the January 12th Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

First Reading for Bylaw 707-09

Council reviewed the report presented.

853/09 Moved by P. Monteith to give first reading to Bylaw 707-09 and to schedule a public hearing for February 23, 2010 at 10:00 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS/ APPOINTMENTS

Delegations/Appointments

Tom Thompson, Fire Chief

Tom Thompson, Fire Chief attended the Council meeting to provide an update on the Fire Department activities including: County Tank Truck in Guatemala; hiring of new training officer; Breton Fire Hall and call stats.

PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS

Public Works Matters

Fire Services Bylaw 703-09

Council reviewed the report presented.

854/09 Moved by D. Konelsky to give Bylaw 703-09 first reading and to schedule a public meeting for February 23, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA

Questions from the Media

A. Jeffrey requested clarification regarding the joint photo with Town Council.

D. Thompson reported that Courtney Whelan was back in Drayton Valley working at the Western Review and also discussed the newsletter content.

ADJOURN FOR LUNCH

Adjourn for Lunch

855/09 Moved by P. Monteith that the regular Council meeting of December 15, 2009 adjourn for lunch at 12:07 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve W. Tweedle called the meeting to order at 1:38 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

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Reports

Councillor Reports – October 16, 2009 – November 15, 2009

Reeve W. Tweedle reported that he attended:

- Minister Danyluk Meeting
- SDAB X 2
- Foster Child Week
- AAMDC Zone Meeting
- New Building Tour
- GAER Diversification
- Rotary Library Opening
- Lunch with Premier and Plant Opening
- GAER – Onoway
- Regular Council Meeting
- Organizational Meeting

Councillor P. Vos reported that she attended:

- Alberta Congress Board – Jasper
- Regular Council Meeting

Councillor M. Schwab reported that she attended:

- Municipal Affairs Forum in Red Deer
- ASB X 2
- Alberta Congress Board – Jasper
- MPC Meeting
- GAER Dinner Meeting
- Lunch with the Premier
- Regular Council Meeting
- Organizational Meeting
- Livestock Compensation Meeting
- Ag Banquet Planning Meeting – no charge

Councillor P. Monteith reported that she attended:

- Regular ASB Meeting X 2
- Breton Library Board Meeting
- Zone Meeting in Edmonton
- MPC Meeting
- ARRGA – plant opening in Thorsby
- Regular Council Meeting
- Organizational Meeting
- Brazeau Seniors Foundation Meeting – no charge to County
- AASCHA Regional Zone Meeting – Edmonton – no charge to County
- New Building Site Tour and Lunch – no charge
- ALTA Beef Producers Meeting – Breton – no charge
- Breton Council Meeting – no charge
- Tour of Breton Fire Hall – no charge
- AAMDC Convention

Councillor D. Konelsky reported that she attended:

- Alberta Congress Board – Jasper
- MPC Meeting
- Grand Opening Rotary Branch
- Stelmach Luncheon – no charge
- Library Board Meeting
- Regular Council Meeting
- Organizational Meeting
- SDAB Hearing

Councillor R. Kitching reported that he attended:

- SDAB X 2
- District 3 Meeting
- New Building Tour – no charge
- Mayor's Dinner – no charge
- Grand Opening of the Branch Library
- Opening of Plant in Thorsby – no charge
- Regular Council Meeting
- Organizational Meeting

Councillor A. Heinrich reported that he attended:

- Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant X 2
- ASB Meetings X 2
- Meeting with Ratepayers – no charge
- Synergy Alberta
- Organizational Meeting
- PSAMS
- Livestock Protocol Meeting
- AAMDC Convention
- Regular Council Meeting

856/09 Moved by P. Vos to receive the Councillor's Reports as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REEVE'S REPORT

Reeve's Report

Reeve W. Tweedle reported that he attended a GAER Community Sustainability Seminar and a meeting with the Town regarding the Bio Mile.

857/09 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the Reeve's Report as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ASB CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

ASB Chairman's Report

ASB Chairman P. Monteith reported that the next meeting was scheduled for December 16, 2009.

MPC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

MPC Chairman's Report

MPC Chairman A. Heinrich reported that there were two applications at the last MPC meeting.

858/09 Moved by P. Vos to receive the MPC Chairman's Report as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEETING DATES

Meeting Dates

Changing the date for the February 2, 2009 Council meeting

859/09 Moved by P. Monteith to cancel the Feb. 2, 2010 regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Emerging Trends in Municipal Law – February 11, 2010

860/09 Moved by M. Schwab to approve Councillors attendance at the Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Seminar in Edmonton on February 11, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Joint Meeting with Weyerhaeuser and Sustainable Resources regarding the Mountain Pine Beetle

861/09 Moved by P. Vos to schedule a joint meeting with Weyerhaeuser, Sustainable Resources and the Town regarding the Mountain Pine Beetle for January 20, 2010 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ratify any meetings attended since November 24, 2009

Council did not attend any additional meetings.

IN PRIVATE SESSION

In Private

862/09 Moved by P. Vos that the regular Council meeting of December 15, 2009 proceed into 'in private' at 1:51 pm for the purpose of discussing: Annexation; Councillor Concerns; and Potential Investor for Brazeau Tourism Node.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

863/09 Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular Council meeting of December 15, 2009 come out of 'in private' at 2:33 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

864/09 Moved by R. Kitching to forward a letter to the Town to schedule a meeting with Town Council for the purpose of discussing common principles. Suggested dates are February 5th or 12th, 2010 and the agenda is to be discussed at the January 12th regular Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

865/09 Moved by M. Schwab that the regular Council meeting of December 15, 2009 adjourn at 3:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Reeve

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County Manager