

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NORTHERN LIGHTS NO. 22
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 08, 2009
CHAMBERS, M.D. SERVICES BUILDING, MANNING, ALBERTA

PRESENT:

Cheryl Anderson	Ward One	Weberville/Stewart
Allen Dumas	Ward Three	Dixonville/Chinook Valley
Darlene Frith	Ward Four	Deadwood/Sunny Valley
Ed Kamieniecki	Ward Five	Breaking Point/North Star
Gale Vandemark	Ward Six	Hotchkiss/Hawk Hills
Teresa Tupper	Ward Seven	Keg River/ Carcajou

ABSENT

Ken Foster	Ward Two	Warrensville/Lac Cardinal
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IN ATTENDANCE:

Theresa Van Oort- Chief Administrative Officer
 Deb Pawluski- Executive Assistant/ Recorder
 Doug Neuman- Banner Post

01.0 Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m. by CEO Tupper

02.0 Adoption of the Agenda

CEO Tupper asked if there were any changes or additions to the day's agenda.

653/08/12/09 MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to adopt the agenda of the December 8th, 2009 regular meeting with the following additions and/or changes:
06.1.1 G DMI Invitation
06.1.5 C Alberta Pond Hockey Advertising
CARRIED

03.0 Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Regular or Special Meeting(s)

654/08/12/09 MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to adopt the minutes of the November 24th, 2009 regular meeting as presented.
CARRIED

-Press enters @ 9:07 a.m.

04.0 Business Arising/Unfinished

- A. Letter of Response, Minister of State Transportation RE: Bill C-322
- B. Letter of Response, CNSC President RE: Petition
- C. Letter from MMSA

655/08/09 MOVED BY Councillor Frith to accept the items in business arising unfinished as information.
CARRIED

05.0 Ward and/or Committee Reports

Ward One Councillor Anderson attended:
 Nov 24- Joint meeting with Town of Peace River
 Nov 25- Mighty Peace Tourist Association meeting with MacKenzie County
 Nov 26- Christmas Social with MD 135/Northern Sunrise
 Nov 30- Mighty Peace Tourist Association executive

Ward Two Councillor Foster attended: No Report
 Ward Three Councillor Dumas attended:
 Nov 24- Joint meeting with Town of Peace River
 Nov 28- Peace Library Regional meeting & Christmas Social
 Nov 30- Peace River Library Building Committee

Ward Four Councillor Frith attended:
 Nov 24- Joint meeting with Peace River
 Nov 26/27- Economic Development with Community Futures
 Nov 26 – Christmas Social with MD135/Northern Sunrise

656/08/12/09 MOVED BY Councillor Frith to have Community Futures give council a session on Economic Development once the MD has hired an Economic Development Officer.
CARRIED

Ward Five Councillor Kamieniecki attended:
 Nov 24- Joint meeting with Town of Peace River
 Dec 1- Seed Cleaning Plant meeting
 Dec 7- Arena Association Meeting

Ward Six Councillor Vandemark attended:
Nov 24- Joint meeting with Town of Peace River
Nov 26- Emergency management meeting

Ward Seven CEO Tupper attended:
Nov 24- Joint meeting with Town of Peace River
Nov 26- Emergency Management meeting
Nov 26- Christmas Social with MD 135/Northern Sunrise
Dec 4- Northern Alberta Elected Officials meeting
Invitation to 100th anniversary of the Town of High Prairie

**657/08/12/09 MOVED BY Councillor Dumas to accept Councillor's ward and/or committee reports as information.
CARRIED**

*-Break 10:17 a.m.
-M. House enters @ 10:17 a.m.
-Reconvene @ 10:30 a.m.*

08.0 Delegations

A. Victim Services, Melanie House @ 10:30 a.m.

-Melanie House, Dion House, Leslie Shandro, Leonard Van Oort

CEO Tupper welcomed Melanie and introductions were made. Ms. House explained that she is coordinator for the Manning Victim Services. Ms. House explained that victim services offers services ranging from initial contact with victims to referring victims to the appropriate organizations for further assistance. The Manning victim services branch has one employee, 7 board members and one volunteer advocate. The office is located in the Manning RCMP detachment. Ms. House explained that they are in desperate need of volunteer advocates who are required to have 90 hours of training prior to being allowed to go out on calls. At this point they have 3 fundraisers- a golf tournament, a pancake breakfast and an upcoming Regimental Ball with the RCMP in the spring. CEO Tupper thanked Ms. House and the attending board members for their time and thanked them for their help.

-Victim Services delegation exits @ 10:55 a.m.

06.0 Municipal/CAO & Departmental Reports/Business

06.1 Government Services

06.1.1 Council/Legislative

A. CN Rail- Service Review

The Minister of State (Transport) has appointed a three person panel to conduct Phase II of the Rail Freight Service Review. The Panel is inviting all interested parties to provide written submissions by February 26, 2010.

**658/08/12/09 MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to have administration contact our stakeholders and submit their concerns and our concerns to the Rail Review Committee.
CARRIED**

- Dwayne Buchholtz enters @ 10:58 a.m.

08.0 Delegations

B. Dwayne Buchholtz, Peace Valley Trailriders Club

- Dwayne Buchholtz and Jarret Fulture

CEO Tupper thanked both gentlemen for attending council and introductions were made. Mr. Buchholtz explained that the Peace Valley Trailriders Club is a member of the Alberta Snowmobilers Association and adheres to their guidelines encouraging Sled Smart and Zero Tolerance on drinking and riding. The newly formed Peace Valley Trailriders Club currently has 50 members, who have paid the \$60 trail pass which allows them access to all trails in Alberta and a \$20 club membership. Their current goal is to open their own trails in the Peace Country and are hoping the MD will be able to assist with such things as grading and brushing. CEO Tupper asked Mr. Buchholtz to send administration a list of their current needs and council will address them. CEO Tupper thanked Mr. Buchholtz and Mr. Fulture for their presentation.

-Renee Bernier enters @ 11:20 a.m.

-D. Buchholtz & J. Fulture exit @ 11:42 a.m.

C. Renee Bernier, Stampeders Hockey Club

CEO Tupper thanked Ms. Bernier for attending council and introductions were made. Ms. Bernier explained that she is part of a movie sequel to Big Shot DeBowski. Filming will take part in the Rexall Place arena as well as arenas in Westlock and Barrhead. Ms. Bernier explained that the Peace River Stampeders captain will take part in the movie, as well as the Major of Peace River at the Barrhead arena. Council is being offered the opportunity to purchase an arena boards advertisement in the Barrhead arena for the movie. The director will ensure that the advertisement is part of the movie shoot. The cost is \$2200 however Travel Alberta will reimburse the MD \$1100 as long as the travel Alberta logo is included on our

arena board. CEO Tupper thanked Ms. Bernier for her presentation to council.

-Ms. Bernier exits @ 11:55 a.m.

B. Town of Peace River- Ski Club Business Plan

The Town of Peace River is seeking a representative to help establish a business plan for the Peace River Ski Club.

659/08/12/09 **MOVED BY Councillor Kamieniecki to table the Peace River Ski Club Committee request to the next meeting.**
CARRIED

-Break for lunch @ 12:02 p.m.
-Reconvene @ 1:10 p.m.

C. Northern Sunrise Christmas Open House

The Council and staff of Northern Sunrise County are hosting a Christmas Open House on Thursday, December 17th, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

660/08/12/09 **MOVED BY Councillor Frith that Councillor Anderson attend the Northern Sunrise Christmas Open House on December 17th,2009.**
CARRIED

D. Brownlee: Emerging Trends in Municipal Law

Brownlee barristers are hosting workshops on the emerging trends in municipal law on Thursday, February 11, 2010 in Edmonton.

661/08/12/09 **MOVED BY Councillor Kamieniecki to accept the Emerging Trends in Municipal Law sessions as information.**
CARRIED

E. MMSA

At the November 12th, 2009 council meeting, MMSA gave a presentation and asked council to consider joining the MMSA. Administration has provided council with a cost comparison between MMSA and the way development is currently handled.

662/08/12/09 **MOVED BY Councillor Kamieniecki that the MD of Northern Lights decline joining MMSA and to have administration write a letter explaining that increased costs to our residents for subdivision is a concern.**
CARRIED

F. In Camera- Legal

G. DMI Invitation

Diashowa-Marubeni International has invited council to a presentation on the investment potential at PRPD through the Pulp and Paper Green Transformation program. The presentation is on Monday, December 14th,2009 at the Belle Petroleum Centre in Peace River from 11:00 to 12:00.

663/08/12/09 **MOVED BY Councillor Frith to have Councillor Anderson attend the DMI Pulp and Paper Green Transformation program presentation.**
CARRIED

06.1.2 Administrative

A. CAO Report

- *Mountain Pine Beetle*
- *Newspaper Advertising*

664/08/12/09 **MOVED BY Councillor Kamieniecki to renew the newspaper advertising agreement with the MacKenzie Report but change the format to a ½ page ad every two weeks.**
CARRIED

- *Manning Seed Cleaning Plant*
- *Fire Services Review*

665/08/12/09 **MOVED BY Councillor Frith to accept CAO Van Oort's written report as information.**
CARRIED

06.1.3 Assessment

06.1.4 Taxation

06.1.5 Finance

A. Peace River Airport Review Committee

Although this motion was defeated at an earlier Council meeting it was requested that administration bring it back to Council.

666/08/12/09 **MOVED BY Councillor Frith that the MD contribute \$2000 towards the development of a business plan for the Peace River Airport.**
CARRIED

B. Growing the North Economic Development Conference

The MD has provided funds to the Growing the North Economic Development Conference in Grande Prairie, January 21st & 22nd. Currently the MD has 3 councillors and 2 management attending.

667/08/12/09 **MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to accept the Growing the North Economic Development Conference update and agenda as information.**
CARRIED

C. Alberta Pond Hockey Advertising

Alberta Pond Hockey is offering the MD an opportunity to advertise in the event program for the Pond Hockey Championships.

668/08/12/09 **MOVED BY Councillor Frith to purchase a ½ page ad in the 2010 Alberta Pond Hockey Championship program for a cost of \$500.**
CARRIED

- 06.1.6 Equipment/Supplies
- 06.1.7 Buildings/Property
- 06.1.8 Personnel/Human Resources

06.2 Protective Services

- 06.2.1 Policing
- 06.2.3 Fire Protection

A. 2010 Northwest Fire Conference

The Northwest Fire Conference is being hosted in Peace River on April 9th to 11th.

669/08/12/09 **MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to have administration inquire to the 2010 Northwest Fire Conference about the MD sponsoring a venue.**
CARRIED

-Vandemark exits @ 2:02 p.m.

-Vandemark reenters @ 2:05 p.m.

- 06.2.4 Emergency Measures & Disaster Services
- 06.2.5 Ambulance/First Aid
- 06.2.6 By-law Enforcement

06.3 Transportation/Drainage/Public Works

- 06.3.1 Public Works

-Dumas exits @ 2:07 p.m.

-Dumas reenters @ 2:16 p.m.

-Frith exits @ 2:18 p.m.

-Leonard Van Oort enters @ 2:19 p.m.

-Frith reenters @ 2:20 p.m.

A. Director of Public Works Report

670/08/12/09 **MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to accept CAO Van Oort's public works written report as information.**
CARRIED

-Leonard Van Oort exits @ 2:32 p.m.

- 06.3.2 Roads
- 06.3.3 Airport
- 06.3.7 Drainage Ditches

A. Summary & Priority for the Municipal Drainage Ditches

Agricultural Fieldman, Terry Schamehorn has submitted the attached report outlining the priorities and estimated budgets for the drainage ditches located within the MD.

671/08/12/09 **MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to accept Agricultural Fieldman Schamehorn's summary and priority for Municipal drainage ditches report as information.**
CARRIED

06.4 Utilities/Public Works

- 06.4.1 Water
- 06.4.2 Sewage
- 06.4.3 Solid Waste

A. Northern CARE General Board Meeting

The Northern CARE General Board meeting has been rescheduled from December 4th, 2009 to January 13, 2010 in Grande Prairie.

672/08/12/09 **MOVED BY Councillor Tupper to have Councillor Dumas attend the Northern CARE board meeting in Grande Prairie on January 13, 2010.**
CARRIED

- 06.5 Public Health & Welfare
 - 06.5.1 General [Home Care/FCSS]
 - 06.5.3 Peace Country Health
- 06.6 Environmental Development

-Tupper exits @ 2:39 p.m.
-Dechant enters @ 2:40 p.m.

06.6.1 Development [Planning/Zoning]
A. Please see Blue Package

a) Subdivisions

i) 09NL27 Senft, Scott/Audrey
SE 6-88-24-W5M
Farmstead Separation- 1 lot

**673/08/12/09 MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to pass a variance of Section K1.2 to change lot size for subdivision application 09NL27.
CARRIED**

674/08/12/09 MOVED BY Councillor Dumas to accept subdivision #09NL27 with the following conditions:

1. any outstanding property taxes are to be paid on the land proposed to be subdivided or arrangements made which are satisfactory to the Municipal District of Northern Lights No. 22;
2. to obtain title(s) under this decision, the developer must contact an Alberta Land Surveyor for the preparation of a Plan of Subdivision suitable for registration at the Alberta Land Titles Office; and
3. that easements and/or rights-of-way be provided by the owner/developer in accordance with utility company requirements
4. that, pursuant to Section 661 of the Municipal Government Act, a 5.0 meter wide road widening shall be dedicated by caveat along the east boundary of the proposed lot and the balance adjacent to Range Road 245. In addition a 5.0 meter wide road widening shall also be dedicated by caveat along the south boundary of the proposed lot and balance adjacent to the undeveloped road allowance of Township Road 880 in the event this road is developed in the future.

CARRIED

b) Development Permits-Issued by Development Officer

i) 09-22-44 Ensign, Todd/Cari
Pt NE 22-84-22-W5M PI 8020265 Lt 2 Bk 2
Residence and shop

ii) 09-22-45 Dryden, Travis/Hanson, Dennis
NW 9-84-25-W5M
Mobile Home & Shop

iii) 09-22-47 Kavanagh, Kevin/Sandy
Pt SW 28-91-23-W5M PI 0722536 Bk 1 Lt 1
Residence

iv) 09-22-48 Kuhn, Gene/ Augusta
SW 35-89-22-W5M
Residence

675/08/12/09 MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to accept development permits #09-22-44, 09-22-45, 09-22-47, and 09-22-48 as information.

CARRIED

-Tupper reenters @ 2:43 p.m.
-Dechant exits @ 2:55 p.m.

06.6.3 Community/Agricultural Services

06.6.5 Natural Resources

06.6.7 Housing/Seniors

06.6.8 Tourism

06.7 Recreation & Culture

06.8 Education & Schools

06.9 Public Utilities [gas, power, telephone]

07.0 New Business

Information Items: December 08, 2009

**676/08/12/09 MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to accept the information items package of December 08, 2009 as information.
CARRIED**

08.0 Delegations/Petitions

A. Manning Victim Services, Melanie House @ 10:30 a.m.

B. Peace Valley Trail Riders Assoc, Dwayne Buchholtz @ 11:00 a.m.

**677/08/12/09 MOVED BY Councillor Frith to work with the Peace Valley Trail Riders Association to support them in their initiative to create snowmobile trails.
CARRIED**

C. Stampeder's Hockey Club, Renee Bernier @ 11:30 a.m.

678/08/12/09 **MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to purchase advertising space on arena boards in Barrhead for the movie Big Shot Debowski from economic development funds.**
CARRIED

-Break @ 3:05 p.m.

-Reconvene @ 3:14 p.m.

679/08/12/09 **MOVED BY Councillor Kamieniecki to have the December 08, 2009 meeting go in camera at 3:15 p.m.**
CARRIED

680/08/12/09 **MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to have the December 08, 2009 meeting come out of camera at 4:32 p.m.**
CARRIED

681/08/12/09 **MOVED BY Councillor Kamieniecki to have the meeting go past 4:30 p.m.**
CARRIED

682/08/12/09 **MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to provide staff appreciation gifts to total \$1500.**
CARRIED

683/08/12/09 **MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to have administration write a letter to Municipal Affairs, Assessment services requesting clarification of the Minister's Guidelines.**
CARRIED

684/08/12/09 **MOVED BY Councillor Frith to carry out the 2010 winter gravel haul utilizing hired trucks, MD staff and equipment**
CARRIED

09.0 By-laws/Policies

10.0 Adjournment

CEO Tupper adjourns the regular meeting of December 08th, 2009 at 4:57 p.m.

Chief Elected Official

Chief Administrative Officer