

MINUTES
COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 2010
CHAMBERS, COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING, MANNING, ALBERTA

PRESENT:

Cheryl Anderson	Ward One	Weberville/Stewart
Ken Foster	Ward Two	Warrensville/Lac Cardinal
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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

01.0 Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:00 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.

063/09/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to adopt the February 09, 2010 meeting agenda with the following additions and/or changes:

06.1.1 D- Invitation from Port Hope
06.1.1 E Invitation from the University of Calgary
06.4.1 A- Manning Water Treatment Plant- Increases costs
06.6.8 B- Notikewin Provincial Park
CARRIED

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

064/09/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Frith to adopt the minutes of the January 26th, 2010 regular meeting as presented/ with the following changes:
Page 5- misspelt Vandemark
Page 5- misspelt Kamieniecki
CARRIED

04.0 Business Arising/Unfinished

A. Letter to Hon. Premier Stelmach RE: Renewable Energy
B. Letter from Town Of Peace River RE: Peace River Ski Club Business Plan
C. Letter from Mighty Peace Tourist Assoc. RE: 2010 Municipal Membership
D. Letter from Alberta Sustainable Resources RE: Maps for 2009 Youth Wilderness Mentorship
E. Letter to Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
F. Letter to Peace River Environmental Society

065/09/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Kamieniecki to accept the items in business arising/unfinished as information.
CARRIED

05.0 Ward and/or Committee Reports

Ward One Councillor Anderson attended:
Jan 28- Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer
Jan 29- Mighty Peace Tourist Assoc.
Feb 02- Meet with Chris Warkentin
Feb 05- Bleacher Party
Feb 08- Strategic Planning Session

Ward Two Councillor Foster attended:
Jan 27- Grimshaw Dr. Recruitment and Retention
Feb 03- Meet with Chris Warkentin
Feb 08- Strategic Planning Session

Ward Three Councillor Dumas attended:
Jan 27- Grimshaw Dr. Recruitment and Retention
Feb 1-4: Regional ASB Meeting
Feb 05- Bleacher Party
Feb 08- Strategic Planning

- Ward Four Councillor Frith attended:
Jan 28- Building Committee
Feb 08- Strategic Planning Session
- Ward Five Councillor Kamieniecki attended:
Feb 03- Meet with Chris Warkentin
Feb – Water Committee Meeting
Feb 08- Arena Association Meeting and AGM
Feb 08- Strategic Planning Session
Phone Calls from ratepayers re: Municipal Policing
- Ward Six Councillor Vandemark attended:
Jan 28- Building Committee
Feb 1-4: ASB Regional Meeting
Feb 08- Strategic Planning Session
- Ward Seven CEO Tupper attended:
Jan 28- Building Committee
Feb 1-4: ASB Regional Meeting
Feb 08- Strategic Planning

**066/09/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Dumas to accept the ward and/or committee reports from Council as information.
CARRIED**

06.0 Municipal/CAO & Departmental Reports/Business

06.1 Government Services

06.1.1 Council/Legislative

-Dumas exits 10:03 a.m.

A. PDDNW Videoconference

The Persons with Developmental Disabilities Northwest Community Board will be holding a videoconference in Peace River on Feb 09th, 2010 to discuss priority actions and plans with stakeholders.

**067/09/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to accept the PDDNW video conference invitation as information.
CARRIED**

-Dumas reenters @ 10:05 a.m.

B. RMRF Law Seminar

The agenda for the March 12th, 2010 Reynolds Mirth Law Seminar has been enclosed.

**068/09/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Kamieniecki to accept the Reynolds Mirth Law Seminar agenda as information.
CARRIED**

-Vandemark exits @ 10:21 a.m.

-Vandemark reenters @ 10:23 a.m.

D. Invitation from Port Hope

CEO Tupper and Deputy CEO Frith have been invited to attend the Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities annual general meeting, February 24th, 2010 in Ottawa. The Mayor and Council of Port Hope, Ontario have also invited Tupper and Frith to tour and meet with various groups associated with nuclear power.

**069/09/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to have CEO Tupper and Deputy CEO Frith accept the invitations from the CANHC and the Mayor and Council of Port Hope and bring back information.
CARRIED**

-Break @ 10:32 a.m.

-Reconvene @ 10:48 a.m.

-Ackermans & Dechant enter @ 10:55 a.m.

E. Invitation- Nuclear Education & Outreach

Council has received an invitation to attend the upcoming Conference on Nuclear Education and Outreach at the University of Calgary June 20-22nd, 2010.

070/09/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Kamieniecki to table the invitation until the March 09, 2010 meeting and have administration investigate the NEO conference to bring back to Council.

08.0 Delegations/Petitions

A. Public Hearing- Bylaw 09-32-246 @ 11:00 a.m.

CEO Tupper declared the public hearing open at 11:00 a.m. for Bylaw # 09-32-246

Chair Tupper:

- welcomed all participants
- County Development Clerk, Gloria Dechant was present
- asked the nature of the proposed amendment be read into the record, Gloria Dechant, County Development Clerk, read into the record:
A bylaw of the County of Northern Lights for the purpose of closing public travel creating title to all of a service road in accordance with section 22 of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M26, Revised statutes of Alberta 2000, as amended.
- requested confirmation that notification requirements (newspaper ads, announcements, time frames, etc) have been met
- Gloria Dechant, County Development Clerk, confirmed the ad appeared in the issues of the local newspapers (Banner Post & Mile Zero News) on Oct 28, 2009 and Nov 04, 2009 and circulated notice via mail to adjacent landowners
- dispensed with stating the Rules of Conduct that would be followed during the hearing
- called for any WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS
in support of the proposed amendments
ATCO requires easements

opposed to the proposed amendments
No written submissions were received
- called for any VERBAL SUBMISSIONS
in support of the proposed amendments
Bruce and Shelly Ackerman

opposed to the proposed amendments
No verbal objections were received
- asked if there were any questions from council
None

Reeve Tupper declared the public hearing closed at 11:10 a.m.

-Dechant and Ackermans exit @ 11:10 a.m.

-Dumas exits @ 11:11 a.m.

-Cpl House and S/Sgt Bohlken enter @ 11:11 a.m.

08.0 Delegations/Petitions

B. S/Sgt Brian Bohlken and Cpl Dion House @ 11:15 a.m.

CEO Tupper welcomed S/Sgt Bohlken and Cpl House and introductions were made. S/Sgt Bohlken provided council with the crime statistics from the Peace River RCMP and from the Grimshaw RCMP. S/Sgt Bohlken stated that crime stats have gradually increased over the past few years but not an unusual amount. S/Sgt Bohlken reports that due to court requirements there is a lot more paperwork is required, making it harder on the RCMP to be out patrolling. To combat this issue they have installed computers in patrol cars and in some areas they have had officers call in the information to a data collection and transcription service as a test of this service. Last year the Peace River RCMP set 4 priorities for the year- drugs, alcohol, youth and impaired driving. The RCMP have experienced a closer working relationship with Child and Family Services as well as the North Peace Housing Foundation. Both of these organizations have been making it easier for RCMP to deal with issues in a more timely manner. The Peace River detachment was recently named as one of the host sites for the new integrated RCMP and Sheriff program. CEO Tupper thanked S/Sgt Bohlken and Cpl House for their presentation.

-S/Sgt Bohlken & Cpl House exit @ 11:53 a.m.

-Break from lunch @ 11:54 a.m.

-Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

-Jay Warawa enters @ 1:00 p.m.

-Al Yasinski enters @ 1:00 p.m.

-approximately 8 ratepayers enter @ 1:00 p.m.

C. Al Yasinski, Municipal Policing, Notikewin Park, Funding Request for Earth Alternatives @ 1:00

CEO Tupper welcomed Mr. Yasinski to Council. Mr. Yasinski gave Council a presentation on his opinions regarding an Enhanced Municipal Officer, the possible closure of Notikewin Park as well as a funding request for Earth Alternatives. CEO Tupper thanked Mr. Yasinski for his presentation.

-ratepayers exit @ 1:22 p.m.

- 06.1.2 Administrative
 - A. *CAO Report*
 - Manning Water Treatment Plant
 - Cote Development
 - Director of Public Works
 - Highway 35
 - Order of Council received to change our name to County of Northern Lights
 - reminder to have committees email minutes of all meetings

**071/09/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Foster to accept CAO Van Oort's written report as information.
CARRIED**

- 06.1.3 Assessment
- 06.1.4 Taxation
- 06.1.5 Finance
 - A. *Bank Reconciliation December 2009*
 - Director of Finance, Jason Warawa, has prepared the bank reconciliation for December 2009

**072/09/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to accept the bank reconciliation for December 2009 as information.
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
 - 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
 - 06.3.2 Roads
 - 06.3.3 Airport
 - 06.3.7 Drainage Ditches
- 06.4 Utilities/Public Works

-Warawa exits @ 1:28 p.m.

- 06.4.1 Water
 - A. *Manning Water Treatment Plant-Increased Costs*
 - The water treatment plant is currently behind schedule by 6 months and at a recent water committee meeting it was voted that no penalties be applied and that the additional engineering costs be paid.

**073/09/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Foster that penalties be applied for delays in construction to March 31st, 2010 under Article 29- Section 00700 against the contractor.
CARRIED**

- 06.4.2 Sewage
- 06.4.3 Solid Waste
- 06.5 Public Health & Welfare
 - 06.5.1 General [Home Care/FCSS]
 - 06.5.3 Peace Country Health
- 06.6 Environmental Development
 - 06.6.1 Development [Planning/Zoning]
 - 06.6.3 Community/Agricultural Services
 - 06.6.5 Natural Resources
 - 06.6.7 Housing/Seniors
 - 06.6.8 Tourism
 - A. *Travel Alberta Open House*
 - Travel Alberta is hosting a series of open houses in various locations across Alberta. Peace River will be the host site within our region on March 02, 2010.

**074/09/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to have the Manger of Economic Development attend the Travel Alberta Open House in Peace River, March 02, 2010.
CARRIED**

B. Notikewin Provincial Park

The Provincial Government has notified they will be closing the facilities at the Notikewin Provincial Park and have asked if the County would be interested in taking over the park.

-Foster exits @ 1:57 p.m.

-Foster reenters @ 1:58 p.m.

075/09/02/10 **MOVED BY Councillor Kamieniecki to have administration arrange discussions with Ray Gibson of Alberta Parks and Receptions about the Notikewin Park and Twin Lakes at a Council meeting and direct administration to approach local community groups to discuss park operations.**
CARRIED

06.7 Recreation & Culture

06.8 Education & Schools

06.9 Public Utilities [gas, power, telephone]

07.0 New Business

Information Items: February 09, 2010

-Vandemark exits @ 2:07 p.m.

-Yaskinski exits @ 2:08 p.m.

-Vandemark reenters @ 2:10 p.m.

076/09/02/10 **MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to accept the items in the information package of February 09th, 2010 as information.**
CARRIED

08.0 A Public Hearing

077/09/02/10 **MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to give SECOND reading to bylaw #09-32-246.**
CARRIED

-Press exits @ 2:15 p.m.

078/09/02/10 **MOVED BY Councillor Dumas to give THIRD AND FINAL reading to bylaw #09-32-246.**
CARRIED

079/09/02/10 **MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to deny the funding request to Earth Alternatives.**
CARRIED

080/09/02/10 **MOVED BY Councillor Kamieniecki to have administration write a letter to Bruce Power inquiring into the status of an application within the County for a nuclear power plant.**
CARRIED

-Break @ 2:38 p.m.

-Reconvene @ 2:46 p.m.

09.0 By-laws/Policies

A. Bylaw 10-61-253

081/09/02/10 **MOVED BY Councillor Kamieniecki to give FIRST reading to bylaw # 10-61-253 and set the date of March 09,2010 for a Public Hearing at 11:00 a.m.**
CARRIED

B. Bylaw 10-61-252

082/09/02/10 **MOVED BY Councillor Dumas to give FIRST reading to bylaw #10-61-252 and set the date of March 09,2010 for a Public Hearing at 11:00 a.m.**
CARRIED

083/09/02/10 **MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to have the meeting go in camera at 2:52 p.m to discuss land issues.**
CARRIED

084/09/02/10 **MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to have the meeting come out of camera at 3:06 P.M.**
CARRIED

C. In camera- Land

085/09/02/10 **MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to advise the Town of Peace River that the County participate in the upgrading of 74th street and 89th avenue to assist with**

future development along highway 743.
CARRIED

086/09/02/10 **MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to enter into the right to enter/offer to sell on
NW 22-93-22 W5 at \$500 for the purpose of installation of a bridge pipe.
CARRIED**

10.0 Adjournment

CEO Tupper declared the February 09,2010 meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Chief Elected Official

Chief Administrative Officer