

**MINUTES
COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY,
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
Gale Vandemark	Ward Six	Hotchkiss/Hawk Hills
Teresa Tupper	Ward Seven	Keg River/Carcajou

ABSENT

Ed Kamieniecki	Ward Five	Breaking Point/North Star
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IN ATTENDANCE:

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

* Prior to meeting start, Council welcomed Dr. Ezaydi to the community.

01.0 Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:08 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.

001/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Foster to adopt the agenda of the January 12th, 2010 regular meeting with the following additions and or changes:

06.1.1 D RMRF Law Seminar

06.1.1 E Municipal Sponsorship Program

08.0 A Public Hearing Bylaw #09-32-246 remove

CARRIED

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

A. Regular Meeting of December 08, 2009

**002/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Frith to adopt the meeting minutes the December 08, 2009 regular meeting as presented.
CARRIED**

B. Special Meeting of December 14, 2009

**003/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Frith to adopt the meeting minutes of the December 14, 2009 special meeting with the removal of the word unanimously from motion 685/12/14/09
CARRIED**

C. Special Meeting of December 15, 2009

**004/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to adopt the meeting minutes of the December 15th, 2009 special meeting with the removal of the word unanimously from motion 686/12/15/09.
CARRIED**

**005/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Frith to invite neighboring municipalities to an intermunicipal meeting in February 2010.
CARRIED**

04.0 Business Arising/Unfinished

A. Letter of Response: Standing Committee on Community Services

B. Letter of Response: Northern Sunrise County- Steering Committee for Public Information

C. Letter to Larry Svenson RE: Health Study

D. Letter of Response: MSI Response

**006/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Dumas to accept the items in Business Arising/ Unfinished as information.
CARRIED**

05.0 Ward and/or Committee Reports

Ward One Councillor Anderson attended:

Dec 14- DMI Presentation
Northern Sunrise County Open House
Jan 06- Peace River Airport Review Committee

Ward Two Councillor Foster attended: No Report

Ward Three Councillor Dumas attended:
Jan 08- Peace River Library Building Committee

Ward Four Councillor Frith attended:
Dec 11- MD Christmas Party
Dec 14- Meeting with Frank Oberle
2 Physician Recruitment Meetings
Has been appointed to Health Advisory 2
North Peace Housing Meeting

*-Dumas exits @ 9:55 a.m.
-Dumas reenters @ 9:57 a.m.*

Ward Five Councillor Kamieniecki attended: No Report

Ward Six Councillor Vandemark attended:
Dec 11- MD Christmas Party
Dec 14- Meeting with Frank Oberle
Jan 08- PREDA

Ward Seven CEO Tupper attended:
Dec 11- MD Christmas Party
Dec 14- Meeting with Frank Oberle
Dec 14- Special Meeting
Dec 15- Meeting with Town of Manning
Dec 8- NAPARA Meeting

*-Vandemark exits @ 10:10 a.m.
-Vandemark reenters @ 10:12 a.m.*

Phone calls regarding change to land fill hours
Phone call regarding policy on community walking trails

**007/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to accept the ward and/or committee reports as information.
CARRIED**

*-Break @ 10:17 a.m.
-Reconvene @ 10:28 a.m.
-Jim Uhl enters @ 10:28 a.m.
-Foster reenters @ 10:30 a.m.*

06.4.1 Water

A. Northern Lights Water Co-op- Phase 2

The Co-op has requested to combine the remainder of the proposed 2011 work with 2010 in order to take advantage of the economic conditions. The total County contribution would be approximately \$1,445,000.00.

**008/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to approve moving the 2011 allocation of funds for phase 2/3 of the Water Co-op in the amount of \$1,445,000 to 2010.
CARRIED**

*-Lynne Kover enters @ 11:59
-Warawa enters @ 11:02 a.m.
-Dumas exits @ 11:07 a.m.
- Dumas reenters @ 11:09 a.m.*

B. Northern Lights Water Co-op East Manning Truckfill

As per Council's approval, land has been purchased for the East Manning Water truckfill. The Northern Lights Water Co-op is now requesting the County approve construction under the management of the Water Co-op and the allocation of \$865,000.

**009/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Foster that the Water Co-op administer construction of the East Manning truck fill with council to approve construction prior to award.
CARRIED**

*-Warawa exit @ 11:16 a.m.
-press exits @ 11:17 a.m.
-press reenters @ 11:19 a.m.*

-Councillor Frith exits chambers at 11:19 a.m. declaring a conflict of interest with the Manning Regional Care Association

B. Manning Regional Care Association- Lynne Kover @ 11:00 a.m.

Introductions were made by Council and by Mrs. Kover. Mrs. Kover explained to Council that the Manning Regional Care Association along with Peace River School District #10, have arranged for the arrival of a mobile module to be housed in Manning. They will be offering before school and after school care for students between the ages of 5 and 12. The Manning Regional Care Association did a community survey and found this type of care was in need in this area. The module is slated for arrival in February and set up should be complete by spring. The module will be located by the Manning Elementary School and the delivery and set are being taken care of by the School District. It will cost up to \$1100 per month for maintenance and the association is in need of \$600 per month to cover this. They also require \$10,000 for the installation of water, sewer and gas to the module and are requesting the County and the Town of Manning each contribute \$5000 for this. Mrs. Kover thanked Council for their time. CEO Tupper thanked Mrs. Kover for her presentation to Council.

-Kover exits @ 11:31 a.m.
-Frith reenters @ 11:32 a.m.
-Tupper exits @ 11:31 a.m.
-Tupper reenters @ 11:37 a.m.

06.0 Municipal/CAO & Departmental Reports/Business

06.1 Government Services

06.1.1 Council/Legislative

A. REMS Invitation

The regional EMS Foundation is hosting the 10th Annual Wine Gala and Auction on Saturday, February 20, 2010 in the Crystal Center in Grande Prairie.

**010/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Frith to accept the invitation to the EMS Wine Gala and Auction as information.
CARRIED**

B. EOEP Course- Team Building

The Alberta EOEP is offering Team Building in Grande Prairie, on February 11, 2010. Registration must be completed by January 10, 2010.

C. Letter to Council RE: Renewable Energy Task Force

Residents have sent a letter to Council requesting that the County urge the Premier to set up a Renewable Energy Task Force.

**011/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Frith to lobby the provincial government to implement a Renewable Energy Task Force with letters written to our MLA's and the minister of Energy.
CARRIED**

-Break for lunch at 11:51a.m.
-Reconvene @ 12:53 p.m.
-Dion & Bernie House enter @ 12:54 p.m.

C. Enhanced Municipal Policing- Bernie House @ 1:00 p.m.

-press enters @ 1:02 p.m.

Introductions were made by Mr. House and by Council. Mr. House gave council a brief biography and how he came to be the Director of Protective Services for the County of Grande Prairie. Mr. House informed Council of how the Enhanced Policing Services came to be in the County and a description of their current work. Mr. House explained that Enhanced Policing Services can be used for a variety of duties within the County, including bylaw enforcement, road policy enforcement, weights and measures on County roads, educational uses, such as the DARE program, and working with the local RCMP detachments for special events. The County is responsible for 70% of the \$120,000 salary but the officer comes equipped with a vehicle and other essentials. Mr. House informed Council that it is a year long process to put into place an Enhanced Policing Program. CEO Tupper thanked Mr. House and Cpl House for their time. Mr. House thanked Council and stated that if they had any further questions to contact him.

- Dion & Bernie House exit @ 1:46 p.m.

D. RMRF Law Seminar

Reynolds Mirth is offering its Annual Municipal Law Seminar, in Grande Prairie on Friday, March 12th, 2010.

012/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Frith to have Councillors Anderson, Frith, Tupper and CAO Van Oort attend the Reynolds Mirth Law Seminar in Grande Prairie on

March 12, 2010.
CARRIED

E. Municipal Sponsorship Program

The Town of Manning requests that the County of Northern Lights participate in a Municipal Sponsorship Program grant application for upgrades to the Town swimming pool

013/12/01/10 **MOVED BY Councillor Frith that the County of Northern Lights participate with the Town of Manning in a Municipal Sponsorship Program for swimming pool upgrades under the Alberta Municipal Affairs Municipal Sponsorship Program with the Town of Manning to be the managing partner.**
CARRIED

06.1.2 Administrative

A. CAO Report

Trail Riders Invitation

Informal Brainstorming Session Monday January 25th 1 to 4 p.m.

Strategic Planning Session

Pond Hockey Invitation

014/12/01/10 **MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to accept CAO Van Oort's verbal report as presented.**

06.1.3 Assessment

06.1.4 Taxation

-CEO Tupper exits for ground breaking for Northern Lights Water Co-op at 2:10 p.m.

D. ISL- Dave McRae, David Schoor and Jay White MDP and Water Management Plan @ 2:00

Introductions were made . Mr. Schoor gave Council a review of the current MDP, which is 11 years old and is need of improvements that reflect the current trends and values, including the new land use conditions. Mr. Schoor informed Council that the population within the County has been declining mostly due to aging and empty nesting. However, on the positive side , the population does show signs of stabilizing in the last couple of years. Mr. Schoor told Council that 2006 the County has approved more development of lots but the majority of land use remains static. Mr. Schoor also told Council that 76% of agricultural lands are of better agricultural quality.

-Tupper reenters @ 2:55 p.m.

Mr. White gave council a presentation on the State of the Watershed within the MD boundaries. Mr. White looked at 13 different categories of the watershed and the overall rating was a B+ with poor conditions in wetland loss, heavy metals and nutrient concentrations. This report can be used for land use management by the Council, especially within the aquifer. CEO Tupper thanked the delegation for their time.

-ISL Delegation exits @ 3:45 p.m.

06.1.5 Finance

A. Bank Reconciliation for November 2009

015/12/01/10 **MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to accept the bank reconciliation for November 2009 as information.**
CARRIED

06.1.6 Equipment/Supplies

06.1.7 Buildings/Property

As per the preliminary 2010 budget, Council has approved upgrades to the administrative building. Administration recommends a Building Task Force be created to prioritize projects.

016/12/01/10 **MOVED BY Councillor Frith to have Councillors Frith, Tupper. and Vandemark sit on the Building Task Force to work with Administration so that main office upgrades can be completed.**
CARRIED

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
 - 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]

-Dechant enters @ 3:56 p.m.
-Press exits @ 3:59 p.m.

A. Please see Blue Package

a) Subdivisions

- i) 09NL31 Somerville, Don/Sharp Deanna SE 31-91-23-W5M
Farmstead Separation- 1 Lot

**017/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Dumas to vary section K1.2(a)(i) to allow the proposed lot size.
CARRIED**

018/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Foster to approve subdivision application 09NL31 subject to 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;
3. That easements and /or rights-of-way be provided by the owner/developer in accordance with utility company requirements;
4. That the owner/developer enters into a development agreement with the Municipal District of Northern Lights No. 22 to include, but not be limited to, the construction of an approach to the balance of the quarter section, if required, and;
5. That a 5.0 m road widening shall be dedicated by caveat along the east boundaries of the proposed lot and the balance of the quarter section for Range Road 235 pursuant to Section 661 of the Municipal Government Act.

CARRIED

-Dechant exits @ 4:01 p.m.

B. Weberville JDA- Discussed earlier with Dave McCrae during MDP presentation

- 06.6.3 Community/Agricultural Services
 - A. Alberta Organic Producers Association
The Alberta Organic Producers Association and the National Farmers Union are hosting an informational meeting on Nuclear Power and the Agricultural Sector and the Local Food Economy on February 8th, 2010 .

**019/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Dumas to accept the invitation to attend the Alberta Organic Producers Association and National Farmers Union meeting as information.
CARRIED**

B. Letter to Council RE: Dixonville Library
Council has received a letter from a concerned citizen regarding the letter in the local papers regarding the new Dixonville Library.

**020/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to accept concerned citizen's letter as information .
CARRIED**

- 06.6.5 Natural Resources
- 06.6.7 Housing/Seniors
- 06.6.8 Tourism
 - A. Deh Cho Travel- Diamond in the Rough
Deh Cho Travel is offering its 2010 Diamond in the Rough Travel Passport Campaign.

021/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to decline participation in the 2010

**Deh Cho Travel Diamond in the Rough Passport Campaign.
CARRIED**

- 06.7 Recreation & Culture
- 06.8 Education & Schools
- 06.9 Public Utilities [gas, power, telephone]

07.0 New Business

Information Items:

**022/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to accept the information package of the January 12th, 2010 regular meeting as information.
CARRIED**

08.0 Delegations/Petitions

09.0 By-laws/Policies

10.0 Adjournment

Decisions, if any, resulting from delegations.

Councillor Frith exits at the meeting at 4:21 p.m. due to conflict with the Manning Regional Child Care Association.

**023/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Foster to provided \$5000 to the Manning Regional Child Care Association for installation of services to module.
CARRIED**

Councillor Frith is called back into the meeting and reenters at 4:24 p.m.

**024/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to go to the next step in investigating Enhanced Municipal policing and have Client Services attend a Council meeting /workshop to speak with Council.
CARRIED**

**025/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Dumas to have Councillor Foster sit on the Peace River Ski Hill Committee as the representative for the County of Northern Lights .
CARRIED**

**026/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to have the meeting go past 4:30 p.m.
CARRIED**

**027/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Foster to have the meeting go in camera at 4:31 p.m to discuss legal and personnel issues.
CARRIED**

**028/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to have the meeting coming out of camera. at 4:50 p.m.
CARRIED**

**029/12/01/10 MOVED BY Councillor Foster to accept the MGM ruling as information.
CARRIED**

CEO Tupper declared the regular meeting of January 12th, 2010 adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Chief Elected Official

Chief Administrative Officer