

**MINUTES  
COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 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  
Jason Glabik- Banner Post/Mile Zero News

**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.

**141/23/03/10 MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to adopt the agenda of the March 23, 2010 regular meeting with the following additions and/or changes:**

**06.1.2 F In camera- Legal  
06.2.1- Cpl House 2010 priorities  
06.4.1 A – Northern Lights Water Coop  
06.4.1 B- Remote Monitoring  
06.1.5 C- Community Hall Funding  
CARRIED**

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

**142/23/03/10 MOVED BY Councillor Frith to adopt the minutes of the March 09, 2010 regular meeting with the following changes and/or corrections:  
Page 8- motion 136 Dumas misspelt  
Page 8- Business Licenses- no charge, voluntary signup for 12 month period  
Ward reports- add nuclear industry conference  
Page 8- Motion 139- Frith misspelt  
CARRIED**

**04.0 Business Arising/Unfinished**

*A. Letter of Response: RE: Renewable Energy Task Force*

**143/23/03/10 MOVED BY Councillor Frith to accept the letter of response regarding the renewable energy task force as information and have administration send a copy to resident who requested Council send the letter.  
CARRIED**

**05.0 Ward and/or Committee Reports**

Ward One Councillor Anderson attended:  
March 12- RMRF Law seminar  
March 15- EOEP Ethics Course  
March 16- AAMD&C spring convention  
March 22- In camera meeting Mighty Peace Tourist Meeting

Ward Two Councillor Foster attended:  
March 17- PAC Meeting  
South Rec Board Meeting

**144/23/03/10 MOVED BY Councillor Foster to have administration write a letter of support to PAC from Council.  
CARRIED**

Ward Three Councillor Dumas attended:  
March 15-17- AAMD&C spring convention  
March 19- ASB meeting  
March 22- Peace Library Meeting

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- Ward Four Councillor Frith attended:  
 March 10- CEO Mayor and Deputy's meeting  
 March 12- NAEL meeting  
 March 15- EOEP Ethics course  
 March 16 & 17<sup>th</sup>- AAMD&C spring convention
- Dumas exits @ 9:34 a.m.  
 -Dumas reenters @ 9:36 a.m.
- Ward Five Councillor Kamieniecki attended:  
 March 15- Northern Lights Water Co-op Meeting
- 145/23/03/10 MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to have administration set up a meeting with the Northern Lights Water Co-op, the engineer representatives and Mr. Jim Uhl.  
 CARRIED**
- Ward Six Councillor Vandemark attended:  
 March 12- RMRF Law seminar  
 March 15-17- AAMD&C spring convention  
 March 19- ASB meeting
- press exits @ 10:07 a.m.  
 -press reenters @ 10:08 a.m.  
 -Vandemark exits @ 10:09 a.m.  
 -CEO Van Oort exits @ 10:10 a.m.  
 -Vandemark reenters @ 10:11 a.m.  
 -Ron Darling enters @ 10:12 a.m.  
 -Foster exits @ 10:12 a.m.  
 -CEO reenters @ 10:13 a.m.
- Ward Seven CEO Tupper attended:  
 March 10- CEO, Mayors and Deputys meeting  
 March 11- NAEL  
 March 15- EOEP Ethics course  
 March 16 & 17- AAMD&C Spring convention  
 March 19- ASB meeting  
 March 22- FCSS
- 146/23/03/10 MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to accept Council's ward and or committee reports for March 23, 2010 as information.  
 CARRIED**
- Break @ 10:13 a.m.  
 -Reconvene @ 10:23 a.m.  
 - 4 residents in attendance
- 06.0 Municipal/CAO & Departmental Reports/Business**
- 06.1 Government Services
- 06.1.1 Council/Legislative
- A. Invitation to Manning Minor Hockey Awards*  
 Manning Minor Hockey is hosting its annual awards night and is requesting a Councillor attend to give a small speech on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Ag Hall.
- 147/23/03/10 MOVED BY Councillor Foster to have Councillor Kamieniencki attend and speak at the Manning Minor Hockey Awards as a representative of the County of Northern Lights .  
 CARRIED**
- B. Invitation from the Town of Grimshaw*  
 The Town of Grimshaw has invited Council to the Volunteer Luncheon and Pancake Breakfast to celebrate National Volunteer Week, April 21<sup>st</sup> to April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 148/23/03/10 MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to have Councillors Foster and Dumas attend the Volunteer Luncheon/ Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Town of Grimshaw.  
 CARRIED**
- C. Hosting of EOEP Course in 2011*  
 As per Council's request, the County offered to host an EOEP Course , the registrar has advised administration that 2010 is already fully booked however it is possible to host in the spring of 2011.
- 149/23/03/10 MOVED BY Councillor Frith to table hosting an EOEP course in 2011 until after the**

**2010 fall elections.  
CARRIED**

*A. Ron Darling, Renewable Energy @ 10:30 a.m.*

CEO Tupper welcomed Mr. Darling to Council . Mr Darling thanked Council for their time and said he was appearing before Council on his own behalf to give Council options to nuclear power in the forms of renewable energy. Mr. Darling explained to Council that the vast majority of Albertans favored renewable forms of energy such as solar, wind and hydro, which are cheaper and less dangerous than nuclear power. Germany has in the last ten years managed to produce more energy via wind than all of Canada's nuclear power plants. Mr. Darling stated he had attended a workshop on smokeless garbage burning that is converted into power and that rather than Council supporting nuclear they should be investigating such items. Mr. Darling left Council with a few printed items and requested that Council take the time at the next regular meeting to watch a 1 hour 20 minute movie with him on nuclear. CEO Tupper thanked Mr. Darling for his presentation.

*D. Strategic Planning 2010 – 2012*

G. Pitman Consulting has completed the strategic plan for 2010 to 2012 for Council's approval.

*-Dumas exits @ 10:48 a.m.*

**150/23/03/10 MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to adopt the strategic plan for 2010 to 2012 as presented.  
CARRIED**

*-Dumas reenters @ 10:50 a.m.*

*E. Volunteer Appreciation Week*

April 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> is Volunteer Appreciation Week and there are several events planned. Council is requested to inform administration of the number of coupons required for volunteers and if possible to donate \$25 to events.

**151/23/03/10 MOVED BY Councillor Frith to donate \$25 to the Manning FCSS for Volunteer Week events.  
CARRIED**

06.1.2 Administrative

*A. CAO Report*

Email from Frank Oberle – meeting with Premier March 29, 2010.

**152/23/03/10 MOVED BY Councillor Dumas that Reeve Tupper and Councillor Anderson attend the meeting with Premier Stelmach on March 29, 2010 in Peace River.  
CARRIED**

**153/23/03/10 MOVED BY Councillor Frith to accept CAO Van Oort's verbal report as information.  
CARRIED**

*B. In Camera- Legal*

**154/23/03/10 MOVED BY Councillor Frith to have the meeting in camera at 11:01 a.m to discuss a legal issue.  
CARRIED**

**155/23/03/10 MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to have the meeting come out of camera at 11:08 a.m.  
CARRIED**

*-Ron Gibson enters @ 11:10 a.m.*

06.1.3 Assessment

06.1.4 Taxation

06.1.5 Finance

*A. Disposal of Fixed Assets*

Public Works has presented the attached list as surplus items, many of which have been replaced. Policy requires Council to declare the items surplus and approve dispersing via auction .

**156/23/03/10 MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to declare assets presented as surplus and approve the disposition by auction as per policy .  
CARRIED**

*B Ray Gibson, Parks and Recreation @ 11:15 a.m*

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CEO Tupper welcomed Mr. Gibson to Council and introductions were made. Mr. Gibson informed Council the due to the 15% budget cuts, Parks and Recreation have had to close their High Level office and are currently preparing to either turn over the operation of smaller provincial parks to municipalities or organizations. Within our County the Notikewin Provincial Park and the Twin Lakes are affected by these cuts. For this season they have secured the operator by dropping the level of service and the number of hours. Last season Notikewin Park had 290 campers while Twin Lakes had 701. The cost to operate Notikewin Park last year was \$37,000 , \$25,000 of which was paid to the operator. The Park rules and regulations would be the same as it would still be a provincial park. CEO Tupper thanked Mr. Gibson for his time and the information he provided Council.

-Vandemark exits @ 11:40 a.m.  
 -Vandemark reenters @ 11:42 a.m.  
 -Cpl House enters @ 11:44 a.m.  
 -press exits @ 11:45 a.m.  
 -press reenters @ 11:46 a.m.  
 -Gibson exits @ 11:47 a.m.

06.2.1 Policing  
 A. Cpl Dion House- 2010 priorities

CEO Tupper welcomed Cpl House to Council. Cpl House explained that he was before Council today to request input into what they feel would be issues that the RCMP should list as their priorities for the 2010 year. Last year the priorities were drugs, youth, property crimes and traffic. The stats on drugs are through the roof with the officers shutting down grow-ops, and seizing cocaine, ecstasy and marijuana. For the youth, they have focused on education, either through presentations to parent groups and the DARE program. Traffic collisions are of concern, however , many of them involve animal strikes but residents have slowed down so the damages are less. Break and enters are way down . In 2010 Cpl House would like to address rural relations- with so few officers there is little time to interact with the rural residents. Cpl House thanked Council for their time.

-Break for lunch at 12:09 p.m.  
 -Reconvene @ 1:17 p.m.  
 -Dumas enters @ 1:23 p.m.

B. Purchase of Server and Terminal

The current server does not allow for Dixonville and the Airport to connect to main network, therefore they do not have access to files and records. A new server would also benefit the County by letting staff connect and work when not in the office, and the current server is due for replacement.

**157/23/03/10 MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to approve the capital purchase for a server and terminal station and to fund the purchase using the remaining funds in the financial management reserve and general revenue.  
 CARRIED**

C. Community Hall Funding

Councillor Frith is seeking information on this budget item , but no policy has been put in place for this fund. The Deadwood Hall has received some grant money for kitchen upgrades but they will end up clearing out their operating funds and wonders what criteria need to be met to access this funding.

**158/23/03/10 MOVED BY Councilor Frith to have administration investigate criteria for Major Renovation Projects Funding.  
 CARRIED**

- 06.1.6 Equipment/Supplies
- 06.1.7 Buildings/Property
- 06.1.8 Personnel/Human Resources
- 06.2 Protective Service
  - 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
  - 06.4.1 Water

A. North Hill Industrial Park

Administration has provided the cost estimates for the provision of fireflow water volumes and pressures for the North Hill Subdivision. The total estimate

for this addition to the Northern Lights Water Co-op project is \$662,390.00.

**159/23/03/10** **MOVED BY Councillor Foster to have the North Hill Industrial Park remain on the Northern Lights Water Co-op, with standard flows.**  
**CARRIED**

*B. Remote Access*

The water treatment plant is almost complete and turnover to the Town will take place April 01, 2010. Administration is recommending an addition to the scope of work with remote access monitoring for our staff.

**160/23/03/10** **MOVED BY Councillor Kamiencieki to approve the addition of remote monitoring for Keg River, Dixonville, and other truckfill sites for the County, and to access grant funding if possible.**  
**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]

*A. Cancellation of Approved Subdivision 09NL24*

The applicant would like to cancel the approved subdivision plan 09NL24 , Plan 962 0194 Block 6 Lot 1 Pt SE 13-87-24-W5m to allow rezoning back to agriculture general.

**161/23/03/10** **MOVED BY Councillor Dumas to cancel the approved subdivision plan 09NL24.**  
**CARRIED**

- 06.6.3 Community/Agricultural Services
- 06.6.5 Natural Resources
- 06.6.7 Housing/Seniors

*A. Attainable Home Ownership*

The NADC and Northern Sunrise County are hosting an Attainable Home Ownership Workshop on April 28, 2010 at the St. Isidore Community Cultural Centre for no charge.

**162/23/03/10** **MOVED BY Councillor Frith to accept the invitation to the Attainable Home Ownership workshop as information.**  
**CARRIED**

- 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: March 23, 2010*

**163/23/03/10** **MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to accept the information package for March 23, 2010 as information.**  
**CARRIED**

**08.0 Delegations/Petitions**

*A. Ron Darling- Renewable Energy @ 10:30 a.m.*

**164/23/03/10** **MOVED BY Councillor Foster to have Council meet with Mr. Darling to watch the movie as requested after the Council meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**  
**CARRIED**

*B. Ray Gibson, Park and Recreation @ 11:15 a.m.*

**165/23/03/10** **MOVED BY Councillor Frith to have administration undertake an RFP for recreational strategy to include options for the operations for Provincial Parks and recreational areas.**  
**CARRIED**

**09.0 By-laws/Policies**

*A. Bylaw 10-61-255*

The County has received an application to amend the Land Use Bylaw to rezone country

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residential back to agriculture general.

**166/23/03/10 MOVED BY Councillor Dumas to give FIRST reading to Bylaw 10-61-255 and set the date of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 for the public hearing at 11:00 a.m.  
CARRIED**

**10.0 Adjournment**

*Decisions, arising from delegations if required.*

CEO Tupper declares the regular meeting of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

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Chief Elected Official

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Chief Administrative Officer

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