

**MINUTES  
COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2010  
CHAMBERS, COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING, MANNING, ALBERTA**

**PRESENT:**

Cheryl Anderson	Ward One	Weberville/Stewart
Ken Foster	Ward Two	Warrensville/Lac Cardinal
Ed Kamieniecki	Ward Five	Breaking Point/North Star
Gale Vandemark	Ward Six	Hotchkiss/Hawk Hills

**ABSENT**

Allen Dumas	Ward Three	Dixonville/Chinook Valley
Darlene Frith	Ward Four	Deadwood/ Sunny Valley
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

Ed Kamieniecki chosen as chair.

**01.0 Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chair Kamieniecki

**02.0 Adoption of the Agenda**

Chair Kamieniecki asked if there were any changes or additions to the day's agenda.

**087/25/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to adopt the agenda of the February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting with the following additions and/or changes:**

**06.1.1 C Political Action Day**

**06.6.7 A Peace Regional Affordable Housing Coalition**

**04.0 A Letter to Duncan Hawthorne- CEO Bruce Power**

**06.4.1 A remove Manning North Industrial Park**

**CARRIED**

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

**088/25/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to adopt the minutes of the February 09,2010 regular meeting as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**04.0 Business Arising/Unfinished**

*A. Letter to Duncan Hawthorne, President & CEO of Bruce Power*

**089/25/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to accept the items in Business Arising/Unfinished as information.**

**CARRIED**

**05.0 Ward and/or Committee Reports**

Ward One Councillor Anderson attended:  
Feb 12- AAMD&C Zone Meeting

*-Jason Glabik Banner Post @ 9:10 a.m*

Ward Two Councillor Foster attended:  
Feb 23 & 24- Contract Negotiations

Ward Three Councillor Dumas attended: No report

Ward Four Councillor Frith attended:  
No report

Ward Five Councillor Kamieniecki attended: No report

Ward Six Councillor Vandemark attended:  
Feb 12- AAMD&C Zones Meeting  
Feb 23 & 24- Contract Negotiations

Ward Seven CEO Tupper attended:  
No report

**090/25/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to accept the Ward and Committee reports as information.**

**CARRIED**

**06.0 Municipal/CAO & Departmental Reports/Business**

06.1 Government Services

06.1.1 Council/Legislative

*A. Building Northern Economies and Partnerships*

REDI is hosting an Economic Development Conference in High Level March 15-17, 2010.

**091/25/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Foster to accept the Building Northern Economies and Partnerships as information.**

**CARRIED**

*B. Keg River Our Children Society*

The Keg River Our Children Society is requesting a financial or material donation to assist in the building of a new facility to operate from.

**092/25/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to table the Keg River Our Children Society request to the March 09, 2010 meeting.**

**CARRIED**

*C. Political Action Day*

The Alberta Chambers of Commerce is hosting a Political Action Day on Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Edmonton.

**093/25/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Foster to accept the invitation to the Political Action Day as information.**

**CARRIED**

06.1.2 Administrative

*A. CAO Report*

**094/25/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Foster to accept CAO Van Oort's verbal report as information.**

**CARRIED**

06.1.3 Assessment

06.1.4 Taxation

06.1.5 Finance

*A. Rate Stabilization Reserve*

As a result of the Municipal Government Board Hearing re DMI the County has to refund \$885,140.40 for the 2007/2008 tax years, as well as the tax agreements for 2009 for DMI and MDFP.

**095/25/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to approve a transfer from the rate stabilization reserve totaling \$1,323,040.25 in order to offset the results of the 2007 & 2008 MGB hearing regarding DMI and to account for the tax agreements signed in 2009 with both DMI and MDFP.**

**CARRIED**

*B. 2009 Year End Surplus*

The County will experience a surplus for the 2009 year in the amount of \$1.7 million due to incompleting projects, so it is recommended to transfer the entire amount to the Financial Stabilization Reserve.

**096/25/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to approve the transfer of the entire 2009 surplus of approximately \$1.7 M, due to incompleting projects to the Financial Stabilization Reserve.**

**CARRIED**

*C. Bad Debt Write Off*

In December of 2009, administration wrote off 18 bad debts for a total of \$48.00.

**097/25/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Foster to accept for information the write off of uncollectable debts by Administration as per the Bad Debt Policy.**

**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

A. *Municipal Policing @ 1:00 p.m.*

*Due to a flight problem this delegation was cancelled .*

B. *Spring 2010 AAMD&C*

The RCMP and ASGPS will be holding consultations at the Spring 2010 Conference and are requesting interested parties book an appointment and provide an agenda by February 26<sup>th</sup>.

**098/25/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to not request a meeting with the RCMP and the ASGPS at the 2010 Spring Convention.  
CARRIED**

06.2.3 Fire Protection

A. *Surplus of old unused bunker gear*

The Swan City Rotary Club is looking for donations of decommissioned bunker gear to send to Mazatlan. Regional Fire Chief Lance Bushie informs Council there is a surplus of bunker gear from the three CNL fire halls.

**099/25/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to recommend that no fire gear be donated until the fire review is completed.  
CARRIED**

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

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]

*-Vandemark exits @ 9:41 a.m.*

*-Dechant enters @ 9:43 a.m.*

*-Vandemark reenters @ 9:44.a.m.*

A. *Please see Blue Package*

**a) Subdivisions**

i) 10NL02 Ackermann, Bruce/Shelly Pt NE 6-85-21-W5M

Revised Plan of Subdivision

**100/25/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to approve the subdivision plan 10NL02 subject to the following conditions:**

1. that the applicant/owner pay all outstanding property taxes pursuant to Section 654(1)(d) of the Municipal Government Act prior to the endorsement of the plan of subdivision, or arrangements made which are satisfactory to the County of Northern Lights.

2. that the applicant/owner contact an Alberta Land Surveyor for the preparation of a Plan of Subdivision to include the closed road and consolidation with the adjacent lots suitable for registration at the Alberta Land Titles Office in order to obtain titles under this decision

3. that the applicant/owner provide easements and/or rights-of-way in accordance with utility company requirements, and:

4. that joint accesses to lots 2&3 and 4&5 be constructed to County of Northern Lights standards at the owner's /developer's expense

**CARRIED**

**b) Development Permits- Issued by Development Officer**

i) DP-10-02 French, Barry Pt NE 27-84-22-W5M Residence

**101/25/02/10 MOVED BY Councillor Foster to accept the development permit DP-10-02 as information.  
CARRIED**

*-Dechant exits @ 9:46 a.m.*

*-Van Oort exits @ 9:55 a.m.*

06.6.3 Community/Agricultural Services

A. *Report on Management of Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation*

The Alberta Off-Highway Vehicle Association is asking AAMD&C members an opportunity to offer input on issues.

**102/25/02/10** **MOVED BY Councillor Foster to send a letter of support to the Alberta Off Highway Vehicle Association.**  
**CARRIED**

06.6.5 Natural Resources

06.6.7 Housing/Seniors

A. *Peace Regional Affordable Housing Coalition*

The Peace Regional Affordable Housing Coalition is holding a general meeting on Monday, March 08 at 10:30 a.m.

**103/25/02/10** **MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to have Councillor Frith attend the March 08<sup>th</sup> general meeting of the Peace Regional Affordable Housing Coalition and Councillor Anderson to act as an alternate.**

**CARRIED**

06.6.8 Tourism

06.7 Recreation & Culture

06.8 Education & Schools

06.9 Public Utilities [gas, power, telephone]

-Van Oort reenters @ 10:02 a.m.

## **07.0 New Business**

*Information Items: February 25, 2010*

**104/25/02/10** **MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to accept the items in the February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 information package as information.**  
**CARRIED**

-Dechant enters @ 10:58 a.m.

### *B. Public Hearing Bylaw 10-61-251*

Chair Kamieniecki declared the Public Hearing open at 11:00 a.m. for bylaw # 10-61-251

Chair Kamieniecki:

- 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:  
to amend the Land Use Bylaw which proposes the rezoning of tow country residential lots and consolidating a CR1 subdivision back into the quarter section

As this area is within the Weberville/Warrensville Area Structure Plan and the area of the proposed lot which has the improvements is on larger than 5 acres in size, administration recommend that Section 6.3.2 (7) of the Weberville/Warrensville ASP be amended to read:

*"Minor cluster country residential lots shall be kept to a maximum of five (5) acres in size and no less than three acres in size. For those proposed to allow minor agricultural pursuits and minor industrial storage sizes, minimum parcel size shall be 5 acres and maximum parcel size shall be to 10 acres. The Development Authority may exercise discretion when a lot contains an existing habitable residence and/or farm related buildings, and includes minor agricultural pursuits and/or home occupations, and the proposed parcel size is the minimum amount necessary to accommodate onsite amenities and services."*

- 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 Feb 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 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  
None  
**opposed** to the proposed amendments  
No written submissions were received
- called for any VERBAL SUBMISSIONS

**in support** of the proposed amendments  
None

**opposed** to the proposed amendments  
No verbal objections were received

- asked if there were any questions from council  
None

Chair Kamieniecki declared the public hearing closed at 11:03 a.m.

*A. Public Hearing Bylaw 10-61-250*

Chair Kamieniecki declared the public hearing open at 11:03 a.m. for Bylaw # 010-61-250

Chair Kamieniecki:

- 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:  
to amend the Land Use Bylaw for a portion of SW 22-84-22-W5m from County Residential General (CR1) District to Agriculture General (A) District and from Agriculture General (A) to Country Residential General (CR1) District

The purpose of this bylaw is to allow for consolidation of a 3.63 ha (8.96 ac) country residential subdivision back into the agriculture quarter and to rezone a portion of the quarter section for two future country residential lots in the Weberville area.

- 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 Feb 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 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  
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**opposed** to the proposed amendments  
No written submissions were received
- called for any VERBAL SUBMISSIONS  
**in support** of the proposed amendments  
**opposed** to the proposed amendments  
No verbal objections were received
- asked if there were any questions from council  
None

Chair Kamieniecki declared the public hearing closed at 11:06 a.m.

**09.0 By-laws/Policies**

**105/25/02/10** **MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to give SECOND reading to Bylaw 10-61-251 being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw. CARRIED**

**106/25/02/10** **MOVED BY Councillor Foster to give THIRD AND FINAL reading to Bylaw 10-61-251 being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw. CARRIED**

**107/25/02/10** **MOVED BY Councillor Anderson to give SECOND reading to Bylaw 10-61-250, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw. CARRIED**

**108/25/02/10** **MOVED BY Councillor Vandemark to give THIRD AND FINAL reading to Bylaw 10-61-250, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw.**

**CARRIED**

**10.0 Adjournment**

Chair Kamieniecki declared the regular meeting of February 25, 2010 adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

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Chief Elected Official

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Chief Administration Officer