

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIGHORN NO. 8

Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 in the Council Chambers MD office, with the following persons present:

COUNCIL:

DENE COOPER	REEVE
HUGH PEPPER	DEPUTY REEVE
MARIA DUNKI	COUNCILLOR
PAUL ADAMS	COUNCILLOR
PAUL RYAN	COUNCILLOR

ADMINISTRATION:

MARTIN BUCKLEY	CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
GREG BIRCH	ASSISTANT MUN. MANAGER
NATALIE GERMANN	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
HUGH PETTIGREW	DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Reeve Cooper called mtg. to order at 9:00 am.

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

R:81 /09
Apr.14, 09
Council Agenda adopted as amended.

The following additions were made to the agenda:

- Business Arising from the Minutes Item D.1: Southern Alberta Waste to Energy Board;
- Business Arising from the Minutes Item D.2: Southern Alberta Waste Management Alliance;
- New Business item H.14: Bill 204, Provincial-Municipal Tax Sharing Act;
- New Business item H.15: Conferences;
- New Business item H.16: Strathcona County Sustainable Development;
- Correspondence/Information item J. 27: Moved to Item H. 15: Conferences;
- Incamera item K.2: Legal;
- Incamera item K.3: Legal.

Moved by Councillor Adams that the April 14th, 2009 agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

B. MINUTES

R:82/09
Mar.10, 09
Council mtg minutes adopted.

1. Moved by Councillor Dunki that the March 10, 2009 Council meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

R:83 /09
Feb. 18, 09 MPC
mtg minutes accepted as information.

2. Moved by Councillor Ryan that the February 18, 2009 MPC meeting minutes be received as information.

CARRIED

C. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- Councillor Ryan reported that the Heritage Resources Committee is moving forward with inventory and will be looking at Saint Bernard's Catholic Church situated on Crown land which Lafarge is leasing. He also reported the Saint Bernard's church gates have been obtained and are in safe keeping, and further advised that some field trips were being planned in the spring, notably Lafarge lands and McDougall Church.

The committee is also looking into a photo repository with the assistance of the Bighorn Library librarian.

- Councillor Adams reported he attended the annual Alberta Senior's Citizens Housing Conference where Mary Anne Jablonski, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports said there would be funds available to underwrite assisted-living resources for seniors. In the Bow Valley, there are currently no such resources available.
- Deputy Reeve Pepper received a copy of the University of Texas report "Future of the South Saskatchewan River Basin – Stakeholder's Perspectives" which he provided for other Councillors to read.

The BRBC has been meeting regularly to define the parameters of a risk assessment and is still waiting for some information from the ministry.

The BRBC's Implementation Committee is working on standardized water quality testing but there is some question as to who will pay for the monitoring. Deputy Reeve Pepper feels the monitoring would be prohibitive cost-wise for smaller communities.

Deputy Reeve Pepper also reported the watershed Legacy Committee invited Reeve Cooper to a 1 May 09 panel discussion on community involvement.

- Councillor Dunki indicated she had nothing to report.
- Reeve Cooper reported he received a copy of the Lafarge Health Risk Assessment report and has begun to read it. He said that local and provincial government along with industry cooperated in bringing the report together.

The Reeve has been invited to attend the water panel discussion (as per Dep. Reeve Pepper above) and wants to convey that the MD is interested in land, air and water as an integrated ecosystem approach.

Deputy Reeve Pepper vacated the Chambers at 9:30 a.m., returning at 9:35 a.m.

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES/NOTES

1. Moved by Councillor Adams that Council approve the MD's involvement in the Southern Alberta Waste to Energy Board until October, 2009.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Adams that Councillor Ryan be the MD of Bighorn's representative to attend Southern Alberta Waste to Energy Board meetings until October, 2009.

CARRIED

R: 84/09
MD's
involvement with
SAWEB.

R: 85/09
Cnc. Ryan MD's
rep at SAWEB.



R; 86/09
MD cont. to
attend SAWEB.

2. Moved by Councillor Ryan that Council continue to attend Southern Alberta Waste Management Alliance meetings and reevaluate involvement at a later date.

CARRIED

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MD', located in the bottom right corner of the page.

E. DELEGATIONS

1. Sgt. Roger Waidson of the Cochrane RCMP detachment, met with Council to discuss his detachments' rural policing efforts, the May long-weekend and other matters pertaining to eastern-edge law-enforcement. It was noted that the rural detachment out of Cochrane is smaller today than it was back in 1981 (14 members back then, only 12 today).

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G. BYLAWS

R: 87/09
Second reading
of Building
Permit Bylaw No.
01/09 postponed.

1. Moved by Councillor Ryan that Council postpone second reading of Building Permit Bylaw No. 01/09, a bylaw designed to establish the process for dealing with building permit matters pursuant to the Safety Codes Act within The Municipal District of Bighorn, pending corrections by Administration.

CARRIED

H. NEW BUSINESS

R: 88/09
Cheques Issued
Report for Mar.
09.

1. Moved by Councillor Ryan that Council accepts as information, the payroll cheques issued report for the March payroll EFT payments in the amount of \$80,510.97 and the register for A/P cheques issued, numbers 242088 to 242223 in the net amount of \$306,320.96 for the month of March, 2009.

CARRIED

R:89/09
Budget vs Actual
Jan. 09 and
accepted and
approved.

2. Moved by Councillor Adams that Council review and accept the Balance Sheet and Budget vs. Actual Spending Report to January 31, 2009 as information before adjustments and review by the auditor.

CARRIED

R:90/09
Budget vs Actual
Feb. 09 and
accepted and
approved.

3. Moved by Councillor Dunki that Council review and accept the Balance Sheet and Budget vs. Actual Spending Report to February 28, 2009 as information before adjustments and review by the auditor.

CARRIED

R:91/09
Budget vs Actual
Mar. 09 and
accepted and
approved.

4. Moved by Councillor Ryan that Council review and accept the Balance Sheet and Budget vs. Actual Spending Report to March 31, 2009 as information before adjustments and review by the auditor.

CARRIED

R:92/09
Ratepayer's tax
reductn/waiving
postponed.

5. Moved by Councillor Ryan that Council postpone a decision to deny the ratepayer's request to reduce/waive the \$7,101.91 of property taxes (\$5,932.03), penalties (\$1124.28), and NSF fees (\$45.00) assessed on tax roll #182038 pending clarification of property ownership.

CARRIED

R:93/09
Council expense
claims.

6. Moved by Councillor Adams That Council consider approval of payment for the following meeting expense claims, from the Contingency Allowance:



Date	Councillor	Purpose	Amount
4/5 Mar	Dep. Reeve Pepper	Water Symposium	\$300.00 + mileage
9 Mar	Reeve Cooper Coun. Dunki Coun. Ryan	Sustainability session at Mountain view County	\$150.00 \$150.00 + mileage \$150.00 + mileage
14 Mar	Reeve Cooper	M.P. dinner in Cochrane	\$150.00 + mileage
18 Mar	Reeve Cooper	Meeting in Exshaw re: Rural Funding	\$150.00
20 Mar	Coun. Ryan	South. Alta. Waste Mgmt. Alliance	\$150.00 + mileage

CARRIED

R:94/09
 Seniors' Week
 proclamation.

7. Moved by Councillor Adams that Council declare the week of June 1st 2009, as Seniors' Week, authorize the Reeve to sign the proclamation and that the proclamation be posted in the entrance way to the MD office.

CARRIED

R:95/09
 Lafarge Canada
 Inc. – Exshaw
 cement plant
 renewal/expansio
 n proposal letter.

8. Moved by Councillor Ryan that Council authorize the submission of the 30 March 09 draft letter to the Director of Southern Region, Alberta Environment's Regulatory Approvals Centre, as the M.D.'s official response on Approval #1702-02-00, on Application #015-1702 (Lafarge Canada Inc. – Exshaw cement plant renewal/expansion proposal).

CARRIED

R: 96/09
 Revisions to
 Policy H-10.

9. Moved by Councillor Adams that Council approve the revisions to Policy H-10, Operations On-Call, as circulated (adjusting the hours of on-call coverage, number of employees involved, etc.), with the adjustments in hours to be retroactively recognized as being in effect on January 1, 2009.

CARRIED

R: 97/09
 Agr Services &
 Environmental
 Advisory Board's
 Strategic
 Business Plan.

10. Moved by Councillor Dunki that Council endorse the Agricultural Services & Environmental Advisory Board's Strategic Business Plan for the year 2009.

CARRIED

R:98/09
 Redesignation
 and subdivision
 applications from
 Mountain View.

11. Moved by Councillor Ryan that Council direct staff to advise Mountain View County that the Municipal District of Bighorn has no objection to the redesignation and subdivision applications proposed for NW 31-30-5-W5M that would allow for a "first parcel out" subdivision (Mountain View County File No. RD 08-077/SD 08-116 T).

CARRIED

R:99/09
 Seebe lands
 Superintendent's
 Residence and
 the school house
 in Seebe as
 municipal
 historic resource.

12. Moved by Councillor Ryan that Council direct that, in order to continue to protect the buildings during the on-going discussions between TransAlta, Moondance Land Company Ltd. and Stoney Nakoda Development Ltd. regarding the Seebe lands, notice again be given by Administration to TransAlta Utilities Corporation stating that Council is considering adoption of a bylaw to designate the Superintendent's Residence and the school house in Seebe as municipal historic resources pursuant to s.26 of the Historical Resources Act.

CARRIED

(Dep. Reeve Pepper and Coun. Dunki opposed)

R:100/09

13. Moved by Deputy Reeve Pepper that Council grant a right-of-way to ATCO Gas for use of

ATCO Gas, right-of-way agreements.

M.D. lands, approximately 270 m² of land east of Exshaw Creek, between Highway 1A and the CRP railway property, to allow for relocation of a gas regulation station with associated pipeline, pursuant to the compensation agreement proposed by ATCO Gas, and authorize Administration to sign the right-of-way agreements on Council's behalf with the following amendment to Clause :

The annual compensation payment to be \$500.00 per year, in the first five years of the agreement, then increase by 15% every five year period thereafter.

CARRIED

R:101/09
Bill 240.

14. Moved by Councillor Dunki that Council support the concept of a fixed, sustainable, unconditional source of municipal funding to be provided from provincial income tax revenues, on the basis that:

- income taxes do not increase solely as a result of this concept/program;
- the funds provided, from this program, are to be returned to the municipality from which they were collected (that is, that this not become any sort of "Provincial equalization" program, with the intent of taking funds from wealthier locations to use in less-affluent areas);
- no current Provincial municipal grant programs be cancelled, if Bill 204 is enacted.

CARRIED

R: 102/09
Reeve attend
Legacy Wtr Cnfr.

15. Moved by Councillor Dunki that the Reeve be authorized to attend the May 1st, 2009 Legacy Water Conference where he was invited to participate as a panelist.

CARRIED

R: 103/09
Cnc. attend
Legacy Wtr Cnfr.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Pepper that Councillors be supported to attend the May 1st, 2009 Legacy Water Conference at their discretion.

CARRIED

R: 104/09
Cnc. to attend
Pathways to
Sustainability
Cnfr.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Pepper that Councillors be supported to attend the May 20 – 22nd 2009 Pathways to Sustainability Conference in Cochrane at their discretion.

DEFEATED

(Reeve Cooper, Couns. Dunki and Ryan opposed)

R: 105/09
Dep. Reeve
Pepper to attend
Pathways to
Sustainability
Cnfr.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Pepper that Deputy Reeve Pepper be supported to attend the May 20 – 22nd 2009 Pathways to Sustainability Conference in Cochrane.

CARRIED

(Couns. Dunki and Ryan opposed)

16. Item H.16, Strathcona County Sustainable Development was tabled until the May 12, 2009 meeting.

I. ENQUIRIES OF ADMINISTRATION FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Dunki requested that when clearing of Coyote Creek Trail commences, a map and trail information be prepared so ratepayers can use it.

She also asked the C.A.O. to find out if volunteer MD firefighters are compensated for their study time and suggested letter of recognition be sent to each of them.

J. INFORMATION

R:106 /09
Items J.1- J.26
and J28-J.29
accepted as
information.

Moved by Councillor Adams that items J.1- J.26. J. 28 – J.29 be accepted as information.

CARRIED

K. IN CAMERA

R: 107/09
Council incamera
at 2:04 pm.

Moved by Councillor Adams That Council go incamera at 2:04 pm.

CARRIED

R:108 /09
Council out of
camera at 5:20
pm.

Moved by Councillor Dunki that Council come out of camera at 5:20 p.m.

CARRIED

R:109/09
Meeting
adjourned at 5:35
pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Dunki that the April 14, 2009 Regular Council Meeting be adjourned at 5:35 pm.

CARRIED



REEVE



EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT