

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIGHORN NO. 8**

Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held Monday, April 12, 2005  
in the Council Chambers, M.D. offices, with the following persons present:

**COUNCIL:**

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

**ABSENT:** PAUL ADAMS

<b>STAFF:</b> MARTIN BUCKLEY	CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
GREG BIRCH	ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL MANAGER
BRENDA GOERES	ACTING MUNICIPAL SECRETARY
HUGH PETTIGREW	DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
HELENE HESSE	MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER

**CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Ryan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., noting that Councillor Adams is absent due to attendance at a Planning Conference.

**Kevin Fitzsimmons, ACA (Alberta Conservation Association)**

Mr. Fitzsimmons provided background on the ACA (which is largely funded by hunting and fishing licences) and their projects such as "Buck for Profit". Recently, 183 off-highway vehicle ("OHV") stream crossing surveys were conducted by the ACA, due to steadily increasing use in two areas: Ghost/Waiparous and Mclean Creek. The results of the surveys will be used by various conservation agencies. By identifying those streams in danger of affecting fish habitat, strategies can be determined. The MD was a partner in this conservation initiative, and in recognition, Mr. Fitzsimmons presented Reeve Ryan and Council with a certificate of appreciation. Mr. Fitzsimmons also acknowledged MD Agriculture Fieldman Dwight Tannas' liaison assistance with this project.

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Dunki that the agenda for the April 12, 2005 Regular Council meeting be adopted with the following amendments:

- New Business item H6: The names in the letters are confidential and have been removed
- Incamera item K3: New Business item H.8 moved to In-Camera due to its contractual nature
- New Business item H10: Composting Conference information
- Corresp./Information J12: 2004 Agricultural Services & Environmental Advisory Board annual report and Little Red Deer River Watershed Initiative Program

- Corresp/Information J13: Deputy Reeve Pepper report on Ghost-Waiparous  
Access Management Plan (GAMP)

CARRIED

**B. MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Dunki that the minutes of the March 8, 2005 Council meeting be adopted as circulated, noting the costs indicated under Resolution 082/05 (Exshaw Water Master Plan) will be confirmed.

CARRIED

**C. MEETING NOTES/COMMUNITY MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Cooper that Council receive as information Items C.1 and C.2 and to acknowledge that Items C.3 and 4 (minutes) have received approval:

1. Canmore Community Services Advisory Committee (Adams)
2. Bow Valley Regional Housing (Adams)
3. Subdivision/Development Appeal Board DP 06/05 - March 3, 2005
4. Municipal Planning Commission - February 16, 2005

CARRIED

**D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/NOTES**

1. Future Meeting Dates

Ratepayers Meetings:

- a) Thursday, April 28, 2005, South Benchlands/Richards Road at Beaupre Hall
- b) Tuesday, May 31, 2005, Harvie Heights at Harvie Heights Comm. Hall
- c) Tuesday, June 07, 2005, Dead Man's Flats/Lac Des Arcs/Rafter Six, at Rafter Six (if available)

2. Calgary Regional Partnership Spring General Assembly – Friday, May 27, 2005

Four Councillors will attend; Councillor Adams to be notified on his return.

3. Harvie Heights Lot 18 Letter to Community Association

The Association has not yet responded to the CAO's most recent letter which suggests that the Association repay the M.D. for its \$3,200 in expenses incurred on this lot, and that the M.D. would then place a Reserve designation on title, to ensure it is protected and cannot be sold in future. It was noted the Harvie Heights Community Association had just met, regarding this letter, late last week, and the CAO had not anticipated a response yet. Pending a recent meeting of the association, and to allow time for the community to respond; the CAO will follow up on his letter, and keep this item on the May 10th agenda as Business Arising.

4. Exshaw Kids Keeping Busy Project

Per Council's request for a report back on this new project, the report background includes notes on a recent meeting the Community Services Coordinator held with Sue

R: 104/05  
Mar 8/05 Council  
minutes adopted  
as amended.

R: 105/05  
Meeting Notes  
received as  
information

R: 106/05  
Exshaw Kids  
report received  
as info

Alridge (Exshaw Kids Keeping Busy Project) The project is in the stages of developing its operational aspects, and the initial budget presented to Council in March was incomplete. Administration will request a revised budget as soon as possible, in order for this school project to proceed in a timely fashion.

MOVED by Councillor Cooper to accept as information the Exshaw Kids Keeping Busy Project report. CARRIED

## **E. DELEGATIONS**

1. Beth Wakabayashi, Town of Canmore FCSS RE: Bow Valley Youth & Family Partnership

Representatives from Canmore youth and family agencies provided Council with information on their programs (Woods Homes, (Alberta Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission, and Bow Valley Youth & Family Partnership) The agencies within the Partnership are publicizing their services, which include counseling and support for various issues: gambling, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, bullying, divorce, family intervention/counseling, parenting, family strategies, school issues.

2. Roy Hunt, Komex, Exshaw Treated Sewage Recycling (See Item H7 below)

Ryan Strum and Roy Hunt of Komex International provided a power point presentation outlining the feasibility and components of a waste-water reuse system for use by Lafarge, as well as design, feasibility analysis and benefits. This is an FCM green enabling fund project; other grants and subsidies linked to the environmental benefit are may be available. With a 1% reduction per year in use of raw water withdrawn from the Bow River, this initiative is very beneficial.

The report will go to the next Exshaw Community Environment Committee meeting for their information.

## **F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5. Bow Valley Foundation

Letter from the Foundation expressing disappointment that the MD didn't enter the agreement and stating that the Foundation has proceeded with five Governors. Council regrets that the MD could not have been involved earlier, particularly on the boundary issue. The CAO will write another letter to the Foundation expressing disappointment that the MD was not informed in enough time for participation in the process, and until after the documents had gone to the province.

## **G. BYLAWS**

1. MOVED by Councillor Dunki that Council give 1st Reading to Bylaw 04/05, a bylaw for the creation of a Weed Notice Appeal Committee. CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Dunki that Council give 2nd Reading to Bylaw 04/05.

R: 107/05  
1st Reading given  
to BL 04/05

R: 108/05  
2nd Reading given

to BL 04/05

CARRIED

R: 109/05  
Consent given to  
go to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading  
of BL 04/05

MOVED by Councillor Cooper that Council consent to proceed with 3rd Reading of  
Bylaw 04/05. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R: 110/05  
3rd Reading given  
to BL 04/05

MOVED by Deputy Reeve Pepper that Council give 3rd Reading to Bylaw 04/05.  
CARRIED

R: 111/05  
1st Reading given  
to BL 07/05

2. MOVED by Councillor Dunki that Council give 1st Reading to Bylaw 07/05, a bylaw to establish an operating Line of Credit, in accordance with the Municipal Government Act (Alberta), Chapter M-26, RSA 2000, as amended. CARRIED

R: 112/05  
2nd Reading given  
to BL 07/05

MOVED by Councillor Cooper that Council give 2nd Reading to Bylaw 07/05.  
CARRIED

R: 113/05  
Consent given to  
go to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading  
of BL 07/05

MOVED by Councillor Cooper that Council consent to proceed with 3rd Reading of  
Bylaw 07/05. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R: 114/05  
3rd Reading given  
to BL 07/05

MOVED by Councillor Cooper that Council give 3rd Reading to Bylaw 07/05.  
CARRIED

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

R: 115/05  
Cheques issued  
report received  
as information

1. MOVED by Deputy Reeve Pepper that Council receive for information, the report of A/P cheques issued, number 18459 to 18568 in the amount of \$848,486.08 and payroll cheques issued, number 4063 to 4108, in the amount of \$40,391.49. CARRIED

R: 116/05  
Budget/Actual  
Spending  
reports received  
as information

2. MOVED by Councillor Cooper that Council accept the Budget vs. Actual Spending Reports (February 28 and March 31, 2005) as information; and the adjusted statement for the first quarter is to be presented to Council by the auditor at the next Finance & Economic Development meeting.. CARRIED

R: 117/05  
Council  
Expense  
payments  
approved

3. MOVED by Dunki that Council consider approval of payment for the following meeting expense claims from the Contingency Allowance:

24 Feb	Coun. Dunki	Action for Agriculture seminar	\$130.00
01 Mar	Dep Reeve Pepper	Meeting w/ Alta. Transport.	\$130.00 + mileage
16 Mar	Reeve Ryan	UDI Luncheon	\$130.00 + mileage
16 Mar	Coun. Adams	Regional Transportation Strategy	\$130.00 + mileage
	Coun. Cooper	implementation	\$130.00 + mileage
21 Mar	Reeve Ryan	DMF/BHB future waste/sewage	\$130.00
	Coun. Adams	management strategy	\$130.00 + mileage

Discussion

Council expressed concern that there is no reporting or correspondence back to Council on these meetings and directed the CAO to request reports on issues discussed at these meetings from the province, as they are being held at a cost to ratepayers. The reply will provide staff with documentation for any political follow-up. It was noted that

experience with past Highway 68 negotiations make it important to track ongoing dialogue. The vote followed on the motion. **CARRIED**

4. With municipal solid waste collection now being done by the MD as opposed to being contracted out, Administration recommends passage of a waste bylaw to reflect user pay, rather than recovering this cost via general tax which requires everyone to pay a fee even if they don't use the service.

Councillor Dunki requested more information including a summary of anticipated Administration costs, before Council considered the bylaw.

**MOVED** by Councillor Dunki to table the issue of solid waste management transition matters, pending receipt of further information from Administration. **CARRIED**

R: 118/05  
Waste Bylaw  
discussion  
TABLED  
pending further  
information  
from  
Administration

5. **MOVED** by Councillor Cooper that Council:
  - a) Endorse the Agricultural Services & Environmental Advisory Board Strategic Business Plan for the year 2005; and
  - b) Accept the completed Year 2004 Strategic Business Plan as circulated, with a request that the Agricultural Services & Environmental Advisory Board reword Section 2. to reflect syntax changes to recognize the Ghost/Waiparous watershed, and which wording suggestions Deputy Reeve Pepper will provide in writing to that Board **CARRIED**

R: 119/05  
ES&EAB 2005  
Business Plan  
endorsed and  
2004 Business  
Plan accepted  
with changes to  
wording.

6. The CAO relayed concerns expressed in recent letters to the MD, regarding activities such as tree cutting, plant damage, etc., on reserve lands owned or controlled by the M.D. Council has been made aware of these concerns in other areas so Administration is looking for direction on whether to prepare a bylaw which would address protection, specify, and outline penalties.

**MOVED** by Councillor Dunki that Council direct Administration to prepare a bylaw to address protection of hamlet reserve areas; the bylaw to specify acceptable and unacceptable activities; and outline fines that will be levied against offenders.

**CARRIED**

7. (See Item E.2 above)  
Staff will seek funding related to supporting the social and environmental benefits of a wastewater reuse system. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Enabling Funding provides money for the study but other funding is also available.

R: 120/05  
Admin directed  
to prepare  
hamlet  
protection  
bylaw

**MOVED** by Councillor Dunki that Council accept as information the March 2005 draft Exshaw Wastewater Reuse Study as prepared by Komex International and direct staff

R: 121/05  
Komex Draft

Wastewater  
Reuse Study  
accepted as  
information

to attempt to achieve this reuse, in partnership with Lafarge Canada Inc., when the MD upgrades the Exshaw sewage treatment system. **CARRIED**

8. This item was moved to the in-camera section (K.3).

9. **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Pepper to proclaim June 6-12, 2005 "Seniors' Week", authorize the Reeve to sign the proclamation and to post same in the MD reception area. **CARRIED**

10. **MOVED** by Councillor Dunki that Reeve Ryan and the Director of Operations be authorized to attend the June 1-4 Calgary Composting Conference. **CARRIED**

R: 122/05  
Senior's Week  
proclaimed June  
6-12

R: 123/05  
Reeve & Dir.  
Ops. to attend  
compost confer.

## **I. ENQUIRIES OF ADMINISTRATION FROM COUNCIL**

- The lost dog referenced on Page 201 of J. 1 should read "stray" dog.
- Administration will soon be inspecting the illegal suite itemized on the Project List (J.3).
- Deputy Reeve expressed concerns with Highway 40 safety due to its poor condition, spring breakup, etc. At a recent meeting with the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, Reeve Ryan was assured potholes would be fixed immediately. The Reeve will write a follow-up letter to the Minister. The Director of Operations suggested that this road is obsolete from an infrastructure perspective, and that it needs a new base. Another long standing issue is that area ratepayers have waited for years without improvements being made to this road.
- Administration noted that two summer staff recently commenced employment with the MD, and Ulrika Gillespie has started as the permanent part-time Planning Assistant.

## **J. INFORMATION**

Moved by Councillor Dunki that items J.1 to J.12 be accepted as information.

**CARRIED**

13. Deputy Reeve Pepper attended a recent stakeholders meeting for the Ghost Waiparous Access Management plan (GAMP). The overall response was satisfaction with the substance of the GAMP. Further meetings will discuss remaining issues around trail usage and potential designation of trails for specific user groups, industrial activity, watershed protection, etc. It is hoped the plan will be in place before Summer.

Council met separately with the SRD Minister at a conference the prior week and Deputy Reeve Pepper feels the commitments that have been stated are real.

Upcoming meetings will likely discuss off-highway vehicle trail designation. This will be challenging, given that user groups will include both those who have been in the area for 30 years, and those who have used it for grazing for 70 years.

R: 124/05  
J1 - J12  
accepted as info

R: 125/05  
In camera @  
11:27 am

R: 126/05  
Revert to open  
mtg @ 11:45am

R: 127/05  
Admin  
authorized to  
purchase truck

**K. IN CAMERA**

Moved by Councillor Dunki that Council go in camera at 11:27 a.m.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Dunki that Council go out of camera at 11:45 a.m.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Dunki to authorize Administration to purchase a backup waste collection truck, with Council's authorization to negotiate a reasonable purchase price as reflected within the 2005 budget constraints.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

R: 128/05  
Adjournment @  
11:53 am

Moved by Deputy Reeve Pepper that the April 12, 2005 Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 11:53 a.m.

CARRIED

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REEVE

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MUNICIPAL SECRETARY