

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIGHORN NO. 8

Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10th, 2007 in the Council Chambers, M.D. offices, with the following persons present:

COUNCIL:

DENE COOPER	REEVE
HUGH PEPPER	DEPUTY REEVE (left at noon)
MARIA DUNKI	COUNCILLOR
PAUL ADAMS	COUNCILLOR
PAUL RYAN	COUNCILLOR

STAFF: MARTIN BUCKLEY	CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
GREG BIRCH	ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL MANAGER
VALERIE FLINK	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
HELENE HESSE	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
HUGH PETTIGREW	DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Reeve Cooper welcomed Valerie Flink, the new Executive Assistant, to the M.D.. Reeve Cooper asked that everyone observe a moment of silence, in memory of six Canadian soldiers who were killed last week in a roadside bombing in Afghanistan, Veterans who fought in Vimy Ridge and the passing of a long time MD resident, Donald Edge.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Adams that the agenda for the April 10, 2007 Regular Council meeting be adopted with the following amendments:

- Business Arising D.2.: Move Agenda Item J.9 to Business Arising
- Business Arising D.3.: Hwy 40 (Dep. Reeve Pepper)
- Business Arising D.4.: Road Access to Ghost River (Dep. Reeve Pepper)
- New Business Item H.15.: Hwy 68 (Coun. Dunki)
- New Business Item H.16.: AAMD&C Survey on Minister's Council on Municipal Sustainability

CARRIED

B. MINUTES

1. Moved by Councillor Adams that the minutes of the March 13, 2007 Council meeting be adopted with the following amendments:

- Page 4, Item D.1a, add "s" to Councillor.
- Page 4, Item E.2, change to read as follows: "...with regards to Bow Valley

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April 10/07
Agenda
adopted as
amended

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13 March 07
Council min.
adopted with
amendments

businesses ...”

- Page 5, Item E.3, change to read as follows “...noted that when Section 35 transfers land...”
- Page 5, Item E.3, change to read as follows “...that the road policy requires that the road needs to be transferred, to the Province...”
- Page 7, Item H.4, take out “a letter” and replace with “to”.
- Page 7, Item H.6, change to read as follows “...direct Administration to award the 2007 Spring....”
- Page 7, Item H.9, change to read as follows “...Highway 40 is in a deplorable...”
- Page 7, Item H.9, change to read as follows “...road is worse than the west side...”

CARRIED

2. Moved by Councillor Adams that the minutes from the Public Hearing Bylaw 01-Z/07 held on 13 March 07 be adopted with the following amendments:

- Page 3, 2nd paragraph, change to read as follows “...Ryan stated that cardboard at the Francis Cook Landfill is trucked back to Canmore, for recycling and when developers....”

CARRIED

3. Moved by Councillor Pepper that the minutes from the Public Hearing Bylaw 02-Z/07 held on 13 March 07 be adopted with the following amendments:

- Page 3, move “Lac des Arcs Community Association Schedule E” just under Ken Baker Schedule D, delete “The following submission had been received”, change “There were no other written or verbal submissions” to “There were no verbal submissions”

CARRIED

C. MEETING NOTES/COMMUNITY MINUTES

1. a) Moved by Councillor Ryan that Council accept Councillor Dunki’s report on the 16 March Action for Agriculture session as information.

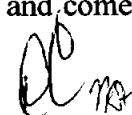
CARRIED

1. b) Moved by Councillor Dunki that Council accept Deputy Reeve Pepper’s reports on the 24 Jan Living in the Watershed and 29 March Agricultural Food Council sessions as information.

CARRIED

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/NOTES

1. b) Calgary Regional Partnership session in Kananaskis 29 March 07
Councillor Dunki expressed concerns that the MD Council needs to read and come



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13 March 07
Public
Hearing
Bylaw 01-
Z/07 adopted
with
amendments

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13 March 07
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amendments

R: 097/07
Acknowledge
Meeting Notes
as information

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to a unified position on the Minister's Council on Municipal Sustainability report, prior to the late April CRP Kananaskis session. Reeve Cooper mentioned that the CRP document will be revised and not available until after April 20, 2007. Reeve Cooper suggested that Council address this to Mayors and Reeves of neighbouring municipalities.

2. CRAZ letter

Council discussed Reeve Cooper's draft letter to Calgary Region Airshed (CRAZ) from the MD's point of view. Councilor Dunki suggested that point 4 "That the municipal contribution would be 24% of a \$1,500,000 Calgary Region Airshed Zone budget. We anticipated about 15%. It is assigned as Calgary 13% (about \$207,000) and outside Calgary 11% (about \$170,000)" be highlighted.

3. HWY 40

Deputy Reeve Pepper expressed concern regarding the state of Hwy. 40, noting the road surface is in very bad shape. He thanked staff for sending a letter to Alberta Transportation and noted that temporary improvements were made; however the road still is in an unsafe condition. The MD's Director of Operations mentioned that there should be more work done when the weather gets better. Deputy Reeve Pepper asked if staff could write another letter to the Minister, Deputy Minister and local MLA's.

4. Access to Ghost River

Deputy Reeve Pepper that vehicles of all kinds are going into Ghost River just west of Bar C. This is trespassing and he suggests that staff put up signage stating "NO ACCESS to River is Permitted". It was indicated that the MD of Bighorn would require a letter of permission from the Lessee and perhaps this issue should be brought up at the Ghost Stewardship meeting. It was also mentioned that Sustainable Resource Development needs to take action.

E. DELEGATIONS

1. There were no delegations present at this meeting.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Bylaw 04/06 – Community Aggregate Payment Levy

The C.A.O. noted that Administration is close to suggesting a definition that may be suitable to groups and parties involved.

4. Bylaw 06/07 – MDP Amendment, Carraig Ridge (Public Hearing – April 19/07)

5. Bylaw 07/07 – Carraig Ridge (Public Hearing – April 19/07)

6. Bylaw 08-Z/07 – Carraig Ridge (Public Hearing – April 19/07)

The Assistant Municipal Manager suggested that he could go to Beaupre Community Hall early on the night of April 19/07 and be available to ratepayers to answer any questions on bylaws 06/07, 07/07, 08-Z/07 and Transfer Development Credits.

R: 099/07
Info session
held pre
public hearing

Moved by Councillor Dunki that Council request the Assistant Municipal Manager provide an "open house" style information opportunity, regarding the Carraig Ridge bylaws, at the Beaupre Community Hall, from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., April 19th.

CARRIED

G. BYLAWS

R: 100/07
2nd reading to
Bylaw 01-
Z/07

1. Moved by Councillor Ryan that Council give second reading to Bylaw 01-Z/07, a bylaw which would require persons to separate construction, renovation, and demolition material before disposing at Francis Cooke Landfill, with the following amendments:

add "asphalt" and "kiln dried lumber" to the list of materials;
add a clause to read "Additional materials for recycling may be prescribed by the appropriate Approving Authority, when the opportunity to separate and recycle these materials arises."

CARRIED

R: 101/07
3rd and final
reading to
Bylaw 01-
Z/07

Moved by Councillor Adams that Council give third and final reading to Bylaw 01-Z/07.

CARRIED

R: 104/07
2nd reading to
Bylaw 09-
Z/07

2. Councillor Paul Ryan asked if Administration could look further into the issue of "Accessory Dwelling Units" and drafting up some sort of agreement between the land owner and the MD of Bighorn.
3. Moved by Councillor Adams that Council give second reading to Bylaw 09-Z/07, to amend the Land Use Bylaw with respect to correcting maximum building heights in the Harvie Heights Commercial Highway District.

CARRIED

R: 105/07
3rd and final
reading to
Bylaw 09-
Z/07

Moved by Councillor Dunki that Council give third and final reading to Bylaw 09-Z/07.

CARRIED

H. NEW BUSINESS

R: 106/07
Cheques
Issued Report
for March
2007

1. Moved by Councillor Dunki that Council accept information, the payroll cheques issued reports for cheque number 5381 to 5437 in the amount of \$60,632.16 and number 21701 to 21834 in the amount of \$282402.46 for the month of March 2007.

CARRIED

With respect to Cheque 21727, to Cochrane Lake Gas Co-op, Administration was asked

to determine why the Ghost River Fire Hall heating bill was so high.

R: 107/07
Budget vs.
Actual Mar/31
accepted

2. Moved by Councillor Adams that Council accept the Balance Sheets and Budget vs. Actual Spending Reports for the month of March 31, 2007 as information.

CARRIED

R: 108/07
Approve
expense
claims

3. Moved by Councillor Adams that Council approve the payment for the following meeting expense claims:

22 Mar	Reeve Cooper	UDI luncheon in Canmore	\$130 + mileage
5 Mar	Dep. Reeve Pepper	BRBRCES session in Calgary	\$130 + mileage
16 Mar	Coun. Dunki	Action for Agriculture	\$130 + mileage

And further that the following meeting expense claim be approved but a written report must be submitted on this meeting.

12 Mar	Reeve Cooper	Meeting with RCMP brass in Canmore	\$130 + mileage
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CARRIED

R: 109/07
Utility
Charges
transferred to
Tax rolls

4. Moved by Councillor Dunki that Council approve the transfer of outstanding utility charges to the respective taxation accounts.

CARRIED

R: 110/07
Septic
Tank/Pump
Outs and
inspections

5. Moved by Councillor Ryan authorize Administration to work towards the drafting of a program to require mandatory septic tank/field pump-outs and inspections, in select M.D. hamlets, and that a bylaw be prepared, with legal assistance, on the mandatory program, for Council review and consideration.

CARRIED

It was indicated that community consultation would be an important part of this process, with respect to preparation of a bylaw and program.

R: 111/07
Support
Referral of
Mountain
View County
ASP

6. Moved by Councillor Dunki that the M.D. support Mountainview County's proposed Bearberry and Bergen Area Structure Plans' preparation, indicating that the M.D. supports innovative land uses that facilitate development while protecting environmental sensitive areas (wetlands, water courses, etc.) and encourage the preservation of agriculture lands; and that knowledge of area topography, Wildlife Corridors, current land use, ground water and other such environmental factors should be ascertained prior to ASP development.

CARRIED

R: 112/07
Postpone any
decisions re:
Home
Occupations
until 2008

7. Moved by Deputy Reeve Pepper the M.D. review the issue of home occupations within the terms of the Economic Development Strategic Plan; and that the issue of home occupations, from a land use perspective, be postponed until 2008, for inclusion with a full Land Use Bylaw review.

CARRIED


R: 113/07
Vitalize
Conference
2007

8. Moved by Councillor Adams that Council allocate an additional \$210.00 towards the cost of sending three Community volunteer delegates to the Provincial Vitalize Conference in Calgary.

CARRIED

R: 114/07
Support
Marigold
Library
System
Request

9. Moved by Councillor Adams that Council support the Marigold Library Systems application to the Rural Development Initiative to fund the Rural Information Services Initiative (RISE) project which will enhance support for rural libraries by increasing hours of operation, provide additional staffing opportunities and increase technologies such as videoconferencing, and that a letter be sent by the Reeve in this regard.

CARRIED

R: 115/07
Renew
Membership
for
Saskatchewan
River Basin

10. Moved by Councillor Dunki that the M.D. renew its membership in the Saskatchewan River Basin membership

CARRIED

R: 116/07
Jamieson
Road Final
Lift

11. Moved by Councillor Ryan that Council authorize Administration to prepare, advertise and obtain quotations for the final topping of a section of Jamieson Road, and award for a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00.

CARRIED

12. Councillor Dunki distributed correspondence from area ratepayers and aerial photographs on the proposed development of road allowance off Jamieson Road, to facilitate a proposed subdivision.

Moved by Councillor Dunki that Council authorize Administration to enter into a road construction agreement, with the proponents of Subdivision Application No. 2607-23 NW (1) R, for a municipal standard road on the allowance between the north half of Section 23-26-7-W5 and the south half of Section 26-26-7-W5 (in the Jamieson Road area), subject to the following conditions:

- the road development to be in full compliance with M.D. Policy T-16, the Roads policy;
- the proponent be required to provide an independent environmental analysis, completed by a qualified consultant, that assesses the impact of constructing said road access on the road allowance to the subdivided parcels (the terms of reference for the analysis to be approved by the M.D. before engaging the consultant), and provides a qualified opinion that road development at this location will not be detrimental to the existing water course, or that sufficient, satisfactory mitigative measures can be constructed, including, but not limited to, geotechnical solutions
- the proponent provide an accounting of the alternatives considered, for road access to the subdivided parcels, and why those alternatives were not chosen;

R: 117/07
Road
Development
issue related
to Subdn.
Application
No.2607-
23NW(1)R



- written approvals be provided, by the proponent, from Alberta Environment and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, that the proposed road development is not in conflict with their regulations and guidelines.
- that physical on-site road construction (i.e. no clearing, ground disturbance, etc.) not commence until all reports are provided and accepted by Council.

CARRIED

Councillor Dunki also requested to see the terms of reference, once prepared.

13. Moved by Councillor Ryan that Council support, in principle, the application from the Calgary Quad Squad, for Community Facility Enhancement Program funding to perform backcountry trail upgrades and environmental repair programs in the Ghost Waiparous area, as per the 28 March letter, on the condition that the planned programs/projects meet with the approval of the Ghost Stewardship Committee and Alberta Sustainable Resource Development.

CARRIED

14. Moved by Councillor Adams that Council direct M.D. of Bighorn Administration to respond that the M.D. has no objection to the proposed subdivision of a 14 acre parcel from the NW 6-31-5-W5M as outlined in Mountain View County's referral (File No. SD 07-008).

CARRIED

15. Moved by Councillor Dunki that a letter be sent to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation, regarding Highway 68, noting an increase in the level of traffic due to industrial projects and the campground application, and that this letter be copied to the Energy and Utilities Board.

CARRIED

16. The issue of the Minister's Council on Municipal Sustainability (MCMS) was discussed again, in light of the County of Leduc's correspondence. It was indicated the M.D. should respond in like fashion, circulating other municipalities, drawing attention to the time constraints for responding to the MCMS's report.

I. ENQUIRIES OF ADMINISTRATION FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Dunki thanked the Operations department for placing stickers on the milk carton recycling bins and asked when West Jumping Pound recycling bins would be ready. The Director of Operations responded that depending on the weather, the bins would likely be in place in May or June.

J. INFORMATION



R: 118/07
Community
Facility
Enhancement
Program
Application-
Calgary Quad
Squad

R: 119/07
Subdivision
Referral -
Mountain
View County

R: 120/07
Hwy. 68

R: 121/07
J.1 to 8 and
10-11
accepted as
info

Moved by Councillor Ryan that items J.1 to 8 and 10 - 11 be accepted as information.

CARRIED

K. IN CAMERA

R: 122/07
In Camera @
1:55 pm

Moved by Councillor Ryan that Council go in camera at 1:55 p.m.

CARRIED

R: 123/07
Revert to open
mtg. @ 3:22
pm

Moved by Councillor Adams that Council go out of camera at 3:22 p.m.

CARRIED

R: 124/07
Accept
Municipal
Finance
Officer
resignation
with regret

Moved by Councillor Adams that the Director of Finance's request for a year's leave of absence without pay, from May 15 2007 – May 15, 2008, be granted; and that she be thanked for her service to date

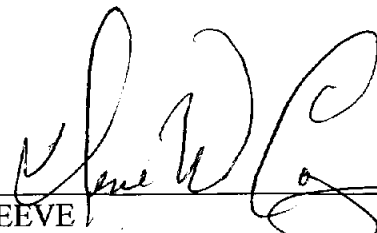
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

R: 125/07
Adjournment
@ 3:23 pm

Moved by Reeve Cooper that the April 10th, 2007 Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 3:23 p.m.

CARRIED



REEVE



EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT