

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of Clearwater County, Province of Alberta, held March 27, 2012 in the County Office at Rocky Mountain House.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M. by Reeve Alexander with the following being present:

Reeve:	Pat Alexander
Councillors:	Earl Graham
	John Vandermeer
	Jim Duncan
	Robert Bryant
	Dick Wymenga
	Case Korver
Municipal Manager:	Ron Leaf
Public Works Manager:	Marshall Morton
Public Works Assistant Manager:	Rick Emmons
Corporate Services:	Murray Hagan
Recording Secretary:	Christine Heggart
Mountaineer:	Sarah Maetche
TIMS:	Brad Welygan
CPS:	Mike Haugen
CPS:	Tyler McKinnon
	Helge Nome

**AGENDA  
APPROVAL:**

JOHN VANDERMEER: That the March 27, 2012 Regular Meeting Agenda be accepted as circulated.

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CARRIED 7/0

**CONFIRMATION  
OF MINUTES:**

**1. March 13, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Councillor Duncan noted amendments needed on page five, to correct "federal" grant to "provincial" and page six to correct the "no crops" to "no canola" for four years.

BOB BRYANT: That the Minutes of the March 13, 2012 Regular Meeting be confirmed as amended.

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CARRIED 7/0

**CORPORATE  
SERVICES:**

**1. County Operating Report**

Murray Hagan presented the County Operating Report to February 29, 2012.

Mr. Hagan noted that the draft tax rate bylaws and the financial statements will be presented in April.

Mr. Hagan responded to question regarding airport budget expenditures and revenue and noted that the County share includes net expenses after revenues have been applied.

CASE KORVER: That Council accepts the County Operating Report to February 29, 2012 as information.

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CARRIED 7/0

Diane Fingler joined the meeting. Murray Hagan and Brad Welygan left the meeting.

**MUNICIPAL:**            **1.      April 1<sup>st</sup> Ambulance Transition**

Mike Haugen presented information on the new ground ambulance provider in the Rocky area as of April 1<sup>st</sup> and the pre-transition activities taking place.

Mr. Haugen noted that staff met with the new provider, Associated Ambulance, several times and that Associated has also had meetings with fire, RCMP and other local emergency groups such as Search and Rescue (SAR) to ensure that all emergency organizations are familiar with each other and are working together for the best interests of the public.

Mr. Haugen further noted that many of the ambulance staff with the current provider chose to stay on with the new provider, that the number of dedicated ambulances housed in Rocky according to Alberta Health Services has not changed and that Associated will have the ability to bring extra units to Clearwater County as needed from other areas as they will also be providing services in Sylvan Lake and Drayton Valley. Mr. Haugen noted that Associated is not responsible for EMS provision on the Sunchild or O'Chiese reserves as they have selected an alternate provider.

Mr. Haugen noted that part of the April 1<sup>st</sup> transition includes a change in dispatch providers to Calgary and that staff have been in contact with the City of Calgary to provide the City with information such as maps, GIS data, rural addressing and other information needed to ensure the efficient dispatching of EMS units.

Mr. Haugen responded to questions regarding the ability to use rural addressing when calling 911, that fire for the Town of Rocky Mountain House (RMH) is dispatched out of RMH under the jurisdiction of the town, the remainder of the County is dispatched from City of Red Deer, the Community Peace Officers are dispatched out of the City of Red Deer and the RCMP have their own dispatch. Mr. Leaf noted the additional distinctions in dispatch are determined through mobile cell towers and where the calls originate.

Reeve Alexander asked about SARs access to GPS road data. Mr. Leaf responded that GPS information is available to the RCMP and that SAR should coordinate through the RCMP.

JOHN VANDERMEER:            That Council accepts the April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Ambulance Transition report as  
information.

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CARRIED 7/0

**MUNICIPAL:**            **2.      Town Arena Expansion Committee**

Mike Haugen presented an amendment to the Terms of Reference for the Town of Rocky Mountain House's Expansion Committee in which the size of the committee has been expanded to include two Clearwater County Councillors.

Mr. Haugen recommended that Council appoint an additional councillor to the Committee. Bob Bryant volunteered to join the Arena Expansion Concept Committee.

CASE KORVER:                That Council appoints Councillor Bob  
Bryant to the Arena Expansion Concept  
Committee.

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CARRIED 7/0

**MUNICIPAL:                    3.        Final Mile Rural Community Program**

Tyler McKinnon presented background information on the Final Mile program, provided a recap of Council’s discussions at their February 14 and 28 meetings and presented a consultant’s report regarding possible locations for new broadband towers to be developed.

Mr. McKinnon noted that Mr. Allan Bly, with ViTel Consulting completed a survey of Clearwater County and provided a report of his findings, including recommended three new tower sites in the southern edge of the County and estimated costs for tower construction.

Mr. McKinnon noted the estimated cost per tower is \$390,000.00, the total for three towers is estimated at \$1,170,000.00 and that the Final Mile Rural Community Program may grant up to 75% funding to approved projects, making the County’s portion over \$292,500.00.

Mr. McKinnon provided information on the grant application deadline and process, responded to questions regarding unserviced dwellings and areas and that the consultant’s report provided recommendations based on the availability to service the largest number of unserviced dwellings. Mr. McKinnon further responded to question regarding the alternate technology of satellite and that both towers and satellite Internet will be required to reach the Final Mile of unserviced dwellings.

Councillor Bryant recommended that Council proceed with the grant application and that Council strike a sub-committee to review the tower locations after the grant application has been approved.

DICK WYMENGA:	That Council direct staff to apply for funding through the Final Mile Rural Community Program towards the development of three towers, as outlined in the attached report.
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EARL GRAHAM:	That Councillor Case Korver, John Vandermeer and Jim Duncan be appointed to an Internet Tower Sub-Committee.
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Mr. McKinnon noted the availability of the consultant to provide a workshop for municipalities to regarding Internet service provision and responded to question regarding satellite technology.

Mr. Leaf noted Premier Redford’s commitment to the Final Mile Rural Community programs to build towers and that the “final mile of the final mile” may be completed using satellite providers.

**MUNICIPAL:                    4.        Crammond Community Centre Grant Request**

Tyler McKinnon presented a request from Crammond Community Center for funding of several projects, including:

- 1) Construction of a deck roof
- 2) Installation of an outdoor fire and BBQ pit
- 3) Construction of two new sidewalks
- 4) Replacement highway signage for the hall

Mr. McKinnon noted that the estimated cost for these projects is \$12,208.04 and that the hall received community support in the form of donations and volunteer time estimated at \$5,583.25 and is requesting \$6,630.79 to cover the remainder of the project costs.

Councillor Graham provided information on the original and existing hall buildings and noted that the hall is fully booked for weekends, for the months of May through September.

JOHN VANDERMEER: That Council approve \$6,631.00 funding for the Crammond Community Center, from the Community Hall / Association Capital Grant.

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CARRIED 7/0

**INFORMATION: 1. Manager's Reports**

Mr. Leaf responded to question regarding the per capita fees for groups such as the Parkland Airshed Management Zone (PAMZ) and Red Deer River Municipal Users Group (RDRMUG).

EARL GRAHAM: That the Accounts Payable listing, the Municipal Manager's Report and Public Works Manager's Report of March 27, 2012 be accepted as information.

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CARRIED 7/0

Tyler McKinnon, Mike Haugen, Sarah Maetche, Helge Nome and Diane Fingler left the meeting.

**IN CAMERA: 6. In Camera**

BOB BRYANT: That Council meets as a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing a draft investment policy and two labour items.  
9:56 A.M.

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CARRIED 7/0

Christine Heggart left the meeting.

DICK WYMENGA: That the meeting reverts to an Open Meeting at 12:27 P.M.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** EARL GRAHAM: That the Meeting adjourns.  
**12:28 P.M.**

CARRIED 7/0

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MUNICIPAL MANAGER