

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of Clearwater County, Province of Alberta, held June 14th, 2011 in the County Office at Rocky Mountain House.

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order at 8:34 A.M. by Reeve Alexander with the following being present:

Reeve:	Pat Alexander
Deputy Reeve:	Earl Graham
Councillors:	Robert Bryant
	Dick Wymenga
	Case Korver
	Jim Duncan
Municipal Manager:	Ron Leaf
Public Works Manager:	Marshall Morton
Public Works Assistant Manager:	Rick Emmons
IT:	Darrell Philip
IT:	Brad Welygan
Recording Secretary:	Christine Heggart
West Country Manager:	Joe Baker
Construction Supervisor:	Erik Hansen
Senior Planner:	Keith McCrae

Councillor Jim Duncan added a Committee Report on the PowWow.

Reeve Pat Alexander added a Committee Report on the FCM.

Ron Leaf added Leslieville Road Closure as item D4 and Tax Share Agreement as item F7.

AGENDA

APPROVAL: EARL GRAHAM: That the June 14th, 2011 Regular Meeting Agenda be accepted as amended.
236/11 CARRIED 6/0

**CONFIRMATION
OF MINUTES:**

1. May 24th, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Councillor Wymenga noted his name was misspelled.

BOB BRYANT: That the Minutes of the May 24th, 2011 Regular Meeting be confirmed as amended.
237/11 CARRIED 6/0

**CONFIRMATION
OF MINUTES:**

2. May 24th, 2011 Public Hearing Minutes

BOB BRYANT: That the Minutes of the May 24th, 2011 Public Hearing be confirmed as circulated.
238/11 CARRIED 6/0

PUBLIC WORKS: 1. Public Works Manager's Report

Marshall Morton presented the June 14th, 2011 Public Works Manager's Report to Council.

Construction

Prentice Creek Contracting has roughed in the entire roadway and is working on the cleanup, fencing, erosion control and topsoil placement on Twp. 40-1A (Chicken Ranch Rd.) and should have this project completed by the end of June(weather permitting).

Crews working on Range Road 8-5 (Southfork Rd) South of the Prairie Creek Road have roughed in the entire 1.2km's and have only the final clean up remaining. Crews will then be moving to TWP 39-4 east of the Oras Road.

The crew working on Range Road 5-5 North of Hwy 587 extension has 1.5km's roughed in of the 3.2km that is planned for reconstruction.

Ledcor has completed the final lift of asphalt on the Sunchild Road and is working on installing the remaining guardrail and delineator posts. The line painting will be done when the Brazeau section is completed. This will complete the Sunchild project.

Asphalt Overlay

Sandstar has completed the asphalt overlay of the Rainy Creek Road and will be working on the approaches while the paver has moved to the Beaverflats Road North of Hwy 598. Once the Beaverflats Road is completed they will move to the Buster Creek Road.

Rick Cuerrier joined the meeting.

Gravel Roads Maintenance

Patch gravel crews are working busy hauling to a number of roads that are in need of gravel. Currently they are working out of the Larsguard and Cooper pits.

Leslieville Lagoon

Work on the Leslieville Lagoon will be completed this week and will be ready to accept external hauling on Monday June 20, 2011.

Ron Leaf left the meeting.

Current Road Bans:

Percentage Axle Weights for Highways are:

HIGHWAY #	LOCATION	AXLE WEIGHT
Angle Road Twp. Rd 38-0	From Hwy 22 East to Arbutus Road Rge Rd 6-3	75%
Chicken Ranch Rd RR 7-3A	From Hwy #11 north for 1.5 km TWP RD 40-1A	75%
Rainbow Ford Rd TWP RD 39-3	From Town/County Bndry east to the Taimi Road	50%
Dead End Gravel Rd TWP RD 40-4	Gravel - From NE Corner of 20-40-8-W5 west to end of road	50%

John Vandermeer joined the meeting.

Staff responded to questions regarding effects of rain on the Leslieville Lagoon and adjacent gravel roads, as well as road bans, industry traffic and the need for industry to ensure road maintenance.

Jessica Jones joined the meeting. Darrell Philip and Brad Welygan left the meeting.

DICK WYMENGA: That the Public Works Manager's Report of June 14th, 2011 be accepted as presented.

239/11 CARRIED 7/0

Matt Martinson and Marty Winchell joined the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS: 2. Nordegg Second Access

Erik Hansen presented tender results for the Grading, Gravel Base Course (GBC), Asphalt Concrete Paving (ACP) and other work required for the Nordegg Residential Subdivision Access and Intersectional Treatment, including construction of 420m of road.

Clearwater County received two tenders, with Prentice Creek Contracting Ltd. having the low valid tender. The cost for this project came in at \$938,834.21, which is \$224,742.63 over budgeted amount of \$ 963,000.00.

Additional testing, transportation and disposal of contaminated material was not anticipated at budget time, nor was the higher than anticipated solid rock excavation and asphalt pricing which were both contributing factors in the increased cost of this project. The low number of tender submissions can be attributed to the isolated nature of the project and the extensive project details.

Staff responded to questions regarding the contamination at the old Alberta Transportation (AT) yard and noted an access to AT yard will need to be built on new road.

BOB BRYANT: That Council approves awarding the Nordegg Residential Subdivision Access Tender to Prentice Creek Contracting Ltd. with the budget shortfall to be made up from the Nordegg Reserve.

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CARRIED 7/0

PUBLIC WORKS: 3. Access Road Smith

Erik Hansen presented a request from Mike Smith to develop a portion of his land to facilitate the construction of a municipal standard road on his property at SE 31- 37 -8 W5 located ½ mile south of the Prairie Creek Road on Range Road 8-5 (South Fork Road) in order to reach a severance which in turn would give him the ability to subdivide.

Mr. Smith indicated he would pay for all associated costs with this project, including gifting the land required for the construction of the road and the 3.38 acre severance created by this road. Keith McCrae discussed the municipal development plan as well as provided details on severed parcel development applications and MPC's approval criteria for severances.

Staff responded to questions regarding the 3.38 acres severance to be used as a borrow pit and noted that area would be reclaimed by the applicant prior to the County taking on the portion as Road Right of Way.

BOB BRYANT: That Council approves Mr. Smith's request to construct a municipal standard road as access to the described property with the access to become municipal roadway if the subdivision is approved.

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CARRIED 6/1

PUBLIC WORKS: 4. Leslieville Road Closure

Marshall Morton presented a request from Three Ladies and Their Stuff, Inc. for permission for a one time closure of Third Street on Saturday July 30 from 8:00 pm to 12:30 am in order to accommodate a drive-in movie grand opening event during Leslieville Antique days.

Three Ladies and Their Stuff, Inc. would be required to pay for the advertising and signage, including public advertisement in the local papers, as well as signage being installed two weeks prior to the event along the effected street. County CPO staff asked that the group have a plan in place to ensure that liquor is not brought to the event, and that the RCMP, EMS and Clearwater Regional Fire are notified of the closure.

DICK WYMENGA: That Council approves the requested road closure.

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CARRIED 7/0

Marshall Morton, Rick Emmons, Erik Hansen and Keith McCrae left the meeting.

AG SERVICES: 1. AG Update

Matt Martinson and Marty Winchell provided an Agricultural Services update for June 14, 2011.

Private/Public Lands Weed Management Program

Marty Winchell has settled in as Agricultural Programs Lead with the assistance of three seasonal Weed Program Coordinators. Marty will supervise the overall Weed Management Program, along with being the main contact for the Priority Area Weed Compliance (PAWC) project in the Alhambra/Arbutus and the Steering Committee. The concept of using fines for non-compliance is supported by Alberta Justice and Alberta Agriculture used under a community initiative such as the PAWC project and staff will be assisting in developing the steps in changing legislation to the Weed Control Act and the provincial Offences Act.

Eradicable Weeds

Staff are monitoring the sites where Eradicable Weeds were reported in 2010 and treating as necessary. The public reported over 50% of the sites increasing the odds of our eradication efforts and thereby preventing the sites becoming established.

Clearwater Landcare

Geoff MacFarlane will be assisting the Ag Services department as well as speaking with Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils, local watershed stewardship groups and other non-government organizations interested in the Landcare movement, which began in Victoria, Australia 25 years ago.

Agricultural Services Calls Tracking

As of June 1, Ag Services staff began tracking calls to tabulate inquiry types and will also begin tabulating farm visits, both in an effort to give Council and ASB Board a complete overview of community engagement.

Staff responded to questions regarding weed notices, weed control on County borders and how the Weed Control Act implementation will impact residents as well as compliance and enforcement.

Murray Hagan, Rhonda Serhan and Ron Leaf joined the meeting.

CASE KORVER:

That Council accepts the Agricultural Services Update as presented.

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CARRIED 7/0

AG SERVICES: 2. Weed Inspectors Appointment

Marty Winchell requested Council appoint the annual County Weed Inspectors for Agricultural Services yearly Weed Extension Program.

Devon Simmelink
Ross Chudleigh
Cherie Koster
Martin Winchell
Kim Nielsen
Matt Martinson

This program operates under the delegated authority of the Provincial Weed Control Act and Regulations. Within the Weed Control Act, Section five states *"A local authority shall appoint a sufficient number of inspectors to carry out this Act within the municipality."*

JIM DUNCAN: That Council appoints the noted Agricultural Services Staff as Weed Inspectors under the Alberta Weed Control Act for Clearwater County for 2011.

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CARRIED 7/0

Matt Martinson, Marty Winchell and Joe Baker left the meeting

FINANCE: 1. Accounts Payable Listing

Council reviewed the Open Payable Report for June 14th, 2011 which was previously sent to Council.

DICK WYMENGA: That Council accepts the Accounts Payable Listing as information.

245/11

CARRIED 7/0

Terri Miller joined the meeting.

MUNICIPAL: 1. Municipal Manager's Report

Ron Leaf presented the Municipal Manager's Report for June 14th, 2011.

Primary Care 5th Anniversary invitation

Council is invited to a Wine & Cheese to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Primary Care Network at 7:00 p.m. June 21st at the Rocky Medical Clinic (5127 – 49 Street). Councillors Bryant, Wymenga and Korver indicated they will attend.

June 22 Joint Council meeting with Village & Town

June 22 at 1:00pm confirmed as the new date for the Joint Council meeting with the Town and the Village. Discussion items are: 1) proposed incorporation of waste authority and 2) regional fire.

Red Deer River Watershed Alliance AGM

The RDRWA AGM will be held 9:30 a.m. Thursday June 23 at the North Hill Inn in Red Deer. Councillors Bryant, Grahan and Wymenga indicated they will attend.

High School Graduations

Council has received invitations to attend the following High School Graduations:

- **St Dominic's High school**
Graduation Day: Dinner June 27 starts at 5:30 ceremony starts at 7:00 at the Lou Soppit centre.
Councillor Wymenga indicated he will attend.
- **West Central High school**
Graduation Day: June 29, Ceremony starts at 2:30 pm at the high school.
Reeve Alexander and Jim Duncan indicated they will attend.
- **David Thompson High school:**
Graduation Day: June 30, 2:30 ceremony at the school.
Councillor Bryant indicated he will attend.

Industry Canada 700 MHz Bandwidth Auction

As Council may have noted in the June 1 Contact newsletter, Industry Canada will be auctioning off portions of the 700 MHz band frequency and are requesting input from Canadians on how the frequency should be allocated. Based on Council's strategic direction to advocate for "last mile" initiatives, staff suggests that Council send a letter to the Federal Minister of

Industry recommending that priority be given to allocating the 700 MHz bandwidth to initiatives that will enhance or expand broadband internet delivery in rural Canada. From discussions with the Rocky REA, I believe the REA is supportive of this recommendation as well.

BOB BRYANT: That a letter be sent to the Federal Minister of Industry recommending that priority be given to allocating the 700 MHz bandwidth to initiatives that will enhance or expand broadband internet delivery in rural Canada.

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CARRIED 7/0

Upcoming Events

- June 22 – Joint Council meeting 1:00 County office
- June 24 – Council PW Road Tour
- June 25 – Lacombe 50th Anniversary
- June 29 – CAAMDC golf tournament
- July 1 – County office closed – Canada Day

JIM DUNCAN: That the Municipal Manager's Report of June 14th, 2011 be accepted as presented.

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CARRIED 7/0

MUNICIPAL:

3. Bowden Daze Parade

Ron Leaf presented an invitation to participate in the Town of Bowden's upcoming Bowden Daze parade on Saturday July 23.

Council discussed a potential for an ambassador or volunteer program to represent Clearwater County, appropriate delegates for parades in general and the importance of attending the Bowden parade.

Mr. Leaf noted the staff time required for parades, along with equipment downtime as the trailer is set up in early May and out of use until the parade season ends.

EARL GRAHAM: That Council approves Councillor and staff attendance at the 2011 Bowden Daze parade.

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CARRIED 7/0

MUNICIPAL:

4. Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant Application

Terri Miller presented Alberta Traffic Safety Fund grant application for a side by side OHV to help with education and enforcement of Off Highway vehicles within the County.

Increased OHV use means increased need for effective education and safe enforcement. If successful in the grant application the side by side would provide officers mobility and safety when dealing with OHV riders in the County, as well as the ability to provide OHV safety and educational programing in local schools and at tradeshow.

The Alberta Traffic Safety Fund grant maximum of \$17,000.00 is requested to cover the majority of the cost of the side by side and trailer. Budget impacts anticipated include maintenance, registration, insurance, training and safety equipment.

Staff responded to questions regarding OHV training noting all Clearwater County Community Peace Officers (CPO) are OHV trained every two years as part of Sustainable Resource Development's (SRD) program.

DICK WYMENGA: That Council approves moving forward with the Grant application and submission be made by the June 15, 2011 deadline.

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CARRIED 7/0

Marshall Morton and Rick Emmons joined the meeting.

IN CAMERA: 6. In Camera

JOHN VANDERMEER: That Councils meets as a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Draft Equipment Rates.
10:50 A.M.

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CARRIED 7/0

Terri Miller, Christine Heggart, Jessica Jones and Diane Fingler left the meeting.

DICK WYMENGA: That the meeting reverts to an Open Meeting at 11:20 A.M.

John Vandermeer, Marshall Morton and Rick Emmons left the meeting. Christine Heggart, Jessica Jones, Diane Fingler and Rick Cuerrier joined the meeting.

MUNICIPAL: 5. Cattle Round-Up Request

Ron Leaf presented the request for sponsorship by Karen Oatway of the Red Deer Regional Health Foundation for their 17th Annual Cattle Round Up on August 25th, 2011 which raises funds for health care in Central Alberta.

Council discussed healthcare as being an area of provincial responsibility and that fundraisers of this type are best supported by individuals in the community.

JIM DUNCAN: That Council does not provide sponsorship for the 17th Annual Cattle Round Up.

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CARRIED 6/0

MUNICIPAL: 7. Tax Share Agreement – Town of Rocky Mountain House

Ron Leaf presented a review of the January 9, 2007 Tax Share Agreement (TSA) between the Town and Clearwater County in which the County provides \$177,950 to the Town annually. The current agreement expires at the end of 2012.

Mr. Leaf noted that Point 2 in the TSA provides that in return for the tax share payments made under the Agreement that the County shall have access to Town owned facilities "on the same basis as Town residents."

Council discussed the revenue sharing agreements with Town and Village of Caroline, the term facilities and whether terminating the TSA is appropriate to recuperate costs associated with Leslieville Lagoon upgrades or whether a reduction would be a suitable option.

EARL GRAHAM: That Council provides notice of termination of the TSA as per Point 2 of the agreement and request that the 2011 TSA payment be reduced by \$35,000 for Leslieville Sewage Lagoon upgrades.

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EARL GRAHAM: That the Reeve and CAO discuss TSA with Town Mayor and CAO and report back to June 28, 2011 Council meeting.

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CARRIED 6/0

COMMUNITY REPORT

JIM DUNCAN For the PowWow - the mowing has taken place at the Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site and they are looking for garbage cans from the County if available. Some funds have been collected for prizes and posters are going up to advertise the events. Councillor Duncan also noted the upcoming Aboriginal Day celebration.

PAT ALEXANDER The FCM conference in Halifax provided insight into the similar issues across municipalities across Canada although there weren't a lot of solutions discussed. Ron Leaf noted that educational sessions were urban based and need to better reflect the importance of rural Canada and can be addressed by contacting Lorne Olsvik, Lac St. Anne County Councillor, to be more influential in bringing rural issues to the floor.

CASE KORVER Clearwater Community Policing Advisory Committee – focus on rural crime watch as well as working with schools and RCMP.

Marshall Morton joined the meeting.

CASE KORVER: That the meeting recess for lunch at 12:16 P.M.

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CARRIED 6/0

The Meeting reconvened at 1:10 P.M. with the same people present as noted at the beginning of the meeting excluding Erik Hansen, Darrell Philip, Brad Welygan and Rick Cuerrier.

MUNICIPAL: 2. AAMDC Membership Survey

By consensus, Council agreed to complete the survey individually.

IN CAMERA: 6. In Camera

JIM DUNCAN: That Council meets as a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing draft economic development policy and land development proposal.
1:17 P.M.

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CARRIED 6/0

Christine Heggart left the meeting.

BOB BRYANT: That the meeting reverts to an Open Meeting at 2:30 P.M.

CARRIED 6/0

ADJOURNMENT: DICK WYMENGA:
2:31 P.M.

That the Meeting adjourns.

CARRIED 6/0

REEVE

MUNICIPAL MANAGER