

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of Clearwater County, Province of Alberta, held May 28, 2013 in the Clearwater County Council Chambers in Rocky Mountain House.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Meeting was called to order at 8:58 A.M. by Reeve Alexander with the following being present:

Reeve:	Pat Alexander
Councillors:	Dick Wymenga
	John Vandermeer
	Bob Bryant
	Jim Duncan
	Case Korver
	Earl Graham
CAO:	Ron Leaf
Director, Public Works:	Marshall Morton
Manager, Infrastructure:	Erik Hansen
Recording Secretary:	Christine Heggart
	Darrell Philip
	Sarah Maetche
	Lana Vrbanic

Lana Vrbanic introduced herself and provided Council background information on her career.

Ron Leaf requested an addition to the In Camera agenda – Enforcement Item (G2).

**AGENDA:**

EARL GRAHAM:	That the May 28, 2013 Regular Meeting Agenda be accepted as amended.
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**CONFIRMATION  
OF MINUTES:**

**1. May 14, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Jim Duncan indicated that the minutes of the May 14 meeting should reflect for the “West Country is our Backyard” project that only one sign was up over the long weekend with the rest of the signs expected by July.

BOB BRYANT:	That the Minutes of the May 14, 2013 Regular Meeting be accepted as amended.
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**2. May 14, 2013 Public Hearing Minutes Bylaw 971/13 – Elliott**

JIM DUNCAN:	That the Minutes of the May 14, 2013 Public Hearing be accepted as presented.
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**3. May 14, 2013 Public Hearing Minutes Bylaw 973/13 – Rissi**

BOB BRYANT: That the Minutes of the  
May 14, 2013 Public Hearing be  
accepted as presented.

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CARRIED 7/0

**PUBLIC WORKS: 1. Road Surfacing & Other Major Projects Policy Review**

Erik Hansen presented the final draft of the Road Surfacing Policy for Council's review noting that there were no changes from the April 28, 2013 Council meeting.

CASE KORVER: That Council approves the final  
draft of the Road Surfacing &  
Other Major Projects Policy as  
presented.

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CARRIED 7/0

**AG SERVICES  
& LANDCARE:**

**1. Provincial Legislative Appointments**

Ron Leaf presented a request from Agricultural Services and Landcare for yearly appointments to administer the weed extension and enforcement programs. Mr. Leaf noted these programs are administered under the authority of the Weed Control Act and Regulations and under the direction of the Agricultural Services Board and the Agricultural Services and Landcare Services policies.

DICK WYMENGA: That Council appoints Agricultural  
Services and Landcare Seasonal  
Staff members Erin Brun, Kortney  
Ahlstrom, Lisa Brown and Carly  
Hornstra as Clearwater County  
Weed Inspectors for the 2013  
season.

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CARRIED 7/0

JIM DUNCAN: That Council appoints Agricultural  
Services and Landcare permanent  
staff members Ross Chudleigh as  
Clearwater County Pest Inspector  
for the duration of his employment  
with Clearwater County.

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CARRIED 7/0

**COMMUNITY  
& PROTECTIVE  
SERVICES:**

**5. Nordegg Satellite Classroom**

Ron Leaf noted that the Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools (RDCRS) and the residents of Nordegg have come to an agreement and have requested to use the meeting room in the Nordegg Public Services building as a satellite classroom. He added that RDCRS is prepared to staff and provide instruction in Nordegg for grades 1-12 through a teacher and an educational assistant if their needs are met. Instruction would be provided during normal school hours Monday – Friday.

Mr. Leaf noted that the Nordegg Public Services Building was designed to facilitate a number of different uses. Whether or not the meeting room space would meet the needs of a satellite classroom for the desired grade range is still to be determined, but that determination lies with RDCRS. If the use is supported by Council, County staff will work with RDCRS and Nordegg residents and report back to Council.

Council discussed the location of the proposed satellite classroom.

BOB BRYANT: That Council endorse, in principle, the use of the Nordegg Public Services Building for a satellite classroom.

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CARRIED 7/0

Jenny Oatway joined the meeting. Erik Hansen and Marshall Morton left the meeting.

#### **6. Rocky Air Show – Snowbirds Permission**

Ron Leaf presented a request from the Snowbirds to operate at less than 1000 feet above ground level during their time in the area for the Rocky Air Show being held in July.

Mr. Leaf noted that the County does not regulate air traffic as this is the jurisdiction of the Federal government. However, the Snowbirds themselves do require Council's approval to operate over communities at lower altitudes.

JOHN VANDERMEER: That Council approves Snowbird activities at less than 1000 feet above ground level within Clearwater County.

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CARRIED 7/0

#### **7. Municipal Recreation/Tourism Areas Grant**

Ron Leaf commented on the changes to the Municipal Recreation/Tourism Areas (MRTA) Grant as a result of decreased Provincial funding and its impact on three campgrounds within the County: Cow Lake, Burnstick Lake and Open Creek Dam.

Mr. Leaf noted that under the criteria, Cow Lake is the only campground eligible for funding in 2013, and under the new Provincial Budget, the grant amount has been reduced by 50% to \$4000. The grant program is slated to end and cease funding entirely on March 31, 2014.

EARL GRAHAM: That Council accepts the Municipal Recreation/Tourism Areas Grant presentation as information.

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CARRIED 7/0

Mike Haugen, Terri Miller, Rhonda Serhan and Bill Laidlaw joined the meeting.

## **2. Highway Patrol 2012 Annual Report/May Long Weekend Update**

Terri Miller presented an overview of the Clearwater County Highway Patrol Officer's activities for the 2012 year and noted that they have been focusing on all aspects of Public safety and infrastructure protection within the County.

Ms. Miller noted that in 2012 officers saw an increase in the number of complaints and incidents as well as increases in violation tickets. She noted Commercial Vehicle Inspections had a 42% out of service rate, they saw an increase in overloads and that Officers issued several speeding tickets in excess of 50 km/hour over the posted speed. Ms. Miller noted concern with high speed issues facing court systems, that fines aren't substantial enough and that drivers are not getting suspensions as in other jurisdictions.

Ms. Miller also provided an update on the 2013 May Long Weekend Task Force and noted that Officers have received positive feedback from residents when patrolling on the side by side. Patrols have been done in the South Fork, Highway 752, Nordegg and Big Horn Dam areas as well as the Boundary area.

Ms. Miller provided an overview of the positive ticket program and noted that the Service Level Review of Highway Patrol department is underway.

Ms. Miller responded to questions regarding inspections and enforcement plans for the remaining long weekends of summer 2013.

JOHN VANDERMEER:	That Council accepts the Highway Patrol 2012 Annual Report as presented.
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CARRIED 7/0

## **1. RCMP Presentation**

S/Sgt. Bill Laidlaw provided an overview of RCMP statistics for the first quarter of 2103. Mr. Laidlaw noted the significant increase in crimes against persons, theft under \$5000.00, quad thefts and break and enter to business/residents.

Mr. Laidlaw added that as a result of the May Long Weekend Task Force public education component there were less chargeable offences in 2013. He also provided an update on three local drug houses that were shut down and the prevention focused program in response to the increased quad thefts.

Discussion took place on concerns with vigilante justice and Mr. Laidlaw noted that the RCMP are asking people to focus their energy on crime prevention and that the detachment will be hosting 12 educational sessions on crime prevention. Mr. Laidlaw also noted the need for a coordinated effort to push for the creation of an autonomous detachment on the Sunchild Reserve to serve the Sunchild/O'Chiese area.

Ron Leaf noted that Council may wish to add Reserve Detachment to the agendas of the upcoming joint Council meetings with the Village of Caroline and Town of Rocky Mountain House.

Mr. Laidlaw responded to questions regarding alcohol related offences including impaired driving.

EARL GRAHAM:	That Council accepts the RCMP 2013 first quarter report as information.
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CARRIED 7/0

#### 4. Nordegg Fire

Mike Haugen provided a high level overview regarding “Nordegg Wildfire 015” and that a formal Clearwater Regional Emergency Management Agency (CREMA) report will follow at a later time.

Mr. Haugen noted that during the event the County's Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) was active from Thursday May 9 through into May 19. At various times representatives from the County; RCMP; ESRD; CRFRS and TPR were present. The Emergency Operations Centre supported the on-scene Incident Command Post responders and dealt with evacuees, media and event related issues outside of the event site.

Mr. Haugen added that during the event the County utilized various mutual aid agreements as well as the assistance of the Provincial Operations Centre (POC – the Provincial EOC).

Mr. Haugen provided an overview of the evacuation process, residents' concerns and accolades as well as re-entry plans and described the images included within the agenda item.

Mr. Haugen responded to questions regarding fire behavior, resident communications plans and damages to the mine site and power poles.

Ron Leaf noted that thank you letters will be sent to all the agencies involved in the fire operations and evacuation.

Mr. Haugen added the Minister Dianna McQueen attended the evacuation centre and EOC as well as provided an update on the success of dark webpage.

Council offered thanks to staff regarding their dedication and excellent work during the evacuation notice and evacuation periods.

CASE KORVER: That Council accepts the Nordegg Fire Update report as information.

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CARRIED 7/0

**INFORMATION:**

## **1. Information Items**

Ron Leaf discussed the AAMDC golf tournament. Dick Wymenga noted that he and his wife Rose would attend.

Councillors discussed the positive feedback received from the new County newsletter.

DICK WYMENGA:

That the CAO's Report, Public Works Director's Report, Accounts Payable listing as of May 28, 2013, Councillor remuneration, Westview Lodge and Clearwater County Operating Report be accepted as information.

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CARRIED 7/0

**IN CAMERA:** 1. IN CAMERA

JIM DUNCAN: That Council move in camera for the purpose of discussion regarding Kurt Browning Arena and an enforcement issue at 11:05 A.M.

195/13 CARRIED 7/0

JIN DUNCAN: That the meeting reverts to an Open Meeting at 12:02 P.M.

196/13 CARRIED 7/0

**ADJOURNMENT:** DICK WYMENGA: That the Meeting adjourns.  
12:03 P.M.

197/13 CARRIED 7/0

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER