

Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting of Clearwater County, Province of Alberta, held August 25, 2015 in the Clearwater County Council Chambers in Rocky Mountain House.

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Reeve Alexander with the following being present:

Reeve:	Patrick Alexander
Councillors:	Earl Graham
	Curt Maki
	Jim Duncan
	John Vandermeer
	Kyle Greenwood
	Theresa Laing
CAO:	Ron Leaf
Director, Public Works:	Marshall Morton
Recording Secretary:	Christine Heggart
Staff:	Rhonda Serhan
	Erik Hansen
	Kurt Magnus
	Jerry Pratt
	Kate Unwin
Media:	Laura Button
	Sylvana Crosby

**AGENDA
APPROVAL:**

Councillor Duncan added CN Rail Meeting Update to the agenda as D3.

COUNCILLOR MAKI: That the August 25, 2015 Regular Meeting Agenda be accepted as amended.

300/15

CARRIED 7/0

**CONFIRMATION
OF MINUTES:**

1. August 11, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: That the Minutes of the August 11, 2015 Regular Meeting be accepted.

301/15

CARRIED 7/0

PUBLIC WORKS: 1. Surfaced Roads Winter Maintenance Operations Plan

Marshall Morton presented an overview of a "Surfaced Roads Winter Maintenance Operations Plan". He noted that the Plan was established to set out guidelines and procedural framework in respect to the management of snow and/or ice and maintenance of its surfaced road system during the winter months, or otherwise, when weather conditions could cause the accumulation of frost, sleet, ice, and/or snow.

Mr. Morton added that Clearwater County strives to continuously improve on the effective delivery of winter maintenance and the management of road salt used in winter maintenance operations.

Kurt Magnus discussed the Plan, its procedures and processes, and reviewed the appendix, which includes maps, fleet listing and operational schedule.

Mr. Morton responded to questions regarding: snow fall accumulations and thresholds; public perception of snowfall levels and thresholds; stockpile amounts and locations; and, grader beat sizes.

Mr. Magnus responded to questions regarding wet snow, response times and anti-icing (i.e. pretreatment of asphalt before a snowfall event). He added examples from other jurisdictions in the United States that use brines for anti-icing, noting that weather conditions in the County are not conducive to pretreatment.

COUNCILLOR GREENWOOD: That Council accepts the Surfaced Roads Winter Maintenance Operations Plan as information.

302/15

CARRIED 7/0

Matt Martinson Joined the meeting.

2. Request from Clearwater Trails Initiative

Erik Hansen presented a request from Clearwater Trails Initiative (CTI) for the County to conduct traffic counts on some West Country roads for the upcoming long weekend in September. He noted receiving an estimate of \$5,000.00 to complete the traffic counts and compile the data and that CTI was willing to cost share to conduct the counts.

Councillor Duncan discussed the traffic counts completed by CTI on May long weekend in the Rig Street area and noted that a large numbers of vehicle movements occurred around the long weekend. Discussion took place on other high traffic areas, counters and the process to monitor and compile data.

Ron Leaf noted the Province's role as the land manager of the green zone, and the need to reiterate to the Environment and parks Minister the scope of the issues, as well as the costs incurred by the County for enforcement and garbage disposal.

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM: That Council authorizes \$5000 from 2015 municipal contingency, for traffic counts, and directs staff to review cost share/funding options with service providers.

303/15

CARRIED 7/0

3. CN Rail Meeting Discussion

Councillor Duncan noted that CN Rail meets twice annually with the community in the central region to discuss issues and concerns. Discussion took place on proper plowing over rail lines, weed management authorization and development plans and setbacks.

Marshall Morton, Erik Hansen, Kate Unwin and Kurt Magnus left the meeting. Marilyn Sanders joined the meeting

PLANNING:

1. Road Closure Application – Road Plan 2677BM

Marilyn Sanders provided background on a road closure resolution that was approved in Council on August 14, 2012, noting at that time landowners were

Gary Aubuchon and Jamie & Robin Coombs. She added that since that time the Coombs' have sold their property to the Crisp's.

Ms. Sanders noted the road closure process has been lengthy, and that following surveys, documentation must be filed with land titles. She advised that surveys have been completed and the surveyor recommended a new resolution be passed which would be more specific and acceptable to Land Titles Office, being:

"NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of Clearwater County does hereby close the following described road, subject to the rights of access granted by other legislation:

Firstly: All that portion of Road Plan 2677BM within the S.E. ¼ 26-39-5-5 lying within the limits of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 152_____ as shown in red on Schedule "A" attached hereto

Secondly: All that portion of Road Plan 2677BM within the limits of Lot 2, Block 2, Plan 152_____ as shown in red on Schedule "B" attached hereto."

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM: That Council approves a new Resolution as presented, in order to close a portion of Road Plan 2677BM within SE 26-39-05-W5 for consolidation with lands under ownership of Gary Aubuchon and Paul & Brenda Crisp.

304/15

CARRIED 7/0

Marilyn Sanders left the meeting.

MUNICIPAL: 1. AUMA 2015 Convention

Ron Leaf noted that in the past, Council selected one Councillor to attend the AUMA convention as a delegate from Clearwater County.

He noted that at the August 11 meeting, Council authorized Councillor Vandermeer's attendance as the Town of Rocky Mountain House's guest and added that Councillors Laing and Greenwood attended last year; Reeve Alexander and Councillor Maki attended in 2013; Councillor Duncan attended in 2012; and Councillors Graham and Vandermeer attended in 2011.

COUNCILLOR MAKI: That Council authorizes Reeve Alexander's attendance at the AUMA Convention September 22-25 as Council's delegate.

305/15

CARRIED 7/0

INFORMATION:

1. CAO's Report

Discussion took place the invitation to attend Red Deer College (RDC) presentation relating to RDC's new Health and Wellness Centre.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: That Council authorizes Councillor Greenwood's attendance at the RDC presentation on August 27.

306/15

CARRIED 7/0

Discussion took place on activities planned for the September long weekend, and Ron noted that several Ministers and MP Eglinski have been invited to attend a helicopter tour on the weekend. Staff will follow up and advise Council if the tour is a "a go".

Discussion took place on the Province's Climate Change Advisory Panel, and the impacts of industry on the environment, including agriculture and oil and gas.

Councillor Graham noted he is attending an upcoming "Rural Caucus" meeting on behalf of AAMDC, with nine rural MLAs expected to attend.

Councillor Vandermeer discussed the seven applications received to date for the Rural Communications Committee, and noted the need to have representation from each of the seven Council divisions.

COUNCILLOR: That Council receives the CAO Report, Public Works Director's Report, Accounts Payable Listing, Councillor Remuneration, and Councillors' Verbal Reports as information.

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CARRIED 7/0

Marshall Morton, Erik Hansen, Kate Unwin, Ted Hickey and Charlene Johnston joined the meeting. Matt Martinson and Rhonda Serhan left the meeting.

RECESS: Reeve Alexander recessed the meeting for two Public Hearings at 10:32 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Alexander called the meeting to order at 10:50 A.M. with the following people present: Councillors Graham, Maki, Duncan, Vandermeer, Greenwood, and Laing; Ron Leaf, Laura Button, Christine Heggart, Marshall Morton, Erik Hansen, Kate Unwin, Ted Hickey, Jerry Pratt, Charlene Johnston, Laura Button and Sylvana Crosby.

4. Bylaw 1004/15 Road Allowance Permit Second & Third Readings

Council reviewed all information presented at the August 25, 2015 Public Hearing, for an application to allow Brian Phillips to lease a road allowance which lies south of SE-30-39-4-W5M and SW-30-39-4-W5M (approximately 8 acres).

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM: That Council grants Second Reading to the Bylaw 1004/15, to allow Brian Phillips to lease a road allowance which lies south of SE-30-39-4-W5M and SW-30-39-4-W5M (approximately 8 acres).

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CARRIED 7/0

COUNCILLOR GREENWOOD: That Council grants Third Reading to the Bylaw 1004/15, to allow Brian Phillips to lease a road allowance which lies south of SE-30-39-4-W5M and SW-30-39-4-W5M (approximately 8 acres).

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CARRIED 7/0

6. Bylaw 1005/15 Road Allowance Permit Second & Third Readings

Council reviewed all information presented at the August 25, 2015 Public Hearing, for an application to allow Doug Maclean to lease a road allowance which lies between NE-36-37-8-W5M and SE-1-38-8-W5M.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: That Council grants Second Reading to the Bylaw 1005/15, to allow Doug Maclean to lease a road allowance which lies between NE-36-37-8-W5M and SE-1-38-8-W5M.

310/15

CARRIED 7/0

COUNCILLOR LAING: That Council grants Third Reading to the Bylaw 1004/15, to allow Doug Maclean to lease a road allowance which lies between NE-36-37-8-W5M and SE-1-38-8-W5M.

311/15

CARRIED 7/0

Murray Berezowski joined the meeting.

**COMMUNITY &
PROTECTIVE
SERVICES:**

1. Delegation: Murray Berezowski, Manager, Central Alberta Business Development

Murray Berezowski introduced himself to Council and provided a background on the Community Futures (CF) program and the Central Alberta Business Development Centre, noting there are 200,000 people located in the CF region.

Mr. Berezowski discussed CF's loan process, and noted that over 25 years the organization has provided over \$30 million in loans to rural businesses. He added that "rural" to CF means anything outside of Calgary and Edmonton and that CF serves small and medium businesses with financial services as well as training opportunities.

Mr. Berezowski responded to questions regarding loan thresholds, interest rates, types of businesses utilizing CF services, legal costs and training opportunities.

COUNCILLOR LAING: That Council accepts the Central Alberta Business Development Centre presentation as information.

312/15

CARRIED 7/0

IN CAMERA:

COUNCILLOR MAKI: That Council meets as a Committee of the Whole to discuss a Labour item. 11:40 A.M.

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CARRIED 7/0

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM: That the meeting reverts to an Open Meeting 11:44 A.M.

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CARRIED 7/0

**ADJOURNMENT:
11:45 A.M.**

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: That the Meeting adjourns.

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CARRIED 7/0



REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER