

Regular County/Municipal Committee Meeting of the County of Forty Mile No. 8 of the Province of Alberta held in the Board Room of the County Office, Foremost, Alberta on Wednesday, June 9th, 2010.

The Meeting was called to order by the Reeve, Lynden Hutchinson, at 9:00 A.M.

Members present: Ronald Lane
Ronald Harty
Tom Thacker
Otto Gross
Joan Hughson

Also present: Dale Brown, County Administrator
Sharon Burgess, Director of Finance
Keith Bodin, Municipal Supervisor
Nathan Coté, Protective Services Co-ordinator

Absent: Councillor Craig Widmer

Minutes

Moved approval of the Minutes of the Regular County Council Meeting held on May 26th, 2010.

CARRIED.

Items Added to the Agenda

Three items were added to the Agenda by the Council Members present.

Emergency Water Supply Agreement

Moved approval for the County of Forty Mile No. 8 to enter into an Emergency Water Supply Agreement with Alberta Environment as per Addendum "A" to the Minutes.

CARRIED.

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

Municipal Enforcement Officer's Report:

Utilities:

Several calls have been received from Hamlet residents concerned about possible water main leaks.

Staff has investigated most of the calls and believe the cause of basement seepage is related to the unusually high ground water table.

- Minor programming of the Manyberries control panel has been made to accommodate upgrades in the SCADA System.
- The Manyberries and Etzikom Systems are reporting an alarming chlorine concentrations remotely and resetting automatically. The County is no longer utilizing hamlet residents for monitoring the systems. Staff is, however, monitoring the sites as per Alberta Environment requirements.

Delynda Pilon, County Commentator Representative, present.

Protective Services Co-ordinator's Report

Fire:

- Quotes were obtained for the purchase of SCBA's under the Municipal Sponsorship Program.
- Information has been obtained regarding Critical Incident Stress Management Training to assist in recognizing the symptoms for County volunteer members. There also has been some discussion on the County's Protective Services Co-ordinator joining the Critical Incident Stress Management Team in the future.

Safety:

- General maintenance continues with the County's Safety Program
- Hazard assessments are ongoing
- New staff orientation is ongoing

Disaster:

- Attended a seminar in June, 2010 on the Milenet Program to assist in posting the County's Municipal Emergency Plan. This will also improve the communications with Alberta Emergency Management Agency.

Burdett Utility Officer's Report

- A new online turbidity meter has been installed at Burdett. The unit is a stand-alone unit that would allow it to be moved into the pump house and monitor turbidity leaving the pump house once the plant is decommissioned.
- The Burdett Reservoirs will be filled as soon as the water quality improves. There is presently a lot of water remaining in the north reservoir.
- The Burdett Sewage Lagoon was pumped for twenty four hours until the landowner shut his irrigation system down due to the excessive amount of moisture received.
- A lot of complaints have been received regarding the excessive moisture and water seepage in the basements.

Nathan Coté left the Meeting.

40 Mile Park

The Minutes of the 40 Mile Park Management Committee Meeting held on June 3rd, 2010 were presented by the Chairman Lynden Hutchinson.

Moved ratification of the expenditures and actions taken by the 40 Mile Park Management Committee.

CARRIED.

Timesheets

Moved approval of the Timesheets as presented.

CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report

Moved approval of the Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31st, 2010.

CARRIED.

Sword Energy – Road Request

Moved approval for the County to proceed with the road improvements South of 3, 4, 5 and 6, Township 5, Range 14 West of the Fourth as per the Agreement with Sword Energy Inc.

CARRIED.

Burdett Lots

Inquiry to see if the County would be interested in purchasing two commercial lots in the Hamlet of Burdett.

No action.

40 Mile Park

The Provincial Government has advised that there may be funding available for the installation of another boat launch at 40 Mile Park.

Hamlet of Winnifred

Councillor Otto Gross advised that there are several roads within the Hamlet of Winnifred that need to be gravelled and maintained.

The Municipal Supervisor was requested to have a look at the road situation in the Hamlet of Winnifred and to take the appropriate action to address the issues expressed by Councillor Gross.

Mr. Gross also advised that he had received a request to have the lots, that were recently sold, marked.

The Municipal Supervisor advised that Midwest Surveys has recently pinned the blocks and, therefore, the landowner should be able to measure from those points to determine their lots.

Hamlet – Weed Issues

Councillor Ronald Harty inquired to see what action could be taken to address the dandelion issue in the various hamlets.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The Operational Expense List for the period ending May 31, 2010 was presented.

Monthly Approvals for the period ending May 31, 2010 was presented.

Truck/Hauling Report for the period ending May 31, 2010 was presented.

Water Well Report for the period ending May 31, 2010 was presented.

Grader Operators are getting the roads back in shape for the second time after the recent moisture. Some areas stood up well considering the amount of moisture we received.

The Oiling Crew has been applying road stabilizers on projects south of Bow Island.

Yellow Lake is the highest it has been in several years causing some washing of shoulders on the east west crossing west of the Burdett road on Township Road 100. St. Mary River Irrigation District has had two units pumping water out the past week.

The County has received approval from Alberta Environment to pump down the wetland in Burdett, and we should have the main line placed and begin pumping the second week of June.

Medicine Hat Fire Dispatch Service

Medicine Hat Regional 911 Communications has advised that there will be a change in their fee schedule for fire dispatch services.

Effective January 1, 2011 the service will increase from 1.28 per capita to \$1.34 per capita.

Transportation Grant

Letter from the Foremost Seniors Society to MLA Leonard Mitzel requesting that the Transportation Grant be reinstated and his response.

Newsletters

- *St. Mary River Irrigation District:*
 - The Head Gate
- *Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties:*
 - The Advantage
- *Palliser Economic Partnership:*
 - Quick Notes

Alberta Transportation – Approved Projects

MLA, Leonard Mitzel, has advised that two projects have been approved in the County for 2010:

Secondary Highway 879 - Side slope improvements north of Foremost

Secondary Highway 877 - Paving from Highway No. 61 north to the County Boundary

Highway 3 Future Twinning

The Council has received an invitation to attend a private viewing of the technically recommended plans for the future twinning of Highway 3 from Range Road 71 to west of Seven Persons.

Date:	Thursday, June 10, 2010
Location:	Seven Persons Hall
Time:	3:00 P. M. to 4:00 P. M. General Public – 4:00 P. M. to 8:00 P. M.

Alberta Transportation – Amendment to the Traffic Safety Act

Alberta Transportation is proposing to introduce mandatory helmet use for drivers and riders of off-highway vehicles when being operated on public lands throughout the Province.

Disaster Recovery Program Application

Alberta Emergency Management Agency will be presenting the County's Application, along with the supporting documentation to the Disaster Recovery Committee for their review. After the review process, a recommendation will be made to the Minister responsible for the Agency for consideration and the potential approval of a Disaster Recovery Program.

Moved that the Meeting adjourn at 10:35 A. M.

CARRIED.