

**COUNTY OF TWO HILLS NO. 21 COUNCIL MEETING
September 13, 2012**

Meeting Called to Order The County Council Meeting was called to order by Reeve, A. Saylor at 10:10 a.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2012.

Attendance Present were:

A. Saylor	S. Odegard
A. Pidruchney	E. Yakemchuk
P. Gordeyko	R. Jorgensen, CAO
	S. Dary, Assistant CAO

Agenda The Agenda for the September 13, 2012 Council Meeting was presented for review and consideration, having the following listed additions being presented:

- Final Mile Rural Community Program
- Road Diversion - SW 22-54-9-W4
- Public Works re: Mulcher

There being no further additions; it was moved by:

R-9258 S. ODEGARD

That the Agenda, inclusive of the additions be approved.

Motion Carried

Previous Minutes The minutes of the August 9, 2012 Regular Council Meeting having been presented to each Councillor and each Councillor having declared to have received and read the minutes, Reeve, A. Saylor asked for adoption.

R-9259 A. PIDRUCHNEY

That the August 9, 2012 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

- 2012 Development Permits
- Correspondence re: previous meeting.
- Transportation re: Seasonal Road Bans

C. McRae entered the Council Chambers.

Bank Rec The Bank Reconciliation Report for the month ending July 2012, indicating a bank balance of \$2,108,498.88 (together with municipal term certificates - \$2,699,258.38) was presented for review and consideration.

Council having reviewed and discussed the July 2012 Bank Reconciliation Report; it was moved by:

R-9260 E. YAKEMCHUK

That the Bank Reconciliation Report for the month ending July 2012 as presented, reviewed and discussed by Council be approved, signed and incorporated into the minutes.

Motion Carried

C. McRae left the Council Chambers.

FCM The CAO informed Council that the 2013 FCM Conference will be held in Vancouver BC on May 31 through June 3, 2013.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-9261 **E. YAKEMCHUK**

That Council and Administration be authorized to attend the 2013 FCM Conference in Vancouver BC from May 31 to June 3, 2013.

Motion Carried

Organizational Meeting

The CAO informed that Council must hold an Organizational Meeting annually, not later than two weeks after the 3rd Monday in October.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-9262 **P. GORDEYKO**

That Council hold their Organizational Meeting on Monday, October 22, 2012, commencing at the hour of 10:00 a.m. in the County Office Council Chambers.

Motion Carried

Land Tax Sale

The CAO informed Council that each municipality must offer for sale, at a Public Auction any parcel of land shown on its Tax Arrears List if the arrears are not paid.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-9263 **A. PIDRUCHNEY**

That the County of Two Hills offer for sale by Public Auction those lands appearing on the Tax Arrears List (if arrears remain unpaid) on Friday, December 14, 2012 at the hour of 11:00 a.m. in the County Office.

Motion Carried

Public Auction

The CAO informed that Council must set for each parcel of land to be offered for sale at a Public Auction, a reserve bid that is as close as reasonable possible to the market value of the parcel and any conditions that apply to the sale.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-9264 **S. ODEGARD**

That the market value set (by the County's Contract Assessors) be the reserve bid for the lands to be offered for sale at the Public Auction.

Motion Carried

Bylaw 8-2012

The CAO informed Council that Bylaw No. 8-2012, to designate the site known as the Russo Greek Catholic Orthodox Parish of St. Mary at Shandro, as a Municipal Historic Resource.

The St. Mary's Russo Orthodox Church at Shandro is requesting that the County designate this Church as a historic site within the County of Two Hills.

Council having discussed Bylaw No. 8-2012; it was moved by:

R-9265 **A. PIDRUCHNEY**

That Bylaw No. 8-2012 be given first reading this 13th day of September 2012.

Motion Carried

R-9266 **E. YAKEMCHUK**

That Bylaw No. 8-2012 be given second reading this 13th day of September 2012.

Motion Carried

R-9267 **S. ODEGARD**

That authority to proceed with third and final reading of Bylaw No. 8-2012 be given this 13th day of September 2012.

Motion Carried Unanimously

R-9268 **E. YAKEMCHUK**

That Bylaw No. 8-2012 be given third and final reading and finally passed this 13th day of September 2012.

Motion Carried

Tax Reduction
Post Offices

The CAO informed the owner of Lot 5, Block 10, Plan 134HW Hairy Hill Post Office is requesting a reduction in property taxes Roll No. 1900.

The owner of Lot 7, Block 3, Plan 1977EO Beauvallon Post Office is requesting a reduction in property taxes Roll No. 283300.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-9269 **A. SAYLER**

That Council under the authority of Section 347(1)(b) of the MGA cancel a portion of the 2012 taxes (post offices) on Lot 5, Block 10, Plan 134HW Hairy Hill Post Office and Lot 7, Block 3, Plan 1977EO Beauvallon Post Office in the amount of \$200.00 (municipal portion) each.

Motion Carried

Tax Reduction
Highmark

The CAO informed Council that it was requested at the August 12, 2012 meeting of Council to have a portion of the property taxes for Highmark Renewables Inc. Roll No. 8151.00 and Growing Power Management Ltd. Roll No. 5360.01 reduced for the 2012 tax year.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-9270 **A. SAYLER**

That under the authority of Section 347(1)(b) of the MGA to cancel the 2012 municipal portion 25% (being 13,208.44) on Roll No. 8151.00 and 25% (being 31,299.51) on Roll No. 5360.01.

P. Gordeyko amended motion

From 25% to 42% on Roll No. 8151.00 and Roll No. 5360.01.

Amendment Carried

R-9271 **A. SAYLER**

That under the authority of Section 347(b) of the MGA to cancel the 2012 municipal portion 42% (being 22,190.18) on Roll No. 8151.00 and 42% (being 52,583.17) on Roll No. 5360.01.

Amended Motion Carried

Mr. Jack Denman was invited into the Council Chambers to discuss ACE Water concerns.

Mr. Shayne Saskiw, MLA was invited into the Council Chambers to discuss the following items of concern:

- Proposed new Two Hills Medical Clinic.
- Funding for medical equipment.
- Local cooking in our hospitals.
- Highway 63 and 881 twinning.
- Highway 631 and RR 152.

- Bringing industry to the County.
- Length of grant approval notification.
- Water for Life funds.

Mr. Saskiw, MLA thanked Council for their time and left the Council Chambers.

R-9272 **P. GORDEYKO**

That the Council Meeting be recessed for lunch – time 11:52 a.m.

Motion Carried

The meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m., having all Councillors in attendance.

ACE Agreement The CAO informed Council that the ACE Water pipeline from Vegreville to Two Hills is now complete, and water is ready to flow.

The County is required to sign a Water Supply Agreement with ACE Water in order to use the water from the pipeline.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-9273 **P. GORDEYKO**

That the County of Two Hills enter into a Water Supply Agreement with County of Vermilion River No. 24, for and on behalf of Alberta Central East Water Corporation.

Motion Carried

Unified Energy 8760 Ltd. The CAO informed Council that Unified Energy 8760 Ltd. works in conjunction with (and on behalf of) the AAMDC to assist the customer in managing its energy requirements, including electricity and natural gas purchases through an “Aggregation of AAMDC Members Energy Requirements”.

Unified Energy 8760 Ltd. will be independent of any energy providers which will facilitate objective an independent advice and provision of the services.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-9274 **S. ODEGARD**

That the County of Two Hills enter into agreement with Unified Energy 8760 Ltd. to assist in managing energy requirements, including electricity purchases through an “Aggregation of AAMDC Member Energy Requirements”.

Motion Carried

Federal Grants The CAO informed Council that the federal government has a grant available for projects that will create or enhance accessibility for people with disabilities in Canadian communities through the Government of Canada’s Enabling Accessibility Fund.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-9275 **E. YAKEMCHUK**

That Administration submit an application for the Enabling Accessibility Fund and Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund.

Motion Carried

Town of Two Hills Annexation The CAO informed Council that the Town of Two Hills has initiated the annexation process by requesting a meeting with the County of Two Hills to discuss the annexation of certain lands adjacent to the Town of Two Hills.

It was the consensus of Council that the County of Two Hills meet with the Town of Two Hills on November 21, 2012 to discuss the annexation of certain lands adjacent to the Town of Two Hills.

Boian The CAO informed Council that the St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Congregation of Boian is requesting one load of black dirt.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-9276 **S. ODEGARD**

That the County of Two Hills supply one load of black dirt to the St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Congregation of Boian.

Motion Carried

RR 142 The CAO informed Council that RR 142 is being paved. The 4 way stop sign at the road intersection of RR 142 and Twp Rd 552 should be changed to a 2 way stop, allowing free flow of traffic north and south.

Section 18 of the MGA gives municipalities direct control and management of all roads within the municipal boundaries.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-9277 **S. ODEGARD**

That RR 142 – 4 way stop sign changing to a 2 way stop be tabled to the October 2012 Council Meeting.

Motion Carried

Final Mile The CAO informed Council that the Government of Alberta has announced the Final Mile Rural Community Program consisting of a \$5 million initiative to fund projects that enable high-speed internet access to unserved locations in rural Alberta.

At the May 8, 2012 Council Meeting, the County of Two Hills accepted the proposal for the Final Mile Rural Community Program from MCSNet, with the condition that Section 2.8 be amended (addressing ownership).

At the August 14, 2012 Council Meeting, R-9251 – That the County of Two Hills explore other options for the Final Mile Rural Community Program.

The Request for Proposal for the Rural Broadband Internet Service was once again sent out on August 16, 2012. The deadline for proposals was September 4, 2012.

Proposals were received from MCSnet and CCI.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-9278 **P. GORDEYKO**

That the County of Two Hills proceed with CCI's model proposal for the Final Mile Rural Community Program grant application, should the County not proceed with the Final Mile Rural Community Program, CCI will be compensated for their assistance with the said grant application.

Motion Carried

Road Diversion The CAO informed Council that at the Public Works Meeting of September 4, 2012, R. Bouchard, Public Works Supervisor presented correspondence regarding a road diversion on SW 22-54-9-W4.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-9279

A. SAYLER

That the road diversion on SW 22-54-9-W4 be returned to the said landowner of SW 22-54-9-W4, having the landowner incurring all associated land transfer fees.

Motion Carried

Mulcher

The CAO informed Council that the Public Works Mulcher is being requested for private use. It was the consensus of Council that the mulcher complete County projects prior to performing private work.

The CAO presented the Water/Wastewater Report.

The CAO presented the Essential Services Coordinator's Report.

S. Odegard reported on Alberta Hub, and Eastern Trade Corridor meetings attended and the 15th Annual Ports-to-Plains Alliance Conference that will be held in Medicine Hat on October 2 to 4, 2012.

P. Gordeyko reported on ACE Water and Vermilion River Water meetings attended.

E. Yakemchuk reported on the Two Hills Regional Landfill Meeting attended.

A. Sayler reported on the Economic Development Hiring Committee, noting an Economic Development Officer was hired.

Correspondence & Information Items

- Bills and Paysheets.
- RCMP re: Eastern Alberta District RCMP – Change of Command.
- Alberta Transportation re: Local Road Bridge Projects.
- Alberta Municipal Affairs re: Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) operating.
- Alberta Municipal Affairs re: Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) capital.
- ACE Water Corporation Projected Budget 2012 – 2015 (draft).
- Prismatic Group Inc. re: Your Edge with the Provincial Government.
- Municipal Affairs re: Workshops 2012 – 2013.
- Priddle & Associates Adjusters.
- Grey Matters 2012 re: Creating Age-Friendly Communities.
- Embridge.
- AAMD&C
 - Newsletters August 8, 22 and September 5, 2012.
 - Member Bulletin
 - Province Approves the Lower Athabasca Regional Plan.
 - Federal Government Invests in Food Mitigation.
 - Last Chance to Compare Municipal Wages.
 - Improve Yours Skills in Negotiation and Conflict Management.
 - AAMDC Fall 2012 Convention Registration Opens.

Next Meeting
Date

Discussion took place on the next meeting date; it was moved by:

R-9280

E. YAKEMCHUK

That the next County Council Meeting be held on October 9, 2012 in the Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m. and the Department Head Meeting be held on October 5, 2012 in the Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m.

Motion Carried

R-9281 **P. GORDEYKO**

That the next County Council Meeting be held on November 6, 2012 in the Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m. and the Department Head Meeting be held on November 1, 2012 in the Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m.

Motion Carried

Bylaw 5-2012

The CAO informed Council that at the August 14, 2012 Council Meeting, R-9241 - That Bylaw No. 5-2012, being a bylaw to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debentures to the ACFA for financing the Town and County Community Building, be advertised and a Public Meeting be held at the November 2012 Council Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-9282 **P. GORDEYKO**

That the Public Meeting regarding Bylaw No. 5-2012 be held November 6, 2012 in the Council Chambers at 2:00 p.m.

Motion Carried

Bylaw 6-2012

The CAO informed Council that at the August 14, 2012 Council Meeting, Bylaw No. 6-2012, which is a Bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw 5-2009 to rezone a portion of SW 4-56-11-W4 from Agricultural to County Residential. R-9244 – That the Public Hearing be held at the November 2012 Council Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-9283 **P. GORDEYKO**

That the Public Hearing regarding Bylaw No. 6-2012 be held on November 6, 2012 in the Council Chambers at 11:00 a.m.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

Council having dealt with all items contained on the Meeting Agenda; it was moved by:

R-9284 **A. PIDRUCHNEY**

That the meeting be adjourned – time 3:13 p.m.

Motion Carried

REEVE

CAO