

**COUNTY OF TWO HILLS NO. 21 COUNCIL MEETING  
January 17, 2012**

Meeting Called to Order      The County Council Meeting was called to order by Reeve, A. Saylor at 10:32 a.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2012.

Attendance      Present were:

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

Absent was:

A. Pidruchney

Agenda      The Agenda for the January 17, 2012 Council Meeting was presented for review and consideration, having the following listed additions being presented:

- Fire Chiefs' Meeting review
- 2011 Tax Sale
- Draft Budget Meeting Dates
- Natural Gas Utility re: Commercial Rates
- Natural Gas Utility re: Natural Gas Infill Rates
- Vermilion River re: Gravel Agreement
- Kislevich Development

There being no further additions; it was moved by:

**R-9017      S. ODEGARD**  
That the Agenda, inclusive of the additions be approved.

Motion Carried

Previous Minutes      The minutes of the December 13, 2011 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-9018      P. GORDEYKO**  
That the December 13, 2011 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried

The minutes of the December 14, 2011 Special 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-9019      S. ODEGARD**  
That the December 14, 2011 Special Council Meeting Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried

The minutes of the December 20, 2011 Special 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-9020      S. ODEGARD**  
That the December 20, 2011 Special Council Meeting Minutes be approved.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

- 2011/12 Development Permits
- Correspondence re: previous meeting
- NLLS RE: 2012 levy
- St. Paul Education re: MSR Land at Lac Sante

St. Paul  
Education

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-9021**     **E. YAKEMCHUK**

That a letter be submitted to St. Paul Education to organize a meeting regarding MSR Land at Lac Sante prior to the next Council Meeting.

Motion Carried

C. McRae entered the Council Chambers.

Bank Rec

The Bank Reconciliation Report for the month ending November 2011, indicating a bank balance of \$851,341.46 (together with municipal term certificates) was presented for review and consideration.

Council having reviewed and discussed the November 2011 Bank Reconciliation Report; it was moved by:

**R-9022**     **E. YAKEMCHUK**

That the Bank Reconciliation Report for the month ending November 2011 as presented, reviewed and discussed by Council be approved, signed and incorporated into the minutes.

Motion Carried

2012 Draft  
Budget Meetings

The CAO informed Council that a date and time will be required for 2012 Draft Budget Meetings.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-9023**     **S. ODEGARD**

That 2012 Draft Budget Meetings be held on January 23 (tentative), February 7, and February 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Office Council Chambers.

Motion Carried

Bylaw 1-2012

The CAO informed Council that Section 256(1)(2)(3) of the MGA authorizes the borrowing of monies for the purpose of financing operating expenditures. The amount to be borrowed must not exceed the estimate to be raised in taxes in the year of borrowing and the By-Law does not have to be advertised if the borrowing term does not exceed three years.

Council having reviewed and discussed Bylaw No. 1-2012; it was moved by:

**R-9024**     **E. YAKEMCHUK**

That Bylaw No. 1-2012 be given first reading this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2012.

Motion Carried

**R-9025**     **S. ODEGARD**

That Bylaw No. 1-2012 be given second reading this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2012.

Motion Carried

**R-9026**     **P. GORDEYKO**  
That authority to proceed with third and final reading of Bylaw No. 1-2012 be given this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2012.

Motion Carried Unanimously

**R-9027**     **S. ODEGARD**  
That Bylaw No. 1-2012 be given third and final reading and finally passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2012.

Motion Carried

Auditors     The CAO informed Council that Section 280(1) of the Municipal Government Act reads: That each Council must appoint one or more Auditors for the municipality.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-9028**     **P. GORDEYKO**  
That the Auditing Firm of Synergy Chartered Accountants be appointed as Auditors for the County of Two Hills No. 21 for the 2012 fiscal year.

Motion Carried

Legal Surveyor     The CAO informed Council that the County requires from time to time the service of a Legal Surveyor for the provision of legal road plan revisions and cancellations due to road construction projects.

Being that Rachynski Land Surveyor's Ltd. has provided this professional service in the past.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-9029**     **E. YAKEMCHUK**  
That Legal Surveying Firm of Rachynski Land Survey's Ltd. be engaged (when required) to provide legal and survey service for the County of Two Hills in the 2012 fiscal year.

Motion Carried

A. Pidruchney entered the Council Chambers.

Engineering     The CAO informed Council that the County has over the past years retained the firms of AMEC, Stantec and Genivar Engineering for the provision of Road/Bridge/Water and Sewer Engineering Services.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-9030**     **E. YAKEMCHUK**  
That Council of the County of Two Hills retain the services of an Engineering Firm by way of appointment or tender invitation for the projects within the County requiring engineering services in the 2012 fiscal year.

Motion Carried

Airport  
Commission     The CAO informed Council that the Town of Two Hills is reviewing Bylaws with respect to the joint Airport Committee and request that the County participate in this review.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-9031**     **P. GORDEYKO**

That the County of Two Hills participate in a review of the Two Hills Town & County Airport Commission, following a meeting of the Airport Commission.

Motion Carried

Regional EDO

The CAO informed Council that the County and Town of Two Hills were to partner with a Regional Economic Development Officer, and apply for funding for the same from the Rural Alberta Fund, where Community Futures Elk Island Region would manage the position (R-8864).

The Rural Alberta Development Fund has denied our application for funding assistance for the Regional EDO.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-9032**     **P. GORDEYKO**

That the Regional Economic Development Officer be tabled to the 2012 Budget Meeting.

Motion Carried

Kalyna Country

The CAO informed Council that Kalyna Country Performing Arts Festival will be held from March 4-6, 2012.

Kalyna Country Performing Arts Association is seeking assistance to ensure the ongoing sustainability of the Festival and requests that the County provide a monetary donation in the amount of \$200.00.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-9033**     **A. SAYLER**

That the County of Two Hills deny the Kalyna Country Performing Arts Festival request of a monetary donation in the amount of \$200.00.

Motion Carried

STARS

The CAO informed Council that STARS, Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service Foundation is again requesting a donation for 2012.

STARS is requesting that Council consider a donation of \$2.00 per capita.

Note: The County did donate equipment and labour to construct the Heli Pad in 2012.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-9034**     **E. YAKEMCHUK**

That the County of Two Hills continue to donate to STARS the amount of \$500.00 per year.

Motion Carried

Hudson Bay  
Route Assoc.

The CAO informed Council that The Hudson Bay Route Association is anticipating an increase for marketing of wheat and barley from the prairie region due to the passage of Bill C18.

The Association is requesting that the County become a member for 2012 at a cost of \$300 per year.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-9035**     **S. ODEGARD**

That the County of Two Hills not become members of the Hudson Bay Route Association.

Motion Carried

Willingdon Fish & Game

The CAO informed Council that the Willingdon Fish & Game is requesting that the County of Two Hills donate three loads of gravel (25 cubic yards), as a live auction item for the Willingdon Annual Fish & Game Supper in 2012.

In May 2010, Council resolved R-8243 – That the County of Two Hills donate two loads of gravel (25 cubic yards each) for the live auction (within County boundaries – out of County, will charge for trucking from County boundary) for the Willingdon 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fish and Game Supper in 2011.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-9036**     **S. ODEGARD**

That the County of Two Hills donate two loads of gravel (25 cubic yards) for live auction (within County boundaries – out of County, will charge for trucking from County boundary) at the Annual Willingdon Fish and Game Supper in 2012.

Motion Carried

Commercial User Rate

At the Natural Gas Utility Meeting of January 16, 2012, B. Hoddinott informed the Committee that due to costs (loop installation, etc.) and in discussions with Commercial Users (Oil & Gas Companies) a rate increase of .25¢ per gigajoule was discussed.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-9037**     **A. PIDRUCHNEY**

That Commercial Users (Oil & Gas Companies – Bonavista, Husky & CNRL) rate increase by .25¢ per gigajoule, effective January 1, 2012.

Motion Carried

Gas Utility Infill Rate

At the Natural Gas Utility Meeting of January 16, 2012, B. Hoddinott informed the Committee that the Government of Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development informed that the grant threshold increase for 2012 will be increase by a minimum of \$250.00. Thus recommending an infill rate increase for the 2012 fiscal year.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-9038**     **P. GORDEYKO**

That the County of Two Hills Natural Gas Utility Rural Infill Rate increase from \$5,000 to \$5,500 and Urban Infill Rate Increase from \$3,000 to \$3,500, effective January 1, 2012.

Motion Carried

VR Gravel Agr.

At the Public Works Department Meeting of January 16, 2012, R. Bouchard informed the Committee that the Gravel Agreement between the County of Two Hills and County of Vermilion River was discussed, noting the County of Vermilion River requesting a one year term instead of the original five year term.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-9039**      **A. PIDRUCHNEY**

That the County of Two Hills amend the existing Gravel Agreement with the County of Vermilion River from a five year term to a one year term.

Motion Carried

Development  
SE 18 & SW  
17-55-8-W4

The CAO informed Council that Kevin & Jolene Kislevich are requesting to enter into an agreement with the County of Two Hills for the development of the SE 18 & SW 17-55-8-W4.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-9040**      **S. ODEGARD**

That the development agreement between Kevin & Jolene Kislevich be tabled to the next Special Council Meeting.

Motion Carried

The CAO placed the 2011 Tax Sale on the table for discussion.

**R-9041**  
Recess

**E. YAKEMCHUK**

That the Council Meeting be recessed for lunch – time 12:02 p.m.

Motion Carried

The meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m., having all Councillors in attendance.

Sergeant Ray Campbell was invited into the Council Chamber to present an update on current issues.

There being no further questions or comments Sgt. Campbell thanked Council for their time and left the Council Chambers.

B. Straty entered the Council Chambers to present the Essential Services Report.

It was the consensus of Council that a 911 call received on January 13, 2012 be requested by Administration for review.

Administration will present Council with a comparison of costs and services of E-911 Strathcona, Wainwright East Central and Bonnyville.

It was the consensus of Council that items to be discussed at the Fire Chiefs' Meeting be reviewed with Council prior to meeting.

B. Straty left the Council Chambers.

VR Env Issues

Messrs. Joachim and Andy Gorgichuk entered the Council Chambers to discuss Vermilion River Environmental Issues. Mr. Gorgichuk requested that Council and Rick Friedl, Head of Central and Northern Water Management Operations, Alberta Environment hold a meeting to discuss the said issue.

Messrs. Joachim and Andy Gorgichuk thanked Council for their time and left the Council Chambers.

Council having discussed Vermilion River environmental issues; it was moved by:

**R-9042**     **P. GORDEYKO**

That Administration contact Mr. Rick Friedl, Head of Central and Northern Water Management Operations, Alberta Environment to organize a Meeting with Messrs. Joachim and Andy Gorgichuk, Robert Kutash, Barry Kutryk and Council to discuss Vermilion River environment issues (early February if possible).

Motion Carried

**Reports**

P. Gordeyko reported on ACE Water meetings attended.

E. Yakemchuk reported on the Two Hills Regional Landfill Commission meeting attended December 19, 2011.

A. Pidruchney reported on the Eagle Hill Foundation (1995) Board Meeting attended on December 20, 2011.

R. Jorgensen, CAO presented the Water/Waste Water Report.

Correspondence

**Correspondence & Information Items**

- Bills and Paysheets.
- Robert Jorgensen re: Certificate in Municipal Management and Leadership.
- Kalyna Country Proof.
- Veterans Memorial Highway Association re: Meeting in Lac La Biche on February 10, 2012.
- Municipal Affairs re: Village of Derwent Regional Collaboration Program Grant.
- Jubilee Insurance re: RiskPro 4 Premium Credit for 2011.
- Municipal Affairs re: 2009 Regional Partnerships Initiative VR.
- Alberta Transportation re: BF 74274.
- Minister of Transportation re: Jackfish Lake.
- Municipal Affairs re: MSI 2010 SFE.
- Run to the Hills re: Motorcycle Tourism Planning in Northeastern Alberta.
- AAMDC re: Investigation of Breaches to the Election Finances.
- AAMDC re: RCMP Contract Policing.
- AAMD&C
  - Newsletters – December 15, 22, 2011, January 4 & 11, 2012.

**Member Bulletin**

- Alberta First Responders Radio Communications System Update
- Position on Critical Transmission Infrastructure
- Input on Local Authorities Election Act
- Spring 2012 Convention Registration Now Open
- Well Drilling Equipment Tax Update
- AAMDC Resolution Writing Tips and Tools
- What Did I Miss Over the Holidays?
- Municipalities Now Eligible for Minister's Award for Transportation Innovation
- Seniors Property Tax Deferral Bill
- New Staff and Changing Staff Roles

**R-9043**  
Camera

**E. YAKEMCHUK**

That Council meet in camera to discuss personnel issues - time 3:30 p.m.

Motion Carried

**R-9044**

**A. PIDRUCHNEY**

That Council revert back to their open public meeting – time 3:32 p.m.

Motion Carried

**R-9045**     **E. YAKEMCHUK**  
That the County Office Caretakers Contract be increase by \$50.00 per month, effective January 1, 2012.

Motion Carried

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

**R-9046**     **E. YAKEMCHUK**  
That the next County Council Meeting be held on February 15, 2012 in the Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m. and the Department Head Meeting be held on February 14, 2012 in the Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m.

Motion Carried

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

**R-9047**     **P. GORDEYKO**  
That the meeting be adjourned – time 3:35 p.m.

Motion Carried

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CAO