

BIRCH HILLS COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
BIRCH HILLS SERVICE CENTRE

APRIL 14, 2010

The Regular Meeting for Birch Hills County Council was called to order by Deputy Reeve, Dennis Sather, at 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, APRIL 14, 2010, in the Birch Hills Service Centre.

PRESENT

DENNIS SATHER	DEPUTY-REEVE
WARREN SMITH	COUNCILLOR
FIONA LOVE	COUNCILLOR
DALE JANZEN	COUNCILLOR
GERALD MANZULENKO	COUNCILLOR
CARMEN LUNN	COUNCILLOR

DION HYNES	MANAGER OF PUBLIC WORKS
MICHAEL COY	DIR. OF FIELD OPERATIONS
DENISE JOUDREY	RECORDING SECRETARY

DELEGATION

DANNY ZAHARA	SIGNAL REPORTER
MERL FONTAIN )	WANHAM RESIDENTS
1.ROLAND BOUCHER )	
LEE FERGUSON )	
WALTER DUCKHORN)	
RANDY LESTAGE )	
GEORGE TREFANKO)	EBA ENGINEERING
KARI SINNEMA )	
DAVID KELLY	ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION

ABSENT

SHIRLEY EMERSON	REEVE
IRENE COOPER	C.A.O.

AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 01-14(04-10)

Moved by Councillor Janzen to appoint Dion Hynes as acting administrator in Irene Cooper's absence.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-14(04-10)

Moved by Councillor Love to adopt the Agenda with noted addition.

12. (A) Library Board

CARRIED.

**MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-14(04-10)**

**Moved by Councillor Lunn to adopt the March 10, 2010, Regular Council Meeting Minutes as circulated.**

**CARRIED.**

**WANHAM  
DELEGATION**

A group of concerned Wanham residents entered the meeting at 9:05 a.m. They explained that there are a number of people driving in the Hamlet at excessive speed. They are worried that someone is going to be injured if nothing is done about it. They requested that signs be posted to lower the speed near the post office and main street area.

Deputy Reeve Sather told the delegation that we will look into it and have signs posted and changed accordingly.

Randy Lestage entered the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Discussion was held regarding water concerns that the Wanham Residents had. Council entertained a question and answer period.

Roland Boucher, Lee Ferguson, and Walter Duckhorn exited the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

**TRANSPORTATION**

Michael Coy entered the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

**EBA ENGINEERING  
BAD HEART  
REALIGNMENT**

George Trefanko and Kari Sinnema of EBA Engineering and David Kelly of Alberta Transportation entered the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Due to the unofficial information to be discussed, David Kelly, Infrastructure Manager, Alberta Transportation asked that their report be in camera.

All members of the public exited the meeting.

George Trefanko, Kari Sinnema and David Kelly exited the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

**TRANSPORTATION**

**LANDFILL AND  
TRANSFER SITE  
CONTRACT**

Submitted under the agenda for information was that Codesa Construction started their Landfill and Transfer Site Contract on April 1, 2010.

**BURNT RIVER  
BRIDGE**

Submitted under the agenda for an update was that the tender documents are being drafted by Genivar for the removal of the bridge and we expect to receive them in the very near future.

Councillor Manzulenko reported that there is a petition being circulated around the community to consider reinstalling the bridge.

Council had a short discussion on the instability of the hill.

**TANGENT WATER  
WORKS SYSTEM**

Submitted under the agenda for information Dion Hynes reported that Irene Cooper and he had a meeting with Hector recently. Hector Goudreau informed them that unofficially there is money available in 2011/2012 for the pipeline to go from Eaglesham to Tangent. We are waiting on a confirmation letter from the Alberta Transportation.

**WINDY CREEK  
GRAVEL PIT**

Submitted under the agenda was an update from Dion Hynes.

Dion Hynes asked Council if they would consider applying MSI Grant funding to the 2010 Gravel Crushing Project.

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-14(04-10)**

**Moved by Councillor Love to apply the MSI Grant funding towards the 2010 Gravel Crushing Project.**

**CARRIED**

**ROADSIDE MOWING  
TENDER**

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-14(04-10)**

**Moved by Councillor Manzulenko to tender out the 2010 road side mowing program for approximately one half of the County.**

**CARRIED**

**WATER CHARGES**

Submitted under the agenda was the current water charges. Dion Hynes outlined what it currently costs to make treated water and the income we receive from it.

It was discussed if the agriculture rate \$2.75 should be raised to the same amount as Commercial rate \$8.80. Tabled to next meeting

**FIRE GARDIAN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-14(04-10)**

Moved by Councillor Love that Dion Hynes be appointed a Fire Guardian.

**CARRIED.**

**BOBCAT TENDER**

Dion Hynes gave an outline of the bids received for the Bobcat and attachments that were advertised for sale. Dion Hynes recommended to Council that the Bobcat and all attachments with the exception of the 72" Sweeper.

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-14(04-10)**

Moved by Councillor Smith to retender the Bobcat with the exception of the Sweeper attachment.

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-14(04-10)**

Moved by Councillor Love to accept the bid from Grande Prairie Feed Service (1971) Ltd. for the 72" Sweeper for \$3,753.75.

**CARRIED.**

Randy Lestage exited the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

**EAGLESHAM  
CONTRACT  
GRADER GPS  
INSTALL**

Michael Coy presented a recommendation to proceed with the installation of a GPS in the Eaglesham Contract Grader. The cost will be \$3500.00 for a new radio plus the installation costs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-14(04-10)**

Moved by Councillor Manzulenko to install a GPS in the Eaglesham Contract Grader.

**CARRIED.**

**2010 CALCIUM  
PROGRAM**

Submitted for information and discussion was Michael Coys Power Point Presentation on the projected 2010 Calcium Program.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-14(04-10)**

Moved by Councillor Lunn that Birch Hills County supply dust control on Township Road 790, from the Devon Gas Plant east 5 miles to Highway 740, excluding Township Road 784.

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-14(04-10)**

Moved by Councillor Smith that Birch Hills County supply dust control on the Peoria Road at no cost to the residents.

**DEFEATED.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-14(04-10)**

Moved by Councillor Manzulenko that Birch Hills County continue to supply dust control north on the Belloy Road for 4 miles.

**DEFEATED.**

**BRUSHING UPDATE**

Submitted under the Agenda for information was the amount of intersections brushed, length of roadside brushing completed and costs associated.

**12:00 P.M.**

**The Meeting adjourned for lunch.**

**12:35 P.M.**

**The meeting reconvened at 12:35 p.m.**

**AGRICULTURAL  
REPORT**

Warren Sekulic entered the meeting at 12:35 P.M.

**FUSARIUM  
MANAGEMENT**

Submitted under the Agenda for information was a verbal report by Warren Sekulic on Fusarium Management Plan.

**CN RAIL  
MEETING**

Submitted under the Agenda, for information was a verbal report by Warren Sekulic on a CN Rail meeting he attended.

**NEW WEED  
CONTROL ACT**

Submitted under the Agenda, for information was a verbal report by Warren Sekulic on a New Weed Control Act meeting he attended.

**WILD BOAR  
PROGRAM**

Warren Sekulic reported to Council that we are still eligible for the Provincial Wild Boar Program.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-14 (04-10)**

Moved by Councillor Manzulenko that Birch Hills County participate in the Wild Boar Program and that to be eligible to receive the \$50.00 payment, the person must provide a 'pair of ears' from each eradicated wild boar.

**CARRIED.**

It was further noted by Council that it is the responsibility of the hunter to contact the landowner and get written permission to hunt on their land(s) to be eligible for the bounty.

**BUSINESS  
ARISING FROM  
THE MINUTES**

**FUNDING  
INCREASE TO  
PWS LIAISON**

Submitted under the Agenda for consideration was a Funding increase to Peace Wapiti School Liaison.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-14 (04-10)**

Moved by Councillor Manzulenko to table the FCSS Funding increase to Peace Wapiti School Liaison to the next meeting.

**CARRIED**

**NEW  
BUSINESS**

**SYLVIAN &  
DORAN**

Submitted under the agenda was Sylvian & Doran's 2010 audit cost estimate.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-14 (04-10)**

Moved by Councillor Lunn to accept Sylvain & Doran's 2010 audit cost estimate.

**CARRIED**

**2009 FINANCIAL  
STATEMENT**

Submitted under the agenda was the 2009 Financial Statement.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-14 (04-10)**

Moved by Councillor Lunn to adopt the 2009 Financial Statement as presented.

**CARRIED**

**TREASURY**

**Bank  
RECONCILIATIONS**

Submitted under the Agenda was the March 2010, Bank Reconciliation

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-14 (04-10)**

Moved by Councillor Love to adopt the March, 2010 Bank Reconciliations as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**CHEQUE LIST**

Submitted under the Agenda was Cheque List: PMPAY 00000148-PMPAY00000151 (4); 030210 CHEQUES, 030910 CHEQUE, 031910 CHEQUES

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-13 (01-10)**

Moved by Councillor Love to adopt the Cheque Lists as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**BUDGET  
VARIANCE**

Submitted under the Agenda, for information, was the March 29, 2010, Budget Variance.

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

**LIBRARY**

Councillor Lunn reported that the Library Board would like to add two additional board members. They would like one member from Wanham and one Francophone member. It is also requested that the members be on a three year rotation term.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-13(01-10)**

**Moved by Councillor Lunn that Pam Poetker be the alternate Peace Library System representative.**

**CARRIED**

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular Council Meeting was set for 9:00 a.m., May 12, 2010.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

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DEPUTY REEVE,  
DENNIS SATHER

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ACTING ADMINISTRATOR,  
DION HYNES