BIRCH HILLS COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BIRCH HILLS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2013

The Regular Meeting for Birch Hills County Council was called to order by Reeve Smith, at 9:02 a.m., on Tuesday, August 27, 2013, in the Birch Hills Service Centre.

PRESENT	WARREN SMITH	REEVE
	GERALD MANZULENKO	COUNCILLOR
	ALAN FARKASH	COUNCILLOR
	PAUL REUM	COUNCILLOR
	MARVIN DORAN	COUNCILLOR
ABSENT	DALE JANZEN	DEPUTY-REEVE
	TODD JONES	COUNCILLOR
STAFF	HAROLD NORTHCOTT	C.A.O.
	DENISE JOUDREY	RECORDING SECRETARY
DELEGATION	HOWARD PINNOCK	DIRECTOR OF PLANNING MACKENZIE MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGENCY
	ELISE WILLISON	SENIOR PLANNER MACKENZIE MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGENCY
	CHRIS WARKENTIN	MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT PEACE RIVER

AGENDA

RC13-275 Moved by Councillor Doran

That Council adopt the Agenda as amended with the following additions;

6. COUNCILLOR REPORTS
(A) Grande Spirit Foundation - Councillor Doran
7. NEW BUSINESS
(E) ASBA Zone 1 Friends of Education Award

9. FOR INFORMATION
(A) NCDC - AGM Symposium - Bridging the Gaps

Deletions:

4. DELEGATION
Mike Cory - Vice President CN - unable to attend

CARRIED.

MINUTES

The Minutes from the August 13, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council were presented for Council's review.

RC13-276 Moved by Councillor Manzulenko

That the minutes from August 13, 2013 Regular Council Meeting be approved as amended with the following corrections;

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION RC13-241, should read, that Council accept the quote from Diamond International Trucks for a Tangent Water Truck for $126,417.25.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RADIO CONTROLLED ROAD

RC13-277 Moved by Councillor Farkash

That Council direct staff to re-install the radio controlled road sign with a non-commercial exempt addition to be added to the sign on Range Road 244 south of Highway 49 into the gravel pits. And an additional, "Blind Corner Ahead", sign be placed where staff deems an appropriate location.

CARRIED.

GRADER TENDER RESULTS

RC13-278 **Moved by Councillor Manzulenko**

That Council approve the purchase of a 772GTP Grader from Brandt for $355,065.00.

CARRIED.

RC13-279 **Moved by Councillor Manzulenko**

That Council direct staff to advertise for the sale Of the 2005, 772D Grader with attachments for $140,000.00 with a deadline of September 30, 2013.

CARRIED.

RC13-280 **Moved by Councillor Manzulenko**

That Council direct staff to send the 2005 772D Grader to Richie Brothers Auction if not sold by September 30, 2013.

CARRIED.

REPORTS

GRANDE SPIRIT FOUNDATION

Councillor Doran reported on a recent Grande Spirit Foundation Management Committee meeting he attended.

RC13-281 **Moved by Councillor Manzulenko**

That Council accept the Grande Spirit Foundation Report as information.

CARRIED.

RECESS

RC13-282 **Moved by Reeve Smith**

That Council recess from 9:54 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION Howard Pinnock and Elise Willison from Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency entered the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

IN-CAMERA

RC13-283 **Moved by Councillor Doran**

That Council move in-camera at 10:02 p.m.

CARRIED.

RC13-284 **Moved by Councillor Manzulenko**

That Council return to the Regular Council Meeting at 11:15 p.m.

CARRIED.

RECESS

RC13-285 **Moved by Reeve Smith**

That Council recess from 11:12 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.

CARRIED.

CHRIS WARKENTIN MEMBER OF PARLIMENT

Chris Warkentin entered the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Council discussed with Chris Warkentin the change in the Grande Prairie riding for the next election. There has been a re-division of areas and Birch Hills County will no longer be in the Grande Prairie riding. Chris Warkentin suggested that the only thing that can be done at this time is to send a letter to Election Canada and request that Birch Hills County be placed back into the Grande Prairie riding.

A discussion was also held regarding the future of the rail in our area. Chris is hopeful that we will see reinvesting in the current rail system.

The bridge trusses still remaining in the Smoky River at Watino were discussed and Chris mentioned that it is a Navigation issue and that we should send another letter to the Department of Transportation and cc it to his office reminding them that the bridge needs to be removed this fall as promised.

RECESS

RC13-286 **Moved by Reeve Smith**

That Council recess for lunch from 12:15 p.m. to 1:14 p.m.

CARRIED.

Chris Warkentin and Councillor Manzulenko exited the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Amanda Ouellet entered the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD SUMMER UPDATE

Amanda Ouellet, Ag.Fieldmen gave an update to Council on this summer's work progress. She reported that the Agriculture Department is still finishing up some spraying projects. To date they have completed spraying 55 intersections for brush control and the Contracted Brush Spraying Program is complete for 2013. Approximately 135 lease sites have been inspected as well as all the County roads and dead ends.

ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCER SURVEY

RC13-287 **Moved by Reeve Smith**

That Council approve the $100.00 funding request from Alberta Beef Producers Wildlife Working Group to help fund the on-line survey to evaluate the average annual economic cost of wildlife to livestock producers across Alberta.

Shelley Braun entered the Council Meeting at 1:50 p.m.

CARRIED.

RETURNING OFFICER APPOINTMENT

RC13-288 **Moved by Councillor Farkash**

That Council appoint Shelley Braun as Returning Officer for the purposes of conducting elections under the Local Authorities Election Act.

CARRIED.

Shelley Braun exited the Council Meeting at 1:55 p.m.

MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR APPOINTMENT

RC13-289 **Moved by Councillor Doran**

That Council appoint Amelia Gies as a Municipal Inspector under the Alberta Weed Control Act for 2013.

CARRIED.

Amanda Ouellet exited the Council Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

ASBA ZONE 1 FRIENDS OF EDUCATION AWARD

RC13-290 **Moved by Councillor Doran**

That Council approve that Reeve Smith and the CAO attend an Award Presentation Luncheon on September 19, 2013, in Peace River to receive a Friends of Education Award from the Peace Wapiti Public School Division.

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

CIVIC ADDRESSES IN TANGENT

RC13-291 **Moved by Councillor Farkash**

That council direct Staff to bring back the civic address by-law for Tangent to a regular meeting for first reading.

CARRIED.

Lucy Stevenson entered the Council Meeting at 2:05 p.m.

ROAD ALLOWANCE LEASE 7014 BY-LAW 2013-05

Lucy Stevenson explained the current status of the Road allowance lease 7014. First reading has been approved and now it will be sent to the province for approval. Upon receiving the approval back in our office it will go to a regular meeting for second and third reading.

ROAD ALLOWANCE LEASE 7015 BY-LAW 2013-06

Lucy Stevenson explained the current status of the Road allowance lease 7015. First reading has been approved and now it will be sent to the province for approval. Upon receiving it back in our office it will go to a regular meeting for second and third reading.

RC13-292 **Moved by Councillor Farkash**

That Council direct the CAO to seek legal advice on Road Closures and bring it back to a Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED.

Councillor Doran requested it be recorded that he has strong concerns regarding denying access to land when there is a problem harvesting wildlife.

Lucy Stevenson exited the Council Meeting at 2:27 p.m.

INFORMATION

NCDC - AGM SYMPOSIUM BRIDGING THE GAP

RC13-293 Moved by Reeve Smith

That Council approved Councillor Doran to attend the 2013 AGM & Symposium "Bridging the Gaps" on September 30, 2013 and October 1, 2013 in Fort St. John.

CARRIED.

WATINO DEVELOPMENT MEETING

RC13-294 Moved by Councillor Doran

That Council direct the CAO to set up a meeting on September 10, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. with Council, Mckenzie Planning Commission and the Watino Proposed Developers.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

RC13-295 Moved by Councillor Farkash

That Council agree that there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

CARRIED.

REEVE
WARREN SMITH

CAO
HAROLD NORTHCOTT