MINUTES
BIRCH HILLS COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2013

The Regular Meeting for Birch Hills County Council was called to order by Reeve Marvin Doran, at 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, in the Council Chambers of the Birch Hills County Administration Building.

PRESENT	MARVIN DORAN	REEVE
	WARREN SMITH	DEPUTY-REEVE
	PAUL REUM	COUNCILLOR
	JACK MACAULEY	COUNCILLOR
	CHERYL BOGDANEK	COUNCILLOR
	TERRY CARBONE	COUNCILLOR
ABSENT	GERALD MANZULENKO	COUNCILLOR
STAFF	HAROLD NORTHCOTT	C.A.O
	DENISE JOUDREY	RECORDING SECRETARY
	LUCY STEVENSON	TAX ADMINISTRATOR
DELEGATION	WENDY MINEAULT	
GUEST	ASHLEIGH SJOGREN	
	DAVID KARY	
MEDIA	DANNY ZAHARA	REPORTER, THE SIGNAL

SWEARING IN OF COUNCILLOR — Terry Carbone took the Oath of Office and is now the Councillor for Ward 7.

AGENDA

RC13-376 Moved by Deputy Reeve Smith

That Council adopt the Agenda as presented with the following amendments.

4. DELEGATION
(A) Theresa Nuthall
(B) Wendy Mineault - Fire Department concerns

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
(C) Landfills over Christmas Hollidays

6. COUNCILLOR REPORTS
(B) Peace Library Board Meeting - Councillor Carbone
(C) Medical Clinic - Deputy Reeve Smith

9. FOR INFORMATION
(C) North Tangent Drainage Ditch
(D) Alberta Disaster Recovery Program - Spring Flooding.
(E) Council Priority 2014 Objectives

CARRIED.

MINUTES

RC13-377 Moved by Councillor Bogdanek

That Council accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2013 and that they be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION

THERESA NUTHALL Theresa Nuthall thanked Council for the donation made in her name to Breast Cancer in honor of her Stars of Alberta Award that she will be receiving in Edmonton on December 5, 2013.

Theresa inquired to Council what their intensions were for the Old Seniors Centre Building? Theresa expressed her interest in renting or purchasing the Building.

RC13-378 Moved by Deputy Reeve Smith

That Council direct Staff to research options for The Old Seniors Centre Building and work with Theresa Nuthall. And that Staff set up an appointment to view the building with Theresa at their earliest convienance.

CARRIED.

**WENDY MINEAULT
WANHAM VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Wendy Mineault expressed to Council her concerns regarding the Wanham Volunteer Fire Department and Safety, Code of Ethics and Policies and Procedures.

Reeve Doran informed Wendy Mineault that CAO, Northcott will have his staff investigate the concerns.

Lucy Stevenson, Tax Administrator entered the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FIRE FIGHTERS INSURANCE

RC13-379 **Moved by Deputy Reeve Smith**

That Council include on duty coverage for all 42 firefighters at a cost of $825.00 for each Fire Department.

CARRIED.

FIRE FIGHTERS BY-LAW AND POLICIES

R13-380 **Moved by Councillor Carbone**

That Council accept the Fire Fighters By-Law and Policies as information.

CARRIED.

BILL 28

Reeve Doran reported on Bill 28 and the information he obtained from the AAMDC Convention.

LANDFILL OVER CHRISTMAS

CAO, Northcott explained to Council that the Wanham Transfer Site will be closed on Christmas Day, Wednesday December 25, 2013 and New Years Day, Wednesday January 1, 2014. Wanham Transfer Site is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays of every week so rate payers can go on the following day of the closures.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PEACE VALLEY CONSERVATION, RECREATION & TOURISM

Reeve Doran gave a report to Council on a Peace Valley Conservation, Recreation & Tourism Society meeting he attended. There was an outstanding balance of $7,900.00 owing to the M.D. of Fairview. Reeve Doran was pleased to report that they paid the Outstanding $7,900.00 at the meeting.
They are working on their By-Laws and recruiting more of the local Municipalities to support the Dunvegan Boat Launch. They will inspect the boat launch in the spring of 2014.

R13-381 **Moved by Deputy Reeve Smith**

That Council approve a $5 000.00 expenditure to the 2014 Budget for Boat Launches in Birch Hills County.

CARRIED.

Lucy Stevenson, Tax Administrator exited the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

PEACE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Councillor Carbone reported on a Peace Library System Board Meeting on November 30, 2013.

CENTRAL PEACE MEDICAL CLINIC MEETING

Deputy Reeve Smith reported on a Central Peace Medical Clinic Meeting that CAO, Harold Northcott and himself attended on December 12, 2013 in Spirit River.

RC13-382 **Moved by Councillor Reum**

That Council accept all the reports presented as information.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

ALBERTA GOVERNMENT BROWN TOURISM SIGNS

RC13-383 **Moved by Deputy Reeve Smith**

That Council direct the CAO to write a letter to the Alberta Government requesting a 6 month extension on the removal of Brown Tourism Facility Signs and refer it to Peace Valley Conservation.

CARRIED.

CENTRAL PEACE SIGNAL 2014 SUBSCRIPTIONS

RC13-384 **Moved by Deputy Reeve Smith**

That Council approve the Central Peace Signal Subscriptions for 2014 at $10,032.00 and a weekly full page, color ad at $50.00 per week at $2,600.00 plus GST of $631.60 for a total of $13,263.60.

CARRIED.

DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT

RC13-385 **Moved by Councillor Bogdanek**

That Council appoint Dmitri Boychuk to the Development Appeal Board Committee as an alternate.

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

HAMLET OF WATINO 2013-07

Council discussed the Hamlet of Watino By-Law 2013-07. The By-Law will be brought to the December 17, 2013 Regular Council Meeting for 2nd and 3rd reading and Public Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

CANCELLATION OF PLAN OF SUBDIVISION BY-LAW 2013-08

RC13-386 **Moved by Deputy Reeve Smith**

That Council give first reading of BY-LAW 2013-08 Cancellation of Plan of Subdivision.

CARRIED.

FOR INFORMATION

(A) Emerging Trends
(B) Alberta Emergency Management Agency Courses
(C) North Tangent Drainage Ditch
(D) Alberta Disaster Recovery Program – Spring Flooding
(E) Council Priorities – 2014 Objectives

RC13-387 **Moved by Councillor Reum**

That Council accept the information items listed as information.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Anderson Consulting
(B) Peace Library Systems
(C) Teamsters Canada
(D) Thorhild County

ANDERSON CONSULTING

Reeve Doran requested that staff forward a Completed survey on Postal Services in Watino to Anderson Consulting.

TEAMSTERS CANADA

RC13-388 Moved by Deputy Reeve Smith

That Council direct the CAO to write a letter to FCM in support of Teamsters Canada and cc the letter to Teamsters Canada.

CARRIED.

THORHILD COUNTY

RC13-389 Moved by Councillor Reum

That Council direct the CAO to send a letter to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Transportation in support urging the Province to reinstate funding for the replacement, repair, and maintenance of bridges and culverts.

CARRIED.

RC13-390 Moved by Councillor Reum

That Council accept the Correspondence as information.

CARRIED.

RECESS

RC13-391 Moved by Deputy Reeve Smith

That Council recess for lunch from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA

RC13-392 Moved by Councillor Bogdanek

That Council move in-camera at 1:17 p.m.

CARRIED.

RC13-393 Moved by Councillor Bogdanek.

That Council reconvene the Regular Council Meeting At 2:22 p.m.

CARRIED.

CENTRAL PEACE
WASTE COMMISSION

RC13-394 Moved by Councillor Carbone

That Birch Hills County enter into a Central Peace Regional Waste Management Commission Service Agreement with Tervita and that Councillor Manzulenko or Deputy Reeve Smith have permission to sign the agreement on behalf of Birch Hills County.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

RC13-395 Moved by Councillor Macauley that there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

CARRIED.

REEVE
MARVIN DORAN

CAO
HAROLD NORTHCOTT