

BIRCH HILLS COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BIRCH HILLS SERVICE CENTRE

January 12, 2011

The Regular Meeting for Birch Hills County Council was called to order by Reeve, Warren Smith, at 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, in the Birch Hills Service Centre.

PRESENT

WARREN SMITH	REEVE
DENNIS SATHER	DEPUTY-REEVE
DALE JANZEN	COUNCILLOR
GERALD MANZULENKO	COUNCILLOR
TODD JONES	COUNCILLOR
AL FARKASH	COUNCILLOR

ABSENT

MARVIN DORAN	COUNCILLOR
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IRENE COOPER	C.A.O.
DION HYNES	MANAGER OF PUBLIC WORKS
MICHAEL COY	DIR.OF FIELD OPERATIONS
WARREN SEKULIC	AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN
DENISE JOUDREY	RECORDING SECRETARY
DANNY ZAHARA	SIGNAL REPORTER
CORY BOBBY	ATB DELEGATION
KEITH TOURAND	ATB DELEGATION

SIGNAL REPORTER

Danny Zahara, Signal Reporter entered the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 01-12(01-11)

Moved by Councillor Manzulenکو that the Agenda be adopted with the following additions;

NEW BUSINESS

- (C) Spring AAMD&C Conference
- (D) Zone Meeting - February 11, 2011

STAFF DELEGATIONS

Dion Hynes

- (1) Wanham Fire Department Letter

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (A) Waste Commission
- (B) Eaglesham Seed Cleaning Plant
- (C) Municipal Library Board

MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. 02-12(01-11)

Moved by Councillor Farkash that the December 8, 2010, Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

BUDGET
MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. 03-12(01-11)

Moved by Councillor Manzulenko that the December 16, 2010, Budget Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

GROWING THE
NORTH

Councillor Doran is unable to attend the conference. Reeve Smith will attend in his place.

CONFERENCE
ATTENDANCE
POLICY

Council reviewed the Conference Attendance Policy with the revised changes from last meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-12(01-11)

Moved by Councillor Jones that the Conference Attendance Policy be adopted retroactive to January 1, 2011.

CARRIED.

TRAVEL EXPENSE
REMUNERATION
POLICY

Council reviewed the Travel Expense Remuneration Policy with the revised changes from last meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-12(01-11)

Moved by Councillor Jones that the Travel Expense Remuneration Policy be adopted with noted changes.

CARRIED.

PAYMENT OF
HONORARIUM
POLICY

After a lengthy discussion and a few suggested changes to the Payment of Honorarium Policy. Council directed Irene Cooper to make the suggested changes to the policy and bring it back to the next meeting.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

**COMMUNITY
FUTURES**

Entered under the agenda for information only.

**EMERGING TRENDS
SEMINAR**

Entered under the agenda for information was a Emerging Trends Seminar on February 10, 2011.

**SPRING AAMDC
CONVENTION**

Entered under the agenda for information was the Spring 2011 AAMDC Convention that will be taking place from March 21 to 23, 2011 at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton.

**AAMDC ZONE
MEETING**

The next AAMD&C Zone Meeting will be February 11, 2011. The meeting will be in Debolt, Councillor Jones and Councillor Janzen will be attending.

**STAFF
DELEGATIONS**

PUBLIC WORKS

TRANSPORTATION

Dion Hynes entered the meeting at 10:30 A.M.

**WANHAM FIRE
DEPARTMENT
LETTER**

Entered under the agenda for information and discussion was a letter from David Tschetter, Captain of the Wanham Fire Department.

Dion Hynes would like to see Council develop a policy for disciplinary action: when situations within the fire departments is required.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-12(01-11)

Councilor Farkash made a motion for Dion Hynes to develop disciplinary policy for all Birch Hills County Fire Departments and bring it back to Council.

CARRIED.

ATB Delegation, Cory Boddy and Keith Tourand entered the meeting at 11:00 A.M.

Dion Hynes exited the meeting at 11:03

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ATB

DELEGATION

Cory Boddy, Director and Portfolio Manager for ATB explained to Council what the ATB can do for Birch Hills County's financial investments.

Cory Boddy and Keith Tourand exited the meeting at 11:40 A.M.

Council discussed Birch Hills County investments and how they would like to proceed with them in the future. No action was directed at this time.

Danny Zahara, Signal Reporter exited the meeting at 12:00 P.M.

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12:40 P.M

Adjournment

Dion Hynes and Michael Coy entered the meeting at 12:40 P.M.

TRANSPORTATION

SEA CAN

Dion Hynes explained to Council how it would be beneficiary for Birch Hills County to purchase a Sea Can for the purpose of storing signs and other items. Dion outlined a few prices and options on Sea Cans.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-12(01-11)

Moved by Councillor Manzulenko to purchase a used sea can for \$5,200.00.

CARRIED.

WANHAM CAMPING

FEES

Dion Hynes asked Council to review the fees for the four camping stalls in Wanham. Dion also asked for direction on the dates they should open and close for the year.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-12(01-11)

Moved by Councillor Janzen that the Wanham Camping stalls open on May 1st and close on October 31' and that the charge be \$20.00 per day per stall or \$300.00 per month.

CARRIED.

WATER MEETING

Dion Hynes expressed to Council that he would like to set a date to meet to discuss water charges.

BUDGET MEETING

Reeve Smith requested that Council meet on January 27, 2011 for another Budget Meeting. Reeve Smith said Council will discuss water charges at this meeting.

**STOCK PILE
PROGRAM**

Michael Coy reported on the Stock Pile program. The program went reasonably well and ended on December 23, 2010. 30,551 tonnes of gravel was moved from Windy Creek to South Wanham.

**SALE OF OLD
EQUIPMENT**

Michael Coy informed Council that we have a Front Lift Group & Manual Angle Blade combo that is no longer being used by Birch Hills County. Someone has offered to buy it for \$6 000.00. We also have 4 old V-Plows and 2 Front Lift Groups that could be liquidated. Michael asked Council for their direction on these items.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-12(01-11)

Moved by Councillor Manzulenko to tender out the old Front Lift Group and Manual Angle Blade combo with a minimum bid of \$6 000.00, and the 4 old V-plows with a minimum bid of \$1 500.00 each and 2 Front Lift Groups with a minimum bid of \$2,000.00 each.

CARRIED.

**Purchase Blade
For New Holland
Tractors**

Michael Coy and Dion Hynes outlined the need to purchase a blade for the New Holland Tractors.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-12(01-11)

Moved by Councillor Janzen that B.H.C. purchase a Blade for the New Holland Tractor, for \$5,800.00 + GST.

CARRIED.

**SNOW REMOVAL
ON SIDEWALKS**

Reeve Smith discussed the danger of children walking on busy secondary highways to and from the Eaglesham School and Wanham bus stops.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-12(01-11)

Moved by Reeve Smith that sidewalks on secondary highways and sidewalks to the Eaglesham Schools be cleared of snow as soon as possible after a heavy snow fall.

CARRIED.

Michael Coy & Dion exited the meeting at 2:16 P.M.

Warren Sekulic entered the meeting at 2:17 P.M.

AGRICULTURE

**SEED CLEANING
PLANT**

Warren Sekulic informed Council that he is just completing the Eaglesham Seed Cleaning Plant inspection and that they are doing an excellent job.

FUSARIUM

Warren explained to Council that Fusarium is still a very large concern.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-12(01-11)

Moved by Councillor Farkash that a letter be written to; the Minister of Agriculture, our MLA, Hector Goudreau and the President of AAAF, Norm Boulet to support zero tolerance of Fusarium.

CARRIED.

TREASURY

**BANK
RECONCILIATIONS**

Submitted under the Agenda was the December 31, 2010, Bank Reconciliation.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-12(01-11)

Moved by Deputy Reeve Sather to accept the December 31, 2010 Bank Reconciliation as circulated.

CARRIED.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

**WASTE
COMMISSION**

Deputy Reeve Sather reported on a recent Central Peace Waste Commission meeting he attended.

Next meeting is February 1, 2011. Reeve Smith will attend in Deputy Reeve Sathers absence.

SEED CLEANING

Al Farkash reported on a recent Seed Cleaning meeting he attended.

**MUNICIPAL
LIBRARY**

Councillor Janzen gave a report on a recent library board meeting he attended.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.

REEVE SMITH

COUNTY MANAGER