

BIRCH HILLS COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BIRCH HILLS SERVICE CENTRE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2012

The Regular Meeting for Birch Hills County Council was called to order by Reeve Warren Smith, at 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, in the Birch Hills Service Centre.

PRESENT

WARREN SMITH

REEVE

AL FARKASH

COUNCILLOR

DALE JANZEN

COUNCILLOR

PAUL REUM

COUNCILLOR

ABSENT

GERALD MANZULENKO

DEPUTY-REEVE

MARVIN DORAN

COUNCILLOR

TODD JONES

COUNCILLOR

STAFF

DOUG PLAMPING

INTERIM C.A.O.

DENISE JOUDREY

RECORDING SECRETARY

MEDIA

DANNY ZAHARA

THE SIGNAL

AGENDA

RC12-018

Moved by Councillor Farkash

That the Council adopt the Agenda with the following additions;

Committee Reports

(A) Municipal Library Board - Councillor Janzen

(B) Leading The North - Reeve Smith

CARRIED.

MINUTES

RC12-019

Moved by Councillor Farkash

That Council accept the January 17, 2012, Regular Council Meeting Minutes and that they be adopted as presented with a correction to the spelling of Dale Barton Janzen under signing authority his middle name was incorrectly spelled as Burton.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

EDMONTON CITY
CENTRE AIRPORT
SUPPORT

RC12-020

Moved by Councillor Janzen

That Council Advise Lac La Biche County that Birch Hills County supports the M.D. of Fairview No. 136 proposal to seek options for the delivery of Medevac services from northern communities to Edmonton through options such as the Namao Airport with a letter of support.

CARRIED.

EAGLESHAM
GRADER TENDER

RC12-021

Moved by Councillor Janzen

That Council accept the bid from Codesa Construction Ltd. for \$125.50/hour for the 2012 contract grader tender.

CARRIED.

NEW
BUSINESS

KEYNOTE
SPEAKER

RC12-022 Moved by Councillor Farkash

That Council approve the request for \$1,500.00 for funding of a Keynote Speaker at a special event targeting women in the Eaglesham and area community, and draw that funding from FCSS funds.

CARRIED.

GRANT TO
EAGLESHAM
COMMUNITY CHURCH
YOUTH GROUP

RC12-023 Moved by Councillor Reum

That Council grant \$5,000.00 to be drawn from FCSS funding, to the Eaglesham Community Church Youth Group to offset youth program costs

CARRIED.

GRANT TO
WANHAM TINY
TOTS PLAYSCHOOL
PROGRAM

RC12-024 Moved by Councillor Janzen

That Council grant \$5,200.00 to be drawn from FCSS funding, to Wanham Tiny Tots Playschool Program for the operational costs to provide a playschool program.

CARRIED.

GRANT TO
GRANDE PRAIRIE
AND DISTRICT
VICTIMS SERVICES

RC12-025 Moved by Councillor Farkash

That Council grant \$1,610.00, to be drawn from FCSS funding, to Grande Prairie and District Victims Services for the provision of support, information, and referral services to victims of crime and tragedy.

CARRIED.

GRANT TO
BIRCH HILLS
SENIORS CENTRE

RC12-026 Moved by Councillor Janzen

That Council donate of the printing of approximately 100 copies of a 55 page "Welcome to Wanham" booklet to the Birch Hills Senior Centre.

CARRIED.

FINANCE CHARGES
TO TAXES

RC12-027 Moved by Councillor Janzen

That Council rolls to taxes the finance charges accumulated on roll 059085 in the sum of \$123.20

CARRIED.

CANCELLATION
OF TAXES

RC12-028 Moved by Councillor Farkash

That Council cancels the tax levy and the arrears for Grazing Lease 40247 in the sum of \$360.61 for rolls 160912, 160913 and 160914.

CARRIED.

PEACE LIBRARY
SYSTEM - 2012
BUDGET AND PLAN
OF SERVICE

RC12-029 Moved by Councillor Janzen

That Council receive the Peace Library System, 2012 Budget and Plan of Service.

CARRIED.

FCM 75TH ANNUAL
CONFERENCE AND
TRADE SHOW,
SASKATOON

RC12-030 Moved by Councillor Janzen

That Council authorize 3 Councillors and the CAO to attend the FCM 75th Annual Conference and Trade Show in Saskatoon on behalf of Birch Hills County.

CARRIED.

COMMUNITY
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
WORKSHOP

RC12-031 Moved by Councillor Reum

That Council authorize one member of Council to attend the Community Economic Development Workshop on February 3, 2012, at the Falher Recreation Center at a registration cost of \$75.00.

CARRIED.

RMRF 2012
MUNICIPAL
LAW SEMINAR

RC12-032

Moved by Councillor Farkash

That Council authorize any Councillor to attend the RMRF 2012 Municipal Law Seminar presented by Reynolds Mirth Richards and Farmer LLP in Grande Prairie, on behalf of Birch Hills County on March 2, 2012.

CARRIED.

MLL 960083
CANCELLATION

RC12-033

Moved by Councillor Farkash

That Council not renew lease MLL 960083 and proceed with the reclamation during the 2012 budget year.

CARRIED.

EAGLESHAM
SEED CLEANING

RC12-034

Moved by Councillor Reum

That Council send a letter in response to the Eaglesham Seed Cleaning Co-op Ltd. outlining their immediate plans and assure them that they do intend to reclaim this site in the future.

CARRIED.

SOUTH DUNVEGAN
VALLEY
REALIGNMENT
STUDY

RC12-035 Moved by Councillor Farkash

That Council endorse the preferred or recommended alignment option (2) and send a letter to the Arif Kahn, Infrastructure Engineer with Alberta Transportation. And include in the letter that access to the dirt is wanted.

CARRIED.

RECRUITMENT OF
CAO AND DIRECTOR
OF FINANCE

RC12-036 Moved by Councillor Janzen

That Council award recruitment services for the positions of Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Finance to Ravenhill Group Inc., based on the services outlined and the price specified in their proposal.

CARRIED.

REPLACEMENT OF
PHOTOCOPIER

RC12-037 Moved by Councillor Farkash

That Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to purchase a Lexmark XS955dhe photocopier at \$22,796.00 and trade the existing Ricoh photocopier for a credit of \$6,839.00.

CARRIED.

AGENDA

Reeve Smith added '8(C) Street lights at the Watino approach to Highway 49' to the agenda. There was no objection.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

MUNICIPAL
LIBRARY
BOARD

Councillor Janzen reported on January 18' 2012 meeting. The board and librarian are pleased with their work this past year.

LEADING THE
NORTH

Reeve Smith reported on a recent conference he attended, Leading the North in Fort Mc McMurray. He found the conference very informative and was impressed with his experience and recommended that Council members attend this in 2013. Reeve Smith reported that in discussions with Hector Goudreau at the conference that our MLA agreed to assist us with the street lights needed at the Watino approach off highway 49.

RC12-038

Moved by Councillor Reum

That the CAO send a letter to Alberta Transportation regarding the Watino Highway street access street lights.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Farkash

RC12-039

There being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

CARRIED.

REEVE
WARREN SMITH

INTERIM CAO
DOUG PLAMPING