

BIRCH HILLS COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BIRCH HILLS SERVICE CENTRE

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012

The Regular Meeting for Birch Hills County Council was called to order by Councillor Janzen, at 9:01 a.m., on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, in the Birch Hills Service Centre.

PRESENT DALE JANZEN COUNCILLOR (Chair)

AL FARKASH COUNCILLOR
MARVIN DORAN COUNCILLOR
TODD JONES COUNCILLOR
PAUL REUM COUNCILLOR

ABSENT WARREN SMITH REEVE
GERALD MANZULENKO DEPUTY-REEVE

STAFF DOUG PLAMPING INTERIM C.A.O.

DENISE JOUDREY RECORDING SECRETARY

MEDIA DANNY ZAHARA THE SIGNAL

ELECTION
OF ACTING
REEVE

In the absence of the Reeve and Deputy Reeve, Doug Plamping, Interim C.A.O. call the meeting to order and opened the floor for nominations for Acting Reeve.

Councillor Jones nominated Councillor Janzen for the position of Acting Reeve for the March 13, 2012 Council Meeting.

Doug Plamping, Interim C.A.O. called for nominations for Acting Reeve a second time.

Doug Plamping, Interim C.A.O. called for nominations for Acting Reeve for a third and final time.

RC12-069 Moved by Councillor Doran

That nominations for Acting Reeve for the March 13, 2012 Council Meeting cease.

CARRIED.

AGENDA

RC12-070 Moved by Councillor Jones

That the Council adopt the Agenda with the following additions;

8. New Business

(J) Ray Emerson concerns

CARRIED.

MINUTES

RC12-071 Moved by Councillor Doran

That Council accept the February 28, 2012, Regular Council Meeting Minutes and that they be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

REGIONAL
WATER SYSTEM

RC12-072 Moved by Councillor Doran

WHEREAS safe and secure drinking water is vital to public health and overall prosperity;

WHEREAS the Central Peace Region, being represented by Birch Hills County; M.D. of Spirit River; Village of Rycroft; Town of Spirit River; Saddle Hills County, is recognized as being vulnerable to drought;

WHEREAS the Central Peace Region requires reliable water supplies to ensure a sustainable economy:

NOW THEREFORE the Council of Birch Hills County supports the concept for a study of the Regional Water Supply for the Peace Region in cooperation

with other region municipalities, providing that the study support the following principles;

- a.that the opportunities for economic development and the provision of safe drinking water are the same for all participating municipalities and no municipality is favored over other municipalities,
- b.that each participating municipality will hold their own license to draw raw water from the Peace River, and the future management organization will utilize those licenses on behalf of the municipalities, and sell treated water to municipalities for their distribution to customers,
- c.that the future management organization be a corporation with only municipalities holding shares, and that the Central Peace Region hold 60% of the voting shares,
- d.that the study integrate concepts, designs and funding that will permit the Regional Water Supply for the Peace Region to provide treated water to municipalities, rural water distribution systems, local water cooperatives, and to farms for agricultural product processing, livestock and residential uses,
- e.that the treatment of raw water be placed adjacent to the Peace River,
- f.that municipalities north of the Peace River, not currently served by regional water systems, be considered for inclusion in this regional water system,
- g.that the future management organization be designed to sell every municipality treated water at the same per cubic meter charge at the boundary of their distribution system(s),
- h.that the study be of a scope sufficient to provide a reasonable estimate of the future cost of

treated water delivered by the management organization to municipalities,

- i. that the study include a reasonable estimate of the future cost of rural water distribution systems within municipal district areas and
- j. that an agreement incorporating these concepts be signed by all participating municipalities prior to the application for funding.

CARRIED.

REQUEST FOR
FIELD ACCESS TO
NW-26-76-4-6

RC12-073

Moved by Councillor Jones

That Council approve the repairing of pot holes and burn the brush when it is possible on the half mile of road to access NW 26-76-4-6.

CARRIED.

APPROACH
POLICY #16

RC12-074

Moved by Councillor Jones

That Council gives approval of Approach Policy #16.

CARRIED.

AAMDC
CONVENTION

RC12-075

Moved by Councillor Doran

That Council receive the information on the meeting with Alberta Transportation at the AAMDC Spring Convention on March 21, 2012 at 11:30

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

UNSIGHTLY
PROPERTY
BYLAW
SECOND
READING

RC12-076

Moved by Councillor Jones

That Council gives By-Law 2012-01 Unsightly Property second reading.

CARRIED.

RC12-077

Moved by Councillor Farkash

That Council request C.A.O. to send Bylaw 2012-01 Unsightly Property in for legal review.

CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR
REPORTS

RMRF
LAW SEMINAR

Councillor Farkash reported on a Municipal Law Seminar he attend on March 2, 2012 in Grande Prairie.

RECESS

10:02 A.M.- 10:09 A.M.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST ON
BUSINESS SIGNAGE

RC12-078

Moved by Councillor Doran

That Council request that the Chief Administrative Officer provide further information regarding Community Economic Signage.

CARRIED.

REVIEW ON
2012 TAX RATES

RC12-079 Moved by Councillor Jones

That Council receive the information on the review of 2012 Tax Rates.

CARRIED

PROVINCIAL
PLOWING MATCH

RC12-080 Moved by Councillor Farkash

That Council give a grant of \$375.00 to C.O.C.O. Plowing Match and Agricultural Society to support the children's programs and the hourseshoe event at the Wanham Provincial Plowing Match.

CARRIED.

50TH FAIR
EAGLESHAM AND
DISTRICT
AGRICULTRAL
SOCIETY

RC12-081 Moved by Councillor Reum

That Council give a one-time grant in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Eaglesham and District Agricultural Society Fair to support the Saturday Night Dance in the amount of \$2,500.00.

CARRIED.

AAMDC - RURAL
STILL MATTERS!

RC12-082 Moved by Councillor Farkash

That Council receive the March 1, 2012 letter from AAMDC President, Bob Barss on Building Relationships - The Upcoming Provincial Election as information.

CARRIED.

RC12-083 Moved by Councillor Jones

That Council direct the C.A.O. to draft a letter lobbying that we have the same cell service as the cities and request the G5 support.

CARRIED.

RC12-084 Moved by Councillor Jones

That Council direct the C.A.O. to draft a letter lobbying that we have the same cell service as the cities and forward it to FCM.

CARRIED.

SOUTH DUNVEGAN
REALIGNMENT
MEETING MINUTES

RC12-085 Moved by Councillor Doran

That Council receive the minutes of the joint Meeting of impacted municipalities on the South Dunvegan Realignment held on Monday, January 23, 2012, as information.

CARRIED.

AAMDC ZONE 4
MEETING MINUTES

RC12-086 Moved by Councillor Reum

That Council receive the minutes of the Regular Meeting of A.A.M.D.C. Northern District Zone Four as held on Friday, February 10, 2012 as information.

CARRIED.

RC12-087 Moved by Councillor Jones

That Council direct staff to write a letter to the minister requesting a upgrade to the rail line from Rycroft to Swan Landing. And circulate it to the G5 for support.

CARRIED.

ALBERTA' S
INTEREST:SITE
C CLEAN ENERGY
PROJECT

RC12-088

Moved by Councillor Doran

That Council request that the Chief Administrative Office draft a letter to Transportation concerning the Site C Clean Energy Project and the impact on the Shaftsbury Ferry and the Ice Bridge.

CARRIED.

AGRICULTURAL
SERVICE BOARD
POLICY

RC12-089

Moved by Councillor Reum

That Council approve the Agricultural Service Board Policy as presented.

CARRIED.

RAY EMERSON
FENCE
CONCERNS

RC12-090

Moved by Councillor Jones

That Council request a letter be drafted to the contractor requesting he pay the installation cost to make the easement for the fence. And Birch Hills County will supply the materials and do the brushing for the fence.

CARRIED.

RECESS

11:30 A.M. - 11:36 A.M.

IN-CAMERA

RC12-091 Moved by Councillor Jones

That Council to go in-camera at 11:37 A.M.

CARRIED.

RC12-092 Moved by Councillor Jones to go out of in-camera at
11:54 P.M.

CARRIED.

RC12-093 Moved by Councillor Doran

That Council request that staff research housing
possibilities for the new CAO and Director of
Finance.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

RC12-094 Moved by Councillor Jones

There being no further business the meeting be
adjourned at 11:56 P.M.

CARRIED.

ACTING REEVE
DALE JANZEN

INTERIM CAO
DOUG PLAMPING