

BIRCH HILLS COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
BIRCH HILLS SENIOR CENTRE

March 9, 2011

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

PRESENT	WARREN SMITH DENNIS SATHER MARVIN DORAN DALE JANZEN AL FARKASH TODD JONES	REEVE DEPUTY-REEVE COUNCILLOR COUNCILLOR COUNCILLOR COUNCILLOR
ABSENT	GERALD MANZULENKO	COUNCILLOR
STAFF	IRENE COOPER DION HYNES MICHAEL COY  DENISE JOUDREY	C.A.O. MANAGER OF PUBLIC WORKS DIR.OF FIELD OPERATIONS  RECORDING SECRETARY
MEDIA	DANNY ZAHARA	THE SIGNAL
DELEGATIONS	Sgt, RYAN DLIND  LINDA DUPLISE	SPIRIT RIVER RCMP  PEACE LIBRARY SYSTEM

Danny Zahara, Signal Reporter entered the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA RESOLUTION NO. 01-09(03-11)

Moved by Deputy Reeve Sather that the Agenda be adopted with the following additions;

BUSINESS ARISING

(b) Central Peace Waste Commission

NEW BUSINESS

(D) Fire Smart Program

MINUTES RESOLUTION NO. 02-09(03-11)

Moved by Councillor Doran that the February 9, 2011, Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**DELEGATION**

Sgt, Ryan Dlin of the Spirit River RCMP entered the meeting at 9:53 A.M.

**RCMP**

Sgt, Ryan Dlin circulated and discussed the Crime Statistics for 2010.

Sgt, Ryan Dlin exited the meeting at 10:17 A.M.

Linda Duplise of Peace Library System entered the meeting at 10:54 A.M.

**PEACE LIBRARY  
SYSTEM**

Linda Duplise of Peace Library System outlined the progress of the library system since Birch Hills County joining one year ago.

Linda Duplise informed Council of all the services and benefits that are available to library membership holders within our municipality.

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS**

**HONORARIUM  
POLICY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-09(03-11)**

Moved by Councillor Doran that the Honorarium Policy be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED.**

**CENTRAL PEACE  
WASTE COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-09(03-11)**

Moved by Deputy Reeve Sather that interest in the amount of \$374.85 levied to the Central Peace Waste Management Commission be cancelled.

**CARRIED.**

**NEW  
BUSINESS**

**COMMUNITY  
FUTURES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-09(03-11)**

Moved by Councillor Janzen that a \$50.00 gift basket be allocated to the Women of the North Conference.

**CARRIED.**

DRAFT  
POLICY  
EMPLOYEE  
BENEFIT PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. 06-09(03-11)

Moved by Deputy Reeve Sather to approve the policy allowing the Elected Officials to Participate in the Employee Benefit Plan.

CARRIED.

SIGNING AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 07-09(03-11)

Moved by Councillor Janzen that signing authority for Birch Hills County consist of the County Manager as well as one of the annually appointed Council Members.

CARRIED.

FIRE SMART

Councillor Doran expressed interest in attending the Fire Smart Conference on March 24 and 25, 2011.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-09(03-11)

Moved by Councillor Jones that Councillor Doran attend the Fire Smart Conference.

CARRIED.

MIGHTY PEACE  
TOURISM  
ASSOCIATION

Councillor Farkash asked why Birch Hills County did not participate in the Mighty Peace Tourism brochure. Ms. Cooper reported that the previous Council had felt that the cost to advertise was very high and approved the development of a brochure in conjunction with Saddle Hills County.

This brochure should be ready in a few weeks.

STAFF  
DELEGATIONS

AGRICULTURE

WILD BOAR  
PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 09-09(03-11)

Moved by Councilor Farkash that Birch Hills County continue with the Wild Boar Bounty Program as presented.

CARRIED.

FUSARIUM  
GRAMINARIUM  
TESTING POLICY

RESOLUTION NO. 10-09(03-11)

Moved by Deputy Reeve Sather to accept the proposed Fusarium Graminarium Testing Policy as presented.

CARRIED.

BRUSHING  
POLICY

Council discussed the policy with some changes to be made and returned to the next meeting for approval.

ROAD SIDE  
SPRAYING  
POLICY

RESOLUTION NO. 11-09(03-11)

Moved by Councillor Jones to accept the Road Side Spraying Policy as presented.

CARRIED

12:00 P.M. -  
12:30 P.M.

Adjournment

Dion Hynes and Michael entered the meeting at 12:30 P.M.

TRANSPORTATION  
PUBLIC WORKS

WATER HAUL  
LIST

RESOLUTION NO. 12-09(03-11)

Moved by Councillor Jones to accept the Water Haul List with the noted revisions of a separate list for truck, truck and trailer, tanker truck and a fuel provision on water haul.

CARRIED.

FIRE DISCIPLINE  
POLICY

RESOLUTION NO. 13-09(03-11)

Moved by Councillor Doran that the Fire Discipline Policy be approve as presented.

CARRIED.

TRUCK TENDER

RESOLUTION NO. 14-09(03-11)

Moved by Councilor Farkash Unit No. 130 be sold to Wayne Potrebanks for \$3,685.00.

**WATER PLANTS  
TOUR**

The tour of the Water Plants will be on March 15, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. beginning at the Eaglesham Water Plant.

**WATER MEETING**

Council agreed to have the Water Meeting on Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**WATER TRUCK**

Council discussed the benefit to the County to purchase a water truck to aid in Fire Fighting.

Council requested Dion Hynes to research the cost of a new Water Truck and building expansion to house the unit.

**GRADER ATTACHMENT**

**TENDER RESULTS**

Michael Coy reported that the minimum price was not met on the bid results.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-09(03-11)**

Moved by Councilor Farkash that the grader attachments be retained by the County as the minimum price was not attained.

**CARRIED.**

**WANHAM TRUCKING  
GRAVEL OFFER**

Michael brought forward an offer from Wanham Trucking to sell gravel to Birch Hills County.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-09(03-11)**

Moved by Councillor Jones that Birch Hills County purchase ¾" gravel from Wanham Trucking for \$6.25 per tonne.

**CARRIED.**

**WAPITI GRAVEL**

Michael reported that we are still working out an agreement with Wapiti Gravel and he should have additional information at the April meeting.

Danny Zahara, Signal Reporter exited the meeting at 2:06 P.M.

Dion Hynes and Michael Coy exited the meeting at 2:47 P.M.

**TREASURY**

**BANK  
RECONCILIATION**

**RESOLUTION NO.17-09(03-11)**

Moved by Deputy Reeve Sather that the February 28,  
2011 Bank Reconciliation be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

**REGIONAL WASTE  
COMMISSION**

Reeve Smith reported on a recent Regional Waste  
Commission meeting he attended.

**AAMDC ZONE  
MEETING**

Reeve Smith reported on a recent AAMDC Zone Meeting  
he attended.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting  
adjourned at 3:06 PM.

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**REEVE SMITH**

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**COUNTY MANAGER**