

BIRCH HILLS COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
BIRCH HILLS SERVICE CENTRE

NOVEMBER 10, 2010

The Regular Meeting for Birch Hills County Council was called to order by Reeve, Warren Smith, at 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, November 10, 2010, in the Birch Hills Service Centre.

**PRESENT**

WARREN SMITH	REEVE
GERALD MANZULENKO	COUNCILLOR
DALE JANZEN	COUNCILLOR
TODD JONES	COUNCILLOR
MARVIN DORAN	COUNCILLOR
AL FARKASH	COUNCILLOR

**ABSENT**

DENNIS SATHER	DEPUTY-REEVE
IRENE COOPER	C.A.O.
MICHAEL COY	DIR.OF FIELD OPERATIONS
DENISE JOUDREY	RECORDING SECRETARY
WARREN SEKULIC	AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN
DION HYNES	MANAGER OF PUBLIC WORKS
DANNY ZAHARA	SIGNAL REPORTER
DEAN COOPER	ASSESSOR
GORDON HARDY	ASSESSOR
GLENDA FARNDEN	STARS
KEVIN CHRENEK	RBC DOMINION
DARLA ABBOTT	RBC DOMINION
DANNY NESTER	DELEGATION
DIANE BOSOMWORTH	DELEGATION
JOHN NEDOHIN	DELEGATION
PAUL NEDOHIN	DELEGATION
PATRICIA OLD	DELEGATION

**SIGNAL REPORTER**

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

**AGENDA**

RESOLUTION NO. 01-10(11-10)

Moved by Councillor Manzulenko that the Agenda be adopted with the noted additions:

**DELEGATIONS**

4. 11:30 A.M - Kevin Chrenek - RBC

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

9. (A) PREDA  
(B) Grande Spirit Foundation  
(C) Central Peace Clinic

**CARRIED.**

**MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-10(11-10)**

Moved by Councillor Doran that the September 22, 2010, Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-10(11-10)**

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Doran that the October 22, 2010, Organizational Meeting Minutes be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC /  
DELEGATIONS**

Assessors, Dean Cooper and Gordon Hardy entered the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

**ASSESSMENT**

Dean Cooper and Gordon Hardy outlined their responsibilities as Assessors to the council.

The Assessors explained how assessments are determined and their responsibilities under the legislation.

Dean Cooper and Gordon Hardy exited the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Dion Hynes and Michael Coy entered the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

**TEXAS GATE  
TWP 800 &  
RR 43**

Danny Nester, Patricia Old, John Nedohin and Diane Bosomworth were in attendance to discuss their opposition to the installation of a Texas Gate on the road allowance on Township Road 800 and Range Road 43.

The Transportation Department advised that they had given permission for the Texas Gate prior to installation.

The delegation was advised that Council would discuss the situation and advise them accordingly.

**STARS**

Glenda Farnden, STARS Representative thanked Council for their 3 year commitment of \$10,000.00 per year which ends in 2010. A plaque was presented to Reeve, Warren Smith.

Ms. Farnden outlined what STARS offers our Municipality and stressed how much the financial support is needed.

Glenda Farnden exited the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**TRANSPORTATION** Dion Hynes and Michael Coy re-entered the meeting at 10:10 A.M.

**TEXAS GATE** Council directed that a man-gate be installed to  
**TWP 800 &** address the issues raised by the delegation.  
**RR 44**

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-10(11-10)**

**Moved by Councillor Jones that a policy be developed that in the event that a man gate is not feasible the road allowance must be formally closed by Bylaw.**

**CARRIED.**

**DITCH CLEANS** Transportation advised Council how the current process works for conducting ditch cleans. Michael and Dion requested that Council adopt a formal process for applications and timelines.

Council discussed striking a committee to assist with the prioritizing of requests.

Council directed that Transportation draft a policy for their review.

**CAPITAL** Council was advised of what equipment and vehicles  
**PURCHASES** are being considered for the 2011 Capital Budget  
**FOR 2011**

Kevin Chrenek and Darla Abbot of RBC entered the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

11:25 Michael Coy and Dion Hynes left the meeting.

**RBC** Kevin Chrenek reviewed the Financial Portfolio for Birch Hills County with Council.

General questions and discussion took place.

Kevin Chrenek and Darla Abbot exited the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

**11:54 P.M. -**  
**12:35 P.M**

**Adjournment**

**TRANSPORTION** Dion Hynes entered the meeting at 12:35 P.M.

**BOOT ALLOWANCE  
POLICY REVISION** Dion Hynes brought forward a request from the employees to use any unspent portion of their boot allowance on other protective equipment.

Discussion held and no action was required.

**WATER HAUL  
LIST** Reeve Smith suggested that this item be discussed at the Conference with Staff and Council are together.

**BURNT RIVER  
CROSSING** Dion Hynes presented the cost estimate for the low level crossing.

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-10(11-10)**

**Moved by Councillor Manzulenko to proceed with the low level crossing in the 2011 budget.**

**CARRIED.**

**BRIDGE FILE  
#77670** Dion Hynes recommended to Council that with no commitment for funding for the 2011 and possible 2012 bridge maintenance season from Alberta Transportation, that Birch Hills County do the replacement ourselves. Dion also explained to Council that if Birch Hills County does the work it will mean that bridge file #77670 wouldn't exist in terms of future funding.

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-10(11-10)**

**Moved by Councillor Jones that Birch Hills County proceed with Bridge File #77670.**

**CARRIED.**

**APPOINTMENT  
OF FIRE CHIEFS** **RESOLUTION NO. 07-10(11-10)**  
**Moved by Councillor Manzulenko that Jim Alexy be appointed as the Fire Chief for Tangent and that Wayne Wells be appointed as Fire Chief for Wanham for the 2010-2011 term.**

**CARRIED.**

Dion Hynes exited the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

**AGRICULTURE**

Warren Sekulic entered the meeting at 1:55.

Warren discussed the many topics raised at the recent Regional ASB Meeting.

He advised that he is planning a Weed Meeting to be held in Eaglesham in the new year.

Warren Sekulic exited the meeting at 2:08.

**BUSINESS  
ARISING FROM  
THE MINUTES**

**TOWN OF  
SPIRIT RIVER  
SWIMMING POOL**

Council discussed the request for a regional Board to oversee the operation and maintenance of a swimming pool.

**REGIONAL LAND  
USE FRAMEWORK  
INITIATIVE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-10(11-10)**

Moved by Councillor Farkash that Council authorizes Birch Hills County to participate in an application for the Land Use Framework Initiative project, submitted by the Municipal District of Peace No. 135 under the Strategic Initiatives component of the Regional Collaboration Program.

And that the Birch Hills County if the applicant, agrees to enter into, or as a participant, agrees to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement governing the purpose and use of the grant funds.

**CARRIED.**

**NEW  
BUSINESS**

**FCSS  
EXPENDITURES**

Irene Cooper explained what funds have been spent to date, what requests were being presented and what the funding can be spent on.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-10(11-10)**

Moved by Councillor Jones that \$25,000 of the FCSS Grant go to the School Liaison position, \$3,200.00 to Victims Assistance and the balance of the program money to be divided among the groups who apply.

**CARRIED.**

FCSS CON'T

RESOLUTION NO. 10-10(11-10)

Moved by Councillor Manzulenko that Birch Hills County give \$5 000.00 of the FCSS Grant to the Wanham Tiny Tots and \$5 000.00 to the Bethel Gospel Chapel youth program for community services.

CARRIED.

STARS FUNDING

Entered under the agenda for information was a letter of appreciation for financial support in the past.

Discussion was held on what amount of financial support we should continue to donate.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-10(11-10)

Moved by Councillor Jones to allocate \$50,000.00 per year for 3 years to STARS.

1 IN FAVOR  
5 OPPOSED

MOTION LOST.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-10(11-10)

Moved by Councillor Manzulenko to allocate \$32,000.00 per year for 3 years to STARS.

CARRIED.

TREASURY

Bank

RECONCILIATIONS

Submitted under the Agenda was the October, 2010, Bank Reconciliation.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-10(11-10)

Moved by Councillor Manzulenko to accept the September and October, 2010 Bank Reconciliation as circulated.

CARRIED

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**CHECK LIST**

Submitted under the Agenda was Cheque List: 092110 CHEQUES, 092810 CHEQUES, 100710 CHEQUES, PMCHQ00000803, 100710 CHEQUES PMCHQ00000804, 100710 CHEQUES, PMCHQ00000805, 101510 CHEQUES, 102110 CHEQUES PMCHQ00000807, 102210 CHEQUES, PMCHQ00000808, PMPAY00000171-PMPAY00000177

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-10 (11-10)**

**Moved by Councillor Janzen to accept the Cheque Lists as circulated.**

**CARRIED.**

**PREDA**

Councillor Doran reported on a PREDA meeting he recently attended. He found it very informative and shared some highlights with the Council.

PREDA is in the planning stages of developing a Regional Dinosaur Trail for the Peace Area.

**GRANDE SPIRIT FOUNDATION**

Councillor Jones reported that the Grande Spirit Requisition will be increased by 6% in 2011.

**CENTRAL PEACE CLINIC**

Councillor Janzen reported the committee approved routine building maintenance.

**REEVES REPORT**

**COUNCIL & STAFF LUNCHEON**

Reeve Smith suggested that the Council and Staff have a luncheon at the next Council meeting.

**RETREAT**

Reeve Smith suggested that Council get together in a retreat setting to undertake some long term planning.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

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REEVE SMITH

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COUNTY MANAGER