BIRCH HILLS COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BIRCH HILLS SERVICE CENTRE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2012

The Regular Meeting for Birch Hills County Council was called to order by Reeve Warren Smith, at 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, in the Birch Hills Service Centre.

PRESENT	WARREN SMITH	REEVE
	DALE JANZEN	DEPUTY-REEVE
	MARVIN DORAN	COUNCILLOR
	TODD JONES	COUNCILLOR
	ALAN FARKASH	COUNCILLOR
ABSENT	PAUL REUM	COUNCILLOR
	GERALD MANZULENKO	COUNCILLOR
STAFF	HAROLD NORTHCOTT	C.A.O
	DENISE JOUDREY	RECORDING SECRETARY
MEDIA	DANNY ZAHARA	REPORTER, THE SIGNAL

AGENDA

RC12-374 Moved by Councillor Farkash

That Council adopt the Agenda as presented with the following additions.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
C. Letter to Environment - Removal of Bridge
D. Chris Warkentin - Building Canada
E. Bilingual Tangent Hamlet Sign

5. COUNCILLOR REPORTS
A. SEED CLEANING PLANT
B. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEETING
C. BIRCH HILLS COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

6. NEW BUSINESS
F. HANDICAP LIFT FOR BIRCH HILLS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
G. V.S.I.

7. FOR INFORMATION
C. BUDGET TIMELINES
D. A NIGHT IN THE TRENCHES - EDMONTON JOURNAL

CARRIED.

MINUTES

RC12-375 Moved by Councillor Doran

That Council accept the November 6, 2012 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and that they be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PURCHASE OF LOT 1, PLAN 852 2196

RC12-376 Moved by Councillor Jones

That Council approve the purchase of Lot 1, Plan 852 2196 for $165,000.00 with funding from the restricted surplus, accumulated surplus fire services.

CARRIED.

REMOVAL OF ABANDONED RAIL BRIDGE

RC12-377 Moved by Councillor Farkash

That Council direct CAO to draft a letter to Alberta Environment regarding Birch Hills County's concerns on the removal of the abandoned rail bridge in the Smokey River at Watino and cc the letter to the appropriate departments accompanied by photos.

CARRIED.

BUILDING CANADA FUND

Council discussed the Building Canada Fund and what the criteria are to apply for funds.

CAO, Harold Northcott will investigate the Building Canada Fund and return the information to the next Council Meeting on December 4, 2012.

BILINGUAL HAMLET SIGN TANGENT

RC12-378 **Moved by Councillor Farkash**

That Council direct the CAO to investigate the possibility of funding through the Minister of Culture for a bilingual sign for the Hamlet of Tangent.

CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EAGLESHAM SEED CLEANING PLANT

Councillor Farkash reported to Council on a Eaglesham Seed Cleaning Plant meeting he attend on October 23, 2012.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEETING

Councillor Doran reported on an Emergency Management Meeting Dion Hynes and himself had attended at Saddle Hills County on November 8, 2012.

BIRCH HILLS COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

Deputy Reeve Janzen reported on a Birch Hills County Library Board Meeting he attended at the Eaglesham Hall on November 7, 2012. Pam Poetker is now the Chair, Joy McKay the Vice Chair, Chris Garrett, the Treasurer and Lisa Pierog the Secretary.

RC12-379 **Moved by Councillor Farkash**

That Council accept all the reports presented as information.

CARRIED.

RC12-380 **Moved by Councillor Jones**

That Council add V.S.I. to 6. New Business, G.

CARRIED.

RECESS 10:10 AM - 10:16 AM

NEW BUSINESS

CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE

RC12-381 Moved by Councillor Farkash

That Council close the Birch Hills County Office on December 24, 2012 and be opened on December 27 & 28, 2012 and close on December 31, 2012.

DEFEATED.

RC12-382 Moved by Councillor Doran

That Council close the Birch Hills County Office from noon on Monday, December 24,2012 to Wednesday, January 2, 2013 inclusive, with the Birch Hills County Office reopening for service to the public at 8:15 am on Wednesday, January 2, 2013.

CARRIED.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

RC12-383 Moved by Councillor Doran

That Council designate Dion Hynes as Deputy Director of Emergency Management.

CARRIED.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

RC12-384 Moved by Councillor Doran

That Council approve the reinvestment strategy as information.

CARRIED.

RENTAL AGREEMENT

ALLAN LAURSEN

RC12-385 Moved by Councillor Farkash

That Council refrain from renting the Birch Hills County owned building on 4901 50th Street, Wanham Until information is received on visual inspection and insurance.

CARRIED.

PROPOSED 2013 COUNCIL/ GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

RC12-386 Moved by Councillor Doran

That Council accept the proposed 2013 Council/Governance Committee Meeting Schedule as presented.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE CHAIR LIFT

RC12-387 Moved by Councillor Jones

That Council approve a change to the office renovation capital to reflect a chair lift rather than an elevator.

CARRIED.

VSI

RC12-388 Moved by Councillor Doran

That Council authorize Councillor Jones to vote for a 2.5% increase on VSI procedures and approve the same level of support as previous years within our budget amounts.

CARRIED.

FOR INFORMATION

RC12-389 Moved by Councillor Jones

That Council accept all the information items as information.

CARRIED.

THE SIGNAL SUBSCRIPTION

RC12-390 Moved by Councillor Doran

That Council table the Central Peace Signal - Subscriptions/Advertising for Birch Hills County 2013 to the next regular meeting for more information.

CARRIED.

Councillor Manzulenko entered the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

RC12-391 Moved by Councillor Farkash that there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

CARRIED.

REEVE
WARREN SMITH

CAO
HAROLD NORTHCOTT