



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS January 27, 2009

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#1 Hamlet of Peers Redevelopment – Yellowhead County Council approved a recommendation to go forward with the planned intent for the former school site in the Hamlet of Peers. The current structure is to be demolished. Council will be hosting a public forum on February 10, 2009 at the Peers Agricultural Centre to discover what the community members would like as a recreational/community facility on the land base. All area residents are invited, and members of council and administration will be in attendance. Council had previously requested a hazardous materials assessment, which discovered that some materials would have to be removed prior to demolition and making the building unsuitable for renovation.

#2 Landowner Compensation Roadworks Policy – Council approved a new policy for Landowner Compensation in roadworks. This policy ratified current county practices into a standard format. When rebuilding and developing road networks, the county may sometimes be required to purchase pieces of land. This policy lays out the for the process of that purchase. The county will compensate landowners for their land, any improvements on it and fencing, among other incidentals. There will be no compensation for trees, either shelterbelt or ornamental. Council stated that landowners were already being compensated for their land, in addition to improving their adjacent road. “We’re improving their quality of life with the road,” said Coun. Larry Richter.

#3 Cadomin Sewer Servicing – Council took the next step in developing a sewer servicing system for the Hamlet of Cadomin. Construction of a sewer lagoon was completed in 2008 and will be functional by summer 2009. Council voted to send a plan for a low-pressure system out to tender. The collection system had previously been tendered in 2007, however the costs were significantly higher than estimates and the project was put on hold. Council decided that this time they would tender the project first, and then hold a public meeting with actual costs, instead of estimates. The tenders will be submitted to the county by April 9, 2009, with a community meeting tentatively scheduled for April 18, 2009.

#4 Award of Road Work Tenders – Council awarded tenders for grading and road work on Carrot Creek Tower Road, the Niton North Road, the Muskeg Diesel Road and Leaman Road. The Carrot Creek Tower Road project will involve grading, granular base work, asphalt concrete paving and other work from the Highway 16 Junction south to Twp 530 for a total of 7.84 km. The project was awarded to E Construction Ltd. for approximately \$8.2 million, which was \$3.6 million under budget. The Niton North Road will involve subgrade preparation, granular base course, asphalt concrete pavement and other work from the Highway 16 Junction north for 6.45 km. The project was awarded to Ledcor Alberta Ltd. for \$3.5 million, which was approximately

\$630,000 under budget. The Muskeg Diesel road and the Leaman Road project will involve grading and other work and was awarded to Brute Force Ltd. for approximately \$1.5 million (almost \$1 million under budget). Administration stated that the lower prices were most likely due to the slow down in the economy. “It’s refreshing to see the bids coming in lower” said Coun. Larry Richter.

#5 Planning and Development – Council gave first reading to Bylaw 2.09, amending a portion of SE 22-56-15-W5M from Rural District to Country Residential District. This allowed the landowner to further subdivide his land, creating another parcel (for a total of six) on the quarter section. Council also gave first reading to Bylaws 3.09 and 4.09, which proposed the Stonewater Creek Area Structure Plan and changed the zoning in the area. The proposed development for Pt. NE 33-52-18-W5M, Pt. SE 4-53-18-W5M and Pt. W1/2 3-53-18-W5M (along Hwy 43 south of Edson) will include an 18-hole golf course, commercial development, a conference centre, condominium RV park, equine park, hotel and single family, multi-family and adult living residential units. Public hearings on all three of these bylaws will be held in council chambers on February 24, 2009 at 9:30 p.m.

#6 Briefs, Briefs – Council reviewed and updated their Meeting Procedures Bylaw. There were two minor changes, but the update was mainly a review for council and administration. Council also approved the Strategic Planning Policy, which scheduled annual strategic planning sessions. CAO Jack Ramme stated that the policy was already practiced by the county, this policy merely solidified it. The next council meeting will be held on February 10, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

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