



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS June 23, 2009

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#1 Rosevear Ferry Feasibility Study – Yellowhead County Council approved a motion to partner with Alberta Transportation to complete a bridge study over the McLeod River at the north end of the Rosevear road. Currently, the area is serviced by the Rosevear Ferry. A previous study was undertaken in 2008 to determine the feasibility of the bridge within the current road network. It found that the bridge would be beneficial, leading the county to take the next step in the planning process. This next study will complete preliminary engineering including detailed bridge planning, geotechnical drilling, environmental and historical overviews and public consultation. The cost of the study will be \$141,888.

#2 Rosevear Ferry Contract – Council voted to re-tender the operator's contract for the Rosevear Ferry. The current contract will be finished at the end of this ferry season. In order to qualify for the contract the contractor must hold multiple certifications, including COR certification, Marine Training, and Pleasure craft. The contract will be tendered this summer for the 2010 ferry season.

#3 Peers school demolition contract awarded – Council awarded the tender for the former Peers school demolition to Rurka 2003 Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$67,200. The bid was the lowest of three submitted. All hazardous materials (asbestos, etc.) have already been removed from the site. The demolition is expected to be completed by early August 2009.

#4 Muskeg Diesel Road Intersection – Yellowhead County is currently in the process of reconstructing Muskeg Diesel Road. During the planning process, the county was made aware of potential traffic issues at the intersection of Hwy 748. Alberta Transportation decided that there would be no changes to the intersection until an assessment study was completed to determine what future intersection improvements would be required. Council voted to go ahead with this study at a cost of \$49,748, with the cost to be split 50/50 with Yellowhead County and Alberta Transportation. Council also heard a presentation from Stan Blair, who owns land adjacent to the current intersection. Blair's land is currently not eligible for any subdivision due to Alberta Transportation's objection. Council received Blair's presentation for information.

#5 Seabolt Road Ban Rescinded – Council rescinded a prior resolution to impose a 50% road ban on the Seabolt subdivision year-round. The original resolution had been a response to the damage caused this spring by heavy trucks on the road, which may have been operating within the previous weight limits. The road bans will now be determined by administration, based on weather and road conditions at the time.

#6 Evansburg North Grader Contract extended – Council voted to accept a proposal from M&G Grading to continue their current contract for the Evansburg North Grader beat for one year. The contract, which would have expired September 2009, will continue until September 2010 at the same rate of \$94/hr. Council will take this opportunity to weigh the benefits of contract vs. in-house grader operations to determine which option best serves county ratepayers.

#7 Road Request – Council heard a public presentation from Shaun and Roxanne Janke regarding a proposed access to their property located just north of the Carldale subdivision. The Janke's property currently has no road access, and therefore an access must be built, in accordance with Yellowhead County road standards, prior to any development on their property. The landowners stated that the road policy required a much higher road standard than was necessary for their property and requested the policy be suspended in their case. Council will discuss the request at a future council meeting.

#8 Planning – Council held a Public Hearing regarding Bylaw 7.09, a proposal to amend Plan 749LC, Block 3, Lots 1 & 2 within the Hamlet of Peers from Hamlet Commercial District to Hamlet General. The rezoning will allow for a mix of commercial and residential uses, and the landowner has proposed to develop the building into a hair salon and three residences. There were no written or oral objections, and council gave second and third (final) reading to the bylaw.

#9 Briefs – Council approved the rescinding of Policy 12.02 and the updating of Policy 12.27. These policies had become obsolete and had previously been replaced with updated policies. The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

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