



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS May 11, 2010

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#1 Assessment Report for 2009 – Yellowhead County Council heard a presentation from Alison Reid and Ray Fortin of Accurate Assessment Group. They provided an overview of the 2009 assessment in the county, dividing it into residential, farmland, industrial and linear. Reid stated that residential assessments had an overall increase of 1 per cent, although there were small variations in that throughout the county. “It was a pretty level playing field at this point,” said Reid. Industrial and linear assessments had a slight decrease in the county. Fortin stated that industry in the county had fared slightly better than companies in other municipalities that he had assessed. Accurate Assessment conducts assessments of the properties in Yellowhead County upon which the tax rate is based.

#2 Summer Gravel Tender Approved – Council awarded the Summer Gravel Program Tender to Jones Trucking and Backhoe Services Inc., of Winfield, AB. The tender of \$535,153 was the lowest of four bids submitted, and was almost \$100,000 below the estimated amount in the 2010 budget. The program is the regular graveling of county roads throughout the summer season.

#3 Niton Road Improvements Approved – Council awarded the Niton Junction Road Improvements – School Property Improvements to Lamb Enterprises 1966 Ltd., of Wildwood, AB. The tender of \$1,020,286 was the lowest of four bids submitted. The project has been divided into two schedules, with Yellowhead County responsible for Schedule ‘A’, the paving of the new Manufactured Home Subdivision just east of the Niton North Road at a cost of \$670,988. The Grande Yellowhead Public School Division will be responsible for the paving of the school parking lot at a cost of \$349,288. The county’s portion of the project was slightly over the estimated amount; however administration stated that the additional funds will come from any surplus remaining in the 2010 transportation budget.

#4 Briefs –The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

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