



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS September 8, 2009

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#1 AAMDC presentation – Yellowhead County Council heard a presentation from the executive of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties. President Don Johnson, Director John Whaley and Executive Director Gerald Rhodes updated council on the issues that AAMDC was lobbying the province about. This included Bill 202, the Municipal Auditor’s Bill. AAMDC is lobbying against this bill as it is redundant and the necessary auditory measures are already included in the Municipal Government Act. They also discussed land use planning, and how the municipalities will be involved in the new provincial legislation.

#2 Littering Bylaw Approved – Council gave second and third (final) reading to Littering Bylaw 26.09. The bylaw was given first reading at the last council meeting, but the final approval was withheld until a legal opinion could be given regarding the fee structure. The restructured bylaw will allow peace officers to be more stringent in stopping illegal dumping, a problem that has been increasing in the west end of the county. Yellowhead County, Sustainable Resource Development, the Town of Hinton and West Fraser have all partnered together to develop a plan to counteract illegal dumping throughout the county.

#3 Evansburg Arena Renovation Contract Approved – Council approved a contract for renovations at the PARS arena with Alps Construction Ltd. for \$184,800. The renovations will include complete renovations of two dressing rooms, new fixtures in the other dressing rooms, electrical upgrades in the weight room and insulating the riding arena. The work will be started on immediately and is planned to be completed before the start of the 2009/10 hockey season.

#4 Breathing Air Trailer Purchase Approved – Council approved the purchase of a new Breathing Air and Rehab Trailer for Yellowhead County Fire Services. The trailer will allow for the fire department to refill their breathing-air bottles at each station, as well as have the trailer on scene for fires and emergencies of a longer duration. The trailer will also have a small rest area and washroom for volunteer firefighters to use during necessary rest periods at longer emergencies. The breathing air and rest areas are both requirements under Alberta OH&S regulations. The contract was given to the lowest compliant bid of the Aluminum Trailer Company out of the U.S.A. for approximately \$140,000.

#5 County Recreation Board Appointments – Council followed the recommendation of the Yellowhead County Recreation Board and extended all board memberships for one more year. The Recreation Board is currently made up of 9 members, one from each electoral division in the county and one councillor. With the extension, all eight member-at-large memberships will come due at the same time. This will allow Council, with input from the board, to decide whether the

current numbers are working for the board, or if the membership should be reduced to fewer members.

#6 Briefs – Council rescinded Policy 23.02 Assignment of Responsibility and Accountability for Safety, which had been made redundant by Yellowhead County’s Health and Safety Policy. Council also rescinded Policy 62-02-1 Community Tourism Action Plan Funding. The policy dealt with a regional program that has not been in operation for several years. The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

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