

MINUTES

Yellowhead County Council held a meeting on January 26, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, at the Yellowhead County Administration Building in Edson, Alberta.

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT:

Gerald Soroka, Mayor
Jay Lowe, Deputy Mayor & Councillor, Division No. 3
George Webster, Councillor, Division No. 1
Ewald Kwirant, Councillor, Division No. 2
Larry Richter, Councillor, Division No. 4
William Velichko, Councillor, Division No. 6
Roxanne Scherger, Councillor, Division No. 7
Lavone Olson, Councillor, Division No. 8

COUNCILLORS

ABSENT:

Vacant – Councillor, Division No. 5

ADMINISTRATION

PRESENT:

Jack Ramme, Chief Administrative Officer
Tracy Parker, Executive Assistant/ Recording Secretary
Catherine Adair, Communications Coordinator
Barb Lyons, Director of Corporate and Planning Services
Brent Shepherd, Planning and Development Manager
Jan Karasek, Planning and Development/ Subdivision Officer
Don O'Quinn, Director of Infrastructure Services
Debbie Charest, Director of Community and Protective Services

Mayor Soroka called the council meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

1.1 ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 26, 2010 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

RES 037-01-26-10 MOVED BY Councillor Kwirant that Council adopts the January 26, 2010 regular council meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.1 ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 12, 2010 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

RES 038-01-26-10 MOVED BY Councillor Olson that Council adopts the January 12, 2010 regular council meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 12, 2010 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES FOR BYLAW NO. 31.09

RES 039-01-26-10 MOVED BY Councillor Velichko that Council adopts the January 12, 2010 Public Hearing minutes for Bylaw No. 31.09 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.3 ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 18, 2010 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

RES 040-01-26-10 MOVED BY Councillor Webster that Council adopts the January 18, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes with the following amendment:

- Agenda package page 18 bullet #5 should read "Council will develop the Terms of Reference for the operation of the Committee and the Committee will present recommendations to the Committee of the Whole for development of Plebiscite.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.1 YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL SOCIETY CREATIVE CAMPUS - SCHEDULED PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Joan Udell and Tracy Templeton, of the Yellowhead Regional Arts Festival Society made a verbal presentation to Council with regard to an update on activities completed on the Creative Campus project. Discussion included:

- Yellowhead Regional Arts Festival Society received \$300,000.00 from Rural Alberta Development Fund for the development of Creative Campus over a 2 year period.
- The Creative Campus project had established a communication network with non-profit groups through the region with the purpose of mentoring them and providing operational assistance until such time they became self sufficient.

- Creative Campus partnered with Town of Hinton for Arts on Fire, Winter Magic Festival and Arts Days as well as the Town of Grand Cache for Paint the Town Red and Deathfest. They also partnered with the Municipality of Jasper for Community Calendar and the Town of Edson for Arts Days. Council noted that there was a lack of support from Creative Campus for the hamlets within Yellowhead County and no projects were directed at the communities of Wildwood and Evansburg.

Mayor Soroka recessed the meeting at 10:01 a.m.
Mayor Soroka reconvened the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

4.1 HIGHWAY 16 – HIGHWAY 32 TO MCLEOD RIVER ACCESS MANAGEMENT REVIEW

Administration advised that Yellowhead County, in partnership with Alberta Transportation, had hired Stantec Consulting Ltd. to do an access management review for the area east of Edson along Highway 16 from Highway 32 to the McLeod River.

The draft report was reviewed by Council at the January 18, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting. Council concurred with the recommendations of the report and supported moving the report from a “draft” to a “final” report for submission to the province.

RES 041-01-26-10

MOVED BY Councillor Scherger that Council adopts the Highway 16 – Highway 32 to McLeod River Access Management Review as presented at the January 18, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 FIRST READING OF BYLAW NO. 11.10, BEING A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN HIGHWAYS AND ROADS UNDER THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF YELLOWHEAD COUNTY

Administration advised that at the January 18, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Council reviewed the proposed changes to Bylaw No. 7.06 as it pertained to speed limits on paved roads as well as some other changes put forth by Administration. Council was advised that during the review, Administration suggested additional changes for council to consider. The major changes identified were as followed:

1. Change maximum speed in a multi-lot subdivision with an internal road network from 50 kilometres per hour to 60 kilometres per hour.
2. The following schedules would be removed:
 - Schedule 4 – Edson Area – Should be 80 kilometres per hour (Schedule was listed at 50 kilometres per hour).
 - Schedule 5 - East Crossing – Should be 80 kilometres per hour (Schedule was listed at 50 kilometres per hour).
 - Schedule 9 – Shining Bank Road - Should be 80 kilometres per hour (Schedule was listed at 70 kilometres per hour).
 - Schedule 10 – Wolf Creek Road - Should be 80 kilometres per hour (Schedule was listed at 50 kilometres per hour).
 - Schedule 11 – Township Road 542 - Should be 80 kilometres per hour (Schedule was listed at 50 kilometres per hour).

FIRST READING

RES 042-01-26-10

MOVED BY Councillor Velichko that Council gives Bylaw No. 11.10, being a bylaw to Authorize Speed Limits on Certain Highways and Roads Under the Direction and Control of Yellowhead County, first reading;

AND THAT Administration brings back Bylaw No. 11.10 for second and third reading at a future council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.1 REVISION OF POLICY 3200.07 DESIGN GUIDELINES AND CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS – ADDITION OF TABLE 7.2

Administration advised that at the December 21, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council had discussed the issue of raising the posted speed limit on paved collector roads. To meet this objective Yellowhead County's Design Guidelines and Construction Specifications Policy 3200.07 had to be revised to include a design speed of 100 kilometres per hour with a posted speed of 90 kilometres per hour.

Attached to the agenda package was the revised Table 7.2 “Basic Design Standards for Rural Cross-sections” that included a design speed of 100 kilometres per hour with a posted speed of 90 kilometres per hour for paved collector/ arterial roads and a design speed of 100 kilometres per hour with a posted speed of 80 kilometres per hour for gravel collector/ arterial roads.

RES 043-01-26-10

MOVED BY Councillor Lowe that Council approves the revision to Yellowhead County's Design Guidelines and Construction Specifications Policy 3200.07, with the inclusion of table 7.2, as followed:

Table 7.2 Basic Design Standards for Rural Cross-Sections

Design Criteria		Access	Local	Industrial	Collector/ Arterial
Drawing Reference		No. R-02	No. R-03	No. R-05	No. R-06
R.O.W.		30m	30m	40m	40m
TAC Classification		RLU 70	RLU 90	RCU 70	RCU 100
Design Speed		70 km/hr	90 km/hr	70 km/hr	100 km/hr
Posted Speed	Gravel	50 km/hr	80 km/hr	60 km/hr	80 km/hr
	Paved	60 km/hr	80 km/hr	60 km/hr	90 km/hr
Finished Surface Width		8.0 m	8.0 m	10.5 m	10.5 m
Min. Radius of Curve		190 m	340 m	190 m	440 m
Max. Gradient (%)		6	6	4	3
Vertical Curve Min. "k" Value CREST		19	35	35	55
Vertical Curve Min. "k" Value SAG		10	15	10	18
Embankment Sideslopes/ Backslopes min.		3:1	3:1	4:1	4:1
		2:1	2:1	3:1	3:1
Min. Ditch Grade		0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Super Elevation m/m		0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
CROWN	Gravel	3%	3%	3%	3%
	ACP	2%	2%	2%	2%

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 NEW SANITARY SEWER MAIN – THIRD AVENUE – HAMLET OF PEERS

Yellowhead County was currently completing detail engineering for the installation of curb, gutter, sidewalks and pavement in the Hamlet of Peers. Third (3rd) Avenue currently did not have a sanitary sewer main. With the potential for subdivision of lands in this area Administration recommended that the sanitary sewer main be installed prior to the installation of curb, gutter, sidewalks and pavement.

Approximately 150 meters of sanitary sewer main would be required at an estimated cost of \$75,000.00.

The January 18, 2010 Committee of the Whole reviewed the issue of installation of the sanitary sewer main in Third Avenue in the Hamlet of Peers and recommended that it be brought forward to Council for approval.

RES 044-01-26-10

MOVED BY Councillor Richter that Council approves the installation of the sanitary sewer main in Third Avenue in the Hamlet of Peers at the estimated cost of \$75,000.00;

AND THAT the 2010 budget was amended accordingly;

AND THAT the total cost of the installation would be charged back to the future development of the surrounding property.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.1 DISPOSITION OF YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL SOCIETY CREATIVE CAMPUS

Administration advised that Joan Udell, Executive Director, and Tracy Templeton, Edson Coordinator, of the Yellowhead Regional Arts Festival Society Creative Campus made a presentation to Council. They provided an update on the activities that were completed since their Creative Campus project began on April 1, 2009. It also outlined what their plans were and what they had learned. Attached to the agenda package were a Progress Report and a Report on Programming and Participation.

The Yellowhead Regional Arts Festival Society's request for funding from the Rural Alberta Development Fund was successful and they received in excess of \$300,000.00 to develop a Creative Campus over a two year period. Yellowhead County Council agreed to contribute \$2,500.00 for two years for a total contribution of \$5,000.00.

The funding had allowed the hiring of part-time staff in satellite projects in Edson, Jasper and Grande Cache and two and one-half positions in Hinton where the program was centered. While the main focus for the Creative Campus was to assist existing and developing Arts groups in the region, they had also delivered some specialty programs at the request of community members/ groups.

While the Society would not be requesting additional, long term funding from Council at this point, this was a definite possibility in the future as their Rural Development funding would be completed by April 1, 2011.

Considerations Council explored with the delegation were:

- How was the Creative Campus project building capacity in existing and developing groups?
- Was direct delivery of programs taking away from this capacity building?
- How were Yellowhead County communities being served since this was a condition of County participation?
- What were the expectations for ongoing municipal support after April 1, 2011?
- What would be the long term legacy of this project if ongoing support was not provided?

RES 045-01-26-10 MOVED BY Councillor Lowe that Council accepts for information the presentation by the Yellowhead Regional Arts Festival Society Creative Campus.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY - DELEGATION

Kevin Dodds attended Council to provide a Year in Review update. Mr. Dodds stated that the Regional Library concentrated on separating operational costs from service enhancement for budgetary purposes. A copy of the Yellowhead Regional Library December newsletter was provided for Council's information and was attached to the agenda package.

RES 046-01-26-10 MOVED BY Councillor Lowe that Council accepts for information the presentation of Kevin Dodds, Director Yellowhead Regional Library.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1 FIRST READING OF BYLAW NO. 8.10, BEING A BYLAW TO CLOSE ROAD ALLOWANCES WITHIN 48-21, 49-21 AND 49-22-W5M AND TRANSFER TO ALBERTA SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES

Administration advised that Coal Valley Resources Inc. had requested that several original government road allowances within 48-21, 49-21 and 49-22-W5M be closed and transferred to Alberta Sustainable Resource Development. The lands would then be included in a Mineral Surface Lease for the purpose of coal extraction. It was appropriate that there be no public access across the proposed mine site in order that the area could be posted and/ or secured against unauthorized access to ensure the safety of the public.

The applications were referred to Yellowhead County Infrastructure Services and Alberta Transportation. Neither Department had any concerns about the proposed road closures.

There were dispositions in the vicinity of these road allowance closures; the holders of these dispositions would be notified. The required external referrals would be circulated prior to a public hearing.

This proposed closure was consistent with Council Policy 3200.04 - Use and Closure of Road Allowances and Other Roads. Closure of the road allowances across the mine site area was a matter of public safety.

No traffic flows were affected by these road allowance closures.

FIRST READING RES 047-01-26-10

MOVED BY Councillor Webster that Council gives Bylaw No. 8.10, being a bylaw to close road allowances within 48-21, 49-21 and 49-22-W5M and transfer to Alberta Sustainable Resources, first reading;

AND THAT Council forwards Bylaw No. 8.10 to a Public Hearing on February 23, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 FIRST READING OF BYLAW NO. 9.10, BEING A BYLAW TO CLOSE ROAD ALLOWANCES WITHIN 48-21-W5M AND TRANSFER TO ALBERTA SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES

Coal Valley Resources Inc. had requested that several original government road allowances within 48-21-W5M be closed and transferred to Alberta Sustainable Resource Development. The lands would then be included in a Mineral Surface Lease for the purpose of coal extraction. It was appropriate that there be no public access across the proposed mine site in order that the area could be posted and/ or secured against unauthorized access to ensure the safety of the public.

The applications were referred to Yellowhead County Infrastructure Services and Alberta Transportation. Neither Department had any concerns about the proposed road closures.

There were dispositions in the vicinity of these road allowance closures; the holders of these dispositions would be notified. The required external referrals would be circulated prior to a public hearing.

This proposed closure was consistent with Council Policy 3200.04 - Use and Closure of Road Allowances and Other Roads. Closure of the road allowances across the mine site area was a matter of public safety.

No traffic flows were affected by these road allowance closures.

FIRST READING

RES 048-01-26-10

MOVED BY Councillor Olson that Council gives Bylaw No. 9.10, being a bylaw to close road allowances within 48-21-W5M and transfer to Alberta Sustainable Resources, first reading;

AND THAT Council forwards Bylaw No. 9.10 to a Public Hearing on February 23, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1 COUNCIL AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES SCHEDULE

Council reviewed the Council and Council Committees Schedule.

RES 049-01-26-10

MOVED BY Councillor Webster that Council accepts for information the Council and Council Committees Schedule as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE DATED JANUARY 21, 2010

Council reviewed the Council Information Package dated January 21, 2010.

RES 050-01-26-10

MOVED BY Councillor Scherger that Council accepts for information the Council Information Package dated January 21, 2010 as previously circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.0 MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

RES 051-01-26-10

MOVED BY Councillor Lowe that Council accepts for information the reports submitted by Councillors Lowe and Kwirant which were presented and reviewed at the January 18, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.0 MEDIA ENQUIRIES

The media had no questions.

Mayor Soroka recessed the meeting at 11:10 a.m.
Mayor Soroka reconvened the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

12.0 IN-CAMERA SESSION

RES 052-01-26-10

MOVED BY Councillor Scherger that Council enters into an In-Camera Session at 11:21 a.m. to discuss a land issue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES 053-01-26-10

MOVED BY Councillor Velichko that Council ends the In-Camera Session at 11:34 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES 054-01-26-10 MOVED BY Councillor Olson that Council directs Administration to sell proposed lots 1 to 3 within the Hinton/ Jasper Airport NW 16-50-26-W5M Plan 792-1025 for the appraised value plus G.S.T to the current leaseholders as followed:
Lot 1 \$61,400.00
Lot 2 \$57,500.00
Lot 3 \$57,500.00

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES 055-01-26-10 MOVED BY Councillor Lowe that Council adjourns the regular council meeting at 11:35 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR, Gerald Soroka

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, Jack Ramme