

MINUTES

Yellowhead County Council held a meeting on September 9, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, at the Yellowhead County Administration Building in Edson, Alberta.

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT:

Gerald Soroka, Mayor
Larry Richter, Deputy Mayor & Councillor, Division No. 4
George Webster, Councillor, Division No. 1
Ewald Kwirant, Councillor, Division No. 2
Jay Lowe, Councillor, Division No. 3
Cheryl Bissell, Councillor, Division No. 5
William Velichko, Councillor, Division No. 6
Roxanne Scherger, Councillor, Division No. 7
Lavone Olson, Councillor, Division No. 8

COUNCILLORS

ABSENT:

None

ADMINISTRATION

PRESENT:

Jack Ramme, Chief Administrative Officer
Linde Proskow, Council Secretary/ Recording Secretary
Catherine Adair, Communications Coordinator
Debbie Charest, Director of Community Services
Don O'Quinn, Director of Infrastructure Services

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

1.1 ADOPTION OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

RES 840-09-09-08 MOVED BY Councillor Scherger that Council adopts the September 9, 2008 regular council meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.1 ADOPTION OF THE AUGUST 18, 2008 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

RES 841-09-09-08 MOVED BY Councillor Webster that Council adopts the August 18, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 ADOPTION OF THE AUGUST 26, 2008 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

RES 842-09-09-08 MOVED BY Councillor Bissell that Council adopts the August 26, 2008 regular council meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.1 JIM FROGGAT – DELEGATION TWO RIVERS ESTATES, ROAD CONDITION - SCHEDULED PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Mr. Jim Froggat and Andrea Donkin submitted a written and video presentation to Council regarding the sub standard condition of the road and approaches. Mr. Froggat stated.

- The residents were very concerned and dissatisfied with the sub standard condition of the road upgrade and their approaches,
- In the past, had a cold mix surface, sufficed quite well, were aware of soft spots that needed to be repaired,
- Base condition was addressed by first contractor- spend two weeks reworking road – road base rebuilding was very well done,
- Second contractor, chip coat is an embarrassment for a finish,
- End result left residents with a dusty rough road with gravel all over,
- Approaches left in an unacceptable state, some are already breaking up,
- Why did Yellowhead County remove 20 feet of Froggat's driveway, water now collects there and the area is soft,
- No permission was given to dig out the personal driveway and leave as it was now – want it fixed,
- Yellowhead County created these problems, its incumbent upon them to fix the problems,
- Other residents spoke about the poor condition of the road,
- Submitted a video of the road in question.
- Administration advised that they were aware of the issue and were working towards a solution; until the chip seal met County standards, payment would be withheld.

As per Council Bylaw No. 29.07, debate concerning matters raised during public presentations would take place at the next regular meeting of Council unless a report from

Administration was prepared that offered a recommendation, or Council unanimously agreed to debate the issue.

5.1 AWARD OF QUOTATIONS – HINTON AREA SNOWPLOWING AND SANDING

Administration advised that the Request for Quotations for Hinton Area Snowplowing and Sanding were received at Yellowhead County in Edson on Friday, August 15, 2008.

There was only one (1) quotation submitted. The quotation was that of West Ridge Sand & Gravel Ltd. of Hinton in the amount of \$97.50 per hour for plow truck, \$4,500 per month truck availability, \$23.00 per tonne pickled sand and \$132.50 per tonne salt. This quotation represented an increase in cost from the previous contract of 6% in the hourly rate, 50% in the truck availability, 12% in the pickled sand and 56% in the salt.

The contract was for a five (5) year term.

RES 843-09-09-08

MOVED BY Councillor Olson that Council awards the quotation for the Hinton Area snowplowing and sanding to West Ridge Sand & Gravel Ltd. of Hinton in the amount of \$97.50 per hour for plow truck, \$4,500 per month truck availability, \$23.00 per tonne pickled sand and \$132.50 per tonne salt.

CARRIED Deleted: UNANIMOUSLY

8.1 COUNCIL AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES SCHEDULE

Council reviewed the Council and Council Committees Schedule.

RES 844-09-09-08

MOVED BY Councillor Lowe that Council accepts for information the Council and Council Committees Schedule with the following amendments:

- Add "October 16, 2008 ASB Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Wildwood";
- Add "October 20, 2008 Yellowhead County Recreation Board 6:00 p.m.";
- Add "October 23, 2008 Elk Valley Coal Site Tour".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE DATED SEPTEMBER 3, 2008

Council reviewed the Council Information Package dated September 3, 2008.

RES 845-09-09-08

MOVED BY Councillor Webster that Council accepts for information the Council Information Package dated September 3, 2008 as previously circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.0 MEDIA ENQUIRIES

The media had no questions:

12.0 IN-CAMERA SESSION

RES 846-09-09-08

MOVED BY Councillor Richter that Council enters into an In-Camera Session at 10:23 a.m. to discuss a legal issue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES 847-09-09-08

MOVED BY Councillor Velichko that Council ends the In-Camera Session at 11:16 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RES 848-09-09-08

MOVED BY Councillor Richter that Council approves the purchase of two used snowplows from La Prairie Group Contractors (Alberta) Ltd.;

AND THAT Administration organizes facilities for sand and salt storage;

AND THAT the Yellowhead County 550 truck would be upgraded with a snowplow and sanding unit.

CARRIED

RES 849-09-09-08

MOVED BY Councillor Lowe that Council approves the purchase of a grader for each of the following beats: East Bank/Foley, the Edson Northwest and Hattonford (3 graders in total);

AND THAT Administration secures operators for the plow trucks and graders.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Soroka recessed the regular council meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Mayor Soroka reconvened the regular council meeting at 11:32 a.m.

- RES 850-09-09-08 MOVED BY Councillor Scherger that Council enters into an In-Camera Session at 11:32 a.m. to discuss a personnel issue.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- RES 851-09-09-08 MOVED BY Councillor Lowe that Council ends the In-Camera Session at 1:42 p.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- RES 852-09-09-08 MOVED BY Councillor Olson that Council approves a 5% salary increase for the Chief Administrative Office position.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- RES 853-09-09-08 MOVED BY Councillor Webster that Council adjourns the regular council meeting at 1:43 p.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR, Gerald Soroka

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, Jack Ramme