

**COUNTY OF TWO HILLS NO. 21 SPECIAL COUNTY COUNCIL
MEETING
March 15, 2005**

Meeting Called to Order The Special Council Meeting was called to order by the Reeve, A. Saylor at 10:10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2005.

Attendance Present were:

A. Pidruchney	R. Hrudey
A. Saylor	E. Yakemchuk
P. Gordeyko	G.N. Popowich, Administrator
	S. Dary, Recording Secretary

Agenda The Agenda for the March 15, 2005 Council Meeting was presented for review and consideration, having the following listed additions being presented:

- Regional Landfill – Tipping Fees
- Public Works Capital Equipment re: Packer/Grader
- PFRA
- MLA Roast Fundraiser
- Gravel Crushing Agreement Proposal.
- Hydraulic Leveling Package
- Conveyor Belt Purchase
- Beauvallon Board of Trade re: Community Hall
- AAMD&C Spring Convention re: Reeve's Meeting.
- Assessment Review Board Training Sessions
- NRCB re: Confined Feeding Operation Application
- ATCO Electric re: High Voltage Demo
- Transport Canada re: Federal Grain Hopper cars

There being no further additions; it was moved by:

R-6133

A. PIDRUCHNEY

That the Agenda, inclusive of the additions be approved.

Motion Carried

Previous Minutes The minutes of the February 8, 2005 Regular Council Meeting having been presented to each Councillor and each Councillor having declared to have received and read the minutes, Reeve, A. Saylor asked for adoption. There being no errors or omissions; it was moved by:

R-6134

E. YAKEMCHUK

That the February 8, 2005 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be approved and signed.

Motion Carried

The minutes of the February 9, 2005 Special Council Meeting having been presented to each Councillor and each Councillor having declared to have received and read the minutes, Reeve, A. Saylor asked for adoption. There being no errors or omissions; it was moved by:

R-6135

P. GORDEYKO

That the February 9, 2005 Special Council Meeting Minutes be approved and signed.

Motion Carried

The Administrator informed Council that R-6119 the AAMD&C Board Members will not be attending the County Council Department Head Meeting on May 5, 2005.

COU-REC-1

R-6123 – Policy COU-REC-1 re: Councillor Recognition Policy to Recognize Long Service of Elected Officials.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-6136

E. YAKEMCHUK

That former Councillor, Mr. John Leonty be presented with a plaque and gift in accordance with policy (for 12 year of service) at the April 2005 Council Meeting.

Motion Carried

Reports

Councillor, A. Pidruchney reported on a meeting that was held on March 14, 2005 with Bonivista, CNRL and Husky Oil to discuss road usage, due to oil and gas activity.

Councillor, P. Gordeyko reported on the Eagle Hill Foundation (1995) Board Meeting attended in February, the North East Water Coalition Meeting attended, having the next meeting being held on April 8, 2005 and the Regional Landfill Meeting that was attended.

Councillor, R. Hrudehy reported on the Brownlee Fryett Municipal Law Seminar, and AESA Conference attended.

Bank Rec.

There being no further items to report on, the Bank Reconciliation Report for the month ending January 31, 2005 indicating a bank balance of \$366,003.79 (together with municipal term certificates) was presented for review and consideration.

Council having reviewed and discussed the Bank Reconciliation Report; it was moved by:

R-6137

P. GORDEYKO

That the Bank Reconciliation Report for the month ending January 2005 as presented, reviewed and discussed by Council be approved, signed and incorporated into the minutes.

Motion Carried

2004 Audit

The Administrator informed Council that Wilde & Company, Chartered Accountants completed their audit for the County of Two Hills No. 21 for the fiscal year ended 2004 and will be presented by the County Director of Finance & Operations at the April 2005 Council Meeting.

The following listed surplus/deficit funds were realized for the 2004 fiscal year:

Municipal – Budget - \$613,736.00 transfer from Operating Reserve to balance the 2004 budget required \$100,000.00 thus realizing a surplus of \$3,709.62 after transfer.

Gas Utility – Surplus of \$36,041.09 transfer \$30,000 to reserves, resulting in a surplus \$6,041.09.

R-6138

R. HRUDEY

That Council approve the transfer of Gas Utility Surplus Funds, being \$30,000 to the Gas Utility Reserve Account.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Public Meeting The Administrator informed Council that the County Council holds Quarterly Public Meetings in various locations throughout the County to provide information on the operation of the County.

The 2004 Financial Statement(s) will be prepared and presented at the April 2005 Council Meeting.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-6139

R. HRUDEY

That a Public Meeting be held on Thursday, April 21, 2005 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the Two Hills Seniors Centre (if available) for discussion of Municipal Affairs and presentation of the 2004 Financial Statement.

Motion Carried

Leadership
Workshop

The Administrator informed Council that the Municipal Administration Leadership Workshop will be held in Kananaskis Village from May 11 – 14, 2005. The C.A.O. along with the Director of Finance wish to attend this Professional Leadership Workshop from May 11 – 14, 2005.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-6140

E. YAKEMCHUK

That the C.A.O. and Director of Finance be authorized to attend the Municipal Administration Leadership Workshop in Kananaskis Village from May 11 – 14, 2005.

Motion Carried

PEMS Agr.

The Administrator informed Council that the existing Agreement between Prairie Emergency Medical System Inc. and the County for Ambulance Service expires on March 31, 2005 (the existing agreement was for three years and may be renewed at any time before its expiration). Having Council tabling this item until afternoon, when Mr. Hargreaves will be in attendance.

The Administrator informed Council that Jubilee Insurance Agencies Ltd. is holding a one day Municipal Risk Management Seminar in Leduc on March 30, 2005.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-6141

A. PIDRUCHNEY

That the Administrator delegate one or two municipal employees to attend the Risk Management Seminar in Leduc on March 30, 2005.

Motion Carried Unanimously

St. Mary's
Church

The Administrator informed Council that the St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church of Boian will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary on August 21, 2005 and invite Council to attend and the area Councillor and/or Reeve to present a plaque in recognition of their 100th Anniversary.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-6142

A. SAYLER

That the County of Two Hills provide and present a plaque to the St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church of Boian in recognition of their 100th Anniversary.

Motion Carried

Derwent 75th The Administrator informed Council that the Village of Derwent will be celebrating their 75th incorporation anniversary on July 9, 2005 and invite Council and Administration to attend.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-6143

A. PIDRUCHNEY

That the County Council participate in the Village of Derwent 75th Anniversary Celebration on July 9, 2005 (parade/dinner) and present the Village with a plaque in recognition of their Anniversary.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Muniversity
Program

The Administrator informed Council that the Muniversity Development Program created in partnership with the University of Alberta and Alberta Municipal Affairs is returning for another round of one day and half day seminars.

These sessions provide senior municipal leaders with the opportunity to further develop the skills required to lead their organization(s) into the future.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-6144

P. GORDEYKO

That all Councillors and senior municipal staff (appointed by the C.A.O.) be authorized to participate in the Muniversity Development Program.

Motion Carried

2005 Budget
Estimates

The Administrator informed that Council completed their *first draft* Municipal Budget Estimates Meeting on February 9, 2005, thus resolving "That the 2005 Proposed Municipal Operational & Capital Budget Estimates as addressed and amended by Council be approved in principal".

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-6145

A. PIDRUCHNEY

That the Municipal Budget Estimates Meeting *second draft* be held on March 21 (22nd if required) at the hour of 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Motion Carried

Town of TH
Fire Hall

The Administrator informed Council that the Town of Two Hills is inquiring if the County of Two Hills will cost share on a 50/50 basis the painting of their fire hall.

Each Town and Village operates a fire department under voluntary fire fighters and maintains a fire hall.

The County under agreement with each Town and Village provides the following in respect to fire protection:

- a) Fire trucks and pumper tank trucks
- b) Fire fighting equipment and protective clothing
- c) \$500.00 per year, plus \$50.00 per emergency response for rescue van
- d) Radio Communication Equipment
- e) \$16.00 per man hour for members attending a fire in the County
- f) Fire training and liability insurance

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-6146

E. YAKEMCHUK

That the County not cost share fire hall maintenance cost as addressed by the Town of Two Hills in their correspondence of March 1, 2005.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The Administrator informed Council that AMA will continue to provide directional signs at rural and secondary roadway intersections.

Should Council require a directional sign or signs in their area, kindly provide location, designation and direction on the enclosed form and present same to administration.

Fuel/Lubricant
Tenders

The Administrator informed Council that the County invites tenders for their annual Fuel/Lubricant Requirements from Race Trac Fuels, UFA and Prairie Fuels.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-6147

A. PIDRUCHNEY

That Council invite tenders from Race Trac, UFA and Prairie Fuels for the County's Fuel and Lubricant Requirements for the period May 1, 2005 to April 30, 2006, having all tenders received on or prior to 10:00 a.m. on April 14, 2005.

Motion Carried Unanimously

R-6148

R. HRUDEY

That the meeting be recessed for lunch – time 11:52 a.m.

Motion Carried

The Council Meeting reconvened at 1:20 p.m., having all Councillors in attendance.

V. Huculak

The Administrator informed Council that Virgil Huculak's request for (free) dust control in front on his residence, due to the truck traffic traveling to and from the Willingdon Seed Cleaning Plant was presented at the February 8, 2005 Council Meeting.

Councillor, R. Hrudehy informed Council that the Willingdon Seed Cleaning Plant will not contribute financially towards dust control for Mr. Huculak.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-6149

E. YAKEMCHUK

That the request for (free) dust control by Virgil Huculak be approved.

Councillor, E. Yakemchuk requested a recorded vote.

In Favor

E. Yakemchuk
R. Hrudehy

Against

A. Sayler
A. Pidruchney

P. Gordeyko

Motion Denied

PEMS Agr.

Mr. Rob Hargreaves was invited into the Council Chambers for the purpose of discussing the renewing of the existing agreement for ambulance service (without change), being that the province has delayed their decision to take over ground ambulance services.

On completion of a question/answer period, Mr. Hargreaves thanked Council for their time and left the Council Chambers.

The existing agreement provides the ambulance operator with a per capita subsidy of \$21.00 for an annual subsidy of \$48,300.00.

Council having discussed the Ambulance Service Agreement as presented; it was moved by:

R-6150

P. GORDEYKO

That the County of Two Hills renew the existing Ambulance Service Agreement for the next three ensuring years or until such time as the province takes over the operation of ground ambulance service.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Correspondence/Information Items

- Accounts Payable/Time Sheets – information provided at meeting.
- Alberta Health & Wellness re: Ground Ambulance Service.
- Employee Upgrading Course Results.
- Alberta Infrastructure & Transportation re: Highland Feeders Access Road – tender opening date March 23, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.
- Prairie Grain Roads Program Application for Twp Rd. 544 denied.
- AAMD&C
 - Proposed 2005/06 Membership Fee Formula
 - AAMD&C – AUMA Rural/Urban Cost Sharing Report
 - Newsletter February 15, 2005
- Alliant Engineering re: Cucumber Creek Bridge Replacement Tender

Wowdzia Agr.

The Administrator informed Council that Mr. Mark Wowdzia, owner of the NE 32-55-12-W4 has offered (by way of phone call on March 14, 2005) to enter into agreement, authorizing the County of Two Hills to crush gravel (complete with elimination) on the said land for the cost of \$2.50 per cubic yard. (This price includes by the landowner stripping, reclamation and possession of the reject gravel pile).

County's present cost complete with elimination is \$1.75 per cubic yard, plus stripping, reclamation at a cost of .75¢ to \$1.00 per cubic yard.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-6152

R. HRUDEY

That the County of Two Hills enter into agreement (on completion of testing pit area) with Mark Wowdzia for the crushing of gravel on NE 32-55-12-W4, for a cost not exceeding \$2.50 per cubic yard (inclusive of all stripping and reclamation).

Motion Carried Unanimously

Hydraulic Level

The Administrator informed Council that the County Gravel Crusher Foreman has requested the purchase and installation of a hydraulic leveling package for the crusher.

The County Mechanic informed that the said package would cost \$2,576.56 from Elrus.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-6153

A. PIDRUCHNEY

That the Hydraulic Leveling Package be purchased from Elrus for installation on the gravel crushing equipment.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Conveyor The Administrator informed that Council resolved at the Public Works Committee Meeting of March 4, 2005 to purchase one only new 50 x 36" conveyor from Elrus, for the price of \$34,925.00.

The Public Works Supervisor informed that this belt was not in stock and Elrus informed it would take at least five weeks to stock.

Elrus had one only 60' x 36" conveyor in stock for the purchase price of \$37,500 (a difference of \$2,575), having myself instructing D. Laing to purchase this conveyor (of which was delivered on site on Thursday, March 10, 2005).

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-6154

E. YAKEMCHUK

That the County purchase from Elrus a 60' x 36" conveyor belt, for the purchase price of \$37,500 as recommended by the Administrator.

Motion Carried

Information/Correspondence Items

Beauvallon Board of Trade has informed that they will be dissolving at year-end and are requesting that the County of Two Hills take ownership of the Beauvallon Community Hall. Administration will be addressing the County's obligation regarding this and reporting back to Council at the May 2005 Council Meeting.

AAMD&C Spring Convention – Reeves Meeting will be held on Monday, April 4, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. in the Imperial Ballroom. Level P1 of the Coast Terrace Inn.

Assessment Services Branch of Alberta Municipal Affairs is once again hosting Assessment Review Board Training Sessions in various locations throughout the province. Vermilion on May 11, 2005 at Lakeland College.

Hairy Hill Colony has made application to expand their confined feeding operation located on the SW 9-55-14-W4.

ATCO will be hosting high voltage hazardous demonstrations at their warehouse in Two Hills on March 15, 17, 18, 21, 22 & 23, 2005.

Transport Canada – The Federal Government has announced that it will begin negotiations to transfer ownership of the Federal Grain Hopper Car Fleet to the Farmer Rail Car Coalition, a group of farm organizations that includes AAMD&C.

County's Public Works Supervisor has drafted for Council's review and consideration, a Road Construction Criteria Rating Schedule for local road construction projects.

Park Rental

The Public Works Department submitted for Council's consideration a Park Rental Rate Schedule for the 2005 camping season.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-6155

E. YAKEMCUK

That the 2005 Park Stall and Facility Rental Rate Schedule as presented be approved by Council.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was the consensus of Council that the County reimburse Elected Officials for the purchase of one ticket for the Ed Stelmach, MLA Roasting Event.

Mr. Don Laing was invited into the Council Chambers to discuss the following:

Capital Equipment - Champion 730A Grader (used)
Packer – new
Fuel Truck/Tank – used

On completion of discussing Public Works Capital Equipment Requirements; it was moved by:

R-6156
Fuel Truck

E. YAKEMCHUK

That the County of Two Hills offer to purchase (on completion of an inspection), one only used 1997 GMC single axle fuel truck, complete with fuel tank from Alberta Trucks, for maximum purchase price of \$45,000.00.

Motion Carried Unanimously

R-6157
Cat Vib. Packer

E. YAKEMCHUK

That the County of Two Hills purchase one only new CP563E Cat vibratory packer for the purchase price of \$164,150.00, complete with five year, six thousand hours FOB machine warranty

Councillor, P. Gordeyko requested a recorded vote.

In Favor

A. Pidruchney
E. Yakemchuk
A. Saylor

Against

R. Hruday
P. Gordeyko

Motion Carried

Councillor, E. Yakemchuk informed that the Ispas Hall parking lot area was flooded due to spring runoff and inquired (on the request of the Hall Committee) that the County Public Works Department investigate and make recommendation to remedy this flooding issue.

Councillor, E. Yakemchuk informed that the following roads need gravel:
Range Road 134 and Twp. Road 570 – south of Victor Dennis
Range Road 140 – Orest Wisniewski
Range Road 154 – south of Victor Homeniuk's

PFRA

Councillor, R. Hruday reported on the proposed new direction of PFRA. On completion of his report; it was moved by:

R-6158

R. HRUDEY

That the County Council approve the presentation of an emergent resolution addressing the new PFRA direction proposal at the 2005 AAMD&C Spring Convention.

Motion Carried Unanimously

It was the consensus of Council that landfill tippage fees be referred to the Regional Landfill Committee.

Discussion took place on the Regular Council Meeting Date, having the Administrator requesting that the next Council Meeting be rescheduled to April 14, 2005.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-6159
Next Meeting
Date

P. GORDEYKO

That the next County Council Meeting be held on Thursday, April 14, 2005, commencing at the hour of 10:00 a.m. in the County Office Council Chambers.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

Council having dealt with all items contained on the Agenda; it was moved by:

R-6160

A. SAYLER

That the Council Meeting be adjourned – time 4:38 p.m.

REEVE

ADMINISTRATOR