

The regular meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 was held in the Municipal Administration Building, Wainwright, Alberta on Tuesday, August 17th, 2004 commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Reeve Bob Barss, Councillors Oscar Buck, Don Sparks, Myron Zajic, Phil Valleau, Doug Fletcher and Kevin MacKay. Staff present: Administrator Kelly Buchinski and Assistant Administrator Bonnie Milton. Kelly Clemmer from the Wainwright Review was also present.

The Reeve called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Reeve Barss in the Chair.

This is the official record for the proceedings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

304.04 Moved by Clr. Zajic that the agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED

305.04 Moved by Clr. Fletcher that the following items be added to the agenda:

Public Works

h. Truck

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

306.04 Moved by Clr. Valleau that the minutes of the regular meeting held July 20th, 2004 be adopted as written. CARRIED

FINANCE

307.04 Moved by Clr. Buck that the accounts recorded on the attached list in the amount of \$1,004,145.72 covered by debit memos 661 to 666 and cheques numbered 49796 and 49961-49966 and 49968-50076 be approved and paid and that the payroll payments as per the attached list totaling \$141,897.11 covered by EFT's numbered 900008798 to 90008921 be ratified. CARRIED

308.04 Moved by Clr. Sparks that the financial statement of receipts and disbursements for the month ending July 31st, 2004 be accepted and incorporated into these minutes. CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agricultural Service Board

Bridget Olson attended Council to give a handout and briefing with regard to the West Nile Program.

Agricultural Fieldman James Schwindt attended the meeting from 9:25 a.m. to 9:35 a.m. and reported to Council on the activities of the Agricultural Service Department for the past month.

309.04 Moved by Clr. Fletcher that the Agricultural Fieldman's report be accepted as presented. CARRIED

310.04 Moved by Clr. Fletcher that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 appoint Mr. George Poruchnek as a farm member to represent the municipality on the Battle River Watershed Management Group and expenses be paid according to policy. CARRIED

A copy of the August 5th, 2004 ASB Meeting minutes were received and distributed to Council.

Public Works

Public Works Superintendent Darrin Newell attended the meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. and reported to Council on the activities of the Public Works Department for the past month.

- 311.04 Moved by Clr. Sparks that the Public Works Superintendent's report be accepted as presented. CARRIED

EXH Engineering final acceptance inspection for Truck Pit road was received and distributed to Council.

- 312.04 Moved by Clr. Fletcher that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 be authorized to send the final acceptance certificate letter to Border Paving for Contract No. C6102/03 Truck Pit Road. CARRIED

A letter from CN was received and distributed to Council advising that CN will be removing the back track on Mile 146.69 in accordance with Section 89(1) of the Railway Safety Act, R.S.C. 1985, C. 32 (4th Supplement).

- 313.04 Moved by Clr. MacKay that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 be authorized to sign the proposal and concur with the project and scheduling as indicated in the letter from CN with regard to the back track on Mile 146.69 being removed. CARRIED

- 314.04 Moved by Clr. Valleau that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 be authorized to install intersection streetlights at Ascot Estates located on the SE of SE 18-44-6 W4M. MOTION DEFEATED

- 315.04 Moved by Clr. Buck that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 be authorized to assist the Village of Chauvin with their request to use the Reclaimer to have the oiled portion of their truck route on Dominion Street from Highway 610 to 4th Avenue worked up and replaced at cost and that the Village shall accept total liability and hold harmless the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 from and against all suits, charges and claims for compensation or damages in any manner. CARRIED

- 316.04 Moved by Clr. Fletcher that the Municipal District of Wainwright authorize the installation of the following stop signs in accordance with Bylaw #1334 and that these signs be added to Appendix A of Bylaw #1334:

- NW of NW 9-45-7 W4M
- SE of SE 17-45-7 W4M

CARRIED

Discussion was held with regard to a gravel crush on a road allowance in Division #3.

- 317.04 Moved by Clr. Buck that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 be authorized to obtain quotes on purchasing a 2004 4X4 extended cab ½ -ton truck. CARRIED

Development

Development Officer Norma Schiefer attended the meeting from 10:05 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and reported to Council on the activities of the Development Department for the past month.

- 318.04 Moved by Clr. MacKay that the Development Officer's report be accepted as presented. CARRIED

Clr. Fletcher declared an interest in the next item and left the Council Chambers at 10:06 a.m.

- 319.04 Moved by Clr. Sparks that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 have no objections to the proposed subdivision in NE 19-46-6 W4M. CARRIED

Clr. Fletcher returned to the Council Chambers at 10:07 a.m.

320.04 Moved by Clr. Sparks that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 have no objections to the proposed subdivision in SW 27-44-3 W4M. CARRIED

Discussion was held with regard to a letter received from Clear Lake Cabin Owners 77 – 81 with regard to MacKenzie Drive.

A notice of proposed annexation from the Town of Wainwright was received and distributed to Council for the annexation of Lot 8 Plan 002 0589 of 22.3 acres located in the NW 5-45-6 W4M.

321.04 Moved by Clr. Buck that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 have no objection to the annexation of Lot 8, Plan 002 0589, in NW 5-45-6 W4M subject to the M.D. not being obligated in any way to provide any servicing such as storm water drainage, water, sewer, power, gas, roads, etc. and the developer negotiate a development agreement with the Town of Wainwright for servicing and we waive compensation according the M.G.A. Section 127 specific to this annexation application (22.3 acres). CARRIED

Clr. Valleau declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Jack Hayden, President from the A.A.M.D. & C attended the meeting from 10:35 a.m. to Noon.

Mrs. Linda Bazley, Mrs. Dawn Challenger and Mr. Murray Challenger attended Council with regard to MacKenzie Drive at Clear Lake on behalf of the letter submitted by Cabin Owners 77 – 81. Reeve Barss advised them that they would have to take the proposal to the MPC first and then the MPC Board would bring their recommendation forward to the next Council meeting.

Clr. Valleau returned to the Council meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Administration and Taxation

322.04 Moved by Clr. Valleau that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 appoint the Administrator as a Returning Officer for the 2004 Municipal Elections. CARRIED

323.04 Moved by Clr. Zajic that the voting stations for the upcoming 2004 Municipal Election be as follows:

Division 1	-	Chauvin Hall
Division 2	-	Edgerton Agricultural Hall
Division 3	-	Rosedale Hall - SE 4-46-4-W4M
	-	SW 10-45-2-W4M
Division 4	-	Wainwright Communiplex
Division 5	-	Wainwright Communiplex
	-	Riverdale Family Centre - NW 29-46-6-W4M
Division 6	-	Irma Legion Hall
	-	Fabyan
Division 7	-	Irma Legion Hall
	-	Albert Hall - NW 36-47-9-W4M

CARRIED

324.04 Moved by Clr. Buck that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 support bussing up to a cost of \$1,300.00 to the Wainwright Youth Initiative Society/Youth Connection for their Second Annual Career Fair 2004. CARRIED

325.04 Moved by Clr. MacKay that the Annual Assessment Review Board Meeting be set for September 21st, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber and the Administrator Kelly Buchinski be appointed as Secretary. CARRIED.

A copy of a memo from the Administrator with regard to Municipal Historical Resource Site Designation was distributed to Council. Discussion was held with regard to the legalities of designating a site as a Municipal Historical Resource Site.

326.04

Moved by Clr. Zajic that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 be authorized to proceed with the process to designate the Battle River Lutheran Church as a Municipal Historical Resource Site with the condition that the Battle River Lutheran Church shall accept total liability and hold harmless the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 from and against and all suits, charges and claims for compensation or damage in any manner. CARRIED

A copy of the Executive Meeting Highlights, Contact and the results of a recent member survey on water issues from A.A.M.D. & C. was received and distributed to Council.

Protection to Persons and Property

Municipal Property

Health & Social Services

Environment

327.04

Moved by Clr. Buck that the Reeve and the Municipal Administrator be authorized to the sign the Waste Collection Contract with Waste Management of Canada Corporation as presented. CARRIED.

Jack Hayden, President, Gerald Rhodes, Executive Director and Bob Barss, Zone 5 Director for A.A.M.D. & C. attended Council to give a briefing on what is happening from the perspective of the A.A.M.D.& C. Mr. Hayden thanked Council for the opportunity to meet with them and advised that the purpose of his visit was to update them on the association and to hear from them about any issues that they would like to see addressed by the association. He also thanked Council for their ongoing support and informed them that he will be retiring this fall. He acknowledged and thanked Council for the support that they have shown to Bob Barss during his term as director and noted that he has been an asset to the A.A.M.D. & C. He shared a few observations about the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61; such as there are as many kilometers in roads to maintain in this municipality as in the City of Edmonton. He noted that rural municipalities have 90% of the bridges, which are a major task to maintain and look after. He also noted that this municipality has done well on behalf of the oil business and has kept in mind that there is a large amount of pressure to keep up the roads with this type of traffic. He stated that the municipality has done well to maintain the industrial millrate. Mr. Hayden discussed with Council the following issues that the association has been currently working on:

Lobby Strategy

- The board endorsed a comprehensive lobby strategy for the fall of 2003 and recently accepted the strategy revised to include spring 2004 resolutions.
- It includes a timeline for work to be done (meetings, letters, etc.) on our priority and other issues.
- The priority issues for 2004 are:
 - Infrastructure
 - Water Issues
 - Utilities
 - Municipal Revenue Sources - which include education property tax and fuel tax
 - Agriculture
 - Forestry
 - Policing
- The Association has received a copy of the Government responses to the spring resolutions and the board will consider them at the upcoming August meeting.
- The Association continues to raise our priority issues with ministers, department staff and other organizations throughout the year.
- The Association has already had meetings with Ed Stelmach and Murray Smith to talk about electricity funding and transportation funding.
- The Association has met with the Utilities Consumer Advocate at the recent board meeting.

- President of the Association, Jack Hayden, also had an opportunity to meet with some people from the Edmonton office of the Federal Privy Council and a few individuals from the rural secretariat as well.
- The Association is planning an upcoming meeting with SPC, and our new Deputy Prime Minister Anne McClellan.
- The Association hopes to make some progress on our issues before the possibility of a fall provincial election. It is, however, coming upon the "red zone", as many like to call it, where most decisions are held six months before and after an election.

Agriculture

- The Auditor General released recommendations based on his review of BSE-related assistance programs provided to the cattle industry.
- Several key components of the Auditor General's Report include:
 - A confirmation that Canada's three main meat-packing companies saw net earnings jump 261% as a result of the mad cow crisis.
 - A call for the Alberta Government to improve its capacity for random testing of cattle for BSE by next year.
 - While the Association is certainly not pleased with the confirmation that almost none of the government aid money went into the hands of producers. The Association is hopeful that the implementation of some of these recommendations will strengthen the industry and the possibility of a border reopening as soon as possible.
- Recently, the Edmonton Journal reported that the Canadian Cattleman's Association is developing a plan proposing to slaughter a 500,000 animal backlog caused by the mad cow crisis. The provincial and federal departments of Agriculture, however, have stated that killing animals and destroying the meat is not an option at this point.
- The Journal also reported last Thursday that the Canadian Cattlemen for Fair Trade are planning to launch a multi-million dollar lawsuit against the U.S. for losses due to the border closure. The Association is watching the situation as it develops and we can expect to hear from them with more information if this moves forward.
- The provincial government also recently passed an order in council establishing an emergency in the beef industry. This step may indicate future money coming to farmers from the Sustainability Fund, as the passing of an emergency is a necessary step to access this funding.
- The Association is in the process of planning an upcoming meeting with the new federal Agriculture Minister Andy Mitchell and Shirley McClellan to remain vigilant on the BSE issue.
- The Association will keep us updated on their progress.

Ambulance

- \$13 million for ambulance funding for this year was announced in the recent provincial budget, topped up to \$55 million for next year, to alleviate some of the burden on municipalities for ambulance service. The Association has a mix of ambulance systems that will have to be accommodated.

Policing

- The Association has also been working very hard on policing – together with AUMA – to allow us to move beyond the first proposal by the province. It would have required all municipalities over 2,500, rural and urban, to pay for policing. Instead, rural will continue to receive policing at no direct cost, while urbans between 2,500 and 5,000 will also no longer pay.
- Those above 5,000 will receive more grant money to help offset policing cost (\$16/capita).
- This has been a position that the Association has taken to the province for about 2 years now. It is promising to see that its proposal is very close to what the province has unveiled, although there has been some concern raised by urban municipalities to the Association with respect to the revisions made to the formula by the province in the final stages for funding for policing.
- The board has proceeded and passed a motion at a recent meeting to write to the Solicitor General and advise that they continue to support the position originally agreed upon in negotiation between the province, AUMA and AAMD&C.

Federal Election

- The recent federal budget has netted some good news for municipalities.
- The Association is pleased that municipalities are now exempt from paying the GST
- The Association has been promised the return of 5 cents per liter by the Martin government.
- The Association is also working with the province to develop a new formula for transportation grants that is more equitable to address the need of the rural municipalities.

Mr. Hayden ended the discussion by advising Council that their input is extremely important and thanked Council for allowing himself, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Barss this opportunity to address Council. Clr. Fletcher in turned thanked the committee and Mr. Hayden for his past work on behalf of the municipality.

Recreation & Community Services

BYLAWS

PAYSHEETS

328.04 Moved by Clr. Sparks that the paysheets be approved as presented. CARRIED

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

329.04 Moved by Clr. Fletcher that the following committee reports be accepted as presented: Wainwright Seed Cleaning Plant, Edgerton Seed Cleaning Plant, Battle River Foundation, Family & Community Support Services, Wainwright Waste to Energy Authority & Dispatch, Ambulance/E911 & Dispatch, Assisted Living, Community Health Foundation and Northern Lights Library Systems. CARRIED

330.04 Moved by Clr. MacKay that Council recess for a private meeting as per Section 197 (2) of the Municipal Government Act 2000 and amendments. (1:25 p.m.)

331.04 Moved by Clr. Fletcher that Council reconvene to the regular meeting (2:25 p.m.) CARRIED

332.04 Moved by Clr. Sparks that this meeting be adjourned. CARRIED (2:26 p.m.)

Reeve

Municipal Administrator

Assistant Municipal Administrator

(1 day)