

The regular meeting of the Council of The Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 was held in the Administration Building on the above date with Reeve Van Hierden, Councillors Alm, Neufeld, Hemmaway, Wakelin, Wilson and Sundquist, Municipal Administrator Vizzutti and Arlene MacOdrum as recording secretary present.

Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Cochlan entered the meeting.

Rob Vogt entered the meeting.

1. Reeve Van Hierden called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.

2. **Changes to the Agenda**

Municipal Administrator Vizzutti advised that the MD of Ranchlands will not be attending the meeting. Willow Creek Ag Safety Fair was added to the agenda.

3. **MINUTES:**

(a) **April 13, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Alm that the April 13, 2011 Council meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Carried.

4. **COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:**

(a) **Abandoned Well Site Locations**

Municipal Administrator Vizzutti presented a proposed letter to Hon. Hector Goudreau, Minister of Municipal Affairs and copied to Evan Berger – MLA, requesting to obtain a GIS formatted electronic map from ERCB of abandoned well sites within the boundaries of the M.D. of Willow Creek to assist with development applications, for Council's consideration.

Moved by Councillor Wilson to send the letter to Hon. Hector Goudreau, Minister of Municipal Affairs and copied to MLA Berger, regarding provision of abandoned well data for municipal use.

Carried.

(b) **Town of Granum – Recycling**

Municipal Administrator Vizzutti presented a letter from the Town of Granum and a copy of the signed joint recycling agreement for 2011, which the Town of Granum will pay \$1375.00 each to the Town of Claresholm and MD of Willow Creek No. 26 for recycling costs for 2011.

The Town of Granum also requested Council to consider a grant to the Town for the 2012 Recycling Program as being provided to the larger towns.

Discussion ensued with regards to the payment being made to the MD by the Towns of Stavely and Granum for recycling in 2011.

Councillor Hemmaway asked to wait until the Energy from Waste study is completed this fall before committing funding for 2012 recycling.

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Council agreed that they are not in favor of subsidizing a private business for recycling.

Noted that 2011 recycling payments to the MD from the Towns of Stavely and Granum will be dealt with later in the meeting when the 2011 budget is presented.

(c) ORRSC – Assessment Review Board

Municipal Administrator Vizzutti presented a letter from ORRSC proposing to offer a regional assessment review board.

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway that the letter from ORRSC regarding the establishment of a regional assessment review board be tabled to May 11, 2011.

Carried.

(d) Municipal Affairs – Town of Granum Dissolution Study

Municipal Administrator Vizzutti read a letter from Hon. Hector Goudreau, Minister of Municipal Affairs advising that the petition received from the electors of Granum for a dissolution study is insufficient. However, due to the close results and the similar petition submitted on October 22, 2010, he has instructed that a dissolution study of the Town of Granum be undertaken, pursuant to Sec 130(3)(e) of the MGA. Notification is being sent to the local authorities affected and advised that if the town dissolved it would become a hamlet of The Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26.

(e) Town of Fort Macleod – Supper Meeting

Discussion ensued with regards to the supper meeting with the Town of Fort Macleod.

Municipal Administrator Vizzutti advised that the Town of Fort Macleod is committed to the provision of water and sewer infrastructure for the future Police College which is limiting their commitment to the joint facility with the M.D. She advised that the Town would cost share a percent of the fire hall in the future and possibly expand the building to provide a town public works shop.

Council was in agreement that a commitment by the Town of Fort Macleod to provide the land (10 acres) and water and sewer infrastructure and 33% of the capital costs of the fire hall construction is required.

(f) Alberta Junior High School Rodeo Finals– Re: Funding

Moved by Councillor Wilson to donate \$1,150.00 to the Alberta Junior High School Rodeo Finals on May 13, 14 & 15, 2011, from the following discretionary spending accounts:

Division 4 - \$250.00	Division 6 - \$500.00
Division 5 - \$250.00	Division 7 - \$150.00

Carried.

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(g) Granum Willow Creek Enhancement Society – Re: Blunden Hall

Municipal Administrator Vizzutti presented an email from Ben Hann of the Granum Willow Creek Enhancement Society advising that a questionnaire will be mailed to all residents of Granum and the MD of Willow Creek, asking if they are in favor of rebuilding the existing hall or building a new facility. Mr. Hann asked if residents could drop off the completed questionnaires at the M.D. office. He advised that the results of the questionnaire should be available by the end of May for presentation to the Town and MD Councils.

Council was in agreement that the questionnaires could be dropped off at the MD office.

(h) Alberta Finance and Enterprise – “The Futures Game”

Municipal Administrator Vizzutti presented “The Futures Game” Creating Prosperous Regions featuring David Beurle being held May 9th, 2011 at the Fort Macleod Community Hall from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(i) AAMDC Scholarship Program Information – presented.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

(j) County of Lethbridge – Audit of Moon River Estates Water System

Municipal Administrator Vizzutti presented a quote from the County of Lethbridge to conduct an audit of the Moon River Estates water system at a cost of \$2,050.22.

Noted that this item will be included in the proposed budget to be presented later in the meeting.

(k) Empress Theatre – The Keg “Thanks A Million” Application

Moved by Councillor Wakelin that a letter be sent to the Empress Theatre in support of The Keg “Thanks a Million” application.

Carried.

(l) Fort Macleod & District Allied Arts Council Assoc.

Moved by Councillor Alm that a letter be sent to the Fort Macleod and District Allied Arts Council Association extending support for their application for funding, in the amount of \$20,000, from Alberta Culture and Community Spirit to celebrate Alberta Arts Days and National Culture Days as a Feature Celebration site.

Carried.

(m) Willow Creek Agricultural Safety Fair

Councillor Sundquist presented an invitation from the Willow Creek Agricultural Safety Fair committee to attend the Agricultural Safety Fair, May 18, 19 & 20, 2011 at the Stavely arena. The fair is hosted by the Claresholm, Stavely and Nanton Ag Societies.

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Noted that Councillor Sundquist will attend the agricultural safety fair in Stavely.

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway to purchase cotton gloves in the amount of \$1600.00 to be given to the students attending the Agricultural Safety Fair \$400.00 from each of Divisions 4, 5, 6 & 7 discretionary spending accounts.

Carried.

Treasurer Hannas entered the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

5. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:**

(a) Cheque Register

Treasurer Hannas presented the cheque #'s 13244 – 13292 in the amount of \$104,527.75 as information.

(b) Bail a Bear Campaign

Moved by Councillor Wakelin to donate \$350.00 to the Bail a Bear Campaign, \$50.00 from each of the seven Divisions discretionary spending accounts, to provide funding to the Alberta Children's Hospital to assist in the delivery of specialized medical services and technology.

Carried.

(c) 2011 Draft Budget

Treasurer Hannas reviewed the draft budget for Council's consideration.

Council instructed to add \$1700 under the Moon River Estates water system for an audit to be completed by the County of Lethbridge.

Council instructed to waive the 2011 recycling fees from the Town of Granum - \$1375.00 and Town of Stavely - \$1500.00.

Moved by Councillor Alm that the 2011 budget be accepted as amended, with total revenues of \$15,710,050 and total expenditures of \$15,662.150, creating a surplus of \$47,900.

Carried.

Councillor Neufeld left the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau entered the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Councillor Neufeld returned to the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

(d) By-Law No. 1268 – Mill Rate By-Law

Moved by Councillor Wilson that By-Law No. 1268 being a by-law to authorize an amalgamated tax levy for the year 2011, be given first reading.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway that By-Law No. 1268 be given second reading.

Carried.

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Moved by Councillor Sundquist that all Councillors present are in agreement of giving By-Law No. 1268 third and final reading.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Alm that By-Law No. 1268 be given third and final reading and that the Reeve and Municipal Administrator be authorized to sign and countersign on behalf of the Municipal District.

Carried.

Treasurer Hannas left the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

6. **DEVELOPMENT/UTILITIES**

(a) **Shady Grove Blue Grass Festival**

Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau presented a request from Shady Grove Blue Grass Committee for approval to host the annual Bluegrass Festival on the Broadway Farm – NW 7-16-26-4 with a waiver of Section 8(2b) cash bond to be posted and relief from Section 9(h) which prohibits the use of sound amplification equipment.

Moved by Councillor Wilson that the request from Shady Grove Blue Grass Committee, to waive Section 8(2b) cash bond and Section 9(h) which prohibits the use of sound amplification equipment in By-Law No 1420, be approved.

Carried.

(b) **Caveat**

Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau requested a resolution from Council for the discharge of a caveat registered by the M.D. on Block 8, Plan 7410624. She explained that the Municipal Planning Commission has agreed to the removal of the caveat.

Moved by Councillor Wakelin to approve the discharge of the development agreement registered by caveat on Block 8, Plan 7410624.

Carried.

(c) **Approved Utility Applications**

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway that the Approved Utility Applications for the period January 1 to March 31, 2011 be approved as presented.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Wakelin that the meeting go in camera.

Carried.

Rob Vogt left the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau left the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway that the meeting go out of in camera.

Carried.

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4. **COUNCIL MANAGEMENT (CONT:)**

(n) **2011 AESA Tech Partnership Agreement**

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway to authorize the Reeve and Municipal Administrator to sign the 2011 AESA Tech Partnership Agreement with the M.D. of Pincher Creek and the M.D. of Ranchland as presented.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Alm that the AESA Tech contract be tendered for 2012 & 2013.

Carried.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Councillor Wilson that the meeting adjourn.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Reeve

Municipal Administrator