

Claresholm, Alberta, June 8, 2011

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.

Superintendent of Public Works Johnson entered the meeting.

Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau and Keli Sandford – Development Assistant entered the meeting.

Rob Vogt entered the meeting.

1. Reeve Van Hierden called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

2. **MINUTES:**

The Council meeting minutes of May 25, 2011 were presented for adoption by Council.

Moved by Councillor Sundquist that the May 25, 2011 Council meeting minutes be accepted as presented.

Carried.

3. **DEVELOPMENT/UTILITIES**

(a) **Final Draft Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP)**

Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau presented the final draft of the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan Council's consideration for adoption.

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway that the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan be approved as presented.

Carried.

(b) **Inter Municipal Development Plan – Town of Nanton**

Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau presented By-Law No. 1631, an amendment to By-Law No. 1616 being the Inter Municipal Development Plan with the Town of Nanton.

Moved by Councillor Wilson that By-Law No. 1631, being a by-law to amend By-Law No. 1616, to amend the urban fringe boundary of the Intermunicipal Development Plan with the Town of Nanton be given first reading.

Carried.

Noted that Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau will discuss a suitable date and time for the public hearing on By-Law No. 1631 with the Town of Nanton and present to Council at their next meeting for a resolution.

(c) **Municipal Dog Control**

Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau requested that the M.D. enter into an agreement with CARES to provide impound facility for stray dogs at a cost of \$500.00 per year.

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Moved by Councillor Wakelin to approve using CARES as an impound facility at a cost of \$500.00 per year.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Wakelin that the meeting go in camera.

Carried.

Rob left the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

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

Carried.

Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau and Keli Sandford left the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Rob Vogt returned to the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Treasurer Hannas entered the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

4. **COUNCIL MANAGEMENT**

(a) **Wind Fence – Granum Golf Course**

Municipal Administrator Vizzutti advised that the Granum Golf Course will not be paying back the \$2600 to fix the wind fence therefore a resolution to amend resolution no. 158/11 is required.

Moved by Councillor Neufeld to amend resolution no. 158/11 to state that the \$2600.00 is a donation to the Granum Golf Course to repair the wind fence from the following discretionary spending accounts:

Divisions 1, 3 & 4 - \$400.00 each

Division 2 & 5 - \$600.00 each

Division 6 - \$200.00

Carried.

5. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:**

(a) **Cheque Register**

Treasurer Hannas presented the cheque register, cheque #13463 – 13506 in the amount of \$49,803.97 as information.

(b) **Receipts & Payments Posting Error - \$10,000.00**

Treasurer Hannas advised that the \$10,000.00 entry was a posting error.

(c) **Magnets**

Treasurer Hannas advised that the municipal address and Emergency Contact magnets are at the printers.

Hannas left the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

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

(b) **AAMDC Survey**

Noted that Municipal Administrator Vizzutti will complete the survey as directed from Council.

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(c) West Meadow Elementary School – Construct Toboggan Hill

Municipal Administrator Vizzutti presented a letter from the West Meadow Elementary School Council looking for support from the M.D. to supply dirt or rocks for fill at the toboggan hill location.

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway that the M.D. provide material and equipment to assist with the construction of a toboggan hill at the West Meadow Elementary School, in consultation with Superintendent of Public Works Johnson.

Carried.

(d) Report on 2011 Water, Agriculture and the Environment Conference

Municipal Administrator Vizzutti reported on the 2011 Water, Agriculture and the Environment Conference she attend in Lethbridge on May 31, 2011. She advised that the conference was very interesting and informative.

Councillor Alm requested that a list of the speakers from the 2011 Water, Agriculture and the Environment Conference be forwarded to the AAMDC.

(e) Letter from Hon. Hector Goudreau, re: Abandoned Well Locations

Municipal Administrator Vizzutti read a letter from the Hon. Hector Goudreau, Minister of Municipal Affairs, responding to a request from the M.D. of Willow Creek with regards to the availability of ERCB information concerning the location of abandoned wells within the M.D. boundary. He advised that the ERCB is currently working on the implementation of an online web browser to make access to the abandoned well information more readily available. ERCB information about abandoned well locations by township can be obtained by contacting ERCB Information Services.

Noted that Municipal Administrator Vizzutti will send a letter to the ERCB requesting digital data concerning the abandoned wells with the M.D. boundary as the M.D. is concerned about liability and the data is required to provide for mapping and information to ratepayers.

(f) Claresholm Fire Department – Letter of Praise

Municipal Administrator Vizzutti read a letter to the Claresholm Fire Department commending the firemen for their remarkable response time and service to the Town of Claresholm and the M.D. of Willow Creek.

(g) Letter to Hon. Christian Paradis, Minister of Industry, Canada

Municipal Administrator Vizzutti read a proposed letter to the Hon. Christian Paradis, Minister of Industry, Canada, requesting when Industry Canada auctions the 700MHZ bandwidth that the following be included as a pre-qualification for bidding:

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- The intent/ability to serve rural regions would ensure reliability mobile service and broadband access
- The successful bidder shall be required to begin using the bandwidth within five (5) years to prevent stockpiling of bandwidth with the intention of selling at a later date for inflated prices
- The M.D. supports the AAMDC and the Province of Alberta's position that a portion of the bandwidth be delegated to Alberta to be used solely in rural areas so that this spectrum could decrease the gap between rural and urban service levels.
- Delegating a portion of this bandwidth to the Province of Alberta could enhance the CRTC's objective of broadband service for all Canadians.

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway that the letter to the Hon. Christian Paradis, Minister of Industry, with regards to the sale of 700 MHZ of bandwidth be approved as presented and a copy be sent to Hon. Ted Menzies – Minister of State for Finance.

Carried.

(h) Letter to Assistant Deputy Minister of Environment – Re:

Water License

Municipal Administrator Vizzutti read a proposed letter to Rick Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister of Environment requesting assistance in obtaining a water license to expand regional water services to industrial and commercial sites for development and provide a way for rural residents to gain access to potable water from the towns for Council's consideration.

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway that the letter regarding water licensing be sent to Rick Brown - Assistant Deputy Minister of Environment, and copies to Hon. Rob Renner – Minister of Environment, Evan Berger – MLA, Donna McColl – Alberta Environment Southern Region, AAMDC.

Carried.

(i) Alberta Environment Remediation Certificate – Former Public Works Yard, 5205 – 5th Street East Claresholm

Municipal Administrator Vizzutti advised that the M.D. has received a Remediation Certificate for the former Public Works yard at 5205 – 5th Street East in the Town of Claresholm.

Discussion ensued with regards to development and listing the property for sale.

Noted that Municipal Administrator Vizzutti and Manager of Development and Planning Services Gibeau will discuss the development requirements concerning Lots 1 to 19, Block B, Plan 2819R with the Town of Claresholm.

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(j) Bridge Gate Development – Alberta Venture Article

Municipal Administrator Vizzutti presented an article in the Alberta Venture concerning the failed Bridge Gate Development in the Crowsnest Pass as information.

(k) Brownlee LLP – Invitation to Stampede Party – presented.

(l) Police College Sod Turning – Date to be Announced

Municipal Administrator Vizzutti advised that the Police College sod turning date will be announced shortly.

(m) Fort Macleod Emergency Services Golf Tournament

Municipal Administrator Vizzutti advised that the Fort Macleod Emergency Services Golf tournament will be held on June 25, 2011 and have requested a donation from the M.D.

Noted that the M.D. will donate 4 golf shirts to the tournament.

(n) Red Coats Are Coming – Educational Program

Moved by Councillor Wakelin to donate \$1,000.00 to the Red Coats are Coming Education Program from the following discretionary spending accounts:

Divisions 1, 2 & 7 - \$200.00 each

Division 3 - \$400.00

Carried.

(o) Willow Creek Gathering

Moved by Councillor Hemmaway to donate 50 pens and pins to the Willow Creek Gathering.

Carried.

(p) Claresholm Junior Rodeo Club

Moved by Councillor Alm to donate \$1400.00 to the Claresholm Junior Rodeo Club, for the annual Junior Rodeo to be held August 13, 2011 during Fair Days in Claresholm, from the following discretionary spending accounts:

Division 2 - \$200.00

Divisions 4 & 5 - \$500.00 each

Divisions 6 & 7 - \$100.00 each

Carried.

6. PUBLIC WORKS:

(a) Sloughing Issues

Superintendent of Public Works Johnson discussed issues caused by excessive water and sloughing conditions caused by precipitation and overland flooding. He advised that Lyndon Creek Road is sliding away and the M.D. will be applying for disaster recovery funding.

Moved by Councillor Wilson that the meeting go in camera.

Carried.

Rob Vogt left the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

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

Carried.

4. **COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:**

(q) Municipal Administrator Vizzutti's Holidays Revisited

Moved by Councillor Wakelin that resolution no. 94/11 be amended to include that Municipal Administrator Vizzutti can defer her holidays to a later date. A resolution to take holidays is not required in the future and Municipal Administrator Vizzutti will notify Council when she will be away.

Carried.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Councillor Wakelin that the meeting adjourn.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Reeve

Municipal Administrator