

**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

**PRESENT**

Jason Ruecker	Reeve
Charlie Johnson	Deputy-Reeve
Miron Croy	Councillor
Dan Fletcher	Councillor
Lee Svederus	Councillor
Peter Frixel	Councillor
David Janzen	Councillor

**ABSENT**

**ATTENDING**

Allan Rowe	Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Audrey Bjorklund	Community Development Manager (CDM)
Bonnie Morgan	Executive Assistant (EA)
Ron Jensen	Public Works Manager (PWM)
Lori Jobson	Corporate Service Manager (CSM)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Ruecker called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF  
AGENDA**

**C633-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to adopt the agenda governing November 8, 2016, Regular Council Meeting, with the addition of 7.a.6 Worsley Clear Hills Ski Club, and 7.a.7 Hines Creek seniors bus 7.a.8. Heli Pads, 7.a.9. WSP 7.a.10 Biomass and Coal, as presented.**  
**CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Previous

Meeting Minutes

**C634-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to adopt the minutes of Special Council Meeting October 31, 2016, as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**C635-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Janzen to adopt the minutes of Organizational Council Meeting October 25, 2016, as presented.**

**CARRIED.**

**C636-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to adopt the minutes of Regular Council Meeting October 25, 2016, as presented.**

**CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:  
COUNCIL**

Management

Team Activity Report

Council reviewed the most recent Management Team Activity Report.

**C637-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to accept the October 25, 2016, Management Team Activity Report, as presented.**

**CARRIED.**

AAMDC Minister  
Meetings

Council has requested meetings with the following ministers during the AAMDC Convention in Edmonton November 15-16, 2016.

- Honourable Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agricultural
- Honourable Shannon Phillip, Minister of Environment
- Honourable Deron Bilous, Minister of Economic Development
- Honourable Brian Mason, Minister of Transportation
- Honourable Marg McCuaig Boyd, MLA & Minister of Energy
- Honourable Kathleen Ganley, Minister of Minister of Justice
- Honourable Danielle Larivee, Minister of Municipal Affairs

To prepare for the requested meetings Council is asked to supply administration with the following information for each Meeting requested.

1. Speaker for Topics
2. Notes for Speaker on specific topics
3. Requested Background Information for each topic
4. Pre-Meeting for Council and Administration while in Edmonton (yes or no)

**MEETINGS:**

- The Mayors & Reeves Liaison Committee meeting that is scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2016, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Salon 4, Meeting Level, Shaw Conference Centre.
- Honourable Danielle Larivee, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Wednesday, November 16, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. Salon 17, Meeting Room Level at the Shaw Conference Centre.
- Honourable Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agricultural Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Legislation Building Room Carlier Room

**C638-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to approve the topics and speaker notes for the individual meetings requested during the November 15-17, 2016 AAMDC Convention in Edmonton, AB.**

**CARRIED.**

Amisk Hydroelectric  
Project

Council is presented with a request for support for the Amisk Hydroelectric Project, proposed for the Peace River north of the Dunvegan Bridge. They are requesting that Clear Hills County send letters of Project support

**C639-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Frixel to receive the request from AMISK for the support for the project to the following Ministers;**

1. **Deron Bilous: Minister of Economic Development and Trade**
2. **Joseph Ceci: Minister of Finance**
3. **Shannon Phillips: Minister of Environment and Parks**
4. **Margaret McCuaig-Boyd: Minister of Energy**
5. **John Heaney: Deputy Minister, Policy Coordination Office**

Might Peace Tourism  
Association

Councillor Frixel requested a discussion regarding the Mighty Peace Tourist Association.

**C640-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to receive the discussion regarding the Might Peace Tourism Association for information. CARRIED.**

New West Partnership  
Trade Agreement  
(NWPTA)

Councillor Svederus requested a discussion regarding the New West Partnership Trade Agreement (NWPTA) and TILMA regulations.

**C641-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus that Councillor Svederus and CAO draft an information article regarding trade agreements governing County business to be added to the County newsletter and bring back the draft to the next regular Council meeting for Councils approval. CARRIED.**

Worsley Ski Hill

Reeve Ruecker requested the request for signage from the Worsley Clear Hills Ski Club be added to today's meeting.

**C642-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Reeve Ruecker to have a blue ski sign installed on the Clear Prairie Road to replace the outdated brown one and install a stop ahead sign north of the Canfor Road on Range Road 92.5 (Ski Hill Road). CARRIED.**

Hines Creek  
Seniors Bus

Councillor Croy requested a discussion regarding the Hines Creek Seniors bus.

**C643-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to draft a letter to North Peace Housing Foundation requesting that Clear Hills County take over operations including the operator of the Hines Creek Seniors Bus. CARRIED.**

Helipads

Councillor Fletcher requested a discussion regarding a Heli Pad in Cleardale.

**C644-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to receive for information the discussion regarding designating sights for Helipads within the County, for information. CARRIED.**

WSP

Councillor Svederus requested a discussion regarding WSP.

**C645-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus to receive for information the discussion regarding WSP. CARRIED.**

Biomass and Coal

Councillor Frixel requested a discussion regarding Biomass and Coal.

**C646-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to approve Councillor Frixel as the speaker when discussing Biomass, forest management, Coal and fiber during the November 15-17, 2016 AAMDC Convention.**

**CARRIED.**

Reeve Ruecker recessed the meeting at 10:23 a.m.  
Reeve Ruecker reconvened the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

DELEGATION  
CANFOR

Canadian Forest Products Ltd. will be in attendance at 10:36 a.m. to give Council an update on their operations within Clear Hills County.

End of Steel Heritage  
Museum & Park

Representatives from the End of Steel Heritage Museum & Park will be in attendance at 11:00 a.m. with a funding request.

**C647-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to receive the delegation from Canadian Forest Products Ltd. update on their operations within Clear Hills County for information, as presented. CARRIED.**

**C648-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve-Johnson to approve the End of Steel Heritage Museum & Park request for funding in the amount of \$12,000.00 (twelve thousand dollars) to complete the digitalizing of the museum's artifacts, funds to be allocated from the rate stabilization reserve. CARRIED.**

CORPORATE  
SERVICES

Accounts Payable  
(October 26, 2016,  
to November 8,  
2016)

A list of expenditures for Clear Hills County for the period of October 26, 2016, to November 28, 2016, is provided for Council's review.

**C649-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Svederus that Council receives for information the Accounts Payable report for Clear Hills County for the period of October 26, 2016, to November 8, 2016, for a total of \$252,543.68 (two hundred and fifty-two thousand five hundred and forty-three dollars and sixty-eight cents). CARRIED.**

Third Quarter  
Financial Report

The Operating & Capital Budget Performance Reports for Clear Hills County for the period ending September 30, 2016.

**C650-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy that Council accepts for information the financial report for the period ending September 30, 2016. CARRIED.**

Multi-Year Capital  
Plan

Council is being provided with a copy of the Multi-Year Capital Plan.

**C651-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to approve the 2017- 2022 Multi-Year Capital Plan, as presented. CARRIED.**

2017 Interim

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Operating Budget

Council is provided with the draft 2017 Interim Operating Budget for consideration.

**C652-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Frixel to adopt the 2017 Interim Operating Budget effective January 1, 2017, as presented.**

**CARRIED.**

Reeve Ruecker recessed the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Reeve Ruecker reconvened the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

COMMUNITY  
SERVICES

Beyond Borders –  
Fairview Curling Club

The Fairview Curling Club is requesting funds for the purchase of new curling stones

**C653-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Fletcher to approve a Beyond Border's Grant for the Fairview Curling Club curling stone replacement project for one set of rocks for \$2500.00 (two thousand five hundred dollars).**

**CARRIED.**

Funding Request-  
High School Rodeo

District 3, Alberta Jr High School Rodeo Association is seeking donations to fulfill their goal of \$5,000.00 to purchase prizes and award them to the participants at the end of the season.

**C654-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve-Johnson to approve \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) in funding from the General Grant Budget to District 3, Alberta Jr High School Rodeo Association for prizes, with the funds to be allocated from the 2016 General Grant Budget.**

**CARRIED.**

Unharvested Crop  
Assistance

Deputy Reeve-Johnson has requested the County consider lobbying the Minister of Agriculture for additional AFSC unharvested crop assistance at the meeting that is scheduled for the last day of the AAMD&C Conference, 2 p.m. November 17, 2016.

**C655-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve-Johnson to declare a state of agricultural disaster for Clear Hills County due to the wet weather and snow that is preventing harvest, damaging and destroying crops and forage.**

**CARRIED.**

**C656-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to draft a letter to Honorable Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry informing of Clear Hills County's state of agricultural disaster due to the wet weather and snow that is preventing harvest and damaging and destroying crops and forage; including an appendix with proposed options that would assist farmers during this stressful economic disaster. Options to be included in the appendix are: deferring AFSC crop insurance premiums due date, deferring existing grain contract due dates, increasing**

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**AFSC unharvested acreage benefit payment from 25 percent to 50 percent or more CARRIED.**

PUBLIC WORKS

There were no items.

WRITTEN REPORTS

COUNCIL,  
COMMITTEE &  
MANAGERS

Council Reports

Council submits the meetings attended in the previous month and a report, if applicable.

Chief Administrative  
Officer's Report

The Chief Administrative Officer report was reviewed.

**C657-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to receive the information provided in the Chief Administrative Officer report on November 8, 2016, for information, as presented. CARRIED.**

Community  
Development  
Manager's Report  
Corporate Service  
Manager's Report

There was nothing to report.

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Public Works  
Manager's Report

The Public Works Managers report was reviewed.

**C658-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Reeve Johnson to receive the information provided in the Public Works Managers report on November 8, 2016, for information, as presented. CARRIED.**

COUNCIL  
INFORMATION

Council was presented with the correspondence of pertinent information that has been received.

**C659-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to receive for information the correspondence presented at the November 8, 2016, Regular Council Meeting. CARRIED.**

CALENDARS

Council and Administration reviewed the upcoming months' calendars for Councillor Boards and Committee scheduled meetings, to assist Administration with record keeping and Council with a reminder.

**C660-16(11/08/16)**

**RESOLUTION by Councillor Croy to receive for information the November, December 2016, and January 2017 calendars, as presented.**

Meeting	Date	Member
PLS	Nov 26	Frixel
MPTA	Nov 28	Frixel
NPRL	Nov 24	Fletcher
ASB	Nov 14	Johnson

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ASR	Nov 25	Johnson
Council Meeting	Nov 23	All
		<b>CARRIED.</b>

ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Ruecker adjourned the November 8, 2016, Regular Council Meeting at 1:11 p.m.

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