

The Council of the Municipal District of Foothills No. 31 met in the Foothills Administration Building, High River, Alberta, for a meeting on March 4, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Present were Reeve R. McLean, Councillors T. Waddock, R. Chase, R. Nelson, T. Mills, B. Castell, L. Spilak, Municipal Manager H. Riva Cambrin and Recording Secretary J. Gordon.

Reeve McLean called the meeting to order.

#### **AGENDA – MARCH 4, 2008**

Moved that Council approve the agenda for the Council meeting of March 4, 2008.  
CARRIED

#### **LONG RANGE PLANNING MATTERS**

Council met with R. Payne, Planner, after being provided with a package summarizing the process of the Highway 2A Industrial Area Structure Plan to date. Council was provided with a Highway 2 Area Structure Plan update and given a series of maps identifying different amended Plan areas for review. In addition, Mr. Payne noted that the Aldersyde Area Structure Plan has not been amended since its inception in 1986 and requested a Council decision as to whether this should be included with the Highway 2A Area Structure Plan or whether preference would be given to being separate in some manner.

Moved that the following legal land descriptions be approved to be included within the area in which a Terms of Reference will be based for the Highway 2A Industrial Area Structure Plan amendment:

#### **Areas located West of Highway 2A**

*Sections 13, 24, 25 & 36 in Township 19 Range 29 W4th Meridian;*

*Sections 1, 12, 13, 14 in Township 20 Range 29 W4th Meridian;*

*N.1/2 & SE 15 in Township 20 Range 29 W4th Meridian.*

#### **Areas located East of Highway 2A & West of the River**

*Ptn. W.1/2 Section 17, Sections 18, 19, Ptn. W.1/2 20, Ptn. W. ½ 29, S.1/2 30,*

*Ptn. W.1/2 30 and Ptn. S. 31 in Township 19 Range 29 W4th Meridian;*

*Ptn. Sections 6 & 7 in Township 20 Range 29 W4th Meridian.*

CARRIED

Council then met with S. Croil, Planner, who provided them with an executive summary regarding the process being made with the Dark Sky Initiative. He noted that this initiative appears to be precedent setting within the Province of Alberta and stated that a draft Terms of Reference will be brought to Council in the near future for further information and approval.

Moved that Council allow Dark Sky compliant fixtures to be installed on all new street lights within the Municipality.

CARRIED

H. Hemingway, Municipal Planner, provided Council with a map of possible locations for upcoming open house locations and L. Lambert, Corporate Communications Specialist, brought Council up to date on the photography contest that is in the introductory stage of being developed at the present time.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

Moved that Council proceed with the project proposal as submitted by the Planning team for the photography contest which is planned to run concurrently with the review of the Municipal Development Plan. The contest will be advertised in the near future with the focus being the defining of the rural character within the M.D. of Foothills.

CARRIED

#### **IN CAMERA**

Moved that Council meet 'In Camera' to discuss personnel matters.

CARRIED

#### **OUT OF CAMERA**

Moved that Council go 'Out of Camera'.

CARRIED

#### **LUNCH**

Moved that Council adjourn for lunch.

CARRIED

#### **PROCEDURAL BYLAW**

##### **BYLAW 33/2008**

Bylaw 33/2008 was introduced into the meeting to authorize the adoption of the Procedural Bylaw.

Moved first reading.

THE BYLAW WAS PASSED FOR ONE READING

Moved second reading.

THE BYLAW WAS PASSED FOR TWO READINGS

Moved that Bylaw 33/2008 be given third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved third reading.

THE BYLAW WAS PASSED

**1267422 ALBERTA LTD. (SORENSEN) AND CHABOT - AREA STRUCTURE PLAN, REDESIGNATION AND LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT - PTN. NE 10-20-1 W5 AND NW 11-20-1 W5**

The public hearing for the above-noted applications was held on February 28, 2008 and no decision was made at this time.

Moved that the application for the adoption of the West Mountain Estates Area Structure Plan proposed in the East. ½ NE 10-20-1 W5 and NW 11-20-1 W5 be refused for the following reasons:

the proposal is considered to be fragmentation of agricultural land;

the proposal is premature in that water has not yet been proven on an adjacent subdivision;

the proposal is of an inconsistent density within the context of the character of the existing community;

the open-ended format of the Area Structure Plan does not provide for a comprehensive overall plan for the area;

the proposed well site access through a dense country residential development is unacceptable, in Council's opinion.

CARRIED

Moved that the application to redesignate NW 11-20-1 W4 from Agricultural District to Country Residential District in order to permit the future subdivision of 16 country residential parcels, two environmental reserve parcels and one municipal reserve parcel with an agricultural balance parcel be refused for the following reasons:

the proposal is considered to be fragmentation of agricultural land;

the proposal is premature in that water has not yet been proven on an adjacent subdivision;

the proposal is of an inconsistent density within the context of the character of the existing community;

the refusal of the adoption of the accompanying Area Structure Plan;

the proposed well site access through a dense country residential development is unacceptable, in Council's opinion.

CARRIED

Moved that the application for an amendment of the East Half of NE 10-20-1 W5 from the Agricultural District land use rules in order to allow for one additional parcel be refused due to lack of access and the refusal of the adoption of the accompanying Area Structure Plan.

CARRIED

**BLACKIE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Moved that Council acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Hamlet of Blackie Community Association regarding the replacement of trees and the Municipality's public works property. The request with respect to the implementation of a program to plant new trees will be referred to C. Robinson, Community Services Coordinator, and the matters referring to the public works property will be referred to the Public Works Department for further consideration.

CARRIED

**TOWN OF NANTON**

Moved that Council acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Town of Nanton dated January 8, 2008 and, based on the information provided, is willing to contribute \$1,200.00 towards the facilitation of the recycling facility for 2008 however it is to be noted that Council cannot give further consideration to this request on an ongoing basis without a confirmation of the number of M.D. residents using the facility.

CARRIED

**WHISKEY RIDGE RANCH LTD. - NE 6-20-29 W4 & NW 5-20-29 W4**

Reeve R. McLean and Councillor L. Spilak couldn't participate in the discussion or the vote as they were not in attendance for the public hearing on February 7, 2008.

**BYLAW 34/2008**

Bylaw 34/2008 was introduced into the meeting to authorize the redesignation of NE 6-20-29 W4 and NW 5-20-29 W4 from Agricultural District to Country Residential District in order to permit the future subdivision of country residential parcels, two agricultural parcels, a 6-metre municipal reserve pathway and one 54.8-acre environmental reserve parcel. The site plan will need to be revised further to the completion of a number of issues as noted:

comprehensive stormwater management plan to the satisfaction of the Municipal Engineer;

Council was of the opinion that the applicant would require a consultation with the landowner regarding the design of the road;  
the removal of the two country residential parcels (North of the internal road as per the site plan submitted at the hearing)|  
the provision for a municipal reserve parcel in accordance with the present public reserve parcel.

Moved first reading.

**THE BYLAW WAS LOST**

Moved that the application to redesignate NE 6-20-29 W4 and NW 5-20-29 W4 from Agricultural District to Country Residential District in order to permit the future subdivision of eighteen country residential parcels, two agricultural parcels, one 6-metre municipal reserve pathway and one 54.8-acre environmental reserve parcel be refused for the following reasons:

In Council's opinion, the access was deemed to be unacceptable. The extension of the road allowance to the North (through the valley bottom) raises concern with both drainage and the water table and thus is considered inappropriate due to the nature of the land.

CARRIED

**ALDERSYDE COMMUNITY HALL**

Moved that Council agree to sign the agreement between the M.D. of Foothills and the Dewdney Players Group to lease the Aldersyde Community Hall, subject to the revisions as approved by Council.

CARRIED

**G. SANDEN**

**SE 28-21-03 W5M, PORTION OF EAST BOUNDARY  
APPLICATION TO PURCHASE ROAD ALLOWANCE**

Moved that the application for the proposed road closure for purchase between the SE of Section 28 and the SW 27-21-3 W5 be refused as this portion would be required for access to SW 27-21-3 W5.

CARRIED

**CAYLEY WETLANDS**

Moved that Council instruct Municipal staff to work with the Cayley community regarding the design for the development of the lands surrounding the wetlands.

CARRIED

**BAVARIAN LION CO. LTD. - NE & SE 20-22-2 W5**

Moved that Council accept the revised site plan for the proposed development in NE & SE 20-22-2 W5.

Moved that the aforementioned resolution be tabled until the landowners within the immediate area are given an opportunity to respond to a circulation of the tentative plan proposed for the redesignation and subsequent subdivision in NE & SE 20-22-2 W5.

CARRIED

**SPEED ENFORCEMENT**

Moved that staff be instructed to bring forward options for the implementation of additional speed controls and enforcement within the Municipality.

CARRIED

**HIGH RIVER AIRPORT**

Moved that Council agree to the appointment of Mr. B. Jones and Mr. D. Jewitt as Board Members to the High River Airport Committee.

CARRIED

**ADJOURN**

Moved that Council adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED