

MINUTES

POLICIES AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Mountain View County

Minutes of the Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, August 24, 2011, in the Council Chamber, 1408 Twp Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB

PRESENT:

Councillor B. Beattie (Deputy Reeve, Chair)  
Councillor K. Good  
Councillor A. Kemmere  
Councillor P. McKean  
Councillor D. Milne  
Reeve P. Munro  
Councillor R. Orr

IN ATTENDANCE:

T. Martens, Chief Administrative Officer  
J. Russling, Interim Director, Planning and Development Services  
J. Holmes, Director, Legislative, Community and Agricultural Services  
G. Wiens, Director, Corporate Services  
P. Waycott, Manager, Infrastructure Maintenance  
A. Wild, Communications Coordinator  
V. Lodermeier, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER:

Deputy Reeve Beattie called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

PRESENTATION:

Sierra Systems  
Process Review

Deputy Reeve Beattie welcomed Michael Langstone, Sierra Systems, to the Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting.

Mr. Langstone provided information regarding

- What the County set out for the project scope.
- What the project focused on
- What the Consultants did for the review
- What was found
- What was recommended

Policy and Priorities Committee discussed the following:

- Inefficiencies was not addressed in report
- Future follow-up reports
- Need County Policy

Recess and Reconvene

Deputy Reeve Beattie recessed the meeting at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 12:47 p.m.

Mr. Langstone's recommendations for Planning and Development are as follows:

- Support the Community and Council in achieving greater agreement on land use

ADOPTED

- Improve communications about land use and development and use simple language
- Integrate the two functions recently transferred in to Planning and Development and train staff
- Operations implement technology to support processes and provide management information. Train and support implementing the technology
- Develop comprehensive assets management policy and procedure guideline
- Re-implement and reassess the 176 guarantee.

Deputy Reeve Beattie thanked Sierra Systems for the presentation.

Reeve Munro left the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

#### AGENDA

Moved by Councillor McKean  
PP11-139 That the Policies and Priorities Committee adopt the agenda of the Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting of August 24, 2011.

Carried.

Deputy Reeve Beattie asked for a minute of silence to remember Jack Layton and his service to municipalities and Canada.

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Kemmere  
PP11-140 That the Policies and Priorities Committee adopt the minutes of the Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting of June 8, 2011.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Milne  
PP11-141 That the Policies and Priorities Committee adopt the minutes of the Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting of June 22, 2011.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor McKean  
PP11-142 That the Policies and Priorities Committee recommend that Council receive the Planning and Development Department and Operational Services Department Process Review as information; and further, request that the Chief Administrative Officer prepare a draft implementation plan for Council consideration.

Carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Corporate Services  
Monthly Report PP11-143

Moved by Councillor Good  
That the Priorities Committee receive the June and July financial results and bank reconciliation statements as information.

Carried.

Reeve Munro joined the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Operational Services  
Monthly Report

Wayne Brown, Engineering Technologist, provided an update regarding Hwy 2/27 Netook Crossing on following:

- Leakage cause is the settlement of the trench of the sewer line
- Repair sewer line then flush and camera the whole system
- Investigating different plugs instead of the inflatable plugs.

Moved by Councillor McKeen

PP11-144 That the Policies & Priorities Committee receive the June and July 2011 Operational Services reports as information.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS  
Red Deer River  
Watershed Alliance

Deputy Reeve Beattie welcomed Gerald Aldridge, Executive Director, Red Deer River Watershed Alliance to the Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting.

Mr. Aldridge provided information regarding

- Requested continued support from Mountain View County for funding RDRWA programs.
- Red Deer River Watershed Alliance's approach is on wise water management pertaining to quantity and quality of water for Albertans.
- Need Mountain View County to engage in the watershed planning process.

Policy and Priorities Committee discussed the following:

- Emerging issue on watershed is Oil and Gas fracing, and pharmaceuticals in the water.

Deputy Reeve Beattie thanked Mr. Aldridge for the presentation.

Midway School

Deputy Reeve Beattie welcomed Murray Marsh to the Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting.

Mr. Marsh provided information regarding

- Midway School
- Property be turned over to Community for summer camping, baseball diamonds and soccer fields
- Request the County write letter of support to be turned over to Community and that Chinook's Edge School Division demolish the building.

Policy and Priorities Committee discussed the following:

- Community is only interested in the property approximately 5 acres not building.

Deputy Reeve Beattie thanked Murray Marsh for the presentation.

Moved by Councillor Milne  
PP11-145 That the Policies and Priorities Committee recommend a letter be drafted from the Reeve on behalf of Council supporting Midway Community and request to have Chinook's Edge demolish the building and clean up property and turn the land over to Midway Community Association.

Carried.

Western Baptist  
Church Tax  
Exempt Status

Deputy Reeve Beattie welcomed Pastor Michael Martin, Western Baptist Church to the Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting.

Pastor Martin provided information regarding

- Request the Tax Exempt Status be reinstated
- Lease agreement is for families of the Baptist Church to use the campground not for the general public
- Church cannot afford the taxes if not exempt and will have to give up lease.

Policy and Priorities Committee discussed the following:

- Property does not meet the criteria for property exemption under the Municipal Government Act.
- Primary criteria was that this property is not open to the public.

Deputy Reeve Beattie thanked Pastor Michael Martin for the presentation.

Planning and Development  
Monthly Report PP11-146

Moved by Councillor McKean  
That the Policies and Priorities Committee receive the Planning and Development Services Department statistics as information.

Carried.

Legislative and Community  
Services Monthly  
Report PP11-147

Moved by Councillor Kemmere  
That the Policies & Priorities Committee receive as information the June and July 2011 monthly reports:  
- Agricultural Services  
- Communications  
- Community Services  
- Economic Development

Carried.

PP11-148 Moved by Reeve Munro  
That Policies and Policy request the Chief Administrative Officer to bring a preliminary report as to process and impact on the pursuit of a road tax related to Oil and Gas activity to the September 7, 2011 Regular Council meeting.

Carried

Recess and Reconvene

Deputy Reeve Beattie recessed the meeting at 3:31 p.m. and reconvened at 3:43 p.m.

Councillor Milne left the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Business Licenses

PP11-149 Moved by Councillor Orr  
That the Policies and Priorities Committee received the Business License report as information.  
Carried

Policy No. 4017

Land Acquisition

PP11-150 Moved by Councillor Good  
That the Policies and Priorities Committee recommend that Council approve Policy No. 4017 - Land Acquisition and Disturbance for Road Construction and receive Procedure No. 4017-1 - Land Acquisition and Disturbance for Road Building Purposes as information.  
Carried.

PP11-151 Moved by Councillor McKean  
That the Policies and Priorities Committee recommend that Council rescind Policy Section C 6 - Land Acquisition and Disturbance for Road Building Purposes.  
Carried.

Operations

Multi-year Plan

PP11-152 Moved by Councillor McKean  
That the Policies and Priorities Committee receive the multiyear plans as information.  
Carried.

Councillor Orr left the meeting at 4:31 p.m. and joined the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

Parks Business Plan

PP11-153 Moved by Councillor Kemmere  
That the Policies and Priorities Committee recommend that a more detailed proposal on all costs with an option C to sell campgrounds to the September 21, 2011 Regular Council Meeting.  
Carried.

Tall Timber Leisure Park

PP11-154 Moved by Reeve Munro  
That the Policies and Priorities Committee receive correspondence from the Tall Timber Leisure Park dated June 28, 2011 and response letter dated July 29, 2011, regarding Tax Assessments for Tall Timber Leisure Park, as information.  
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

PP11-155 Moved by Councillor McKean  
That the Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting of August 24, 2011 be adjourned at 5:00 p.m.  
Carried.

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Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

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Chief Administrative Officer