

MINUTES

POLICIES AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Mountain View County

Minutes of the Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, in the Council Chamber, 1408 Twp Rd. 320, Didsbury, AB

PRESENT: Councillor L. Yakimchuk (Deputy Reeve, Chair)
Councillor K. Blain
Councillor G. Day
Councillor G. Ingeveld
Reeve A. Kemmere
Councillor L. Negropontes
Councillor E. Page

IN ATTENDANCE: D. Plamping, Chief Administrative Officer
T. Martens, Director, Legislative and Community Services
D. Hawryluk, Director, Planning & Development Services
S. McInnis, Director, Operational Services
G. Wiens, Director, Corporate Services
J. Koch, Communications Coordinator
R. Morrison, Manager of Infrastructure Projects
M. Honeyman, Manager, Community Services
K. Bellamy, Manager, Infrastructure Maintenance
G. Evers, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER: Deputy Reeve Yakimchuk called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Yakimchuk introduced Council and staff.

AGENDA Deputy Reeve Yakimchuk advised that the following amendments would be made to the agenda:
(5.3) Joel Thompson re: Proposed Noise Control Bylaw
(5.4) Gwen Day re: Proposed Noise Control Bylaw
(5.5) Jack Peck re: Proposed Noise Control Bylaw
(7.4) MPC Committee Structure
(11.2) Legal Matter

Moved by Councillor Blain
PP09-256 That the Policies and Priorities Committee adopt the agenda of the Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting of September 9, 2009 as amended.

Carried.

ADOPTION OF
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PP09-257 Moved by Councillor Ingeveld
That the Policies and Priorities Committee adopt the minutes of the Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting of August 12, 2009.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS
Provincial Highways
Priorities

Deputy Reeve Yakimchuk welcomed Stu Becker, Regional Director, Alberta Transportation and Brian Reed, to the Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting.

Mr. Becker and Mr. Reed provided information regarding

- ICSP Grant and Olds/Didsbury Airport Grant
- Year round road bans on Highway 766 – permit applications are available through Alberta Transportation Red Deer office
- Climbing lanes on Highway 22 – 5 climbing lanes identified and in the three year plan
- Speed limits on Highway 22 are being reviewed at the Cremona intersection
- Dust control on service roads – Alberta Transportation does not have a program unless there are safety concerns
- Provincial Highway Project Update

Policy and Priorities Committee discussed the following:

- Alberta Transportation will provide an opinion regarding access to any proposed development before the application is submitted to the County
- Setback requirements are different for different highways

Deputy Reeve Yakimchuk thanked Mr. Becker and Mr. Reed for the presentation.

Joe Tucker
Mountain View
Marksman Assoc.

Councillor Day declared a pecuniary interest as she is the owner of a shooting range and left the room at 3:04 p.m.

Councillor Day returned to the room and joined the gallery.

Deputy Reeve Yakimchuk welcomed Joe Tucker, Mountain View Marksman Association, to the Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting.

Mr. Tucker provided information regarding

- Mountain View Marksman Association is a non-profit organization
- The Association has 1200 members with 400 of those members from the County

- The association has addressed the concerns of the 19 name complaint by installing noise berms, undertaking decibel testing, and noise reduction measures
- The proposed Noise Control Bylaw will severely impact the revenues of the association
- The association is specifically centered out by being named in this bylaw when other organizations will not be required to follow this bylaw
- Noise study and recommendations will cost approximately \$15,000
- Schedule "C" will impact the annual revenue by 10-15%

Policy and Priorities Committee discussed the following:

- Increases in Gun Club membership fees and usage fees
- Noise generated by gun competitions

Deputy Reeve Yakimchuk thanked Mr. Tucker for the presentation.

Joel Thompson
Noise Bylaw

Deputy Reeve Yakimchuk welcomed Joel Thompson to the Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting.

Mr. Thompson provided information regarding

- The level of noise from the gun range is unacceptable
- The proposed bylaw will not address the containment of the noise
- The proposed bylaw still permits the association to operate up to 14 hours per day with no reduction in noise
- Requested that the proposed bylaw not go forward in its current state as it does not address the issues

Policy and Priorities Committee discussed the following:

- Mr. Thompson is willing to work with the association for up to one year to install effective measures to address sound control issues

Deputy Reeve Yakimchuk thanked Mr. Thompson for the presentation.

Gwen Day
Noise Control Bylaw

Deputy Reeve Yakimchuk welcomed Gwen Day to the Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting.

Mrs. Day provided information regarding

- The proposed bylaw would affect other clubs in the County
- Private clubs charge substantially more for memberships
- Provincial standards need to be investigated

- Site remediation

Policy and Priorities Committee discussed the following:

- Site remediation to address environmental issues

Deputy Reeve Yakimchuk thanked Mrs. Day for the presentation.

Jack Peck
Noise Control Bylaw

Deputy Reeve Yakimchuk welcomed Mr. Peck to the Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting.

Mr. Peck provided information regarding

- The proposed bylaw needs to be put on hold
- The onus should be placed on the previous administration and Council that sold the lands and approved the Gun Club and had they been provided proper information and insight it might not have been approved
- Dust control and traffic safety is a prime concern

Policy and Priorities Committee discussed the following:

- The Development Permit did not require the Gun Club to address dust control issues

Deputy Reeve Yakimchuk thanked Mr. Peck for the presentation.

Recess and Reconvene

Deputy Reeve Yakimchuk recessed the meeting at 4:06 p.m. and reconvened at 4:13 p.m.

BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 05/09

Noise Control

PP09-258

Moved by Councillor Blain

That the Policies and Priorities Committee defer Bylaw No. 05/09 Noise Control Bylaw to the last meeting in November and request that the Chief Administrative Officer provide information regarding hours of operation and obtain a legal opinion regarding noise mitigation structures.

Motion Defeated.

PP09-259

Moved by Councillor Negropontes

That the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to draft a Gun Club Bylaw including hours of operation, types of events, and tactical team operations.

Carried.

PP09-260

Moved by Councillor Ingeveld

That the Policies and Priorities Committee recommend that Council approve Bylaw No. 05/09 – Noise Control Bylaw including the recommended amendments.

Councillor Ingeveld withdrew Motion PP09-260

PP09-261 Moved by Councillor Ingeveld
That Bylaw No. 05/09 – Noise Control Bylaw be brought back to the next Policies and Priorities Committee.

Carried.

Councillor Day re-joined the table at 4:52 p.m.

PP09-262 Moved by Councillor Negropontes
That the Policies and Priorities Committee request to the Chief Administrative Officer that dust control measures be taken on Range Road 2.3 adjacent to the Mountain View Marksman Association Club and costs be negotiated between Mountain View County, Mountain View Marksman Association and the Gravel Pit.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

PP09-263 Moved by Councillor Blain
That the Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting of September 9, 2009 be adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Carried.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

Chief Administrative Officer