

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUNDRE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012, IN THE TOWN OF SUNDRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT

Mayor Annette Clews, Councillors Paul Isaac, Tony Jordan, Myron Thompson, Pat Toone, Chris Vardas

STAFF

Dean Pickering, Chief Administrative Officer
Wanda Watson-Neufeld, Director of Corporate Services
Erin O'Neill, Manager of Planning and Development
Ron Baker, Manager of Operations
Jacci Hager, Manager of Legislative and Community Services
Anne-Marie Wolfe, Legislative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Annette Clews called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. with a moment of reflection.

AGENDA APPROVAL

267/12 Councillor Pat Toone moved that Council adopt the agenda as amended to include the following items: 6.4 July, August, September Councillor (Pat Toone) Report, 8.2 Eagle Ridge Presentation, 10.1 Land Sale – First Reading; in view of the amount of public, items 10.2 and 10.3 have been moved towards the end of the meeting as they are In-Camera items, Sundre Minor Hockey will present to Council at a later date. **CARRIED**

MINUTES

Monday, October 1, 2012 Regular Council Minutes

268/12 Councillor Chris Vardas moved that Council approve the minutes of the October 1, 2012 Regular Council Meeting as presented. **CARRIED**

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Al Mutin – legally speaking, is the Town of Sundre allowed to sell the park properties?
Erin O'Neill, Planning and Development, addressed Mr. Mutin's question.

Ms. Rosemary Beggs – Municipal Government Act – use of reserved land. – 671(2) – has to remain as a public park and green space.

Mr. Ken Craig – lives on Noblefern Way – he feels the need to really question when the Town forces a developer to give up land at their cost and then the Town can turn around and sell that same land for the Town's profit, this is seriously wrong. He likens it to thievery. We bought these properties under the assumption that the park would remain where it is. These properties are closer to bigger parks? Not so. We don't want to sell these off so that the green space is gone on this end of town. How will you get away with this? The people who are here are mad as hell and



they want to let the Town know how they are feeling. The Council is supposed to be representing the residents and our concerns and not sticking it to us by selling off these green spaces.

Mrs. Cherie Funke – took her concerns to the Town of Sundre Facebook page and expressed openly that she is not happy to see that the money that has been placed in the parks isn't going toward the parks' upkeep. Now it has come to this? Selling off our parks in order to build a house for a doctor? What about all the 'for sale' signs in the community? Buy one of those houses and leave our parks alone!

Sheila Minnear – re: Playground on the East Side. Where are the kids over on the Eastside going to play? On Bergen Road?

Robert Dales – from 5th Avenue – Has a concern about the park there; there is supposed to be low-income housing coming in and there will, most likely, be children living there. Where are the kids going to go to play? He would like a park not just for children to play at but how about some park benches for the seniors and others to sit at.

Gloria Jensen – trailer court owner – regarding the park between the two houses. Lots of kids play there, the grand kids playing there. Two years ago she decided that they were too close to the road – they approached the town to keep them increase the safety of the park and a fence was installed. They have equipment that hasn't been kept up. Where are our taxes going after we pay them? So, now you improve the park and then you are going to tear it down? Where is the sense in that?

Shirley McKenna – Real Estate – Toured so many families this summer throughout Sundre. They are looking for green space and parks. We need everybody there to enjoy it. People need it and expect it and people are coming here because we have green space and we need it for the kids. We are going to sell it? There is something wrong with this picture.

Lisa Laundry – our kids love the parks...so now you are going to take them away so that they can get into bad stuff like drugs? Our kids need to grow up playing outside and in unstructured situations. Perhaps if we change the equipment, or re-install the equipment as it was poorly installed. It's not going to be used properly because it isn't installed properly. How about a water park? Are the parks fully serviced? If you put in a water park and toilets I think that you will get more people willing to move here. Improve what we have already. No more new houses. There are enough already!

Heather Dales – ten years ago we moved here from Ontario. When we came here we were so impressed by the parks and the scenery here. The parks give the kids something to do. Gives them something different to do. I think it is important for kids to do and enjoy.

Mr. Dales – they may not be used terribly much now, but maybe there will be a time that they will be.

Citizen – Lives across sixth street – there is no place for the kids to play and they are playing in the street. There are many children. We were promised something in that green space. A bench. Playground equipment. They are both needed and wanted.

Gerald Ryan of Nobelfern Way – has a 5-year-old daughter. The playground never went into Noblefern. I put trees in there (donated them) and now you want to sell my trees? I have offered to put in a picnic table and bench.

Councillor Paul Isaac – first I would like to say that it is nice to see you all here. We need to hear what you want. When one to three residents from the Town show up, it really shows us your concern when there are so many of you coming in to speak with us, like you have tonight and you come to share your concerns, we definitely know what you want. It makes our jobs easier. You are waiting for Noblefern Park to have equipment. Rosemary sent three trucks loaded with new playground equipment away; and we were told that if it wasn't removed you would move away.

(Rosemary) They were told to dig 6 feet down to put in that area. We are on a riverbed, all there is to dig into is rock! They could not do that. There was a road there and even then, they could not dig 6 feet down.

Melissa Ryan – Noblefern – moved from Calgary, they bought there based on the fact that they were promised a playground there.

Councillor Tony Jordan – I am glad to see all these faces here tonight. I have the same questions as you do for this land sale. This was brought up to open a discussion and here we have one! It wasn't our intention to make you believe that we will move forward, sell all the land and keep the money. We are here to have a first reading, which is to open discussion. I feel the same way that you do about Aspen Park – I grew up two doors down from that park. Rest assured we have your best intentions at heart.

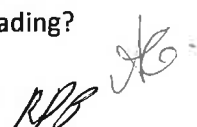
Councillor Chris Vardas – I also lived in those areas and I also want there to be some parks, I have kids, too! We will make a calculated decision and we are going to make the best decisions possible.

Councillor Myron Thompson – I've been in this town long enough to know that these types of decisions are here for all of us to make. I don't want to see this being messed up by the almighty dollar. The river is another concern. There are all these things that we have to consider and we need to include all the people. Even though we bring up this issue, that's what brings out the people! Come out and speak! We need to speak about it. I really enjoy the conversations that are occurring here. They need to be spoken of. It isn't only our obligation to listen, we need to listen, you pay our wages...don't hide your thoughts on things. Share them with us. Participate to the best of your ability. Don't wait until it is something that makes your dander go up...participate all the time.

Councillor Pat Toone - it is nice to have municipal reserves because it is nice that the lot is just down the block. We need the green space. She has changed her mind she wants to keep the play set.

Mayor Clews - we have to buy more equipment with money we make from parks. We do have a lot of parks and it is hard to equip all the parks. This was to have you engaged and to see if we are on the right track or not. The question then becomes can we invest in better equipment or does this have to go? Which do we keep up and which ones do we let go? Please put your thoughts on paper and send it in. We need to have it on paper, now, too. We do appreciate the conversation.

Ken Craig – Is there anyway we can do more before a first reading? We have rethought this and this is what we are thinking? Do we need to get to a confrontation to bring it to a first reading?



Mayor Clews – It does not have to go to first reading tonight. We will discuss this before making a decision.

Mayor Clews – it was good conversation. Thank you for your kindness and respect.

Councillor Paul Isaac – My apologies to Rosemary for the brief confrontation and my apologies to Council. Apologies accepted.

Rosemary – Paul you didn't need to apologize, I understand. I wanted you to know that there are others that are upset about the land sale of the green spaces and parks. They have signed a petition. The residents are upset enough that they would be willing to sell their properties and leave Sundre. The kids do use the green space. These spaces are being used. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

FINANCE

FCSS/GNP Budget

Marita Stermann, Executive Director of Greenwood Neighbourhood Place, reviewed and discussed the 2013 FCSS/GNP Budget.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Monthly Mayor Report September 2012

Mayor Annette Clews submitted her September 2012 Mayor's Report.

Monthly Councillor Report August/September 2012

Councillor Tony Jordan submitted his August/September Councillor Report.

Monthly Councillor Report September Report 2012

Councillor Paul Isaac submitted his September 2012 Councillor Report. He discussed the AUMA Conference and what the Minister of Transportation had to say. There are some excellent opportunities and he stressed supporting municipalities in the areas of flood mitigations and backcountry mountain accidents. Thought it would be a good opportunity for him to come out to see the Town of Sundre and discuss this with our Fire Department (Provincial, Federal and Municipal). Regarding Highway 27, the Minister is in the process of doing a report for Transportation Alberta. Councillor Paul Isaac described our situation to the Minister. The Minister said that he would pull our file and be in touch with our municipality as soon as possible.

Mayor Clews – Please, if there are concerns, get them down on paper so that we can get them to the Minister.

Monthly Councillor Report July, August, September 2012

Councillor Pat Toone submitted her July, August and September 2012 Councillor Report.

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Councillor Tony Jordan moved that Council accept the report as presented and discussed for information. **CARRIED**

Recess called by Annette Clews at 7:35 p.m.

Meeting reconvened by Mayor Annette Clews 7:50 p.m.

Handwritten signatures and initials in blue ink, including "JG" and "RP".

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**Land Sale – First Reading**

Erin O'Neill from Planning and Development discussed the Land Sale with Council. It was recommended to go through each address.

Lot 18, Block J, Plan 8542GM, known as Betty Rose Park, maintaining the playground equipment on site until the lot is sold.

Councillor Chris Vardas moved that the Town of Sundre Council approve the motion as presented. Councillor Chris Vardas withdrew the motion as presented.

270/12

Councillor Tony Jordan proposed an alternative motion that council revisit the sale of parklands in the community until we come to an amicable conclusion. **CARRIED.**

Mayor Annette Clews brought Council back on topic. Mayor Clews suggested that not knowing the future plan, we need to look at this again, especially after the discussion from the public. Once we have had an opportunity to look at the parks and see if we can improve them esthetically and functionally. We need a plan. The Mayor thinks it is key that we have a committee that is comprised primarily of the public. Council is willing to have an open house. We need to set a date in the future to have an open house. We are quickly coming upon the Budget Deliberations.

Councillor Tony Jordan is concerned about rushing this through and not giving the topic its due diligence.

Councillor Chris Vardas doesn't want to see this carried on for years. The topic is hot and we should deal with it sooner rather than later.

Councillor Tony Jordan would like to make the best decision they can.

Councillor Myron Thompson suggested that he would like to have individual input for each park.

Mr. Ken Craig offered the idea of surveys per each park.

Jacci Hager, Manager, Parks and Recreation and Community Services, suggested that there is money in the Capital Budget for Parks and she will work towards having the Open House before the Christmas Break (December 15).

PRESENTATION**Eagle Ridge Presentation**

Rick Sarsons addressed council with a letter of request to prepare a local improvement levy for Phase One of the Eagle Ridge Development. The investors would like a clear message that it is a good time to move forward with Eagle Ridge. Unfortunately, however, the answer will not be as quick or as conclusive as hoped.

NEW BUSINESS**Budget Priorities - 2013**

Wanda Watson-Neufeld, Director of Corporate Services, discussed the 2013 Draft Budget Priorities with Council.

Mayor Annette Clews asked that Council come prepared for November 17th, 2012 deliberations.

Policy #415 – East Side Water

Dean Pickering, CAO, discussed Policy #415 regarding East Side Water connection fees. Councillor Chris Vardas would like to put out a date to let the people on the East Side have a chance to pay for the connection at the lower rate. Councillor Pat Toone paraphrased to say that they could buy into it at the original price until that particular date. Essentially it is a down payment to future connection.

- 271/12** Councillor Paul Isaac moved that Town of Sundre Council increase the connection fees for Water and Wastewater on the East side to \$15,000 for residential properties and \$25,000 for commercial properties by November 15, 2012. **CARRIED**

FCSS Budget

Wanda Watson-Neufeld explained the FCSS Budget and its impact on the Town of Sundre budget for 2013.

- 272/12** Councillor Pat Toone moved to accept the 2013 FCSS Budget and Communications Liaison/Youth Coordinator Funding Request as conditional to \$9900 also being supported by the county or moved to budget deliberations presented for information. **RESCINDED**

- 273/12** Councillor Tony Jordan moved to accept the 2013 FCSS Budget and Communications as presented **CARRIED.**

Greenwood Neighbourhood Place Request

Wanda Watson-Neufeld discussed the Greenwood Neighbourhood Place request for funding through the Municipal Sustainability Initiative Fund.

- 274/12** Councillor Myron Thompson moved that the Town of Sundre Council forward the 2013 GNP Budget and Communications Liaison/Youth Coordinator Funding request to the 2013 budget deliberations. **CARRIED**

Shell Caroline United Way Fundraiser Request

Dean Pickering discussed the pros and cons to the involvement of the Town of Sundre to this fundraising request.

- 275/12** Councillor Tony Jordan moved to donate the costs of the ice time on October 27, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 pm. **DEFEATED**

Mountain View County Proposed County Contributions Sundre East Side Servicing

Dean Pickering, CAO, discussed the proposal from Mountain View County regarding the East Side Servicing and over sizing.

- 276/12** Councillor Myron Thompson moved that Town of Sundre Council receive this offer as information and that it be brought forward to the next Governance Meeting with the correct number for the costs that have been contributed by the Town of Sundre for the East Side Service. **CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE

GAPP Minutes

Received for information.

MAP Minutes

Received for information.

CFCA Board Member Request

Linda has worked with this organization in the past. They give loans to business for start up or to assist in new businesses. This is an organization that we can be a part of. Member or council, a business member can sit on this committee, no payment is received to attend. Councillor Chris Vardas suggested he might sit on the board. They believe that the office is in Red Deer.

RFP – Sundre Health Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee

Received for information.

277/12 Councillor Myron Thompson would like to move this to budget deliberations. **CARRIED**

MVCALS Board Member Recruitment

Thanks but no thanks. Needs to be community members not council.

Received for information and have it advertised in the paper.

Sundre Minor Hockey Association – Letter of Support Request

278/12 Councillor Paul Isaac moved that the Town of Sundre Council write a letter of support for the Sundre Minor Hockey Association to host the Provincials in March 2013. **CARRIED**

Fire Audit

Received for information.

Eagle Ridge Letter of Request

279/12 Councillor Paul Isaac moved that Town of Sundre Council accept all correspondence for information as presented. **CARRIED**

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**Planning and Development Report**

Erin O'Neill, Planning and Development, presented her September 2012 Report to Council.

280/12 Councillor Paul Isaac moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept the September 2012 Planning and Development Report as presented for information. **CARRIED**

CAO Report – October 2012

Dean Pickering, CAO, discussed his CAO Report with Council.

281/12 Councillor Myron Thompson moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept the October CAO report as presented for information. **CARRIED**

RCMP

Dean Pickering presented his RCMP report to Council.

CAO Minutes from CAO Meeting

Dean Pickering, CAO, presented the CAO Minutes from the CAO Meeting to Council.



282/12 Councillor Myron Thompson moved that the Town of Sundre Council accept the CAO Minutes as presented for information. **CARRIED**

283/12 Councillor Chris Vardas moved that the Town of Sundre Council extend this council meeting beyond 10:00 pm. **CARRIED**

284/12 Mayor Annette Clews moved to meet In Camera at 9:50 p.m. with Council and Dean Pickering present. **CARRIED**

Mayor Annette Clews called a recess at 9:51 p.m.

Mayor Annette Clews reconvened the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

285/12 Councillor Paul Isaac moved to come out of In Camera at 10:35 p.m. **CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

286/12 Councillor Myron Thompson moved at 10:36 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. **CARRIED**



Mayor

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.



Chief Administrative Officer

Monthly Council Report September 2012

Mayor Annette Clews

- ◇ Sept. 4/12 – 1pm- CAO meeting- discussed the task list; Dean will be working on breaking it down by department and prioritizing until the list is manageable.
- ◇ Sept. 4/12- 6pm – Council
- ◇ Sept. 10/12- 6pm – Governance followed by briefing with Dean and Tony as I will not be here on the 17th for council.
- ◇ Sept. 11/12 – 6:30pm- GAPP- Met with council committee members, and CAOs to discuss East Side Servicing costs and county's portion, an offer from County is to come to council soon. Discussed the Multi-use facility, Tri protective services – Bruce will meet with me and local RCMP to discuss facility. Doctor attraction and retention committee proposal was also discussed. Reeve Beattie to call next meeting.
- ◇ Sept. 12/12- 5:30pm – Central AB Mayor's – Had presentation from United Way, asking Municipalities to consider making financial donations. Town of Sundre has in the past recognized that individuals who wish to support United Way, not using tax dollars, should do this. Mayor Fluelling and past Court Queen's Bench Judge made presentation on the court house in Red Deer, I have asked that this come to governance as they are requesting supporting lobby by municipalities to Provincial government for new building.
- ◇ Sept. 18/12- 9am – MAP- Update of Fire Services Agreements. Main topic of discussion was priorities Map to focus on in near future, the common topics that we could come to agreement on will be: Governance of Commissions and Boards that requisition Municipalities. Transportation issues that have regional implications, completing Fire Services Agreements and The Regional Culture and Recreation Master Plan. There will be no municipal fee in 2013 as this committee has a surplus of funds.
- ◇ Sept. 20/12- 11am- RRMUG – executive and board meetings- The executive reviewed the Action Plans, as the Crown Reservation application has been put on hold, this was following our trip to Edmonton in Aug. where the Minister said she would not be looking at this at this time. The executive discussed the focus on issues that related to River Disaster Mitigation and Water Management, recommendation to board to form ad hoc committee to develop report on Disaster Mitigation. Board meeting- had a presentation on National Water Strategy, further discussion on the Red Deer River Disaster Mitigation ad hoc committee, this was approved, and I will be sitting on this committee with council's approval.
- ◇ Sept. 20/12 – 5pm – MVSH- Carstairs – Finance followed by Board meeting. Finance- looked at budget to date, discussed the provincial housing and again receiving no funding for building maintenance. Talked about the new implementation date for new systems to do payroll, HR, and attendance. Discussed 2013 budget presentations to councils. Board meeting – Updated on governance review and progress with provincial government. Reports given by committees. Topic of CASCHA conference in October, I will be attending and

gathering information on Lodge best practices and hearing from Minister on future direction by the province.

- ◇ *Sept. 22/12 – Capital Budget – made good progress, will see if we need to make changes once operational budget is presented.*
- ◇ *Sept.23/12- 1pm- hosted the Town of Sundre Family BBQ- this was a fun afternoon of games, conversation, and food. The 15+ employees that attended said they quite enjoyed the day. I hope to make this an annual event to show our appreciation to our hard working staff!*
- ◇ *Sept.24/12- 11am- Brief meeting with Dean to discuss the change of our weekly meeting, hope to implement in October.*
- ◇ *Set.24/12- 6pm- MPC- Have new Chair and Vice Chair, both public members. Applications available on Town web sight.*
- ◇ *Sept.24/12 – 7pm(ish)- Special council – legal, land, and personal.*
- ◇ *Sept.25/12- AUMA- Drive and Registration arrived 3:30pm*
- ◇ *Sept.26-28/12 – 8am-Start time, Premier Redford Address, attended the opening ceremonies and keynote speaker, AGM and Resolution session #1.*

Education Sessions Day 1;

Municipal Governance Standing Committee – Property Assessment and Taxation Reform- This is being undertaken in conjunction with the MGA review. The recommendation and resolution coming to conference will be to have all property assessed at market value and then allow municipalities to choose scope of taxation exemptions. Off site levies where also discussed, the recommendation is to change MGA to expand scope of allowable costs within the levies.

Executive Committee Report- Gave presentation on engaging the members through letter, workshops, website, and conference. Presented on the Local Matters Campaign- the work on both Provincial and Federal Advocacy on Infrastructure deficits. Note- Less than 2% of monies collected on behalf of municipalities to goes to the Province comes back.

Supplementary Session- FCM- Target 2014- update- Have completed the organization and community consultations – Have heard from many smaller communities. The issue listed where the same as we had expressed in our letter. Copy of power point in my mail slot.

Sessions Day 2; municipal excellence award presentations

Dialogue with Ministers- session 1 –Energy - Minister Hughes- discussed oil/gas resources in AB, finding the balance between economy and environment. Combining Regulatory and Oversight under one umbrella. Justice – Minister Denis – Looks after Police, fish and wildlife. Main focus on equalizing the RCMP costing across province, making it more fair.

Municipal Affairs – Doug Griffiths- Main discussion on relationships with neighboring municipalities and the cost sharing for capital and operations expenses of facilities and services – Minister Griffiths stressed the importance of recognizing “ It is the same person receiving services”. Seniors Housing is now under this portfolio and he is looking forward to meeting with many organizations in service to our seniors.

Session1-“ What to do with your 86,400 seconds per day”-This was a lighthearted look at how to manage your time. Setting expectations, saving time on tasks, keeping focused.

Session 2- “Getting the Most from your Government – Advocacy”- looked at inter-governmental relations, focus on making the most of efforts. Always remember you are an advocate and there are several ways to influence and make connections with government representatives.

Sessions Day 3- listened to opposition party representatives, elections, resolution session 2, address from Minister of Municipal Affairs, Doug Griffiths, and closing of conference.

Networking- during the networking evenings, on Wednesday evening, I had the opportunity to spend over 2hrs having a discussion with MLA Ron Casey- who is on the Rural Caucus. We talked about the newly released “Provincial Flood Mitigation Report”, the committee RRMUG has just approved and several issues along the Red Deer River, mainly upstream and at Sundre. The discussion also included the distribution of Wild Life Officers and the location of “head office” as it does not make sense to Sundre that the officers are dispatched from Olds, when all crown land and major water ways are west and in Sundre.

- ◇ Other activities – Spent 3-4 hrs per day, 4 days a week in office doing research, answering e-mails, and updating East Side Binders. Have also done 2 telephone interviews for radio, 3 interviews for paper. Reply to resident concerns, by letter and on the phone.*

Report to Council
Aug, Sept 2012
T. Jordan

August, 2012:

- Aug 14, CAO interviews
- Aug 20, Council meeting
- Aug 21, Sundre Aquatic Society meeting
- Aug 27, MPC
- Aug 28, Met with Dave Dubauskas regarding Sundre/MVC fire agreement then attended Sundre/MVC fire agreement discussions with Jeff Holmes and Paddy Munroe at the county office.
- Aug 29, attended east side services open house at the town office.

September, 2012:

- Sept 4, Council meeting
- Sept 10, Governance meeting
- Sept 10, meeting with Mayor regarding GAPP
- Sept 11, GAPP meeting with county representatives
- Sept 13, attended county river berm meeting at the legion
- Sept 17, Council meeting
- Sept 18, Sundre Aquatic society meeting, cancelled.
- Sept 22, Capital budget workshop.
- Sept 24, Special council meeting.

Received a couple of phone calls regarding potential hook up to the east side water and sewer services (referred callers to call town office).

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Jordan

September Report
Councillor Paul Isaac

- 1 - On the 4th at 6:00 pm we had a Council Meeting at the Town Chambers.
 - 2 - On the 10th at 6:00 pm we had a Governance Meeting at the Town Chambers.
 - 3 - On the 11th at 5:30 pm we had a GAPP Meeting at the meeting room at the Town Office. Those present from Town were Dean, Anne-Marie, Annette, Tony and myself. From the County were Tony Martens, Bruce Beattie, Paddy Munroe and Bob Orr. The County presented where they stood with the East side, pertaining to water. They stated that they would take this back to their Council and we will be seeing this proposal come back to our Council in writing.
 - 4 - Got an oil change done today.
 - 5 - On the 17th at 6:00 pm we had a Council Meeting at the Town Chambers.
 - 6 - On Saturday the 22nd starting at 9:00 am until about 3:30 pm we had a Capital Budget Workshop at the Town Chambers.
 - 7 - On Monday 24th at 6:30 pm we had a Special Council Meeting at the Town Chambers.
 - 8 - On Tuesday the 25th Chris Vardas and I drove up to Edmonton to attend the AUMA Conference. My car broke down in Red Deer and we had to rent a vehicle to get to the Conference. Arrived after the registration was closed so will register bright and early tomorrow morning at 7:00 am
 - 9 - On Wednesday the 26th, I registered at AUMA (7:00 am)
" Session # 1 - Attended Municipalities ; Nearly Flat Broke to Face New Challenges" The speaker Mr. Lane spoke mostly on the Global Economic & Financial Landscape 1st World wide, 2nd Canada, 3rd Alberta. The Global growth remains modest and unbalanced. Canada is the best of the worst. Canada & Alberta are stable. Slight growth but still doing better and ahead of the US.

Session # 2 - Premier Allison Redford addressed the Conference. She stated that Alberta has had appr. 20 % growth over the last few years with a appr. 350,000 people added in the province. The PC party is committed to (1) That Alberta will continue to be an opportunity. The Government is committed to be investing in families and communities. (2) That the Government will maintain Alberta's economical security. (3) That the Government is committed to working with Municipalities. Yes Myron, Allison Redford will give you a call.
- Then we had elections, the Annual Meeting and some Resolutions. Followed by the Trade Fair Show.
- 10 - On Thursday the 27th attended a session " Dialogue with Ministers" : The first one I went to was with (1) Honourable Doug Griffens, Minister of Municipal Affairs. (2) Honourable Heather Klimchuk, Minister of Culture. (3) Honourable Christine Cusanelli, Minister of Tourism. Question's & Answer's Doug Griffens made a statement that he is strong into Diasaster Mitigation; Forest Fires, Mountain Climbing Disasters. I think listening in this session; I believe that the Town of Sundre has a great

opportunity to partner with the Province of Alberta for a win / win situation. Ask Me how. We heard loud and clear that Government is planning 10 / 20 / 30 years in advance and we as communities should be doing the same. Crowsnest Councilor questioned the boundaries of towns & municipalities. Doug Griffens stated he believes and supports that Communities need to be sustainable , and even more so then municipalities. I like Doug, can we invite him to Sundre for an Major of Banff - Tourism is Alberta's 3rd largest industry in Alberta Aldo asked about what the MGA Review is going to look like. Doug staed that it is over 400 pages; a8 segments with 650 chunks. He has read it several times, but not at one sitting. It can't be us versus them. Municipalities need to work with the Government. He is hoping that this review can be completed in 3 years. But it is a document that is never completed; it is always being worked on.

11 - Also on Thursday September 27th I attended another session " Dialogue with Ministers" : This was with (1) Honourable Ken Hughes, Minister of Energy and (2) \Honourable Jonathon Denis, Minister of Justice. Councilor from Fort McMurray challenged Ken of his choice of words. When describing First Nation nhe shouldn't include !st Nations & Aboriginals and Metis. Also a lengthy heated discussion on Alberta's Labour shortage. Especially in the Oil & Gas sector.

12 - Also on Thursday September 27th I battended another session, " Dialogue with Minsiters", This was with Honourable Ric McIver, Minister Transportation and Honourable Wayne Drysdale, Minister of Infrastructure. Major of Leduc challenged Wayne of the late timeing of building schools. The answer was School Divisions need to speak to Minister of Education and then that Ministry can speak with Ministry of Infrastructure. Also if we think we need a new school or hospital we need to have Chinook Edge raise this with the Minster of education to get it on the agenda at the Province. Same with hospital, we need to speak with Ministry of Health to have them get this to the table at Government. Ric indicated that he was working on a 4 year plan for Alberta transportation which hopefully will be rolled out in the next 18 months. To which I asked the question pertaining to our main road through our downtown corridor and also our bridge shutting down three summers in a row. His answer to me Sundre's main corridor downtown was - That he had some of his staff here today and that he instructed them right there and now to pull this file and that he would look at it right away. He also promised me publicly that he would contact our Town soon and we would have a meeting. YAAAAAAA

13 - Brian Mason Leader of the NDP Party spoke. He stressed that this Government has lost their vision.

14 - Raj Leader of the Liberal Party spoke.

15 - Broce Row represented the Leader of The Wildrose Party. (Danielle Smith had been asked to go to go meet with the US Government in Washington.)

All three parties spoke on how the PC Government has poor funding formulkes on how they are spending and budgeting the Provinces money. Should have gotten a haircut.

16 - President of FCM, Karen L. spoke. They speak for appr. 2000 communittees in Canada.

17 - More resolutions and then elections.

18 - Closeing speaker nwas Doug Griffen. His speech was pretty much the same as I heard him say at

the session, " Discussion with Minister's".

