

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING**
September 12, 2018

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT WERE: Reeve: Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
Deputy Reeve: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
Councillor: Donald Bissell, Enilda/Big Meadow
Donald Charrois, HP East/Banana Belt
Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
Ken Killeen, Kinuso
Robert Nygaard, Faust
Richard Simard, Jousard
Fern Welch, Grouard

Administration: Jordan Panasiuk, Deputy CAO
Heather Nanninga, Director of Corporate Services
Victoria Pegg, Recording Secretary
Vic Abel, Director of Public Works
Pat Olansky, Director of Planning & Development
Kaleb Brink, Grants Officer
Mary Dusseault, Animal Control Officer
John McDermott, Fire Chief
Sheila Kaus, Agriculture Fieldman

Delegations: Sebastien Dutrisac, Northern Sunrise County

Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Matthews called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**ADDITIONS TO
THE AGENDA:**

2018-16-450 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that the September 12, 2018 agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES:

2018-16-451 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the August 22, 2018 Regular Council Meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Stewart arrived to the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

ACTION LIST: Council reviewed the action list.

2018-16-452 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the action list be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS:

STAFF REPORTS: Council was presented with the following Staff Reports:

- Deputy CAO
- Director of Corporate Services
- Director of Public Works

2018-16-453 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE** that the Deputy CAO report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2018-16-454 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the Director of Corporate Services report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2018-16-455 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the Director of Public Works report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY SERVICES:***JOUSSARD FIRE HALL***

PORTABLE: Council considered purchasing a portable office that would help to free up space in the Joussard Fire Hall and would be a functional alternative to the fire hall expansion that came in at around \$1 million.

2018-16-456 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SIMARD** that administration be directed to purchase and retrofit the portable for \$100,000 to come from 3-23-10-00-840 for office and storage space in Joussard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***SALE OF FAUST
FIRE ENGINE:***

Council considered selling the Faust Fire Engine.

2018-16-457 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that administration be directed to sell the Faust Fire Engine; a 2001 GMC C8500 and relocation of the 2002 Superior Fire Engine currently stationed in Joussard to the Faust Fire District for permanent assignment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT***PLAN UPDATE***

PRESENTATION: Council was presented with the updated Emergency Management Plan. In accordance with the *Emergency Management Act*, municipalities are required to review and update their Emergency Response Plan in accordance with best practice.

Councillor Simard stepped out of the meeting at 11:15 a.m. returning at 11:17 a.m.

2018-16-458 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SIMARD** that the updated Emergency Management Plan presentation be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Break was taken from 11:17 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS:***NEONICOTINOIDS
CLOTHIANIDIN &
THIAMETHOXAM TO
BE PHASED OUT:***

Council considered writing a letter to remove Neonicotinoids Clothianidin and Thiamethoxam from seed treatments since it's been found in aquatic environments.

2018-16-459

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that administration be directed to write a letter regarding the concerns on the removal of Neonicotinoids Clothianidin and Thiamethoxam, advising continued use until a suitable alternative is found for this product. This letter will also be sent to all counties in Alberta requesting municipal support.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***FARM FAMILY
AWARD POLICY:***

Council considered approving the Farm Family Award Policy that would recognize families in the County for their dedication and contribution to their local farming community.

2018-16-460

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS that the Farm Family Award Policy be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***INTERMUNICIPAL WEED
& PEST APPEAL
COMMITTEE:***

Council considered entering into an intermunicipal agreement with Northern Sunrise County and Northern Lights County to form an Intermunicipal Weed and Pest Appeal Board

2018-16-461

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART that Big Lakes County enter into an intermunicipal agreement with Northern Sunrise County and Northern Lights County to form an Intermunicipal Weed and Pest Appeal Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***WEED INCENTIVE
PROGRAM:***

Council was informed of requests that have been made to Big Lakes County over the 2018 growing season regarding rental programs.

2018-16-462

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that administration be directed to bring back weed incentive program recommendations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT
& PARKS INVASIVE SPECIES******MONITORING:***

Council was presented with a follow up email from Nicole Kimmel, Provincial Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist regarding what the Provincial Aquatic Invasive Species team does to protect Alberta and Lesser Slave Lake from aquatic invasive species.

2018-16-463

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that administration work with Alberta Environment and Parks towards the implementation of a Big Lakes County strategy for invasive species monitoring, response, and policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC TIME:

***ROBERT TINDALL,
BANANA BELT:***

Mr. Tindall presented council with concerns regarding repairs needed on the Bridge located on Highway 749. Administration to look into the repair concerns on the bridge.

Mr. Tindall also asked Council Council informed Mr. Tindall that council will be reviewing this during the upcoming budget meeting.

The Reeve thanked Mr. Tindall for his presentation.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12:36 p.m.

DELEGATION:

S. DUTRISAC:

Sebastien Dutrisac, Northern Sunrise Agricultural Fieldman presented Council with information on the AULS program. The Reeve thanked Mr. Dutrisac for his presentation.

Deputy Reeve Marx stepped out of the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

ALUS PROGRAM:

Council considered applying for the Alberta Environment WRRP grant to fund the Alternative Land Use Services program, which aims to compensate producers for the ecological goods and services that they provide.

2018-16-464

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART that administration be directed to investigate the total cost and prepare to apply for an Alberta Environment WRRP grant (deadline October 30th) to fund Alternative Land Use Services coordinator in Big Lakes County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION:

***RESIDENT
NEWSLETTERS:***

Council was presented with information on changing the quarterly newsletter to monthly newsletters.

2018-16-465

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SIMARD that administration be directed to produce monthly newsletters for the residents of Big Lakes County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IDP:

Council considered asking the Minister of Municipal Affairs for an exemption from the IDP between Big Lakes County and Woodlands County.

2018-16-466

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that administration be directed based on Ministerial Order no. MSL: 047/18, to request an exemption from the Minister of Municipal Affairs from the requirements in Sections 605 and 631 of the Municipal Governed Act (MGA) for the municipalities of Big Lakes County and Woodlands County to create an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) between the two parties, as the common boundaries between the two is composed entirely of provincial Crown land.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ORGANIZATIONAL

MEETING DATE: Council considered scheduling the Organizational Meeting for October 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Big Lakes County Council Chambers.

2018-16-467 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the Organizational Meeting be scheduled for October 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Big Lakes County Council Chambers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deputy Reeve Marx returned to the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

TOWN OF H.P.

DOG POUND: Council was presented with amendments to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of High Prairie and Big Lakes County for the use of the Town of High Prairie Dog Pound.

2018-16-468 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of High Prairie and Big Lakes County for the use of the Town of High Prairie Dog Pound be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE SERVICES:

CHEQUE LISTS: Council was presented with the cheque lists for August 22, 2018 and September 5, 2018.

2018-16-469 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that cheques #78781 to #78910 in the amount of \$3,180,038.08 for the period ending August 22, 2018 and that cheques #78911 to #79042 in the amount of \$566,789.54 for the period ending September 5, 2018 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING RE: BYLAW #17-2018:

2018-16-470 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARKX** that the public hearing for Bylaw #17-2018 be called to order at 1:30p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2018-16-471 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 1:40 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW #17-2018: Being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw to include Cabin.

2018-16-472 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that second reading be provided to Bylaw No. 17-2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2018-16-473 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that third reading be provided to Bylaw No. 17-2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2018-16-474 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that administration to bring back first reading to include “cabin” as a discretionary use in all Hamlets.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING RE:
BYLAW #11-2018:

2018-16-475 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SIMARD** that the public hearing for Bylaw #11-2018 be called to order at 1:46 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2018-16-476 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SIMARD** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 2:21 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW #11-2018: Being a bylaw for Cannabis within the County.

2018-16-477 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that second reading be provided to Bylaw No. 11-2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2018-16-478 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that third reading be provided to Bylaw No. 11-2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A break was taken at 2:22 p.m. to 2:33 p.m.

FIRE, LIBRARY & RECREATION BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEES:

Council considered appointing members to the Fire, Library & Recreation Budget Review Committees.

2018-16-479 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that Deputy Reeve Marx, and Councillor Welch be appointed to the Fire Budget Review Committee as members.

CARRIED

*Reeve Matthews requested that the vote be recorded:
In Favor - Councillor Charrois, Councillor Killeen, Councillor Bissell, Councillor Welch
Councillor Stewart, Councillor Nygaard, & Councillor Simard
Opposed – Reeve Matthews & Deputy Reeve Marx*

2018-16-480 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that Councillor Bissell and Councillor Charrois be appointed to the Library Budget Review Committee as members.

CARRIED

*Reeve Matthews requested that the vote be recorded:
In Favor - Councillor Charrois, Councillor Killeen, Councillor Bissell, Councillor Welch
Councillor Stewart, Councillor Nygaard, & Councillor Simard
Opposed – Reeve Matthews & Deputy Reeve Marx*

2018-16-481 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Councillor Stewart and Councillor Bissell be appointed to the Recreation Budget Review Committee as members.

CARRIED

*Reeve Matthews requested that the vote be recorded:
In Favor - Councillor Charrois, Councillor Killeen, Councillor Bissell, Councillor Welch
Councillor Stewart, Councillor Nygaard, & Councillor Simard
Opposed – Reeve Matthews & Deputy Reeve Marx*

2018-16-482

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS that the draft Terms of Reference for these committees be approved.

CARRIED

*Reeve Matthews requested that the vote be recorded:
In Favor - Councillor Charrois, Councillor Killeen, Councillor Bissell, Councillor Welch
Councillor Stewart, Councillor Nygaard, & Councillor Simard
Opposed – Reeve Matthews & Deputy Reeve Marx*

**INVESTING IN CANADA
INFRASTRUCTURE**

PLAN: Council considered applying for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan (ICIP) – Green Infrastructure.

2018-16-483

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD that administration be directed to investigate project costs and feasibility and submit an expression of interest (EOI) for the Northern and Rural Communities and Green Infrastructure stream, outlining the need for water system upgrades in Grouard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Killeen stepped out of the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

**RETURN OF
SERVICE**

BURSARY: Council was presented with information on the development of a Return Service Bursary program.

2018-16-484

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that administration be directed to develop a Return of Service Bursary program that is unique to Big Lakes County and is delivered exclusively through Big Lakes County, as well as approve the Return of Service Bursary Policy A.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Killeen returned to the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

**RESCIND POLICY NO.
ADMIN – 47 TELEPHONE**

USAGE POLICY: Council considered rescinding policy No. Admin-47 Telephone Usage Policy.

2018-16-485

MOVED BY NYGAARD that administration be directed to rescind policy No. Admin-47 Telephone Usage Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**HIGH PRAIRIE
LEGION OPERATING**

GRANT: Council considered supporting the Legion’s request for an additional \$1,000 in operating grant funding.

2018-16-486

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that administration be directed to forgo support of the Legion’s request for an additional \$1,000 in operating funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MD OF GREENVIEW
SPONSORSHIP**

REQUEST: Council considered supporting the MD of Greenview’s Clay Shoot Tournament with a sponsorship of \$500.

2018-16-487 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that Big Lakes County support the MD of Greenview’s Clay Shoot Tournament with a sponsorship of \$500 and that Reeve Matthews and Councillor Charrois be approved to participate in the tournament.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUBSITENCE & TRAVEL

EXPENSE &

ALLOWANCE:

Council considered approving the recommended changes to policy ADMIN – 10 – Subsistence Travel and Expense Allowance.

2018-16-488 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that administration be directed to make the recommended changes to policy ADMIN – 10 – Subsistence Travel and Expense Allowance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Stewart stepped out of the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

RESTRICTIONS ON OPEN

TENDERS, QUOTATIONS,

& REQUESTS FOR

SERVICES:

Council considered approving the proposed amendments to the existing policy ADMIN-13 Restrictions on Open Tenders, Quotations, and Requests for Services.

2018-16-489 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that administration be directed to make the proposed amendments to the existing policy ADMIN-13 Restrictions on Open Tenders, Quotations, and Requests for Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Stewart returned to the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

BANKING &

INVESTMENTS:

Council was presented with amendments to Policy Admin-51 Banking and Investments.

2018-16-490 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the amendments to Policy Admin-51 Banking and Investments be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL

MEETING:

Council considered continuing the council meeting past 4:00 p.m.

2018-16-491 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the council meeting goes past 4:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS:

RED SKY CONDO

CORPORATION WATER

LEAK, JOUSSARD:

Council was presented with a letter from Bill Steinburg, President of the Red Sky Condo Corp. in the Hamlet of Joussard regarding a water leak they had on the property.

2018-16-492 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SIMARD** that the sewer charges from January – February billing in the amount of \$2,432.93 be forgiven due to a water leak on the property of Red Sky Condo Corporation in the Hamlet of Joussard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***REQUEST TO LEASE
COUNTY OWNED***

PROPERTY: Council was presented with a letter requesting that the County lease County owned land within SE 30-74-17-W5M for farming purposes.

2018-16-493 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that administration advertise a Request for Quotation for leasing of Pt SE 30-74-17-W5M for farmland and to lease the land to the highest bidder.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES CON'T:**

REGIONAL BROADBAND

MOU: Council considered signing a memorandum of understanding (MOU), which would signify a commitment from Big Lakes County to surrounding municipalities to explore and promote the concept of a regional broadband network that would ultimately service our communities.

2018-16-494 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the Regional Broadband memorandum of understanding be signed as is.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

2018-16-495 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the following information / correspondence be received for information:

- Councillor Attendance Reports for July/August 2018
- Doug Griffiths 13 Ways to Kill Your Community Saturday November 3, 2018
- Letter from Hon. Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs re: Broadband Infrastructure
- Letter from T.G. (Todd) Shean, Deputy Commissioner Commanding Officer “K” Division dated August 20, 2018
- Letter from Murray Summers re: 2017-18 Central-Foothills Regional MPB Summary Report
- Thank you card from the Royal Canadian Legion
- Letter from Alberta Recreation & Parks Association dated August 29, 2018 re” 2nd Annual Greener Facilities Conference and Expo
- High Prairie Municipal Library Manager’s Report September 4, 2018
- High Prairie Municipal Library Board Minutes June 5, 2018

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEETING
SCHEDULE:**

September 18, 2018	10:00 a.m.	MPC
Sept. 25-28, 2018	All Day	AUMA Convention
Sept. 26-28, 2018	All Day	Alberta Forestry Conference
September 26, 2018	10:00 a.m.	Regular Council Meeting – cancelled

NEXT MEETING: The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on October 10, 2018 at the County Administration Building.

IN CAMERA:

2018-16-496 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the meeting go into camera at 4:05 p.m.to discuss legal matters as per section 27, Freedom of Information and Protection Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In Attendance – In Camera:
Big Lakes County Council
Jordan Panasiuk, Deputy CAO
Victoria Pegg, Communications Coordinator
Heather Nanninga, Director of Corporate Services

Reeve declared pecuniary interested and stepped out of the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

2018-16-497 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the meeting come out of camera at 4:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2018-16-498 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the draft Asset Purchase Agreement be endorsed by council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2018-16-499 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that council approve in principal the proposed restructuring of the Recreation Board and Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Matthews returned to the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

2018-16-500 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the meeting be adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ken Matthews, Reeve

Jordan Panasiuk, Deputy CAO

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
PUBLIC HEARING
(LAND USE BYLAW 17-2018)
September 12, 2018**

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Public Hearing for Land Use Bylaw Amendment 17-2018 held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, commencing at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Reeve: Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
Deputy Reeve: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
Councillor: Donald Bissell, Enilda/Big Meadow
Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
Ken Killeen, Kinuso
Richard Simard, Jousard
Fern Welch, Grouard
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Victoria Pegg, Recording Secretary
Vic Abel, Director of Public Works
Pat Olansky, Director of Planning & Development
Amanda Backs, Development Officer

Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Mathews called the public hearing to order at 1:30 p.m.

Big Lakes County received an application from Andre & Diane Therriault to amend the Land Use Bylaw to include “Cabin” as a use in the Hamlet Mixed Used District. Cabin is defined as a self-contained dwelling or guest house used as a temporary residence that may or may not be placed on a foundation. A cabin is not a single detached dwelling.

Mr. & Mrs. Therriault have an existing development being used as a guesthouse on their property in Jousard. A cabin is neither Permitted nor Discretionary in the Hamlet Mixed Use District. To legally allow the building to continue to be used as a guesthouse, a land use bylaw amendment is required. Administration recommends that Cabin be added as a Discretionary Use within the Hamlet Mixed Use District. As a Discretionary Use, the development authority is not bound to an approval and can add appropriate conditions in consideration of the land and location in the County.

First reading was given by Council on August 8, 2018. The public hearing was advertised as per Sections 230 and 606(1) of the Municipal Government Act for the 2 consecutive weeks prior to the hearing in the South Peace News.

No submissions opposed or in favor of the amendment have been received. The MPC reviewed the application at its August 21, 2018 meeting and was in support of the proposed amendment.

Reeve Matthews called for comments from the public. Guy L'Heureux, Jousard resident, supported the amendment to Bylaw No. 17-2018. However, Mr. L'Heureux would like the Bylaw to reflect a clause for "residential." Andre and Diane Therriault supported the amendment to Bylaw No. 17-2018.

The public hearing was closed at 1:40 p.m.

Ken Matthews, Reeve

Jordan Panasiuk, Deputy CAO

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
PUBLIC HEARING
(LAND USE BYLAW 11-2018)
September 12, 2018**

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Public Hearing for Land Use Bylaw Amendment 09-2018 held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, commencing at 1:45 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Reeve: Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
Deputy Reeve: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
Councillor: Donald Bissell, Enilda/Big Meadow
Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
Ken Killeen, Kinuso
Richard Simard, Jousard
Fern Welch, Grouard
Donald Charrois, HP East/Banana Belt
Robert Nygaard, Faust

Administration: Jordan Panasiuk, Deputy CAO
Heather Nanninga, Director of Corporate Services
Victoria Pegg, Recording Secretary
Vic Abel, Director of Public Works
Pat Olansky, Director of Planning & Development
Amanda Backs, Development Officer

Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Mathews called the public hearing to order at 1:46 p.m.

At the present time, the County's Land Use Bylaw does not distinctly include medical and/or recreational cannabis production or retail in any of its land use districts. Based on discussions held with Council at their workshop held in June, amendments to the Land Use Bylaw were drafted.

Implications of Bylaw 11-2018 are summarized as follows:

- New definitions for Cannabis and Cannabis related uses
- Amendments to existing definitions
- Addition of Cannabis Uses to the Agriculture District, Hamlet Commercial District and Highway Commercial District as Discretionary
- Addition of development standards for Cannabis Production and Distribution Facility, and Cannabis Retail Store, which includes separation distances from provincial health care facilities, schools, licensed day cares, commercial recreation facilities, indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, parks or recreational uses, and residential districts.

First reading was given by Council on August 8, 2018. The public hearing was advertised as per Sections 230 and 606(1) of the Municipal Government Act for the 2 consecutive weeks prior to the hearing in the South Peace News.

No submissions opposed or in favor of the amendment have been received. The MPC reviewed the application at its August 21, 2018 meeting and offered the following recommendations:

Section 6.40.1(d) be deleted;
Section 6.40.1 (e) be deleted;
No Variances be allowed.

Reeve Matthews called for comments from the public. Guy L'Heureux, spoke opposed to Bylaw No. 11-2018.

The public hearing was closed at 2:21 p.m.

Ken Matthews, Reeve

Jordan Panasiuk, Deputy CAO