

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
December 15, 2015**

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Special Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Thursday, December 15, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

<u>PRESENT WERE:</u>	Reeve: Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
	Deputy Reeve: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
	Councillor: Donald Charrois, HP East/Banana Belt
	Ken Killeen, Kinuso
	Ron Matula, Enilda/Big Meadow
	Frank Sutherland, Grouard
	Robert Nygaard, Faust
	Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
Absent:	Edward Podollan, Joussard
Administration:	Bill Landiuk, Exec. Director of Corporate Services
	Vic Abel, Director of Public Works and Utilities
	Jessica Martinson, Recording Secretary
	Pat Olansky, Director of Planning & Development
	Ted Laszczak, Manager of Utilities
	Ian Willier, Utilities Foreman
	Louise Myre, Manager of FCSS
	Heather Lama, Finance Clerk
	Suzanne Allan, Manager of Community Development
	MJ Valiquette, Grants Officer
	Andrew Austin, GIS Technician
	Leo Tobin, Fire Chief
Observer:	Deb Welsh
Press:	Chris Clegg, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Matthews called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2016 DRAFT BUDGET:

2016 INTERIM OPERATING BUDGET:

A draft 2016 operating budget was presented to Council. Mr. Landiuk indicated that the municipal tax revenue equals the actual for 2016, a salary/ wage increase based on COLA will be applied where applicable, staff additions as approved by Council are included, no change to current service levels, specific reserves have been allocated, capital projects have been funded from reverse and grants. Mr. Landiuk also presented council with the 1.4% cost of living increase for 2016.

Administration noted that FCSS will be adding 3 new staff members to the budget for the Community Liaison Workers.

2016 INTERIM CAPITAL BUDGET:

Mr. Landiuk presented Council with the 2015 Interim Capital Budget.

GRANTS:

Council reviewed the list of 2016 Capital Project Grant Request.

A break was taken from 2:30 p.m. to 2:49 p.m.

Council continued to review the 2016 Capital Project Grant Request.

2015-23-885

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that a capital project grant to the Golden Age Club in the amount of \$3,000 be approved, and that the following capital grant requests be denied for 2016:

- Banana Belt Rec Association - \$38,000.00
- Faust Community League - \$630.00
- Faust Harbour Authority - \$13,893.54
- Grouard-Peace River Trail Net Society -\$10,000.00
- Kinuso Community Association - \$19,636.50
- Spruce Point Park Association -\$44,895.00
- Sunset House Community Hall Society - \$12,500.00

and that the above organizations may attend a future Council meeting as a delegation.

CARRIED

Council reviewed the 2014/2015 Capital Project Grant Carryover Requests.

2015-23-886

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SUTHERLAND that the 2014/2015 Capital Project Grant Carryovers Request be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

2015-23-887

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that the meeting adjourn at 3:11 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ken Matthews, Reeve

William (Bill) Kostiw, CAO