

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING**
February 13, 2019

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Absent: Donald Charrois, HP East/Banana Belt

Administration: Jordan Panasiuk, CAO
Heather Nanninga, Director of Corporate Services
Jessica Martinson, Recording Secretary
Vic Abel, Director of Public Works
Amanda Backs, Development Officer
Kaleb Brink, Grants Officer
Sheila Kaus, Agricultural Fieldman
Victoria Zahacy, Communications Coordinator

Delegations: Glenda Farnden, STARS
Peace Country Beef & Forage Ass.
Enilda & District Society for Recreation & Culture
Faust Silver & Gold/ Faust Charity Association

Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

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

**ADDITIONS TO
THE AGENDA:**

2019-03-066 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the February 13, 2019 agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES:

2019-03-067 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the January 23, 2019 Regular Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

ACTION LIST:

2019-03-068 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the action list be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION:

MEDAL

PRESENTATION: Mr. Vic Abel, Director Public Works was presented with an Alberta Emergency Services Medal for 12 and 22 years.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

FIRE GUARDIAN APPOINTMENT 2019:

2019-03-069 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that Mr. William Lesiuk as a Fire Guardian to act as a Forest Officer on behalf of Big Lakes County within the prescribed Non-Protected Area to issue fire permits for the 2019 Fire Season under the Forest Prairie Protection Act from March 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS:

2019-03-070 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that the following staff reports be received for information:

- Chief Administrative Officer
- Director of Planning & Development
- Director of Corporate Services
- Director of Public Works

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION:

REGIONAL BROADBAND MOU:

2019-03-071 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the Regional Broadband Memorandum of Understanding be approved and that Reeve Simard be appointed as the Big Lakes County Broadband Liaison.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FLAG PROTOCOL ADMIN-62:

2019-03-072 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the Flag Protocol Admin-62 be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***CANADA'S TRADE
INFRASTRUCTURE:***

2019-03-073 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that administration be directed to further investigate the possibility of revitalizing an alternative CN rail route.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A break was taken from 10:59 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

DELEGATION CON'T:

STARS: Glenda Farnden with Stars presented council with an annual update and thank council for their continued pledge.

PEACE COUNTRY BEEF & FORAGE

ASSOCIATION: Liisa Jeffery, Manager, and Jordan Barnfield with PCBFA presented council with an update and programs offered by Peace Country Beef & Forage Association.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12:31 p.m.

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

CHEQUE LISTS:

2019-03-074 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that cheques #80356 to #80494 in the amount of \$1,230,568.97 for the period ending January 23, 2019 and that cheques #80495 to #80539 in the amount of \$460,506.91 for the period ending January 31, 2019 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***H.P. ELKS PRO RODEO
SPONSORSHIP:***

2019-03-075 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that a 2019 event sponsorship grant in the amount of \$1,000 be approved for the High Prairie Elk's 59th Anniversary Pro Rodeo.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***LESSER SLAVE WATERSHED COUNCIL
SPONSORSHIP:***

2019-03-076 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that a 2019 event sponsorship grant in the amount of \$250 be approved for the Lesser Slave Watershed Council's Kids Can Catch Ice Fishing event.

CARRIED

***SWANCICLE DAYS
SPONSORSHIP:***

2019-03-077 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that a 2019 sponsorship grant in the amount of \$100 be approved and that a donation of Big Lakes County promotional Items (valued at approximately \$100) be donated to the Swancicle Days.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATION
CON'T:**

***ENILDA & DISTRICT SOCIETY
FOR RECREATION &
CULTURE:***

Councillor Bissell declared pecuniary interest and stepped out of the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Carol Carlson and David Bissell with the Enilda & District Society for Recreation & Culture (EDSRC) asked Council for an update on the status of transferring the old Fire Hall in Enilda over to the EDSRC. Administration to investigate and bring back to the next Council meeting.

Councillor Bissell returned to the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

***H.P. & DISTRICT
GOLF CLUB:***

2019-03-078 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that a 2019 emergency capital project grant application in the amount of \$14,000 be approved for the High Prairie & District Golf Club to replace their furnaces.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-03-079 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that administration be directed to request the High Prairie & District Golf Club to come up with a feasible 5-year business plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION CON'T:

FAUST SILVER & GOLD/ FAUST CHARITY

ASSOCIATION: Violet Campiou and Wendy Freeman with the Faust Silver & Gold and Faust Charity Association asked council to consider the reversal of the motion that organizations which missed the October 31 deadline for support funding be over turned.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

SALE OF PORTABLE

OFFICE UNIT: Reeve Simard declared pecuniary interest and stepped out of the meeting 1:53 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Matthews resumed the chair.

2019-03-080 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the sale of the portable office unit be sold to the Jossard Community Association in the amount of \$35,000 plus GST.

CARRIED

Reeve Simard returned to the meeting at 2:01 p.m. and resumed the chair.

PUBLIC LAND SALE BID RESULTS

PLAN 772 2085, BLOCK 2, LOT 38 (HAMLET OF GROUARD):

2019-03-081 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the bid submitted by Clay Sutherland in the amount of \$3,500 plus GST be accepted for the purchase of Plan 772 2085, Block 2, Lot 38 in the Hamlet of Grouard and that the County enters into an Agreement for Sale of Land with Clay Sutherland.

DEFEATED

2019-03-082 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that no further action be taken on the purchase of Plan 772 2085, Block 2, Lot 38 in the Hamlet of Grouard and the report be received for information.

DEFEATED

2019-03-083 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that administration be directed to re-advertise for public sale Plan 772 2085, Block 2, Lot 38 in the Hamlet of Grouard with no reserve bid in accordance with the Municipally Owned Land Policy Admin-05.

CARRIED

A break was taken from 2:22 p.m. to 2:37 p.m.

UPDATE TO GENERAL SERVICING STANDARDS:

2019-03-084 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that T & L Engineering Ltd. be approved to review and update of the County's General Servicing Standards at a cost of \$11,016.00 coming from account 2-61-10-00-257.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION 19-D0007-DIRECT CONTROL DISTRICT:

Councillor Marx returned to the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

2019-03-085 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the authority for development related to Development Permit Application 19-D0007 within the Direct Control district be delegated to the Development Officer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS:**REQUEST FOR STREET LIGHT
HAMLET OF FAUST:**

2019-03-086 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that one solar street light be installed on 4th Street W in the Hamlet of Faust, coded to Hamlet Upgrades – other GL 4-32-86-02-357.

CARRIED

WATER NORTH COALITION MEETING:

2019-03-087 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that Council approves to host the upcoming 2019 summer Water North Coalition meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

2019-03-088 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the information/correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-03-089 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that Council approves to host the upcoming Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) meeting on August 9, 2019 at the Pioneer Threserman's Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN CAMERA:

2019-03-090 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that the meeting go into camera at 3:09 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
Jessica Martinson, Executive Secretary
Vic Abel, Director of Public Works

2019-03-091 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the meeting come out of camera at 3:47 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-03-092 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that administration be directed to proceed with the negotiations as discussed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

2019-03-093 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the meeting be adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


Richard Simard, Reeve


Jordan Panasiuk, CAO