

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
April 17, 2014**

Minutes of the Municipal District of Big Lakes Special Council Meeting held at the M.D. Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT WERE:

Reeve: Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
Deputy Reeve: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
Councillor: Donald Charrois, HP East/Banana Belt
Ray Dupres, Enilda /Big Meadow
Ken Killeen, Kinuso
Robert Nygaard, Faust
Edward Podollan, Joussard
Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
Frank Sutherland, Grouard

Administration: Bill Landiuk, Executive Director of Corp. Services
Jessica Martinson, Recording Secretary
Sylvia Jezewski, Recording Secretary
Vic Abel, Director of Public Works & Utilities
Pat Olansky, Director of Planning & Development
Daniel Steiner, Manager of Comm. Develop. & Tourism
Robbie Klatt, Ag. Fieldman & ASB Manager
Donna Duchesneau, Public Works Coordinator
Louise Myre, Manager of FCSS
Dennis Zahacy, Waste Management
Leo Tobin, Fire Chief
Andrew Austin, GIS Technician

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

2014-08-318 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SUTHERLAND** that the agenda for the April 17, 2014 Special Council meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2014 DRAFT BUDGET:

**2014 OPERATING &
CAPITAL
BUDGET:**

The 2014 operating & capital budget was presented to Council. Mr. Landiuk indicated that the Municipal Tax Revenue is based on the same tax rate as 2013 (Residential/Farmland-3.50 mills, Non-residential – 13.75 mills). Salary increases were based on COLA and if applicable grid increases. Calculations for employee benefits have increased due to LAPP. A new reserve to fund short term disability (6-12-00-10-712) was also created. The level of service was increased by providing two positions the Director of Protective & Regulatory Services and an Animal Control Officer position.

Councillor Dupres arrived at 10:04 p.m.

Mr. Landiuk also informed Council that enhanced policing is included in the 2014 budget at an estimated expenditure of \$305,000, \$100,000 as Revenue was also included to offset a portion of these costs as the Town of High Prairie is a partner. No utility increases and Capital projects have been funded from a combination of grants and reserves.

Mr. Landiuk noted that the \$75,000 from the tax concession policy was reduced to zero due to the rescindment of policy Admin 37 and this amount reallocated.

Council was presented with the 2014 Operating Revenues and Expenditures.

Mr. Steiner presented Council with the 2014 Capital Grant Funding totaling the amount of \$389,079.50.

Discussion took place regarding an additional \$35,000.00 in funding for the High Prairie Sports Complex Society Skateboard Park.

2014-08-319

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that the funding in the amount of \$35,000.00 be approved for the High Prairie Sports Complex Society Skateboard Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council considered providing \$26,155.00 to the Banana Belt Recreation Association for facility improvements.

2014-08-320

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that funding in the amount of \$26,155.00 be approved for the Banana Belt Recreation Association for facility improvements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council considered providing funding to the Spruce Point Park Association for camp stalls and toilets.

2014-08-321

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that funding in the amount of \$97,350.00 be approved for the Spruce Point Park Association for camp stalls and toilets.

CARRIED

Discussion took place regarding funding for the Swan Hills Golf Club for furnace/water heater upgrades.

2014-08-322

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that funding in the amount of \$7,770.00 be approved for the Swan Hills Golf Club for furnace/water heater upgrades.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council deliberated funding for the High Prairie Museum for software, case, fridge and sign.

2014-08-323

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that funding in the amount of \$3,327.00 be approved for the High Prairie Museum for software, case, fridge and sign.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council considered providing funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the High Prairie Recreation Board for their 4 year Capital plan.

2014-08-324

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS that funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the High Prairie Recreation Board for their 4 year Capital plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council considered providing additional funding for High Prairie Children's Resource Council.

2014-08-325

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART that funding in the amount of \$125,000.00 be approved for the High Prairie Children's Resource Council for a new building.

CARRIED

Discussion took place regarding funding for Faust Harbour Authority.

2014-08-326

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that funding in the amount of \$6,713.50 be approved for the Faust Harbor Authority for roof, ceiling and gravel.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council deliberated funding for the Faust Community League for benches and cement.

2014-08-327 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that funding in the amount of \$2,815.00 be approved for the Faust Community League for benches and cement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council considered funding for the High Prairie Curling Club for roof repairs.

2014-08-328 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 be approved for the High Prairie Curling Club for roof repairs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding funding for the Big Meadow Community Hall Association for kitchen renovations.

2014-08-329 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 be approved for the Big Meadow Community Hall Association for kitchen renovations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council considered providing funding to the Grouard-Peace River Trail for the Shaw Creek Bridge.

2014-08-330 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SUTHERLAND** that funding in the amount of \$9,949.00 be approved for the Grouard-Peace River Trail for the Shaw Creek Bridge.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council was presented with Miscellaneous Grants, the Grants to Community Halls, the Recreation & Culture grants, the Senior's transportation grants and the Museum Grants.

2014-08-331 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that grant funding in the amount of \$1,756,240.66 be approved for the 2014 year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A break was taken from 10:54 a.m. to 11:06 a.m.

Mr. Landiuk presented Council with the 2014 Reserves.

Lunch recessed at 11:54 p.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

Councillor Sutherland came back at 12:31 p.m.

2014-08-332 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the 2014 operating and capital budget be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A break was taken from 12:50 p.m. to 12:58 p.m.

Mr. Landiuk presented Council with the 2014 Tax Bylaw.

**TAX BYLAW
04-2014:**

Mr. Landiuk presented Council with the Tax Bylaw 04-2014. Council considered increasing the mill rate.

2014-08-333 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that a tax increase in the amount of .25 mill for Farmland, Residential, Non-Residential and Machinery Equipment with all increased amounts be allocated to reserves 1/3 will be allocated to the Roadway Servicing Fund Reserve and 1/3 to Water Reserve and 1/3 to Sewer Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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2014-08-334

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that first reading be approved for the 2014 Tax Bylaw 04-2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

2014-08-335

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART that the meeting adjourn at 1:26 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ken Matthews, Reeve

William (Bill) Kostiw, CAO