

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
January 9, 2013**

Minutes of the Municipal District of Big Lakes Regular Council Meeting held at the M.D. Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT WERE: Reeve: Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt
Deputy Reeve: Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
Councillor: Violet Campiou, Faust
Ray Dupres, Enilda /Big Meadow
Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
Ken Killeen, Kinuso
Guy L'Heureux, Joussard
Fern Welch, Grouard

Absent: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie

Administration: Ken Bosman, CAO
Bill Landiuk, Treasurer
Jessica Martinson, Recording Secretary
Len Racher, Public Works Superintendent
Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer
Suzanne Cailliau, Agricultural Fieldman
Denise Thompson, Grants Manger
Louise Myre, FCSS Director
Vic Abel, Project Manager
Dennis Zahacy, Landfill Manager

Press: Chris Clegg, South Peace News
Jamie Ballam, 93.5 Prairie FM

CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Billings called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

MINUTES:

2013-01-001 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the minutes of the December 12, 2012 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2013-01-002 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the minutes of the December 13, 2012 Interim Budget Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

Council reviewed the Status of Council Motions.

Council has requested that administration try to get a meeting with Diana McQueen, Minister of Environment & Sustainable Resource Development during the Spring AAMD&C Convention.

**ADDENDUM
TO AGENDA:**

Thank You Letters
Fire Smart Program
Lesser Slave Lake Economic Alliance
In camera- Staff and Negotiations

2013-01-003 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the agenda with addendum for the January 9, 2013 Council Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMUNITY AND
PROTECTIVE SERVICES:**

***GRANT
MANAGER'S
REPORT:***

Council was presented with the Grant Manager's Report.

2013-01-004

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH that the grant managers report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCSS REPORT:

Council was presented with the FCSS Report.

2013-01-005

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that the FCSS Report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***PROTESTS/
ROADBLOCKS:***

Council was presented with a report regarding the role of the MD Peace Officer during the idle no more protests and roadblock which have taken place in the community.

2013-01-006

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the Community Peace Officer's report regarding the idle no more protests and roadblocks in the community be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HP & DISTRICT GOLF

COURSE:

Council was presented with a report regarding Capital Grant Funding for the High Prairie & District Golf Course.

Discussion took place regarding the different organizations that are providing funding to the High Prairie & District Golf Course.

2013-01-007

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the 2013 Capital Project Grant to the High Prairie & District Golf Course be tabled until the Inter-Municipal Meeting with the Town of High Prairie.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***THANK YOU
LETTERS:***

Discussion took place regarding administration sending out thank you letters to Allison Redford, Premier, Fred Horne, Minister of Health, Wayne Drysdale, Minister of Infrastructure and Pearl Calahasen, MLA for all the work and support they have provided with the construction of the new High Prairie Health Complex.

2013-01-008

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that administration sends thank you letters to Hon. Allison Redford, Premier, Hon. Fred Horne, Minister of Health, Hon. Wayne Drysdale, Minister of Infrastructure and Pearl Calahasen, MLA, for all the work and support they have provided with the construction of the new High Prairie Health Complex.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FIRE SMART:

Reeve Billings suggested that administration look into the fire smart program funding.

**ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT:**

LSLEA:

Council had some discussion regarding the Lesser Slave Lake Economic Alliance.

2013-01-009 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that administration sends a letter to the Lesser Slave Lake Economic Alliance informing them that the M.D. of Big Lakes will not be contributing to their organization anymore.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2013-01-010 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that administration invites Elaine Garrow from the Peace River Economic Development Alliance (PREDA) to provide Council with an overview of their association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

ABANDONED WELLS:

Council was presented with a report regarding the changes in Development regarding abandoned wells.

2013-01-011 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that administration advertises the new regulatory requirements for surface development in proximity to abandoned wells.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

Council reviewed the Community Development Officer's Report for December 2012.

2013-01-012 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that the Community Development Officer's December 2012 Report to Council be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGRICULTURE:

BEAVER CONTRACT RENEWAL:

Council considered a request to renew the 2013 Beaver Control and Dam Blasting contract.

2013-01-013 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the adjusted rates for the 2013 Beaver Control and Dam Blasting Contract are approved for the period of January 15, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AG FIELDMAN REPORT:

Ms. Cailliau presented Council with the Ag Fieldman report for December 2012.

Ms. Cailliau presented Council with the different projects that Mr. Robbie Klatt, Ag Lead Head is performing during the winter months.

2013-01-014 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the Ag Fieldman Report for December 2012 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS:

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Council was presented with the Public Works Superintendent Report.

Mr. Racher informed Council that he completed the Proposed Changes to the Local Road Bridge Program survey through AAMD&C.

Council has requested that administration draft a resolution for the AAMD&C Zone Meeting regarding the changes to the local road bridge program.

Councillor Campiou left the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

2013-01-015 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that administration sends a letter to Bob Brass, President for the AAMD&C informing that the M.D. of Big Lakes is not in favor of the proposed changes to the local road bridge program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Campiou returned to the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

2013-01-016 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the Public Works Superintendent Report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**UTILITY
BILL:**

Council considered a request from Pat & Sue Long regarding their utility bill for their residence located at 131, Peace River Ave, Jousard, Alberta.

2013-01-017 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** the administration be directed to waive the sewer fee charges in the amount of \$864.56 from Pat & Sue Long's November/December 2012 Utility Bill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**LANDFILL MANAGER'S
REPORT:**

Council was presented with the landfill manager's report.

2013-01-018 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the landfill manager's report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**STREET LIGHTS
FAUST:**

Council reviewed a letter from Bonnie Tharp & David Cook requesting street lighting along First Street to 32 Railroad Avenue in the Hamlet of Faust.

Discussion took place on creating a capital budget item for Hamlet Street lighting. Councillor L'Heureux informed Council that the solar street lights in the Hamlet of Jousard are working very well.

Mr. Zahacy informed Council that he is researching solar street lights in more detail and will bring back his findings to Council.

2013-01-019 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that administration includes a Hamlet Street lighting budget item in the amount of \$40,000 to the 2013 capital budget.

CARRIED

Council has requested that administration sends a follow up letter to Bonnie Tharp & David Cook informing them that their street light request will be reviewed in the summer of 2013.

**FINANCE/
ADMINISTRATION:**

CHEQUE LIST: Council was presented with the cheque list for December 12, 2012.

2013-01-020 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that cheques #56231 to #56354 in the amount of \$452,089.81 for the period ending December 12, 2012 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**OIL WELL
DEILLING
TAX:**

Council considered a request from administration to allocate the surplus oil well drilling tax.

- 2013-01-021** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that Council approves the surplus from the Oil Well Drilling Tax Account to the following reserves:
- Transportation 6-32-00-00-760 \$1,000,0000
 - Water System 6-41-00-00-760 \$400,000
 - Sewer System 6-42-00-00-760 \$400,000

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 2013-01-022** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the following items of correspondence be received for information:
- i. High Prairie School Division No. 48 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Dated December 19, 2012
 - ii. SWANA Northern Lights 2012 Annual Conference June 16-21, 2013.
 - iii. Letter from the Grouard-Peace River Trail Net Society Dated December 15, 2012 re: Thank You for Financial Support
 - iv. Letter from Irene Solstad Dated December 18, 2012 re: Wolf Bounty Program
 - v. Letter from the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta Dated December 20, 2012 re: APEGA's President Visit
 - vi. Letter from AAMD&C Dated December 21, 2012 re: Proposed Changes to the Local Road Bridge Program
 - vii. Letter from Bill Purdy, Executive Director with Alberta Fire Chiefs Association Dated January 4, 2012.
 - viii. Letter from the Farm Women's Conference 2012 re: Farm Women's Conference Sponsorship.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***PEACE COUNTRY
REGIONAL
SCIENCE FAIR:***

Council considered a sponsorship request from the Peace Country Regional Science Fair.

- 2013-01-023** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that sponsorship in the amount of \$500 be donated to the Peace Country Regional Science Fair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***H.P. CURLING
ASSOCIATION:***

Council considered a request from the High Prairie Curling Association for a one year extension to complete the repairs of emergency exits.

- 2013-01-024** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that the High Prairie Curling Association be granted with a one year extension to complete their emergency exit repairs in the amount of \$3,250 and that administration draft a policy regarding grant allocations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***GROUARD – PEACE
RIVER TRAIL:***

Council considered a request from the Grouard – Peace River Trail Net Society for a 9 month extension to complete the bridge on Salt Creek Trail.

- 2013-01-025** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the Grouard- Peace River Trail Net Society be granted a 9 month extension to complete the bridge on Salt Creek Trail.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MUNICIPAL ELECTED

OFFICIALS: Council was presented with a course request to attend the Municipal Elected Officials Course in Swan Hills on February 8, 2013.

2013-01-026 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the Municipal Elected Official Course in Swan Hills on February 8, 2012 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PEMBINA HILLS: Council considered an invitation to attend the municipalities meeting in Barrhead, February 6, 2013.

2013-01-027 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the invitation from Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7 municipalities meeting February 6, 2013 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STARS: Council reviewed an invitation from STARS to attend their 20th Annual STARS Lottery Launch.

2013-01-028 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that Reeve Billings attends the 20th Annual STARS Lottery Launch on January 16, 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY/
COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

F. WELCH: No Report

K. MATTHEWS: Deputy Reeve Matthews reported his attendance at the M.D. of Big Lakes Library Board Meeting.

K. KILLEEN: No Report

V. CAMPIOU: Councillor Campiou reported her attendance at the M.D. of Big Lakes Library Board Meeting.

Councillor Welch left the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

G. L'HEUREUX: No Report

R. DUPRES: No Report

A. BILLINGS: Reeve Billings reported his attendance at the TOLKO Representatives Conference call meeting.

R. EHMAN: No Report

2013-01-024 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the Councillor Community /Committee Reports be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC FORUM:

George Key informed Council that a new doctor will be coming into the area in January 2013. Mr. Key is looking for a rental house for the new doctor and is asking anyone that may know of one to contact him.

Lunch recessed at 11:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12: 28 p.m.

**MEETING
SCHEDULE:**

January 28, 2013	10:00 a.m.	Municipal Planning Commission
January 28, 2012	1:00 p.m.	Committee of the Whole
January 29, 2013	10:00 a.m.	Economic Development

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on January 30, 2013 at the M.D. Administration Building.

IN CAMERA:

2013-01-025

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that the meeting go into camera at 12:36 p.m. to discuss staff and negotiations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2013-01-026

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the meeting come out of camera at 12:57 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2013-01-026

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS that Reeve Billings and CAO, Ken Bosman be approved to sign the staff agreement as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

2013-01-027

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the meeting be adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Alvin Billings, Reeve

Ken Bosman, C.A.O.