

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
May 22, 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, May 22, 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
	David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
	Guy L'Heureux, Joussard
	Fern Welch, Grouard
Administration:	Ken Bosman, CAO
	Jessica Martinson, Recording Secretary
	Len Racher, Public Works Superintendent
	Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer
	Louise Myre, FCSS Director
	Daniel Steiner, Special Projects Manager
	Suzanne Cailliau, Agricultural Fieldman
	Amanda Backs, Assistant Development Officer
	Donna Duchesneau, Public Works Coordinator
Delegation:	Joyce Dvornek, High Prairie School Division
	Laura Poloz, High Prairie School Division
Press:	Samara Hawkins, South Peace News

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

**MINUTES:**

**2013-10-246**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that the minutes of the May 8, 2013 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS ARISING  
FROM MINUTES:**

Council reviewed the Status of Council Motions.

**2013-10-247**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the Status of Council Motions includes meeting dates.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council requested that the Status of Council Motions be brought forward to the next Committee of the Whole meeting for review.

**ADDENDUM  
TO AGENDA:**

Roads  
Water and Sewer  
Exemptions on Land Developments  
In Camera - Negotiations

**2013-10-248**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that the agenda with addendum for the May 22, 2013 Council Meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**COMMUNITY AND  
PROTECTIVE SERVICES:**

**WALL OF FAME:** Ms. Myre presented Council with the wall of fame nominees. Ms. Myre informed Council that a decision will need to be made Monday, May 27, 2013 at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

**FCSS REPORT:** Council was presented with the FCSS Report. Ms. Myre informed Council that Nancy Marquardt has been hired for the High Prairie FCSS position.

**2013-10-249** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the FCSS report be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

**SPECIAL PROJECT MANAGER:** Council was presented with the Special Projects Manager’s Report.

**2013-10-250** **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the Special Projects Manager’s report be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:**

**M.D. LAND SALE:** Council reviewed the bids received for the public land sale to purchase SE 30-74-17-W5.

**2013-10-251** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that administration be directed to re-advertise for the purchase of SE 30-74-17-W5 for public sale in accordance with the Sale of Municipal Lands Policy (Admin-40) with a reserve bid of \$86,980 and the MD reserving the right to refuse any or all bids.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DEVELOPMENT EXEMPTIONS:** Councillor L’Heureux questioned whether Shadow Creek Resort would be considered under the tax concession policy. Administration advised the Shadow Creek Resort has been advised to contact the assessor.

**2013-10-252** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L’HEUREUX** that Shadow Creek Resort be considered under the tax concession policy and that it be reviewed in one month’s time.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PUBLIC HEARING RE BYLAW #05-2013:**

**2013-10-253** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that the meeting go into public hearing at 10:19 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2013-10-254** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 11:22 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BYLAW #05-2013:** Being a bylaw to re-district part of Plan 082 6427 Block 1 Lot 3 within the SW 21-74-16-W5 from Agriculture (AG) District to Commercial/Industrial (CM) District.

**2013-10-255** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that Bylaw No. 05-2013 be approved for second reading.

**CARRIED**

2013-10-256

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that Bylaw No. 05-2013 be approved for third reading.

**DEFEATED**

A break was taken from 11:24 a.m. to 11:34 a.m.

Councillor Dupres returned to the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

**DELEGATION:**

***H.P. SCHOOL  
DIVISION:***

Joyce Dvornek, Chair and Laura Poloz, Superintendent for the High Prairie School Division informed Council the child care modular located in Kinuso is not operational and the High Prairie School Division has tried to make several attempts to find an operator but the program will not take off. Ms. Dvornek informed that the day care located in High Prairie is currently full and has a waiting list for parents wishing to enroll their children for the service. The High Prairie School Division approached the municipality for funding in the amount of \$13,025 to help with the moving costs associated with the child care modular. Moving the modular to High Prairie would create 17 more spaces for parents to enroll their children for day care coverage. Ms. Dvornek informed Council that if the High Prairie School Division cannot obtain financial assistance to move the modular, they will have no option but to return the facility back to Child and Family Services who will relocate the modular to another jurisdiction.

Reeve Billings thanked Ms. Dvornek and Ms. Poloz for their presentation.

2013-10-257

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that funding in the amount of \$13,025 be provided to the High Prairie School Division to help with the moving cost for the child care modular in Kinuso.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Recess for lunch at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12:26 p.m. Reeve Billings did not return to the meeting.

Deputy Reeve Matthews called the meeting back to order at 12:26 p.m.

**AGRICULTURE:**

***WEED INSPECTOR  
APPOINTMENT:***

Council considered appointing Weed Inspectors to conduct weed inspections in the MD of Big Lakes under the direction of the Agricultural Fieldman.

2013-10-258

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that Jodi Hagen, Jillian Payne and Ashley Smith be appointed as weed inspectors under the Alberta Weed Control Act (RSA 2010) to conduct weed inspections in the MD of Big Lakes under the direct of the Agricultural Fieldman for the 2013 summer season.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***PCBFA:***

Council considered a request for funding support from the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association.

2013-10-259

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that funding in the amount of \$20,000 be provided to the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association to assist with various projects and workshops in the municipality.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

***ASPHALT  
CRACKSEALING  
2013:***

Council considered a request to award the Asphalt Cracksealing 2013 tender to the low bidder R&N Maintenance – Western Division.

2013-10-260

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the award for Asphalt Cracksealing 2013, to the low bidder, R&N Maintenance – Western Division, in the amount of \$66,117.50 excluding site occupancy and GST.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***LINE PAINTING  
2013:***

Council considered a request to award the Roadway Line Painting 2013 tender to the low bidder AAA Striping & Seal Costing Service.

**2013-10-261**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMEN** that the Tender for Roadway Line Painting 2013 be awarded to the low bidder, AAA Striping & Sealing Costing Service, in the amount of \$37,108.02 excluding GST.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***PUBLIC WORKS  
REPORT:***

Council was presented with the Public Works Report. Mr. Racher informed Council that administration is receiving lots of late applications for dust control.

**2013-10-262**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMEN** that administration be directed to begin advertising the dust control deadline in January.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2013-10-263**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that the public works report be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***LANDFILL MANAGERS  
REPORT:***

Council was presented with the Landfill Manager's Report. Council requested that the Community Peace Officer be directed to patrol the landfills.

**2013-10-264**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the Landfill Manager's Report be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***ROADS:***

Councillor Marx asked administration to look into possibly installing a culvert on Township Road 774 to help with drainage.

***WATER &  
SEWER:***

Councillor L'Heureux had some questions regarding the Jossard East End Water and Sewer extension but referred it to the May 27, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting.

***WATER/WASTEWATER  
PARTNERSHIP:***

Mr. Racher informed Council that a letter was received from Danny Jung, Infrastructure Manager with Alberta Transportation regarding the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership Funding for the Faust Lagoon Upgrades indicating that funding may not be available for this project. Mr. Racher informed Council that administration contacted the Regional Director for our area, Trent McLaughlin, for clarification on the letter. Mr. McLaughlin informed administration that all signed funding agreements will still be honored by the province however any increase from the current signed agreement amounts will not be covered.

***JOB DUTIES:***

Councillor Campiou had some questions regarding the job duties of the municipal employee based out of Kinuso. Administration to follow up.

**FINANCE/  
ADMINISTRATION:**

***CHEQUE LIST:***

Council was presented with the cheque lists for May 2, 2013 and May 8, 2013.

**2013-10-265**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that cheques #57628 to #57692 in the amount of \$249,096.48 for the period ending May 2, 2013 and cheques #57693 to #57749 in the amount of \$170,019.65 be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 2013-10-266**                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the following items of correspondence be received for information:
- i.        Letter from the Alberta Public Works Association Dated May 10, 2013 re: Public Works Supervisor Recognition Program
  - ii.       Letter from the Honorable Doug Griffiths, Minister of Municipal affairs Dated may 2, 2013 re: Viability Review Team (VRT)
  - iii.      Letter from the Alberta Emergency Management Agency Dated May 9, 2013 re: Municipal District of Big Lakes Application for Disaster Recovery Program.
  - iv.      Letter from the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 Dated March 14, 2013 re: Little Smoky Ski Area
  - v.        Letter from Trent McLaughlin, Regional Director for Alberta Transportation Dated April 25, 2013 re: 2013 Federal Gas Tax Fund Allocation.
  - vi.      Letter from Danny Jung, Infrastructure Manager with Alberta Transportation Dated may 9, 2013 re: Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership Funding.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***FIREMAN'S  
BALL:***

Council was presented with a letter from Natasha Burger regarding the Fireman's Ball.

- 2013-10-267**                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the letter from Natasha Burger dated May 1, 2013 be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***INDIAN HEAD  
TREE  
NURSERY:***

Council reviewed a letter received from the Wild Rose Agricultural Producers regarding the Indian Head Tree Nursery and Shelter Belt Program.

- 2013-10-268**                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the Nursery and Shelterbelt Program located in Indian Head Saskatchewan be received for information.

**DEFEATED**

- 2013-10-269**                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that a letter be provided to Honourable Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada with copies to Pearl Calahasen, MLA and the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan supporting the value of and future need for the Nursery and Shelterbelt Program located in Indian Head Saskatchewan and that a financial contribution in the amount of \$100 to help assist with the costs of the business plan and other actions critical to the Indian Head Tree Nursery and Shelter Belt Program be approved.

**CARRIED**

***HP & AREA PREVENTION  
OF FAMILY VIOLENCE***

***ASSOCIATION:***                Council considered a funding request from the High Prairie & Area Prevention of Family Violence Association to help host the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event.

- 2013-10-270**                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the letter for funding from the High Prairie & Area Prevention of Family Violence Association to help host the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event be received for information.

**CARRIED**

***WAPSEWSEPI  
ENTERPRISES:***

Council considered a request for donations for the Swan River First Nation 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rodeo June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

**2013-10-271** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the letter regarding the donated to the Swan River First Nation 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rodeo June 30 to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

***EAST PRAIRIE  
METIS***

***SETTLEMENT:*** Council considered a request for donations for the East Prairie Metis Settlement Community Events.

**2013-10-272** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the letter for funding from East Prairie Metis Settlement to help assist with Community Events be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***ABORIGINAL INTERAGENCY***

***COMMITTEE:*** Council considered a funding request from the Aboriginal Interagency Committee to help with the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Aboriginal Gathering and 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pow Wow being held June 8 & 9, 2013.

**2013-10-273** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the letter for funding from the Aboriginal Interagency Committee to help with the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Aboriginal Gathering and 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pow Wow being held June 8 & 9, 2013 be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***GROUARD & AREA  
HISTORICAL***

***SOCIETY:*** Council considered a funding request from the Grouard & Area Historical Society for the 100 year Grouard Celebration.

**2013-10-274** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that a donation in the amount of \$1,584 be provide to the Grouard and Area Historical Society for their 100 year Grouard Celebration.

**DEFEATED**

**COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY/  
COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

***D. MARX:*** No Report

***F. WELCH:*** Councillor Welch reported her attendance at the Heart River Housing meeting.

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

***K. KILLEEN:*** No Report

***V.CAMPIOU:*** Councillor Campiou reported his attendance at the M.D. Library Board Meeting, and the Barrhead Housing meeting.

***G. L'HEUREUX:*** Councillor L'Heureux reported his attendance at the Lesser Slave Lake Watershed meeting.

Councillor L'Heureux provided Council with an update regarding the Commercial Fishing Industry.

***R. DUPRES:*** No Report

***R.EHMAN:*** Councillor Ehman reported his attendance at the Community Futures meeting, and the Disaster Forum Conference.

***CAO REPORT:*** Council reviewed the Chief Administrative Officers Report.

**2013-10-275**                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the Chief Administrative Officers report be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2013-10-276**                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMANN** that the Councillor Community /Committee Reports be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MEETING**

**SCHEDULE:**                    May 27, 2013                    10:00 p.m.                    Committee of the Whole  
   May 27, 2013                    1:00 a.m.                    Municipal Planning Commission

**NEXT MEETING:**                The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on June 12, 2013 at the M.D. Administration Building.

**IN CAMERA:**

**2013-10-277**                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the meeting go into camera at 1:18 p.m. to discuss Negotiations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2013-10-278**                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that the meeting come out of camera at 1:37 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**2013-10-279**                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the meeting be adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Alvin Billings, Reeve

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Ken Bosman, C.A.O.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
(LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT 05-2013)  
May 22, 2013**

Minutes of the Municipal District of Big Lakes Public Hearing for an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw held at the M.D. Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 commencing at 10:15 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  
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Amanda Backs, Assistant Development Officer  
Daniel Steiner, Special Projects Manager

Press: Samara Hawkins, South Peace News

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Reeve Billings called the public hearing to order at 10:19 a.m.

The Municipal District of Big Lakes has received an application from Predator Midstream Ltd. to re-district part of Plan 082 6427 Block 1 Lot 3 within the SW 27-74-16-W5 from the Agriculture (AG) District to the Commercial/Industrial (CM) District.

Predator Midstream Ltd. proposes to subdivide a 20 acre parcel adjacent to CN Rail and Highway No. 2 to develop a \$10 million transload facility.

Bylaw 05-2013 was provided first reading by Council on April 24, 2013. The public hearing was duly advertised in the May 8 and 15, 2013 issues of the South Peace News.

Letters of referral were sent to the adjacent landowners and various referral agencies for comments. Comments have been received from adjacent landowners Michael & Pat Olansky opposed of the development. Comments were also received from CN Business Development & Real Estate.

Reeve Billings called for comments from the public.

Grant Lee, Kirby Renton, Mike Aiken, Trevor Seklich, Diane Quartly, Arlen Quartly, Barry Sharkawi, Debbie Monteith, Gordon Olson & Larry Greer also all spoke in favor of the re-districting.

Pat Olansky, Tanner & Christie Pollock, Lyle Bradley, Terry Smith and Tammy Matthews all spoke against the re-districting.

The public hearing was closed at 11:22 a.m.

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Alvin Billings, Reeve

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Ken Bosman, C.A.O.