

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING**
September 11, 2019

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT WERE: Reeve: Richard Simard, Jousard
Deputy Reeve: Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
Councillor: Donald Charrois, HP East/Banana Belt
Ken Killeen, Kinuso
Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
Fern Welch, Grouard
Donald Bissell, Enilda/Big Meadow
Robert Nygaard, Faust

Absent: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie

Administration: Jordan Panasiuk, CAO
Vic Abel, Director of Public Works
Dave McReynolds, Director of Corporate Services
Pat Olansky, Director of Planning & Development
Victoria Zahacy, Communications Coordinator
Jessica Martinson, Recording Secretary

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: Economic Development Training and Energy Sector Appreciation Reception

2019-17-476 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the September 11, 2019 agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

2019-17-477 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the August 28, 2019 Regular Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

ACTION LIST:

2019-17-478 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the action list be received for information.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS:

2019-17-479 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the following staff reports be received for information:

- Director of Corporate Services
- Director of Planning & Development
- Director of Public Works

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

RAIL SAFETY WEEK:

2019-17-480 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that Big Lakes County supports national Rail Safety Week being held from September 23, 2019 to September 29, 2019.

CARRIED

CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY:

2019-17-481 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the proclamation for Conflict Resolution Day on October 17, 2019 be received for information.

CARRIED

CORPORATE SERVICES:

CHEQUE LIST:

2019-17-482 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that cheques #82869 to #82994 in the amount of \$3,046,453.97 for the period ending August 28, 2019 be received for information.

CARRIED

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

BLC/ TOWN OF HIGH PRAIRIE IDP BOUNDARY:

2019-17-483 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the Big Lakes County/ Town of High Prairie Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) boundary be accepted as presented in Map 7 as recommended by the Internal Review Committee.

CARRIED

BYLAW NO. 17-2019 TO ADOPT THE BLC/ M.D OF SMOKY RIVER INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK:

2019-17-484 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that first reading be provided to Bylaw 17-2019 to adopt the Big Lakes County/ M.D. of Smoky River No. 130 Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework.

CARRIED

PUBLIC LAND SALE BID RESULTS PLAN 782 1407, BLOCK 3, LOT 15 (HAMLET OF GROUARD):

2019-17-485 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that Council accepts the bid submitted by Peter Wakaluk in the amount of \$4,300 plus GST for the purchase of Plan 782 1407, Block 3, Lot 15 in the Hamlet of Grouard, and that the County enters into an Agreement for Sale of Land with Peter Wakaluk.

CARRIED

A break was taken from 10:33 a.m. to 10:49 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS:

JCA- REQUEST TO REMOVE STOP SIGNS AND REDUCE SPEED LIMIT:

2019-17-486 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that administration be directed to have an open house in the Hamlet of Joussard to receive the public feedback on a proposed change in the Hamlet Speed Limit.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SERVICES:**LETTERS OF SUPPORT IN EXCHANGE FOR CANADA WEST FOUNDATION PRESENTATION:**

2019-17-487 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that Council approves letters of support for Canada West Foundation to the MLA of Lesser Salve Lake, the Minister of Alberta Economic Development and the Premier of Alberta.

CARRIED

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRAINING AND ENERGY SECTOR APPRECIATION RECEPTION:

2019-17-488 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that Council be approved to travel to Calgary October 27-29, 2019 for two activities on October 28, 2019: Economic Development Training for Elected officials (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and a Big Lakes County Energy Sector Appreciation Reception for our energy companies (6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)

CARRIED

INFORMATION/ CORRESPONDENCE:

2019-17-489 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the information and correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION:

2019-17-490 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that the meeting go into closed session at 11:33 a.m. to discuss legal negotiations as per section 27, Freedom of Information and Protection Act and in accordance with section 197 (2) of the Municipal Government Act.

CARRIED

In Attendance – In Camera:

*Richard Simard, Reeve
Ken Matthews, Deputy Reeve
Ann Stewart, Councillor
Robert Nygaard, Councillor
Donald Bissell, Councillor
Fern Welch, Councillor
Donald Charrois, Councillor
Ken Killeen, Councillor*

The following staff were in attendance to provide information and/or administrative support:

*Jordan Panasiuk, CAO
Jessica Martinson, Executive Assistant
Vic Abel, Director of Public Works
Pat Olansky, Director of Planning and Development*

2019-17-491 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the meeting come out of closed session at 11:39 a.m.

CARRIED

2019-17-492 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that Council accepts the conditions of the Social Investment Agreement between Big Lakes County and Northern Lakes College.

CARRIED

PUBLIC TIME:

J. ASTERISK: Jule Asterisk with the Keepers of the Athabasca presented Council with information regarding the free cultural education workshop series in partnership with the High Prairie Native Friendship Centre.

The meeting recessed for lunch break at 11:49 a.m. to 12:59 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2019-17-493 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the public hearing for Bylaw 18-2019 to adopt the Big Lakes County / M.D. of Smoky River No. 130 Intermunicipal Development Plan be called to order at 1:00 p.m.

CARRIED

2019-17-494 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that the public hearing for Bylaw 18-2019 to adopt the Big Lakes County / M.D. of Smoky River No. 130 Intermunicipal Development Plan be closed at 1:11 p.m.

CARRIED

2019-17-495 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that second reading be provided to Bylaw 18-2019 to adopt the Big Lakes County / M.D. of Smoky River No. 130 Intermunicipal Development Plan.

CARRIED

2019-17-496 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that third reading be provided to Bylaw 18-2019 to adopt the Big Lakes County / M.D. of Smoky River No. 130 Intermunicipal Development Plan.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

2019-17-497 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the meeting be adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

CARRIED

Richard Simard, Reeve

Jordan Panasiuk, CAO

**PUBLIC HEARING
INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
(BYLAW 17-2019)
September 11, 2019**

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Public Hearing for Intermunicipal Development Plan Bylaw 17-2019 held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, September 11, 2019, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT WERE:

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CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Simard called the public hearing to order at 1:00 p.m.

The M.G.A. (Section 708.3) requires all municipalities to develop the Big Lakes County / M.D. of Smoky River No. 130 Intermunicipal Development Plan and Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework with all municipalities that share common boundaries.

The IDP with the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 is now complete. This plan was prepared by Vicinia Planning & Engagement Inc through a grant received by the M.D. of Smoky River. Public consultation has taken place and the committee has reviewed the plan. The completed plan was circulated to the M.D. and County internal departments, solicitors, the school divisions and Alberta Environment & Parks. No comments has been received.

The bylaw was given first reading by Council at their regular meeting of August 14, 2019.

The public hearing was advertised in the South Peace News, County webpage and social media. All landowners within the IDP area received notice by mail.

Reeve Simard called for comments from the public. No one was in attendance.

The public hearing was closed at 1:11 p.m.

Richard Simard, Reeve

Jordan Panasiuk, CAO