

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
September 25, 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, September 25, 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
David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
Fern Welch, Grouard

Administration: Bill Landiuk, Acting CAO/Treasurer
Jessica Martinson, Recording Secretary
Vic Abel, Interim Public Works Superintendent
Leo Tobin, Fire Chief
Suzanne Cailliau, Agricultural Fieldman
Louise Myre, FCSS Director
Daniel Steiner, Special Projects Manager
Elias Cunningham, Peace Officer
Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer
Dennis Zahacy, Director of Waste Management

Public: Kevin Bell
Tanner & Christie Pollack

Delegation: S/Sgt. Friesen
S/Sgt. Ramteemal

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

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

MINUTES:

2013-21-537 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMEN** that the minutes of the September 6, 2013 Special Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was noted that the public works report should read "intersection from Highway 749" rather than "intersection from Highway 740".

2013-21-538 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the minutes of the September 11, 2013 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

Council reviewed the status of Council motions.

Councillor Dupres arrived to the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

**ADDENDUM
TO AGENDA:**

Joussard Road Closure
Commercial Fishing Report

2013-21-539 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that the agenda with addendum for the September 25, 2013 Council Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES:

FCSS REPORT: Council was presented with the FCSS Report.

2013-21-540 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the FCSS report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICERS REPORT:

Council was presented with the Community Peace Officers Report.

Discussion took place regarding cattle at large. Mr. Cunningham informed council that a bylaw would be coming forward to the Committee of the Whole meeting to deal with cattle at large.

Councillor Campiou requested a laminated sign to hang up in the Hamlet of Faust regarding unsightly premises.

2013-21-541 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the Community Peace Officers report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION:

RCMP: S/Sgt. Friesen introduced S/Sgt. Shane Ramteemal to Council. S/Sgt. Ramteemal informed Council that he looks after the Western Alberta District and is stationed in Grande Prairie. S/Sgt. Ramteemal provided Council with some details of his position. S/Sgt. Ramteemal also informed Council that a meeting has been scheduled for October 15, 2013 to discuss the Enhanced Policing for the community.

Council had some questions for S/Sgt. Friesen and S/Sgt. Ramteemal regarding the Faust RCMP detachment. Council was advised that 5 members are stationed in the Faust Detachment and they are working towards being more involved within the community.

Reeve Billings thanked S/Sgt. Friesen and S/Sgt. Ramteemal.

GRANT PROGRAM REPORT:

Council was provided with the Grant Program Report.

2013-21-542 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the Grant Program report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GROUARD PEACE RIVER TRAIL:

Council considered providing the Grouard Peace River Trail Net Society with a miscellaneous grant to help cover the cost of their trail maintenance expenses for 2013.

2013-21-543 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the Grouard Peace River Trail Net Society be approved for a miscellaneous grant in the amount of \$6,150 for their trail maintenance expenses.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NAIRA: Council considered a donation request for the North American Indian Rodeo Association.

2013-21-544 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that a sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000 be provided to the North American Indian Rodeo Association for the Final events in High Prairie September 27-29, 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Council considered appointing Vic Abel as the Deputy Director of Emergency Management.

Councillor Killeen stepped out of the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

2013-21-545 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Vic Abel be appointed as the Deputy Director of Emergency Management.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Council reviewed the Fire Chief's September 2013 Monthly Report.
Administration advised that they are working towards developing a fire services agreement with Kapawe'no First Nations and Peavine Metis Settlement. Council asked administration to respond to calls at the Kapawe'no First Nations and Peavine Metis Settlement and to bill the calls back until an agreement is in place.

Councillor Killeen returned to the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

2013-16-546 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the Fire Chief's September 2013 Monthly Report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A break was taken from 10: 42 a.m. to 10:54 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER: Council was presented with the Special Projects Manager's Report.
Mr. Steiner informed Council that pictures have been taken in regards to a letter received from the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans regarding pictures of the Spruce Point Park Marina.

2013-21-547 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that administration be directed to send a letter to Brian Jean, MP regarding the M.D.'s position on taking over of the Spruce Point Park Marina.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Dupres returned to the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

2013-21-548 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the Special Projects Manager's report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S

REPORT: Council reviewed the Community Development Officer's Report for August 2013.

2013-21-549 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that the Community Development Officer's August 2013 Report to Council be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HILLIARD'S

BAY ESTATES: Council was presented with a request from Hilliard's Bay Estates for a letter of support for the amalgamation of 3 condo corporations.

2013-21-550 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that a letter of support be provided to the Hilliard's Bay Estates Inc. supporting the amalgamation of 3 condo corporations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGRICULTURE:

ASB RESOLUTION: Council was presented with a revision to the Agricultural Service Board resolution to be presented the Regional Agricultural Service Board.

2013-21-551 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the revision of the Agricultural Service Board Resolution for be approved for submission to the Regional Agricultural Service Board, as recommended by the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AG FIELDMAN

REPORT: Council was presented with a verbal Ag Fieldman report.

2013-21-552 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the verbal Ag Fieldman Report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS:

FORKLIFT: Council considered awarding the supply and delivery of one new forklift to the low bidder, Cervus Equipment.

2013-21-553 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that the supply and delivery of one new forklift in the amount of \$105,000.00 excluding GST be awarded to the low bidder, Cervus Equipment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS

REPORT: Council was presented with the Public Works Superintendent Report.

Councillor Campiou thanked the Public Works Department and the Texada Paving crew for their help on the new Faust Playground.

2013-21-554 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the Public Works Superintendent Report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SNIPE LAKE/BANANA

BELT GRADER

CONTRACT: Council considered awarding the grader maintenance for the Snipe Lake/Banana belt division to Allan McLeod.

2013-21-555 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that Allan McLeod be awarded the grader maintenance of the Snipe Lake/Banana Belt Division at the quoted amount of \$117.67 average price per hour over the term of the contact.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

JOUSSARD

ROAD CLOSURE: Reeve Billings informed Council and a verbal conversation took place with Shadow Creek Resort and they would like to step aside from the proposed road relocation of Peace River Ave in the Hamlet of Jousard.

Councillor L'Heureux stepped out of the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

2013-21-556 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that administration be directed to send a letter to Shadow Creek Resort requesting a letter of intent to step away from the road relocation of Peace River Ave.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor L'Heureux returned to the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

**FINANCE/
ADMINISTRATION:**

CHEQUE LIST: Council was presented with the cheque list for September 5, September 11 & September 16, 2013.

2013-21-557 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that cheques #58902 to #58962 in the amount of \$257,972.77 for the period ending September 5, 2013, cheques #58963 to #59045 in the amount of \$915,690.30 for the period ending September 11, 2013 and cheques #59046 to #59087 in the amount of \$203,301.48 for the period ending September 16, 2013 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING:**

Council considered rescheduling the regular and organizational meeting for the month of October.

2013-21-558 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the organizational and regular council meetings be rescheduled from October 23, 2013 to October 30, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the M.D. of Big Lakes Council Chambers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE:

2013 SUMMER

ADVENTURE CAMP: Council had some question regarding the negative aspects section reported in the High Prairie & District Regional Recreation Board 2013 Summer Adventure Camp Report. Councillor Marx and Councillor Ehman reported that the matters were being looked into and will be dealt with accordingly.

2013-21-559 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the following items of correspondence be received for information:

- i. High Prairie & District Regional Recreation Board Minutes Dated August 19, 2013
- ii. High Prairie & District Visitor Information Centre 2013 Year End Report & 2013 Summer Adventure Camp Report
- iii. High Prairie & District Recreation Board Comparative Income Statement.
- iv. Letter from Environment and Sustainable Resource Development Dated September 12, 2013 to Milt and Pat Sloan.
- v. Municipal Affairs Municipal Councillors Guidelines for Conflict of Interest.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AIR AMBULANCE

SERVICE: Council considered sending a letter to the Honorable Fred Horne, Minister of Health and MLA, Pearl Calahasen for all their efforts regarding the Alberta Air Ambulance Services.

2013-21-560 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that administration be directed to send a letter to the Honorable Fred Horne, Minister of Health and MLA, Pearl Calahasen thanking them for all their efforts regarding the Alberta Air Ambulance Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC FORUM:

MR. & MRS.

POLLACK: Tanner & Christie Pollack presented Council with some questions they had regarding the Predator Midstream development. Mr. Pollack informed Council that trees should be arriving shortly for their tree shelter belt but questioned Council if the trees did not meet satisfaction what they were to do. Council advised to not accept the trees if they did not meet satisfaction. Mr. Pollack also asked Council why Predator Midstream wasn't hiring local businesses. Ms. Pollack informed Council about how stressful the whole process has been and informed Council that health problems have been experienced since the project was rushed through. It was also indicated that Mr. & Mrs. Pollack have lost clients for their new business and also partnerships. Mr. Pollack thanked Amanda Backs, Assistant Development Officer for her professionalism through the whole process.

It was noted to Council that better communication needs to take place before a development of this size is brought into the community. The question was also asked if the traffic impact assessment was received. Council advised that Alberta Transportation was responsible for that aspect. Mr. Pollack inquired if upgrades would take place on RR164. Council informed that Plains Midstream previously upgraded that road.

Reeve Billings thanked Mr. & Mr. Pollack.

Councillor Campiou stepped out of the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

K. BELL: Kevin Bell, President of the Commercial Fishing Industry provided Council with a report received from Kevin Reid and Thomas D. Nudds regarding the Colby Report. The report indicated the strengths and weaknesses of the Colby report and a structured decision making process for the Zone E Fisheries. Mr. Bell informed Council that once the final report has been received from Kevin Reed and Thomas Nudds he will forward it along to the municipality to submit to the Fisheries Management Branch within Environment and Sustainable Resource Development.

Mr. Bell also asked Council if the municipality would provide support for upgrading businesses. Councillor Ehman informed Mr. Bell that Community Futures would be able to help him out.

Councillor Campiou returned to the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Recess for lunch at 12: 04 p.m. and reconvened at 12: 50 p.m.

2013-21-561 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that administration be directed to send a letter to the Fisheries Management Branch within Environment and Sustainable Resource Development along with the report received from Kevin Reed and Thomas Nudds.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY/
COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- D.MARX:*** No Report
- F. WELCH:*** Councillor Welch reported her attendance at the Heart River Housing Interviews, the Health Advisory Committee meeting, the Heart River Housing meeting and the FCSS meeting.
- K.MATTHEWS:*** Deputy Reeve Matthews report his attendance at the Health Advisory Committee meeting.
- K. KILLEEN:*** Councillor Killeen reported his attendance at a meeting with the Mayor of Swan Hills.
- V. CAMPIOU:*** Councillor Campiou reported her attendance at the Peace Library System Lunch, the Faust Playground Installation, the FCSS meeting, and the Barrhead Social Housing meeting.
- L'HEUREUX:*** Councillor L'Heureux reported his attendance at the Lesser Slave Lake Watershed meeting.
- Councillor L'Heureux asked administration to look into a flat meter rate for flooding skating rinks within the municipality and to bring back there findings to the Committee of the Whole meeting.
- R. DUPRES:*** No Report
- A.BILLINGS:*** Reeve Billings reported his attendance at the Emergency Management meeting.
- R. EHMAN:*** Councillor Ehman reported his attendance at the Community Futures meeting.
- 2013-21-562** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that the Councillor Community/Committee Reports be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEETING
SCHEDULE:**

September 30, 2013	10:00 a.m.	Committee of the Whole
September 30, 2013	1:00 p.m.	Municipal Planning Commission
October 15, 2013	10:00 a.m.	Enhanced Policing Meeting

NEXT MEETING: The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on October 9, 2013 at the M.D. Administration Building.

IN CAMERA:

2013-21-563 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** to go into camera at 1:12 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2013-21-564 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** to come out of camera at 2:04 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

2013-21-565 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the meeting be adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Alvin Billings, Reeve

Bill Landiuk, Interim C.A.O.