

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
March 13, 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, March 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

<u>PRESENT WERE:</u>	Reeve: Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt
	Councillor: Violet Campiou, Faust
	Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
	Ken Killeen, Kinuso
	David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
	Guy L'Heureux, Joussard
	Absent: Ray Dupres, Enilda /Big Meadow
	Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
	Fern Welch, Grouard
	Administration: Ken Bosman, CAO
	Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary
	Len Racher, Public Works Superintendent
	Vic Abel, Public Works Project Manager
	Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer
	Louise Myre, FCSS Director
	Denise Thompson, Grants Manger
	Ian Willier, Utilities Assistant Foreman
	Dennis Zahacy, Landfill Manger
	Delegation: Mel Beaudet, Ron Gaudet, Kathy Gill, Rick Svecla,
	Michelle Lee - ATCO Electric
	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: Motion 2013-04-071 should read 'CARRIED'.

2013-05-099 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the minutes of the February 27, 2013 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as corrected.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

Council reviewed the Status of Council Motions.

Mr. Bosman provided an update on discussions with the President of Northern Lakes College regarding the Faust campus. Costs to operate the facility will be brought forward once they are received.

Discussion was held on motions still outstanding but do not appear on the Status of Council Motions listing.

2013-05-100 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that any outstanding motions remain on the Status of Council Motions list until such time as the action has been completed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADDENDUM
TO AGENDA:**

In Camera - Negotiations

2013-05-101 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that the agenda with addendum for the March 13, 2013 Council Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMUNITY AND
PROTECTIVE SERVICES:**

SWANCICLE

DAYS 2013: Council was presented with a request for event support funding for the 3rd Annual Swancicle Days.

2013-05-102 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that an Event Support Grant (2-71-20-00-735) in the amount of \$500 be provided to the 3rd Annual Swancicle Days for assistance in covering general expenses.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Council was presented with the Grant Manager's report.

2013-05-103 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMANN** that the Grant Manager's report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCSS REPORT: Council was presented with the FCSS Report. The FCSS Director was requested to provide an update on costs related to the consolidation of the hamlet and MD newsletters in six months.

2013-05-104 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the FCSS report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***H.P. ELKS PRO
RODEO:***

Council considered a request to sponsor the High Prairie Elks Pro Rodeo.

2013-05-105 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that sponsorship in the amount of \$2,000 to the High Prairie Elks for the 53rd Annual High Prairie Elks Pro Rodeo be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2013-05-106 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that the MD Reeve and Deputy Reeve each be provided with one of the Elks Pro Rodeo boardwalk VIP passes that are included with the major sponsorship package and the remaining four passes be provided to Prairie FM for a public draw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION:

Mel Beaudet, Rick Svecla, Kathy Gill, Ron Gaudet, and Michelle Lee from ATCO Electric presented council with information regarding the current price schedule for services within and outside of hamlet boundaries in addition to the difference between commercial and residential services. Further information was provided regarding idle service charges on rural property if power is disconnected for a certain period of time. It was noted that distribution charges are constantly changing.

Discussion was held regarding regulated and deregulated retailers, capital costs and charges to customers benefitting from that infrastructure, and rights-of-way maintenance issues related to brush cutting contractors, trimming of trees, spraying, and moving of shelterbelts.

Council was informed of an open house that will be held on March 26, 2013 at the Peavine Inn with regard to a major project planned to the west of High Prairie.

Reeve Billings thanked the delegation. A break was taken from 11:12 a.m. until 11:22 a.m.

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S

REPORT:

Council reviewed the Community Development Officer's report for February 2013.

Discussion took place on the extent of Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development's role in changing the description of the high water mark on water front property titles. Mr. Bosman provided information he received from legal counsel with regard to the matter. The item is on the agenda for discussion with the Minister of ESRD next week during the AAMDC conference.

Discussion ensued regarding the continued blockage of a road allowance after being denied a road closure by Council.

2013-05-107

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that public works be directed to remove the lock from the gate located on the road allowance at RL 69-76-15-W5 if it is still in place.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2013-05-108

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the Community Development Officer's February 2013 Report to Council be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS:

SAND & SALT

SPREADER:

Council considered a recommendation to award the supply & delivery of one new hopper type sand & salt spreader, one new two-way reversible snow plow and one new snow plow wing.

2013-05-109

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the supply and delivery of one new hopper type sand & salt spreader, one new two-way reversible snow plow and one new snow plow wing in the amount of \$114,995.00, excluding GST, be awarded to the low bidder, Fort Garry Industries.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TANDEM ALEX

TRUCK:

Council considered a recommendation to award the supply & delivery of one new tandem axle truck.

2013-05-110

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that the supply and delivery of one new tandem axle truck in the amount of \$114,749.91, excluding GST, be awarded to the low bidder, Diamond International.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GRAVEL

BOX:

Council considered a recommendation to award the supply & delivery of one new gravel box.

2013-05-111

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that the supply and delivery of one new gravel box in the amount of \$21,050.00, excluding GST, be awarded to the low bidder, Fort Garry Industries Ltd.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AG EQUIPMENT

SHED:

Council considered a recommendation to award the supply & building of the Agricultural Services equipment shed.

2013-05-112

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the supply and building of the Agricultural Services equipment shed in the amount of \$41,999, excluding GST, be awarded to Pops Home Hardware & Building Centre Inc.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS**REPORT:**

Council was presented with the Public Works Superintendent's report. Council requested that the status of the Street Assistance Grant in the new provincial budget be looked into.

2013-05-113

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the Public Works Superintendent's report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess for lunch at 11:46 a.m. and reconvened at 12:17 p.m.

UTILITY**BILL:**

Council considered a request from Dave Doucette to waive the sewer portion of his January/February 2013 utility bill.

2013-05-114

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMEN the administration be directed to waive the sewer fee charges in the amount of \$345.62 for Dave Doucette's January/February 2013 utility bill for account number 183300.1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**WARD MAPS:**

Ward maps were provided to each respective councillor to make note of areas in need of gravel or brushing.

LANDFILL MANAGER'S**REPORT:**

Council was presented with the Landfill Manager's report regarding cheque number 56839 for C. Stewart Contracting.

2013-05-115

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the landfill manager's report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**FINANCE/****ADMINISTRATION:****CHEQUE LIST:**

Council was presented with the cheque lists for February 13, 2013 and February 25, 2013.

2013-05-116

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that cheques #56870 to #56952 in the amount of \$502,021.56 for the period ending February 13, 2013 and that cheques #56953 to #57051 in the amount of \$346,283.15 for the period ending February 25, 2013 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**CORRESPONDENCE:****2013-05-117**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the following items of correspondence be received for information:

- i. Letter from Ducks Unlimited Canada Dated February 19, 2013 re: Thank You.
- ii. High Prairie School Division No. 48 Board of Trustee Minutes for February 20, 2013
- iii. Letter from Bob Barss, President of AAMD&C Dated February 27, 2013 re: Proposed changes to the Local Road Bridge Program.
- iv. Letter from Lesser Slave River Dated march 6, 2013 re: High Prairie & District Food Bank

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**PREDA:**

Council reviewed a meeting invitation from the Peace Region Economic Development Alliance.

2013-05-118

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMEN that MD apply for membership to the Peace Region Economic Development Alliance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2013-05-119 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that Reeve Billings be appointed as MD of Big Lakes representative on the Peace Region Economic Development Alliance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2016 ALBERTA WINTER

GAMES: Council was presented with a letter received from the Town of High Prairie regarding the 2016 Alberta Winter Games.

2013-05-120 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that a letter be sent to the Town of High Prairie informing that the M.D. of Big Lakes is not interested in partnering in hosting the 2016 Alberta Winter Games at this time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NPDD: Council was presented with an invitation to attend the Northwest Persons with Developmental Disabilities Annual Spring Celebration and Awards Night in Grande Prairie, Alberta on May 24, 2013.

2013-05-121 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the invitation to attend the Northwest Persons with Developmental Disabilities Annual Spring Celebration and Awards Night in Grande Prairie, Alberta on May 24, 2013 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MACKENZIE

COUNTY: Council considered a request to attend the 5th Annual Mackenzie Country Invitational Charity Golf Tournament.

2013-05-122 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that the invitation to attend the 5th Annual Mackenzie Country Invitational Charity Golf Tournament be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HPARC: Council was presented with a letter from the High Prairie Aboriginal Resources Circle (HPARC) for funding support.

2013-05-123 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the letter received from the High Prairie Aboriginal Resources Circle (HPARC) for funding support be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**SLAVE LAKE
BANTAM AA
THUNDER:**

Council was presented with a request from the Slave Lake Bantam AA Thunder for funding support for the 2013 Bantam B Division Investors Group Hockey Alberta Provincials being held in Slave Lake.

2013-05-124 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that an item be donated to the Slave Lake Bantam AA Thunder for the raffle table during the 2013 Bantam B Division Investors Group Hockey Alberta Provincials being held in Slave Lake March 14 – 17, 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2013-05-125 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the Grants Manager research and bring back to Council information on reasonably priced items from local artists that could be purchased and have available for requests for donations for raffle or silent auction type of events.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**H.P. MUSEUM &
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY:**

Council was presented with a request from the High Prairie & District Museum & Historical Society to attend a tour of the museum and coffee. Arrangements will be made to attend on May 28, 2013.

**COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY/
COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

D. MARX: Councillor Marx reported his attendance at the March 31, 2013 High Prairie & District Recreation Board meeting.

K. KILLEEN: Councillor Killeen reported that it was a good year for the Kinuso outdoor skating rink.

V. CAMPIOU: Councillor Campiou reported her attendance at a meeting with Alberta Plywood on February 15th, a Barrhead Social Housing meeting on February 26th and a High Prairie Library Board meeting.

G. L'HEUREUX: Councillor L'Heureux reported that the 20th annual Jossard Community Association ice fishing tournament was very successful, he attended a Peace Country Beef and Forage Association meeting in Falher on March 11th, a workshop hosted by the Lesser Slave Watershed Council in Slave Lake, and a Jossard Community Association budget meeting on March 12th.

2013-05-126 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMEN** that Councillor L'Heureux be approved to attend Lesser Slave Watershed Council events.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A. BILLINGS: No report

R. EHMEN: Councillor Ehmen reported his attendance at a Community Futures Lesser Slave Lake meeting and meetings with oil company representatives in Calgary with Mr. Bosman regarding contributions towards maintenance costs on the Seal Lake Road.

2013-05-127 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the Councillor Community /Committee Reports be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEETING
SCHEDULE:**

March 15, 2013	9:30 a.m.	PREDA
March 18-20, 2013		AAMDC
March 25, 2013	10:00 a.m.	Municipal Planning Commission
March 25, 2013	1:00 p.m.	Committee of the Whole
March 26, 2013	10:00 a.m.	Agricultural Advisory Committee

NEXT MEETING: The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on March 27, 2013 at the M.D. Administration Building.

IN CAMERA:

2013-05-128

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX that the meeting go into camera at 1:04 p.m. to discuss negotiations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2013-05-129

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the meeting come out of camera at 2:07 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

2013-05-130

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that the meeting be adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Alvin Billings, Reeve

Ken Bosman, C.A.O.