

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
September 23, 2015**

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

<u>PRESENT WERE:</u>	Reeve: Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
	Deputy Reeve: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
	Councillors: Donald Charrois, HP East/Banana Belt
	Ken Killeen, Kinuso
	Frank Sutherland, Grouard
	Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
	Edward Podollan, Joussard
Absent:	Robert Nygaard, Faust
Administration:	William Kostiw, CAO
	Bill Landiuk, Exec. Director of Corporate Services
	Jessica Martinson, Recording Secretary
	Pat Olansky, Director of Planning & Development
	Suzanne Allan, Manager of Community Development
	Ted Laszczak, Manager of Utilities
	Vic Abel, Director of Public Works and Utilities
Delegation:	S/Sgt. M.L.(Myron) Friesen, RCMP
	Sgt. Michael Bourguignon, RCMP
	Dale Cox, Chief of Police, Lakeshore Regional Police Service
Press:	Chris Clegg, South Peace News
	Monica Lockett, 93.5 Prairie FM

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

AGENDA: Speed Limit on Hospital Road
Waterline

2015-17-611 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the September 23, 2015 agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES: Administration noted the minutes should read "Council was presented with an application for a Land Use Bylaw Amendment from Real Nobert" rather than "Council was presented with an application for a development permit from Real Nobert".

2015-17-612 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the minutes of the September 09, 2015 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

ACTION LIST: Council reviewed the action list.

2015-17-613 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SUTHERLAND** that the action list be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION:***KAPAWE'NO FIRST NATION:***

Council was presented with information from Kapawe'no First Nations.

2015-17-614

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PODOLLAN that the report regarding Kapawe'no First Nations be tabled until the October 14, 2015 meeting for further discussion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2015-17-615

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART that the water line committee (Councillor Podollan, Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Stewart and Reeve Matthews) meet with Chief Frank Halcrow, Kapawe'no First Nations to discuss access for the water pipeline.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MMSA WETLAND & LANDSCAPING SEMINAR:

Council considered sending members of Council to the Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency Beyond Beauty: The Practical Implications of Municipal Wetland Management and Landscape Architecture Seminar.

2015-17-616

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Councillor Podollan, Councillor Killeen and Councillor Stewart be approved to attend the Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency Beyond Beauty: The Practical Implications of Municipal Wetland Management and Landscape Architecture Seminar taking place on October 23, 2015 in Peace River.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE SERVICES:***CHEQUE LIST:***

Council was presented with the cheque list for September 9, 2015.

2015-17-617

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that cheques #68485 to #68626 in the amount of \$4,049,708.23 for the period ending September 9, 2015 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Council was presented with the Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2015.

2015-17-618

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that the Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2015 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:***LAND DISPOSITION REQUEST 120039 GRAVEL EXPLORATION:***

Council was presented with information regarding the Land Disposition Request 120039 Gravel Exploration.

2015-17-619

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS that no further action be taken on the Land Disposition Request 120039 Gravel Exploration and that the report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**LAND DISPOSITION
REQUEST 10037**

REFERRAL: Council was presented with a referral from Alberta Environment & Parks for a Land Disposition Request (LDR 100037) on NW 25-71-17-W5.

2015-17-620 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that Alberta Environment & Parks be notified that Big Lakes County does not have any comments or concerns regarding the Land Disposition Request on NW 25-71-17-W5 for grazing lease purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MDP/LUB REVIEW
PROJECT SCOPE
REVISION:**

Council considered a project scope revision for the Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw Review.

2015-17-621 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PODOLLAN** that WSP's offer to perform additional services above and beyond the original scope of work for the Municipal Development Plan/ Land Use Bylaw project and one extra public meeting in the Hamlet of Jousard be approved, at a cost of \$22,500 plus GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2015-17-622 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that funding for additional services above and beyond the original scope of work for the Municipal Development Plan/ Land Use Bylaw project and one extra public meeting in the Hamlet of Jousard from the Contingence Reserve 6-97-00-00-712.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS:

**HEART RIVER
CONNECTOR
ROAD:**

Council considered providing a budget amendment for the Heart River Connector Road Project.

2015-17-623 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the 2015 Capital Budget be amended to add the Heart River Connector Road Project in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 with \$1,000,000.00 from the Transportation General Reserve 6-32-00-00-760 and \$2,000,000.00 from other sources 3-32-71-14-990.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2015-17-624 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that administration be approved to continue with engineering, design and tender document preparation for the Heart River Connector Road Project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2015-17-625 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the discussion regarding the Heart River Connector Road Project be tabled until the in camera discussion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A break was taken from 10:45 a.m. to 10:54 a.m.

SPEED LIMIT: Discussion was held regarding the speed limit on the new hospital road.

2015-17-626 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that administration be directed to bring back recommendations for a speed limit reduction on the new hospital road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UTILITIES:

***PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING
TENDER & CONSTRUCTION
MANAGEMENT OF***

WATER LINE: Council was presented with proposals for Engineering Tender and Construction Management of Water Line from Grouard via Enilda to Joussard and Grouard Water Plant Upgrades.

2015-17-627 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the lowest qualified request for proposal be approved to MPE Engineering for the design and tendering of the Grouard via Enilda to Joussard waterline and upgrading the Grouard Water Plant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2015-17-628 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that administration be directed to submit applications to the Government of Alberta for the Water for Life Program, the Water and Wastewater Fund and the Alberta Community Resilience Fund Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2015-17-629 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SUTHERLAND** that administration continues to work with Federation of Canadian Municipalities (F.C.M.) to obtain Seed Program Funds.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***ROOF PAINTING
PRICE***

ADJUSTMENT: Council considered a price adjustment for the administration building roof painting.

2015-17-630 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that a cost increase by \$20,000 be approved for the roof repairs to the County Administration Building with funds coming from the approved budget amount of \$130,000.

CARRIED

WATER:

2015-17-631 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that administration be directed to schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss water and policy matters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2015-17-632 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that a Committee of the Whole meeting be scheduled for October 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss water and policy matters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

***H.P. & AREA CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE GALA &
AWARDS NIGHT EVENT***

SPONSORSHIP: Council considered providing funding for the High Prairie & Area Chamber of Commerce 2015 Gala & Awards Night event.

2015-17-633 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the report regarding a grant for the High Prairie and Area Chamber of Commerce 2015 Gala & Awards Night be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2015-17-634 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that an Event & Sponsorship Grant in the amount of \$1,500 be provided to the High Prairie and Area Chamber of Commerce for their 2015 Gala & Awards Night.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***H.P. NATIVE FRIENDSHIP
CENTRE 3RD ANNUAL
ALBERTA CULTURE DAYS
FESTIVAL EVENT***

SPONSORSHIP: Council considered providing funding to the High Prairie Native Friendship Centre 3rd Annual Alberta Culture Days Festival event.

2015-17-635 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PODOLLAN** that the High Prairie Native Friendship Centre 3rd Annual Alberta Culture Days Festival grant request be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***H.P. & DISTRICT CHILDREN'S
RESOURCE COUNCIL 2015
AUCTION FUNDRAISER***

EVENT: Council considered providing funding for the High Prairie & District Children's Resource Council 2015 Auction Fundraiser Event.

2015-17-636 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that a donation item in the amount of \$50-\$100 in value be approved for the High Prairie & District Children's Resource Council 2015 Auction Fundraiser.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***FIRESMART: TENDERING FOR
JOUSSARD & FAUST
TREATMENT***

AREAS: Council was presented with the FireSmart budget.

2015-17-637 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the FireSmart budget subject to an amendment to the 2015 FireSmart Community Program Grant Funding Agreement be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2015-17-638 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SUTHERLAND** that tenders for FireSmart treatment in the hamlets of Joussard and Faust be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PUBLIC TIME:
*L. ANDERSON &
D. AUGER:***

Dean Auger and Lori Anderson expressed their concerns for the alleged misuse of government money and unfairness to remaining children of Grouard as the Grouard Community Association is spending government money on bussing and meal tickets.

J.DVORNEK: Joyce Dvornek presented Council with the concerns regarding the new Animal Control Bylaw 02-2015.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:01 p.m.

DELEGATIONS:

RCMP: Sgt. Michael Bourguignon and S/Sgt. Myron Friesen presented Council with the K Division High Prairie Detachment Integrated Drug Enforcement Unit monthly reports.

FCSS:***FCS PROVINCIAL FUNDING***

UPDATE: Council was presented with information regarding the Family & Community Services Provincial Funding Update.

2015-17-639 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the report regarding the Family & Community Services Provincial Funding Update be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:*****GRANDE PRAIRIE***

STARS: Council reviewed an invitation to attend the Grande Prairie STARS Air Ambulance Open House taking place on September 25, 2015 in Grande Prairie.

2015-17-640 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Councillor Stewart be approved to attend the STARS Air Ambulance open house taking place on September 25, 2015 in Grande Prairie.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2015-17-641 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the delegation from Sgt. Michael Bourguignon and S/Sgt. Myron Friesen be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2015-17-642 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the following items of correspondence be received for information:

- Councillor August Attendance Reports
- Letter from Hon. Brian Mason, Minister of Infrastructure & Transportation Dated July 2, 2015 re: (TRAVIS)
- High Prairie School Division Minutes August 12, 2015
- High Prairie & Area Chamber of Commerce July 22, 2015 Agenda, August 12, 2015 Minutes, August 19, 2015 Minutes
- Email from Brad Pickering, Deputy Minister re: Bill 20-Municipal Government Amendment Act
- Email from Communities in Bloom re: FCN EcoConnexions From the Ground Up.
- Email from Northern Alberta Development Council re: WNC Strategic Planning Session October 22, 2015
- STARS celebrating 30th Anniversary – Grande Prairie STARS Open House September 25, 2015
- Newsletter Fall Edition/ September 2015
- Email from Laura Jonson with ESRD dated September 21, 2015 re: Recreation Hotspot list – Funding Allocation related.
- Letter from Cecilia Goncalves Neath, Tourism Development Officer – AVIP Program Alberta Culture and Tourism Dated September 11, 2015 re: Accreditation Application for 2015

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2015-17-643

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Reeve Matthews and Councillor Killeen be approved to attend the Swan Hills Treatment Centre meeting on Monday, September 28, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEETING

SCHEDULE:

October 20, 2015	10:00 a.m.	Municipal Planning Commission
October 27, 2015	10:00 a.m.	Organizational Meeting

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on October 14, 2015 at the County Administration Building.

A break was taken from 1:47 p.m. to 1:54 p.m.

IN CAMERA:

2015-17-644

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX to go into camera at 1:54 p.m. to discuss legal and land matters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2015-17-645

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SUTHERLAND to come out of camera at 3:12 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2015-17-646

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART that administration be directed to obtain legal advise in regards to consultations as discussed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2015-17-647

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that administration be approved to proceed to tender for the House Mountain Connector Road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

2015-17-648

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SUTHERLAND that the meeting be adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ken Matthews, Reeve

William (Bill) Kostiw, C.A.O