

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
May 10, 2006**

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 10, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT WERE:

Reeve: Myler Savill, Joussard
Deputy Reeve: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
Councillor: Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt
Craig Bissell, Enilda
Violet Campiou, Faust
Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
Ken Killeen, Kinuso
Fern Welch, Grouard

Absent: Ken Melnyk, N. Gilwood/Triangle

Administration: John Eriksson, C.A.O.
Gilles Lussier, Sup't of P.W.
Gerald Loewen, Treasurer
Gary Braithwaite, Ag. Fieldman
Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer
John Gould, Fire Chief
Sharon Strang, FCSS Director
Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary

Observer: Dan Sekulich

Press: Chris Clegg, South Peace News
Tina Kennedy, High Prairie Times
Raffaele Papaianni, CKVH

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Savill called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

MINUTES:

2006-10-286

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS that the minutes of the April 26, 2006 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADDENDUM
TO AGENDA:**

Heart River Housing - Grouard
In-Camera - Personnel
McLennan Connector Road
Firefighter Insurance
Councillor Meeting Attendance Reports

Councillor Campiou joined the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

2006-10-287

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the agenda with addendum for the May 10, 2006 Council Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

Councillor Billings questioned if the joint meeting with the M.D. of Greenview had been rescheduled. Mrs. Backs advised that the meeting was set for May 16th at 11:00 a.m.

REPORTS:**REEVE:**

Reeve Savill reported that he and Mr. Eriksson attended a meeting on May 5th in Slave Lake along with the Town of High Prairie Mayor and Administrator, representatives from the Sports Complex Society and the Hon. Pearl Calahasen, M.L.A., and her staff to discuss the best possible approach for future grant applications for the second ice surface facility.

Reeve Savill further reported that he asked for the Hon. Calahasen's support of the application to the Solicitor General for enhanced policing in the area. Ms. Calahasen advised that she would express her support of the initiative.

Reeve Savill attended the grand opening of the Grouard Powwow on May 6th. Subsequent to that he spoke with the Chief of the Driftpile First Nation who is also the District Regional Council Chief. She provided her support of the enhanced policing proposal and indicated that she would present the proposal at the next Regional Council meeting.

Reeve Savill reported that the Hon. Calahasen also indicated that the Minister now responsible for Infrastructure and Transportation may look favorably upon an application for water and sewer in Grouard. He noted that she provided no details and asked that administration follow up.

C.A.O.:

Mr. Eriksson reported that he attended the meeting in Slave Lake with the Hon. Pearl Calahasen with regard to the second ice surface.

The request for enhanced policing has been sent to the Alberta Solicitor General. Mr. Eriksson noted that he has not yet seen letters from either the Town of High Prairie or Peavine Metis Settlements. Arrangements are still being sought with the Gift Lake and East Prairie Metis Settlements.

Mr. Eriksson reported that Mr. Andre Tremblay, AAMD&C Senior Policy Analyst, and Isabella Ruberry, AAMD&C Policy Analyst, visited the office yesterday and were quite impressed with the M.D.'s operations.

Mr. Eriksson informed Council that Rick Neidig, Northern Lake College President, has advised that the decision date with regard to location for the new Policing College has been extended to June 15th.

2006-10-288

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the Reeve and C.A.O.'s Reports be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS:

***MINISTER OF
INFRASTRUCTURE &
TRANSPORTATION:***

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, advising that additional funding in the amount of \$35,936.59 has been approved for the East Prairie Access Road Project – Phase 1.

2006-10-289

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL that the correspondence from the Hon. Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, dated April 25, 2006 regarding additional funding for the East Prairie Access Road Project – Phase 1 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***JUDY & ANDY
JOHNSTON:***

Correspondence was received from Judy and Andy Johnston requesting dust control in 2006 at the M.D.'s expense to compensate for the two lengths of dust control purchased in 2005 that became ineffective after three weeks. Council discussed the request.

2006-10-290

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that a letter be sent to Judy and Andy Johnston indicating that the M.D. does not guarantee the effectiveness of dust control suppressant and that the cost of dust control is already significantly subsidized by the M.D. and further that public works will continue to monitor the effectiveness of calcium chloride and anticipate that further applications will improve the product's effectiveness.

CARRIED

***AWARD OF GRADER
CONTRACTS:***

Council was provided with the results of the grader maintenance quotations received on May 5th. Mr. Lussier reported that two of the three contractors declined to renew their current agreement for an additional year at their existing rates. The low bids received are approximately 45% higher than those awarded in 2004 and exceed both expectations and budgeted amounts. He recommended that administration reply to all bidders requesting they revisit their quoted rates. Mr. Lussier further recommended that the M.D. investigate the feasibility of adding two in-house operators and graders in lieu of contracting out. Mr. Lussier

noted that the tender included a clause to allow for fuel escalation. Discussion ensued on the availability of purchasing new graders and ease of staffing.

2006-10-291

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS that the grader maintenance contracts for the Kinuso and Snipe Lake/Banana Belt divisions be tabled to the May 29th Public Works Committee meeting for further discussions and analysis.

CARRIED

***AWARD OF TENDER
ASPHALT***

CRACKSEALING:

Council was provided with the results of the asphalt cracksealing tender. Mr. Lussier recommended that the contract be awarded to the low bidder, A & L Maintenance in the amount of \$25,445.

Councillor Campiou stepped out of the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

2006-10-292

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the contract for 2006 asphalt cracksealing be awarded to A & L Maintenance in the amount of \$25,445.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***MINISTER OF
INFRASTRUCTURE &
TRANSPORTATION:***

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, announcing that he is prepared to approve funding for improvements at the access of Grouard from S.H. 750 as outlined in the Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation Safety Study. Councillor Welch requested that administration determine what the project entails. Mr. Eriksson will provide Councillor Welch with a copy of his letter to the Minister outlining the improvements that the M.D. requested be completed this year.

2006-10-293

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH that the correspondence from the Hon. Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, dated April 27, 2006 regarding funding for improvements recommended in the safety study for accesses to Grouard from S.H. 750 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***RESOURCE ROAD
PROGRAM:***

Correspondence was received from Mr. John Engleder, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation Regional Director, advising that the applications for funding under the Resource Road Program for the Spruce Point Park Access Road, Snipe Lake Road, Heart River/Seal Lake Road, Gilwood Road and North Connector Road were not approved. Applications may be re-submitted for the Gilwood Road and Peavine North Connector Road for the 2007/08 program year. Discussion took place.

2006-10-294

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that the correspondence from Mr. John Engleder, Regional Director - Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation, dated April 28, 2006, regarding Resource Road Program applications for the Spruce Point Park Access Road, Snipe Lake Road, and Heart River/Seal Lake Road be received for information.

CARRIED

Discussion continued on applying for resource road funding for the Gilwood Road and Peavine north connector road.

2006-10-295

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that potential resource road applications under the 2007/08 program year for the Gilwood Road and Peavine north connector road be tabled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***PRAIRIE FUEL
ADVISORS:***

A copy of correspondence to Petro Canada – High Prairie from Prairie Fuel Advisors was received regarding the request for proposals for the M.D.'s 2006 supply of fuel and lubricants.

2006-10-296

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that the correspondence from Prairie Fuel Suppliers to Petro Canada – High Prairie dated May 4, 2006 regarding the 2006 request for proposals for the supply of fuel and lubricants be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***MCLENNAN
CONNECTOR:***

Councillor Billings commented it was his understanding that an announcement was made at a meeting held with P.R.O. Upgrading on May 9th that the McLennan to Peavine connector road would be proceeding. Mr. Eriksson advised that the M.D. of Smoky River is required to apply for a Roadway Disposition which will then need to become a registered road plan. He noted that Council has indicated the M.D. of Big Lakes will maintain the road within our boundaries.

***PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT:***

Mr. Lussier reported that the hamlet paving project is underway. The asphalt paving likely will not begin until the May long weekend once much of the base is ready. A brief discussion took place on paving of the parking area at the Jousard harbour.

Mr. Lussier reported that surveying has been completed for the two local farm access road projects and tender packages should be prepared by month end. Pipe for the crossing south of Jousard has been ordered. The design for the Sucker Creek Drainage Rehabilitation and adjacent roadway is almost complete and the project will be tendered shortly.

Mr. Lussier advised that the water metering gun has been causing problems. He noted that the ten year infrastructure plan allows for future upgrades to the meters and reading system. Administration is investigating the price of the data collection portion of the system which has the capability for future upgrades. Mr. Lussier will report back with estimates. He advised that funds could be drawn from the Water System Reserve.

Councillor Welch requested that Mr. Lussier find out why the curb at the lower road on S.H. 750 by Grouard has been flagged. Councillor Killeen added that the Spruce Point Park and Kinuso intersections along Highway 2 have also been flagged and surveyed. Mr. Lussier advised of lighting improvements planned at Kinuso but stated he was not aware of any projects at the Spruce Point Park Road intersection.

Mr. Eriksson advised that the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation has agreed to provide the M.D. of Smoky River and Clear Hills County with 50% funding for street lighting. He recommended that Council submit a request for funding for the proposed highway lights at Faust RCMP Street.

2006-10-297

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the Public Works Superintendent Report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2006-10-298

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that a letter be sent to the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to request funding for the highway lights at Faust RCMP Street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A break was taken from 11:01 a.m. to 11:12 a.m. Mr. Braithwaite and Mrs. Olansky joined the meeting.

AGRICULTURE:***SARDA:***

Council considered a request from the Smoky Applied Research & Demonstration Association for a letter in support of SARDA and the benefits they provide to be sent with a letter signed by the SARDA Board members to the Peace Region MLA's in regard to funding cuts.

2006-10-299

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that a letter be provided to the Smoky Applied Research & Demonstration Association in support of SARDA and the benefits they provide.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***AG. FIELDMAN'S
REPORT:***

Mr. Braithwaite reported that the M.D. of Greenview has budgeted \$10,000 for SARDA and another \$10,000 to contribute to the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association.

Councillor Campiou returned to the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

A brief discussion took place with regard to SARDA's decrease in funding from the Agricultural Opportunity Fund.

Mr. Braithwaite reported that the PFRA and Alberta Agriculture shelterbelt trees will be arriving today. All purchasers will be notified.

Mr. Braithwaite advised that riparian fencing will begin today on Mud Creek near Grouard.

Two ASB seasonal staff members have commenced duties. Mr. Braithwaite recommended that Council appoint Brian Stewart and Kelly Marx as Municipal Weed Inspectors for 2006. Two additional ASB staff will be starting prior to the next Council meeting.

2006-10-300

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that Brian Stewart and Kelly Marx be appointed as Municipal Weed Inspectors for the 2006 season.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Braithwaite continued to report that weed spraying will begin next week with the Provincial Parks. Only two beaver dams have required blasting to date. Beaver trapping has been concentrated mainly near Kinuso. Most of the beavers have been removed from the Eula and Strawberry creeks. Two roadside mower operators will begin prior to the end of the month and a third operator is scheduled to start the second week of June. Information on the new grasshopper program will be included in the upcoming M.D. newsletter.

Mr. Braithwaite informed Council of the Provincial ASB tour being held in Leduc from July 25 – 28th. He asked that any Council members interested in attending advise him as soon as possible.

Mr. Braithwaite made Council aware of a letter included under information to Saddle Hills County from the Royal Canadian Mint in response to the County's concerns regarding a noxious weed appearing on a 50-cent silver coin.

2006-10-301

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the Agricultural Fieldman's Report to Council be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Braithwaite left the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

**PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT
COMM. SERVICES:**

***M.D. FIRE SERVICE –
YEAR 2005 BRIEF:***

Council was provided with a year end brief of manpower and hours committed by M.D. volunteer firefighters for 2005.

2006-10-302

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the M.D. Fire Service - 2005 Year Brief be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***DEV'T PERMIT
APPLICATION 06-27:***

Mrs. Olansky reported that an application was received from the Faust Charity Association to construct an addition to the Royal Purple Hall in Faust. The M.D. Land Use Bylaw designates this lot as being within the Direct Control District and accordingly, Council shall decide upon all development permit applications located within a Direct Control District. Prior to making a decision, Council must provide public notice that a decision is to be

made and afford an opportunity to any interested person to make representation on the application.

2006-10-303

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the Community Development Officer post a notice in the local newspapers informing the general public of the Development Permit Application received from the Faust Charity Association and that the public notice contain a statement to the effect that:

- i) if no objection to the application is received within the time prescribed in the notice, then it will proceed without further notice; and
- ii) if objection to the application is received, then a public hearing will be held on a date and place specified in the notice.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMM. DEV.
OFFICER'S
REPORT:**

The Community Development Officer's Report for the month of April 2006 was presented to Council. Reeve Savill questioned if the issue brought forward with regard to lake access being restricted at two particular spots in Jousard has been addressed. Mr. Eriksson advised that Special Constable Stabler was going to speak with the property owners and Mr. Lussier is looking into posting appropriate signage.

Councillor Welch questioned if Mrs. Olansky has experienced any difficulty in negotiating with landowners with regard to the Grouard replotting project. Mrs. Olansky advised that the project has not advanced to the point of negotiations yet and suggested that she and Councillor Welch meet to discuss what approach to take. Councillor Welch further questioned if Grouard residents will be notified in advance of the University student being in the community working on the Area Structure Plan. Mrs. Olansky reported that once the student is chosen Dr. Tsenkova of the University of Calgary will advise as to the best way to do the notifications.

2006-10-304

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that the Community Development Officer's Report to Council for the month of April 2006 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC TRANSIT:

Mr. Eriksson provided a review of his proposed one million dollar grant application under the Canada Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund for a public transit system for those councillors not present at the May 8th budget meeting.

Mrs. Olansky left the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

2006-10-305

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that administration proceed with a grant application under the Canada Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund for funding for a public transit system.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2006-10-306

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that letters be sent to the Driftpile, Kapawe'no, Swan River and Sucker Creek First Nations advising of the M.D.'s grant application under the Canada Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund for a proposed public transit system.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**HEART RIVER
HOUSING -
GROUARD:**

Councillor Welch advised that she will meet with Mr. Eriksson tomorrow in regard to his presentation to Council on April 26th and bring forward the item at the next council meeting.

**FIREFIGHTER
INSURANCE:**

Councillor Bissell informed Council that one of the Enilda volunteer firemen hit a deer resulting in almost \$1,300 damage to his vehicle on route to a 911 call from the RCMP on May 5th. Jubilee Insurance has advised that the vehicle owner's insurance policy comes into effect first and any amount not covered will then be considered through Jubilee. Councillor Bissell felt that that M.D. should cover the cost of repairs because the owner is a volunteer and was on his way to a fire call. General discussion took place on insurance premium impacts due to wildlife accidents and whether the deductible is charged. Mr. Eriksson has advised the AAMD&C of the situation and asked that they be prepared to provide answers during their delegation on May 24th.

Mr. Braithwaite returned to the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Fire Chief Gould commented that the incident has raised a lot of questions and he has drafted a letter to Jubilee Insurance.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mr. Dan Sekulich joined the meeting to present Council with a subdivision proposal and seek the views of Council. Mr. Eriksson informed Mr. Sekulich that the Municipal Planning Commission approves all subdivisions. The matter was referred to the May 11th MPC meeting.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:51 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

***FIREFIGHTER
INSURANCE CONT:***

Discussion continued on Councillor Bissell's recommendation that the M.D. cover the vehicle repair costs. Reeve Savill suggested that administration contact a few private insurance firms and ask in writing whether the deductible applies in cases of wildlife incidents and furthermore whether one or more wildlife accidents will affect premiums. He added that if there is no impact to the owner other than the deductible, Council may want to consider paying the deductible. Councillor Killeen also suggested that other municipalities be contacted as to how they deal with similar situations. Reeve Savill requested that administration seek legal counsel as to whether the M.D. would be liable in future cases if they choose to pay for the repair costs now.

2006-10-307

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL that the item on firefighter insurance be tabled to the next meeting upon legal opinion and further information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION:

***COUNCILLOR
MEETING ATTENDANCE
REPORTS:***

Councillor Bissell noted a typo on the April Councillor Meeting Attendance Reports for himself, Reeve Savill and Deputy Reeve Marx that the meeting with Peavine Colony should read Peavine Settlement. He requested that administration note the change for future reporting.

CHEQUE LIST:

Council reviewed the current cheque list.

2006-10-308

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL that cheques #33597 to #33676 in the total amount of \$171,511.29 for the period of April 25, 2006 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Brian Kilbreath and Mr. Trent Glute, Plains Marketing Canada, entered the meeting at 1:11 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

BILL 30:

Correspondence was received from the Minister of Seniors and Community Supports regarding Bill 30, the Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) Community Governance Amendment Act, 2006.

2006-10-309

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS that the correspondence from the Minister of Seniors and Community Supports regarding Bill 30, the Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) Community Governance Amendment Act, 2006 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***ALBERTA
OMBUDSMAN:***

Correspondence was received from the Alberta Ombudsman regarding updates to its communications instruments.

2006-10-310

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the correspondence from the Alberta Ombudsman dated April 28, 2006 regarding updates to its communications instruments be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AAMD&C:

Correspondence was received from the AAMD&C seeking nominations for the AAMD&C Surface Rights Review Task Force. Alvin expressed interest

2006-10-311 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that Councillor Billings be nominated to the AAMD&C Surface Rights Review Task Force.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS WEEK:

Correspondence was received from Terry Ream, President, Alberta Chapter of the Canadian Public Works Association, requesting that Council proclaim May 21 to 27, 2006 as Public Works Week.

2006-10-312 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that the correspondence from Terry Ream, President, Alberta Chapter of the Canadian Public Works Association, dated May 6, 2006 regarding Public Works Week 2006 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING:

2006-10-313 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the meeting go into public hearing at 1: 15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2006-10-314 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 1:17 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW #6-2006: Bylaw No. 06-2006 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district part of SE 20-74-16-W5 from Agriculture (A) District to Industrial (I) District to accommodate the development of a rail car unloading facility and other future plant expansion developments was presented to Council for second and third readings.

2006-10-315 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS** that Bylaw No. 06-2006 be approved for second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2006-10-316 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that Bylaw No. 06-2006 be approved for third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Ehman thanked Plains Marketing on behalf of Council for their recent financial contribution towards the second ice surface project.

Mrs. Olansky, Mr. Kilbreath and Mr. Glute left the meeting at 1:19 p.m.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION:

MILL RATE

BYLAW #7-2006: Mill Rate Bylaw No. 7-2006 was presented to Council for second and third readings. Mr. Loewen noted in the Bylaw that the total assessment figure should be adjusted to reflect changes to the residential mill rate as discussed at the May 8th Council meeting. Discussion ensued on the proposed mill rates and budgetary impacts.

2006-10-317 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS** that Mill Rate Bylaw No. 7-2006 be approved for second reading.

CARRIED

2006-10-318 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Mill Rate Bylaw No. 7-2006 be approved for third reading.

CARRIED

Fire Chief Gould, Mrs. Strang and Ms. Kennedy left the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY/ COMMITTEE REPORTS:

D. MARX: No report

- F. WELCH:** Councillor Welch reported that she attended a Council budget meeting on May 8th.
- K. KILLEEN:** Councillor Killeen reported that the last Swan Hills Special Waste Liaison Committee meeting was cancelled and he attended the Council budget meeting on May 8th.
- V. CAMPIOU:** Councillor Campiou reported that she participated in the Slave Lake Business Expo over the past weekend with Lesser Slave Lake Community Development Corporation and attended a Community Development meeting last night.
- C. BISSELL:** Councillor Bissell reported that he attended a High Prairie Library Board meeting on May 2nd and the Council budget meeting on May 8th.
- A. BILLINGS:** Councillor Billings reported that he attended the Council budget meeting on Monday, May 8th.
- R. EHMAN:** Councillor Ehman report on a meeting he attended May 1st with regard to the second ice surface and provided Council with an update on the progress of the project and the cabin fundraising sweepstakes. Reeve Savill advised that he has heard concerns that a portion of the proceeds from ticket sales are also going towards eight sports associations. Councillor Ehman advised that the advertising is more aimed at recognizing the groups as they are selling the tickets. The Sports Complex Society is considering changes to the flyer.

Councillor Ehman attended the Council budget meeting on May 8th. He further reported that Plains Marketing has committed a donation of \$10,000 a year for three years towards the second ice surface. Councillor Ehman accepted the first cheque on May 9th.

Mr. Papaiani left the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

May 11, 2006	10:00 a.m.	Municipal Planning Commission
May 16, 2006	11:00 a.m.	M.D. of Greenview Joint Council
May 23, 2006	7:30 p.m.	Big Lakes Library Board
May 29, 2006	10:00 a.m.	Public Works Committee Meeting
May 30, 2006	10:00 a.m.	Economic Development
August 11, 2006	10:00 a.m.	AAMD&C Zone Meeting

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on May 24, 2006 at the M.D. Administration Building.

OTHER:

Councillor Bissell noted that the repair estimate for the volunteer firefighter's vehicle includes GST, which an individual could not claim back such as the M.D. could.

Councillor Ehman questioned if it is necessary to develop a policy in regard to the \$5,000 funding for volunteer recognition. Mr. Eriksson advised that he has already spoken to Mrs. Strang, FCSS Director, to that effect.

IN CAMERA:

2006-10-319

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that the meeting go into camera to discuss personnel issues at 1:41 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2006-10-320 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting come out of camera at 1:49 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2006-10-321 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Mr. Eriksson and Reeve Savill draft and send a letter to the Alberta Solicitor General regarding the enhanced policing initiative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

2006-10-322 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting adjourn at 1:50 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Myler Savill, Reeve

John Eriksson, .C.A.O.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
PUBLIC HEARING
(LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT)
May 10, 2006**

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	Sharon Strang, FCSS Director
	Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary
Delegation:	Brian Kilbreath, Trent Glute, Plains Marketing Canada
Press:	Chris Clegg, South Peace News
	Tina Kennedy, High Prairie Times
	Raffaele Papaiani, CKVH

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Savill called the public hearing to order at 1:15 p.m.

Mrs. Olansky reported that the Public Hearing was being held on a matter of an application to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-designate Part of SE 20-74-16-W5 from Agriculture (A) District to Industrial (I) District to accommodate the development of a rail car unloading facility and other future plant expansion developments.

The public hearing was duly advertised and no written or verbal expressions either for or against the Land Use Bylaw Amendment have been received.

Council was advised that the intent is to consolidate both subdivisions into one parcel. Reeve Savill questioned if the highway turning lane project is still on schedule. Mr. Glute advised that as of today the start date is May 15th. Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation will not allow construction to begin until the frost is out of the ground.

The public hearing was closed at 1:17 p.m.

Myler Savill, Reeve

John Eriksson, C.A.O.