

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
May 9, 2007**

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 9, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT WERE:

Reeve:	Myler Savill, Joussard
Deputy Reeve:	David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
Councillor:	Violet Campiou, Faust Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood Ken Killeen, Kinuso Fern Welch, Grouard
Absent:	Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt Ray Dupres, Enilda/Big Meadow Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
Administration:	Gerald Loewen, Treasurer Gilles Lussier, Sup't of P.W. Gary Braithwaite, Ag. Fieldman Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer Sharon Strang, FCSS Director Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary Georgette Hopkins, Clerical
Delegation:	Dr. Sasha Tsenkova & Alex Krause, University of Calgary
Observers:	Doug & Linda Schuler, Marc Goutier, Jeannie Cloutier-Plamondon, Heather Mills
Press:	Chris Clegg, South Peace News Raffaele Papaianni, CKVH

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Savill called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

MINUTES:

Reeve Savill noted from page six of the minutes that he would presume the same bylaws will be deferred once again, the key reason being to allow time to complete the Land Use Bylaw amendments.

Reeve Savill asked for introductions. Doug & Linda Schuler advised that they were in attendance to hear the decision on the proposed Land Use Bylaw amendment for their lot in Jousard. Reeve Savill explained that Council has many similar rezoning requests before them, and will not be making a decision until after revisions to the M.D. Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan have been completed. He briefly reviewed the public hearing process.

Mrs. Strang joined the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Reeve Savill informed Mr. & Mrs. Schuler that their application to amend the Land Use Bylaw will be deferred to a later meeting. Mr. Schuler asked that they be notified when their matter is before Council again.

2007-10-356

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH that the minutes of the April 25, 2007 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADDENDUM
TO AGENDA:**

Geotourism
Dust Control
Ice Fishing Shacks

2007-10-357

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the agenda with addendum for the May 9, 2007 Council Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING:

Councillor Ehman questioned if administration had further information with regard to the delayed purchase of the High Prairie fire tanker truck. Mr. Loewen advised that nothing had been communicated to him.

Councillor Campiou requested that Council discuss the issues related to the Faust Area Structure Plan and Heroux's proposed subdivision. Reeve Savill informed Councillor Campiou of Council's motion passed at the previous meeting.

Mr. Lussier made note of discussions held during the recent budget meeting with regard to the Municipal Services Facilities and suggested that the award of tender for construction should be made under a separate motion.

2007-10-358 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMEN** that the additional addendum items for the May 9, 2007 Council Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Mr. Loewen reported that Mr. Renaud is attending a workshop in Kananaskis this week. He proceeded to update Council on a high water advisory in the Heart River Dam area. Mr. Loewen further noted that the venue for the Lesser Slave Lake Economic Alliance meeting scheduled for tomorrow has been changed.

2007-10-359 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMEN** that the Treasurer's Report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS:

**AWARD OF TENDER
- GILWOOD ROAD
GRADING:**

Council was provided with the tender results for Gilwood Road Grading & Other Work and Bridge File 73728 SPCSP Culvert Replacement. Mr. Lussier recommended that Council award the tender to the low bidder, Cox Contracting Ltd.

2007-10-360 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMEN** that the tender for Gilwood Road Grading & Other Work and Bridge File 73728 SPCSP Culvert Replacement be awarded to Cox Contracting Ltd. in the amount of \$5,867,458.00 excluding site occupancy and GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**REQUEST FOR
MINISTERIAL
ORDER:**

Mr. Loewen reported that a letter is needed to be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to request a Ministerial Order in regard to a road closure bylaw. Mr. Lussier explained the circumstances surrounding the matter and advised that it is impossible to recreate a quorum of councillors that were present at the public hearing pertaining to the road closure. He stated that administration is hoping the Minister can make a special exception in this case as the landowner has already waited quite some time on this application.

2007-10-361 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that a letter be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting a Ministerial Order under section 168(2)(a) of the MGA to allow the remaining councillors present at the November 23, 2005 public hearing pertaining to the closing of a road constitute a quorum eligible to vote on the matter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**EQUIPMENT
GPS SYSTEM:**

Mr. Lussier noted that Council was shown a brief presentation on proposals received from three different GPS system service providers at the last Public Works Committee meeting. He provided a recap of the two most suitable systems and indicated that administration's preference is Grey Island Systems.

2007-10-362 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the supply and installation of equipment GPS units be awarded to Grey Island Systems based upon their proposal as reviewed by the Public Works Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jeannie Cloutier-Plamondon, Marc Goutier and Heather Mills entered the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

**BIG MEADOW
WATER CO-OP:**

A request was received from Mr. Arthur Smith, President of the Big Meadow Water Co-op, for a meeting to discuss an offer of sale of the Big Meadow Water Co-op to the M.D. of Big Lakes. Mr. Lussier reviewed the process for transferring of the operations.

2007-10-363

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Council is prepared to enter into the transfer process to assume operations of the Big Meadow Water Co-op subject to certain conditions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**DUST CONTROL:**

Councillor Killeen reported that he has received inquiries from some area residents whether the M.D. would be willing to provide cold mix dust control if they were to pay extra for it. General discussion took place on feasibility and costs. Administration was advised to ensure that the applications are very clear in stating that if it becomes necessary, the dust control area will be graded.

2007-10-364

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX that cold mix dust control be offered to landowners in 2007 on a one year trial basis at a fee of \$900 per application.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**MUNICIPAL SERVICES
FACILITIES:**

Council was provided with copies of the recommendation previously distributed during the budget meeting. Mr. Lussier noted that no formal motion was made to award the contract for construction of the three Municipal Services Facilities.

2007-10-365

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the construction of the Municipal Services Facilities in the Hamlets of Grouard, Faust and Enilda be awarded to E.L.S. Construction as per the revised figures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT:**

Mr. Lussier reported that public works crews are dealing with the high water in whatever ways they can, noting that there was water flowing over roads in a few locations. He advised that the tentative summer maintenance project plans have been prepared, and he will bring in the maps to review with Council over lunch.

Mr. Lussier reported that a meeting will be held at the end of the month with Alberta Environment, some rural water co-ops and the Town of High Prairie to discuss provincial regulations and the registration of water co-ops.

Reeve Savill questioned if the M.D. should play a role in addressing the flooding problem in Joussard where the culvert could not hold the significant amount of water being backed up due to the proximity of the railway and highway.

Mr. Braithwaite joined the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Mr. Lussier commented that a request to look into the situation may carry more weight coming from the municipality if they see that it is justified. Reeve Savill advised that there is a sense in Joussard that a number of culverts are not big enough. Mr. Lussier noted that a lot more land has been cleared south of Joussard in recent years making the flow of water much quicker. A brief discussion took place regarding the M.D.'s responsibility to clean out the drainage ditch within Joussard. Mr. Lussier will look into the matter and report back to council.

Councillor Welch questioned if Mr. Lussier was able to follow up with Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation on plans at the intersection of S.H. 750 and Grouard. Mr. Lussier advised that he just received the emailed drawings this morning. He will review the drawings and confer with Councillor Welch following the meeting.

Deputy Reeve Marx questioned if Mr. Lussier has spoken with Duane Nichols with regard to the road discussed at the budget meeting. Mr. Lussier advised that he had not. Mr. Lussier noted that staff has looked into the concerns along Range Road 165 during high water flow and have a couple of ideas to alleviate the issues.

2007-10-366

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A break was taken from 11:03 a.m. to 11:18 a.m. Mrs. Cloutier-Plamondon, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Goutier left the meeting. Mrs. Olansky and Mr. Papaanni joined the meeting.

Reeve Savill reported that he advised the members of the public in attendance that Council was not prepared to make a decision today on the agenda items regarding land use in Joussard; but rather after amendments to the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan were finalized. He requested that administration notify him of the meeting date at which those decisions would be made at least a week or more in advance so that he can advise community members.

AGRICULTURE:

AG. FIELDMAN'S REPORT:

Mr. Braithwaite reported on a meeting he attended with Ron Davis, Alberta Environment. Mr. Braithwaite will be developing a map of livestock lands to assist Alberta Environment in addressing water management issues within the Lesser Slave Lake Basin. Mr. Braithwaite made note of correspondence on the council agenda from Mr. Doug Badger, Regional Environmental Action Committee (REAC) Chairperson, requesting financial support to participate in a baseline water quality assessment for the Lesser Slave Lake watershed. Mr. Braithwaite advised that REAC received a grant from the Alberta Stewardship Network to perform the study. Discussion ensued on the duplication of projects.

2007-10-367

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that a letter be sent to the Regional Environmental Action Committee advising that the M.D. is not prepared to make a financial contribution towards a baseline water quality assessment for the Lesser Slave Lake watershed as the M.D.'s support in management of the lake is through its involvement the Watershed Policy Advisory Committee, and further, that Council feels it is not appropriate for REAC to indicate that the M.D. is involved in REAC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Braithwaite reported that he received a call from Fire Chief Gould last night advising that the Heart River Dam was within a meter of breaching. Mr. Braithwaite was further advised this morning by Mr. Jim Lewis of Alberta Environment in Peace River that they are monitoring the situation and looking at releasing more water to Winagami.

Mr. Braithwaite briefly commented on culvert restricting and the effects on slowing down the flow of water in some areas.

Mr. Braithwaite reported that the new tree spade should arrive before the end of the week. He will have ASB staff create a users information/fact sheet prior to renting it out. Mr. Braithwaite added that he is planning a demonstration of the unit during this year's SARDA tour.

Mr. Braithwaite recommended that Council appoint Brian Stewart and Kelly Marx as Municipal Weed Inspectors for the 2007 season.

2007-10-368

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMANN that Brian Stewart and Kelly Marx be appointed as Municipal Weed Inspectors for the 2007 season.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Braithwaite reported that the contract beaver trapper has a long list of problem areas. Many locations are as a result of log jams. The contract blaster was working in the Faust area on Monday.

2007-10-369

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Braithwaite left the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT COMM. SERVICES:

FCSS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mrs. Strang reviewed the F.C.S.S. Director's Report to Council for the months of March and April 2007. Mrs. Strang extended her thanks to those councillors that attended the volunteer appreciation banquets.

Reeve Savill informed Mrs. Strang that the Jousard Community Association, at its last meeting, approved to provide their facility to host the June 6th seniors' week event at no cost.

2007-10-370

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the F.C.S.S. Director's Report to Council for the months of March and April 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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

The Community Development Officer's Report for the month of April 2007 was presented to Council. Mrs. Olansky advised that the first Grouard Area Structure Plan open house was held last night. She commented that attendance was low but she felt it was still worthwhile and some good input was received. She noted that Dr. Tsenkova and Mr. Krause will be in attendance in the afternoon to provide Council with an overview of the Grouard ASP.

Reeve Savill questioned the status of the Land Use Bylaw amendments. Mrs. Olansky advised that she has begun the revisions, but noted that the project is a little more involved than anticipated because all other amendments made since the last office consolidation must also be incorporated. Mrs. Olansky stated that she is striving to have the documents ready for the May 23rd council meeting. Discussion ensued on timelines in terms of holding a public hearing and passing of the bylaw, and workload for the Community Development Officer. Further discussion took place on future anticipated land use issues in Faust. It was suggested that Council consider ways to deal with enforcement in Faust at some appropriate time.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12:42 p.m. Dr. Sasha Tsenkova and Mr. Alex Krause joined the meeting. Mr. Papaiani did not return to the meeting.

2007-10-371

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the Community Development Officer's Report to Council for the month of April 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GEOTOURISM:

Councillor Welch reported on a presentation made to the Grouard/Peace River Trail Committee detailing a geotourism project funded by the provincial government that will identify different tourism themes in the northwest region of the province. Councillor Welch requested approval to attend the project launch being held at Dunvegan on May 21st. An inquiry was made whether the Big Lake Country Tourism Director would be in attendance in order to present information back to the Board. Councillor Welch will check whether Big Lake Country Tourism will be participating in the launch.

**ICE FISHING
SHACKS:**

Reeve Savill mentioned that Mr. Renaud was going to check into the M.D.'s jurisdiction in terms of debris being left on Lesser Slave Lake from ice fishing shacks. He also requested that Mr. Renaud find out from Fish & Wildlife their intentions for next year in terms of enforcement. Mr. Loewen will follow up with Mr. Renaud. Reeve Savill advised that concern was expressed at the Jousard Community Association meeting last night that action has to be taken. Council discussed sending a letter to Fish & Wildlife, along with pictures, raising concern over debris being left from ice fishing shacks and the detrimental effects to the lake.

**JOUSSARD LAND USE
BYLAW AMENDMENTS:**

2007-10-372

MOVED BY REEVE SAVILL that any decisions regarding Bylaws No. 03-2007, 04-2007, 05-2007, 10-2007 and 11-2007 be tabled to a future council meeting pending the adoption of the amended M.D. Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW #16-2007:

Bylaw No. 16-2007 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district a portion of Plan 962 4539 from the Agriculture (A) District to the Country Residential (CR) District for the creation of four 10-acre parcels was presented to Council for first reading.

2007-10-373

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that a public hearing be held prior to first reading of Bylaw No. 16-2007; and:

1. A public hearing date be set for June 13, 2007 at 1:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the M.D. of Big Lakes Administration Building.
2. Notices of the public hearing be placed in the May 30th and June 6th, 2007 issues of the South Peace News.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***RV CAMPGROUNDS
IN JOUSSARD:***

Mrs. Olansky reported that she consulted with the M.D.'s solicitor with regard to designating legal non-conforming uses within the Hamlet of Joussard that were in existence prior to the adoption of the Joussard Area Structure Plan in October 2001. She provided an overview of the advice offered by legal counsel. Reeve Savill noted that Council will need to decide on an appropriate process to grandfather RV parks/campgrounds in existence prior to adoption of the Joussard Area Structure Plan. Following discussion regarding a recommendation put forth by Mrs. Olansky, Council directed that the following phrase be incorporated as a further amendment to the M.D. Land Use Bylaw:

Recreational vehicle parks/campgrounds within the Hamlet Residential - Joussard (HR-J) District in existence prior to October 17, 2001 shall be considered as lawful uses and shall be treated as legal non-conforming uses in accordance with section 643 of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26.

DELEGATION:

***DRAFT GROUARD AREA
STRUCTURE PLAN:***

Dr. Sasha Tsenkova and Mr. Alex Krause from the University of Calgary joined the meeting to present the draft Grouard Area Structure Plan to Council.

Mr. Lussier returned to the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Mr. Krause gave an informative presentation on the draft A.S.P. and highlighted the policies addressed within the plan. He informed Council that a second community open house will be held in June. Reeve Savill mentioned that it would be beneficial to have any notes or minutes of community meetings retained and archived at the M.D. office for future reference. He added that it is critical to ensure that the community members understand what they are agreeing to. Dr. Tsenkova stated that there were very minor suggestions for modifications expressed during the open house. Copies of the A.S.P. highlights were left at both stores in Grouard and on the information board at Northern Lakes College along with contact information in case anyone had missed the opportunity to attend the open house. Mr. Krause indicated that he could put together a synopsis of their communications strategy. Councillor Welch thanked Mr. Krause for the great job he had done and commented that perhaps some of the terminology used within the ASP should be explained during future presentations to the community.

Reeve Savill thanked the delegation for their presentation. Mr. Lussier left the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION:

CHEQUE LIST:

Council reviewed the current cheque list. Mr. Loewen gave details in relation to questions raised at the last meeting regarding payments for vehicle repairs.

2007-10-374

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that cheques #36646 to #36717 in the total amount of \$235,362.70 for the period of April 30, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***H.P. SCHOOL
DIVISION NO. 48:***

Council considered a request from the High Prairie School Division No. 48 to hold a joint election in October 2007.

2007-10-375

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMEN that the M.D. enter into an agreement with the High Prairie School Division for the purpose of holding a joint election in October 2007.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***MILL RATE
BYLAW #17-2007:***

Mill Rate Bylaw No. 17-2007 to authorize and establish property tax rates for the year 2007 was presented to Council for third reading.

2007-10-376 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Mill Rate Bylaw No. 17-2007 be approved for third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mrs. Olansky and the delegation left the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

RED DEER COUNTY: Correspondence to Mr. Don Johnson, President of AAMD&C, was received from Reeve Earle Kinsella, Red Deer County, expressing concern with regard to the Minister's Council of Municipal Sustainability Final Report.

2007-10-377 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the correspondence to Mr. Don Johnson, President of AAMD&C, from Reeve Earle Kinsella, Red Deer County, dated April 9, 2007 regarding the Minister's Council of Municipal Sustainability Final Report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**AB SUSTAINABLE
RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Sustainable Resource Development – Land Management Branch regarding an increase in fines for recreation related offences on forested public land designated as forest land use zones, forest recreation areas and forest recreation trails.

Councillor Welch left the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

2007-10-378 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the correspondence from Alberta Sustainable Resource Development – Land Management Branch dated April 17, 2007 regarding an increase in fines for recreation related offences on forested public land be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINISTER OF
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS
AND HOUSING:**

Information was received from the Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, regarding the provincial 2007 education property tax program.

Councillor Welch returned to the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

2007-10-379 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the correspondence from the Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated April 19, 2007 regarding the provincial 2007 education property tax program be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2007 ENERGIZE
WORKSHOP:**

Information was received regarding the 2007 Energize Workshop being held October 25 – 27, 2007 in Lake Louise, Alberta.

2007-10-380 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the information regarding the 2007 Energize Workshop be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINISTER OF
FISHERIES AND
OCEANS:**

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Loyola Hearn, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, in response to Council's letter regarding concerns with respect to the ability to secure approvals from Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

2007-10-381 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the correspondence from the Hon. Loyola Hearn, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, dated April 23, 2007 in response to Council's letter regarding concerns with respect to the ability to secure approvals from Fisheries and Oceans Canada be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PEACE COUNTRY

HEALTH: Correspondence was received from Mr. Darryl Martin, Coordinator of Emergency Response Planning, informing that he is the contact point for Peace Country Health emergency preparedness related issues and concerns. Mr. Loewen will follow up and ensure that the contact information has been updated in the M.D. Emergency Response Plan.

**ALBERTA SOLICITOR
GENERAL & PUBLIC
PUBLIC SECURITY:**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Bill Meade, Executive Director – Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security Special Projects, in response to the M.D.'s letter regarding the development of the Alberta First Responders Radio Communication System and the use of multi-purpose towers. A brief discussion ensued regarding the intent of the letter sent on behalf of the M.D.

**TOWN OF
HIGH PRAIRIE:**

Correspondence was received from Mrs. Vivian Cox, Tax Clerk – Town of High Prairie, advising that a municipal street address has been allotted to the M.D. administration building due to the recent annexation. Administration was requested to look into whether the M.D. administration building property and the additional land the M.D. has proposed to purchase from the Town were to be excluded from the annexed parcel. Mr. Loewen will include the information on the next council meeting agenda. Councillor Ehman commented that the process for the land purchase should begin.

**BIG LAKE COUNTRY
TOURISM:**

Information was received from Big Lake Country Tourism regarding the Annual General Meeting being held on May 31, 2007 in Faust.

2007-10-382

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the correspondence from Big Lake Country Tourism regarding the Annual General Meeting being held on May 31, 2007 in Faust be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**H.P. & DISTRICT
RECREATION
BOARD:**

Council received an invitation from Jessie Kay, Summer Youth Programs Coordinator for the High Prairie & District Recreation Board, to attend and serve at the annual Senior Citizens Week Barbecue being held on June 8th.

2007-10-383

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that any councillor who is available for the High Prairie & District Recreation Board Annual Senior Citizens Week Barbecue being held on June 8, 2007 be approved to attend.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**H.P. & DISTRICT
MUSEUM:**

An invitation was received from the High Prairie & District Museum & Historical Society to attend and speak briefly to the occasion of the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the High Prairie Museum on June 16, 2007.

2007-10-384

MOVED BY REEVE SAVILL that the invitation from the High Prairie & District Museum & Historical Society to attend the 40th anniversary celebration be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY/
COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

D. MARX:

Deputy Reeve Marx reported that he attended the joint Council and Municipal Planning Commission review on April 27th, the Public Works Committee meeting on April 30th, and Council budget meeting on May 3rd.

F. WELCH:

Councillor Welch reported that she attended the joint meeting with the Municipal Planning Commission, volunteer appreciation events, a Heart River Housing meeting, Municipal Services Facilities Committee meeting, senior's dinner, Council budget meeting, Big Lakes Library Board meeting, the Grouard Area Structure Plan open house and mock disaster.

K. KILLEEN:

Councillor Killeen reported that he attended the budget meeting on May 3rd and the Public Works Committee meeting on April 30th.

V. CAMPIOU:

Councillor Campiou reported that she has attended the May 3rd budget meeting, a Municipal Services Facilities Committee meeting and two Community Development

Corporation meetings. Councillor Campiou added that she also attended an FCSS Family Violence workshop in Jasper, and noted that it would have been very worthwhile for FCSS staff to attend.

R. EHMAN:

Councillor Ehman reported that he attended the May 3rd budget meeting, joint meeting with the Municipal Planning Commission on April 27th and the April 30th Public Works Committee meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

May 15, 2007	10:00 a.m.	Municipal Planning Commission
May 28, 2007	10:00 a.m.	Public Works Committee
May 31 – June 4, 2007		FCM Conference

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on May 23, 2007 at the M.D. Administration Building.

OTHER:

Councillor Welch distributed copies of a Needs Assessment questionnaire on behalf of the High Prairie Municipal Library and asked that each Councillor complete and return the form.

ADJOURNMENT:

2007-10-385

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the meeting adjourn at 2:14 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Myler Savill, Reeve

Gerald Loewen, Treasurer