

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
May 23, 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 23, 2007, 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
Violet Campiou, Faust
Ray Dupres, Enilda/Big Meadow
Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
Ken Killeen, Kinuso
Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
Fern Welch, Grouard

Administration: Jeff Renaud, Acting C.A.O.
Gerald Loewen, Treasurer
Gilles Lussier, Sup't of P.W.
Gary Braithwaite, Ag. Fieldman
Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer
John Gould, Fire Chief
Cory Bronson, Community Peace Officer
Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary

Delegation: Lea Dashkewytch, Ethel Ruecker, Cindy New,
Estelle Baker and Matilda Thomas - Faust Charity
Association

Observer: Jeannie Cloutier-Plamondon

Press: Alicia Boisson, South Peace News
Raffaele Papaianni, CKVH

CALL TO ORDER:

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

MINUTES:

Councillor Matthews recommended that motion #2007-09-346 in the minutes of the May 3rd Special Council meeting be amended to include the actual costs of the municipal services facilities as per the revised estimate.

Councillor Dupres joined the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Mr. Lussier noted that a specific motion awarding the contract was made at the following council meeting.

2007-11-386

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the minutes of the May 3, 2007 Special Council Meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Savill suggested that Council needs to decide on how to provide notification to Joussard residents of the decision day of their requests for land use bylaw amendments.

Reeve Savill further suggested that the clause incorporated into Land Use Bylaw amendments by Council at the previous meeting be revisited to replace the word "shall" with "may".

2007-11-387

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMEN that the minutes of the May 9, 2007 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**ADDENDUM
TO AGENDA:**

In Camera – Personnel Matters
Physicians Retention Committee
Big Meadow Water Co-op

2007-11-388

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that the agenda with addendum for the May 23, 2007 Council Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**BUSINESS ARISING:*****HIGH PRAIRIE
TANKER TRUCK:***

Mr. Renaud reported that he met with Mr. Larry Baran, Town of High Prairie Manager, who indicated that priority as specified to him was for the construction of the High Prairie Fire Hall. Subsequently, a meeting was held between the Town of High Prairie and the High Prairie Fire Department at which it was determined that funding for the new tanker truck will be requested in 2010. It was Mr. Renaud's understanding that the Fire Department hopes to first renovate the existing fire hall to have somewhere to house the new unit.

Councillor Ehman expressed concern with the delay in purchasing the fire tanker truck and recommended a meeting be held with the Town of High Prairie. Mr. Renaud advised that he is working on arranging a meeting of the Ad Hoc Fire Services Committee shortly.

2007-11-389

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS that a meeting of the M.D. Ad Hoc Fire Services Committee be arranged with the Town of High Prairie as soon as possible to discuss the purchase of a tanker water truck.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***HIGH PRAIRIE
ANNEXATION:***

Mr. Renaud reported that he has reviewed the High Prairie Annexation proposal resulting from Council's query regarding the involvement of the M.D. parcel of land and found that the entire quarter section was always included as part of the annexation. He further noted that it was his understanding that the matter of selling additional land to the M.D. from the quarter is on the agenda for tonight's Town Council meeting.

2007-11-390

MOVED BY REEVE SAVILL that the M.D. proceed immediately with the purchase of 10 acres of land from the Town of High Prairie from the SE 27-74-17-W5M and further that administration formally request that both the current M.D. parcel and the new 10 acre site be excluded from the Town of High Prairie annexation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**REPORTS:*****REEVE:***

No report

ACTING C.A.O.:

Mr. Renaud reported that he was interviewed by Davies Park in Edmonton last week prior to attending a Society of Local Government Manager's workshop in Kananaskis.

Mr. Renaud noted that he met with Larry Baran on May 14th to discuss fire matters and later they met with the High Prairie Recreation Director regarding rates for the second ice surface.

On May 18th Mr. Renaud attended a relationship building session in Swan Hills with the town managers from Swan Hills and High Prairie to discuss potential partnering projects under the Municipal Sustainability Initiative. Mr. Renaud noted that the Village of Kinuso manager was unable to attend. A brief discussion ensued on Municipal Sustainability Initiative funding issues.

Mr. Renaud noted for information in the agenda package a notification of increased provincial funding for FCSS.

Mr. Renaud further reported that he spoke with the Town of High Prairie Manager in regard to coordinating the Town and M.D. municipal census in June.

2007-11-391 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the M.D. census enumeration date be set to coordinate with that of the Town of High Prairie.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2007-11-392 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the Acting C.A.O.'s Report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS:

***CULVERT SUPPLY
AND DELIVERY:***

Council was provided with the tenders received for supply and delivery of the 2007 culvert inventory. Mr. Lussier recommended that the tender be awarded to the low bidder, Canada Culvert (FSI Culvert).

2007-11-393 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the tender for supply and delivery of the 2007 culvert inventory be awarded to Canada Culvert (FSI Culvert) in the amount of \$39,416.70.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***ROAD CLOSURE
BYLAW #10-2005:***

Bylaw No. 10-2005 for the closure of the road allowance adjacent to the west boundary of SW 12-72-19-W5 was presented to Council for second and third readings.

2007-11-394 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Bylaw No. 10-2005 be approved for second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2007-11-395 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that Bylaw No. 10-2005 be approved for third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW #11-2006:

Bylaw No. 11-2006 for the closure of the road allowance adjacent to the south boundary of the SE 30-71-17-W5M for the purpose of lease was presented to Council for second and third readings. Because of a lack of quorum of those councillors present at the public hearing, the item was deferred to either the next meeting or later in this meeting, pending Councillor Campiou's arrival.

BYLAW #24-2006:

Bylaw No. 24-2006 for the closure of the road allowance adjacent to the west boundary of the NW 31-73-17-W5 for the purpose of lease was presented to Council for second and third readings.

2007-11-396 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Bylaw No. 24-2006 be approved for second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2007-11-397 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Bylaw No. 24-2006 be approved for third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***BRIDGE FILE
73728:***

Correspondence was received from Mr. John Engleder, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation Regional Director, approving the award of the contract for the replacement of Bridge File 73728 as part of Phase I Gilwood Road Project to the low bidder, Cox Contractors Ltd.

2007-11-398 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the correspondence from Mr. John Engleder, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation Regional Director, dated May 10, 2007 approving the award of contract for the replacement of Bridge File 73728 as part of Phase I Gilwood Road Project be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BIG MEADOW
WATER CO-OP:**

Councillor Dupres stated that he understands the Big Meadow Water Co-op has been in discussions with Mr. Lussier regarding the sale of the Co-op to the M.D. and the process is proceeding. Mr. Lussier reported that the Co-op has been provided with an outline of conditions to be met, which they are working on. He noted that to ensure continuity, administration is looking into protocol from past transactions wherein other co-ops have been turned over to the M.D.

**PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT:**

Council reviewed the Public Works Superintendent's written report included in the agenda package. Mr. Lussier added that the gravel supply to the Gilwood stockpile site is resuming. He explained that the M.D. of Smoky River has lifted their road bans and the M.D. of Big Lakes issued a special permit for its section of the haul route. He noted that a portion of our road bans may be off by month end. Mr. Lussier further noted that public works is busy finalizing summer programs.

Reeve Savill commented on the good performance of public works crews on Sunday following a wash out on the east access to the bridge crossing Mission Creek in Jousard.

Councillor Welch mentioned that culverts might be plugged causing standing water in the ditches along the Lower Road off Mission Street in Grouard. Mr. Lussier will check into it.

Councillor Billings inquired as to the status of the Peavine Metis Settlement North Access contract. Mr. Lussier advised that the contract had been sent to the contractor. He will check whether the signed contracts have been returned.

2007-11-399

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Matthews questioned if any further information has been received from the M.D. of Smoky River regarding the proposed wildlife corridor along the McLennan-Peavine Connector Road. Mr. Renaud advised that Mr. Lou Turcotte, CAO for the M.D. of Smoky River, asked to be provided with written rationale from Sustainable Resource Development for the requirement. Mr. Renaud will follow up with Mr. Turcotte.

A break was taken from 10:43 a.m. to 10:54 a.m. Mr. Braithwaite and Mrs. Olansky joined the meeting.

AGRICULTURE:**AESA:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Agriculture and Food along with a one page summary of the 2007 AESA Partnership survey results.

2007-11-400

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that correspondence from Alberta Agriculture and Food dated May 4, 2007 regarding the 2007 AESA Partnership survey results be received for information.

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

Mr. Braithwaite provided an update on staffing and recommended that Council appoint Ron Fall, Melissa Dahlgren and Megan Adams as Municipal Weed Inspectors for the 2007 season.

2007-11-401

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Ron Fall, Melissa Dahlgren and Megan Adams be appointed as Municipal Weed Inspectors for the 2007 season.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Braithwaite suggested that Council determine the flood susceptible areas upstream of the North Dike in the Buffalo Bay/Horse Lake area prior to seeking approval for modification or removal of dike portions. He suggested Deputy Reeve Marx mark the flood prone roads of concern on an office map. Deputy Reeve Marx questioned Mr. Lussier if any roads were washed out this spring. Mr. Lussier advised that there were a few roads in this area that were under water for several days. He noted part of the area under water is within the current flood plain. Mr. Lussier advised of proposed remediation work and surveys done by Alberta Environment.

Mr. Papaiani entered the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Mr. Braithwaite reported that delivery of the new tractor has been backed up to July 23rd with the alteration of certain specifications; otherwise delivery is set back until August 23rd. He noted that quotes were only requested from John Deere dealerships because of the ability to have warranty or repair work done locally. Council discussed the option of purchasing another unit with similar specifications off the lot and having Deerline Sales put a tracer on other dealerships. Mr. Braithwaite will look into that option as well as the possibility of getting a loaner from Deerline until the new tractor arrives. It was noted that, if necessary, the current M.D. unit relocated to Swan Hills could be brought back for the time being.

Mr. Braithwaite reported that delivery of the new tree planter is expected for May 31st. He added that the wire spooler has arrived and is currently being mounted on a trailer deck. Mr. Braithwaite provided a brief explanation for operation of the wire spooler. He further mentioned that once the new pickup trucks arrive, others will be freed up for the ASB crews. Mr. Lussier made note of delays in the delivery of the new trucks.

Mr. Braithwaite informed Council of the areas in which the spraying program will begin and projected timelines.

Mr. Braithwaite advised that he has hired two new seasonal staff members who will be taking a training course in order to be qualified for spraying.

2007-11-402

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT
COMM. SERVICES:

PEACE OFFICER'S
REPORT:

Council reviewed the Community Peace Officer's report for the month of April 2007. Councillor Welch questioned if concerns relating trucks not adhering to the speed limit on S.H. 750 through Grouard were discussed during the meeting with the local trucking company.

Mr. Braithwaite left the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Officer Bronson advised that discussion was held and there have not been any problems subsequent to the meeting.

2007-11-403

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH that the Community Peace Officer's report to Council for the month of April 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FIRE CHIEF'S
REPORT:

Council reviewed the Fire Chief's monthly report to Council for the month of April 2007.

2007-11-404

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the Fire Chief's report to Council for the month of April 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2007 AB FIRE CHIEFS
ASSOCIATION
CONFERENCE:

Fire Chief Gould recommended that Council approve the M.D. Fire Chief and Senior Fire Officers or their representative to attend the 2007 Alberta Fire Chiefs Association 60th Anniversary Conference and Trade Show on June 10 to 13, 2007 in Edmonton, Alberta.

2007-11-405 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the M.D. Fire Chief and Senior Fire Officers or their representative be approved to attend the 2007 Alberta Fire Chiefs Association Conference and Trade Show on June 10 to 13, 2007.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AWARD OF QUOTATION

- SCBA:

Council was provided with the results of the quotations received for the purchase of nine self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) to upgrade existing equipment. Funds have been identified in the 2007 budget. Fire Chief Gould recommended that the quotation be awarded to Rocky Mountain Phoenix of Red Deer, Alberta. He explained that the existing equipment does not meet current National Fire Protection standards.

2007-11-406 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the supply of 9 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus be awarded to Rocky Mountain Phoenix of Red Deer in the amount of \$40,286.07.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENILDA MUNICIPAL SERVICES

FACILITY:

Council considered correspondence from the Enilda & District Society for Recreation and Culture dated August 16, 2006 approving a land swap of Block B, Plan 2415HW to the M.D. of Big Lakes in exchange for Lots 1 & 2, Block 2, Plan 2415HW under certain conditions. Reeve Savill advised that the contract on this particular municipal services facility is being held pending discussion on the land swap. Councillor Dupres questioned if anyone has checked whether this is still the position of the EDSRC. Council discussed the significant contribution already being made by the M.D. in constructing the new facility in the Hamlet. Mr. Lussier noted that Council may want to consider subdividing the ball diamond portion of the property in order that the EDSRC can retain ownership. Councillor Dupres and Mr. Lussier will meet with the EDSRC and report back.

2007-11-407 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that Council authorize the expenditure to cover the survey costs of Block B, Plan 2415HW in the Hamlet of Enilda for the potential purposes of subdividing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FAUST MUNICIPAL SERVICES

FACILITY:

Council considered correspondence from the Faust Community League approving the sale of Lot 1, Block 7, Plan 2187ET to the M.D. of Big Lakes for the sum of one dollar for the site of the new municipal services facility. The Faust Community League has also requested that they be considered for the existing fire hall if it should become available.

2007-11-408 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that Lot 1 Block 7 Plan 2187ET in the Hamlet of Faust be purchased from the Faust Community League for One Dollar and that should it be Council's intent to sell the existing Faust Fire Hall that administration inform the Faust Community League.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TELEPHONE LISTINGS FOR NEW MUNICIPAL SERVICES

FACILITIES:

Deputy Reeve Marx questioned if the new municipal services facilities will be listed in the phone book under fire hall. Fire Chief Gould advised that the current listings are under fire halls but also list 911 in case of emergency.

BYLAW #17-2006:

Bylaw No. 07-2007 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to create a new Land Use District to be known as the Rural Estate (RE) District and to re-district a portion of NW 14-74-16-W5 from Agriculture (A) District to the new "RE" District to accommodate a proposed residential subdivision was presented to Council. Mrs. Olansky explained that the M.D. Land Use Bylaw restricts applicants from submitting an application for a similar purpose on the same parcel until six months have passed from the time of refusal of the first application. She noted that this is a slightly different application from the original and the applicants have met the six month time limit. Council considered the inconvenience of adjacent landowners having to attend another public hearing on the same matter. Deputy Reeve Marx commented that something should be added to the Land Use Bylaw in order to minimize such issues.

Councillor Campiou joined the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Mrs. Olansky recommended that, in order to avoid confusion, the referral process remain status quo. A lengthy discussion took place on restricting multi-lot developments in close proximity to grandfathered confined feeding operations.

2007-11-409

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS that:

1. A public hearing date in the matter of Bylaw #07-2007 be set for June 13, 2007 at 1:30 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

PUBLIC WORKS, CON'T:

BYLAW #11-2006:

Bylaw No. 11-2006 for the closure of the road allowance adjacent to the south boundary of the SE 30-71-17-W5M for the purpose of lease was presented to Council for second and third readings.

2007-11-410

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that Bylaw No. 11-2006 be approved for second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2007-11-411

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Bylaw No. 11-2006 be approved for third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Billings left the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

**PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT
COMM. SERVICES, CON'T:**

*BYLAW #18-2007 &
BYLAW #19-2007:*

Bylaw No. 18-2007 to amend the Municipal Development Plan and Bylaw #19-2007 to amend the Land Use Bylaw were presented to Council with amendments incorporated as per Council/MPC direction. Reeve Savill noted that if the bylaws are approved for all three readings on June 13th the other Jousard Land Use Bylaw amendments previously tabled can be brought forth at that meeting.

2007-11-412

MOVED BY REEVE SAVILL that:

1. Bylaw #18-2007 be approved for first reading.
2. A public hearing date be set for June 13, 2007 at 1:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the M.D. of Big Lakes Administration Building.
3. Notices of the public hearing be placed in the May 30th and June 6th, 2007 issues of the South Peace News.

CARRIED

2007-11-413

MOVED BY REEVE SAVILL that:

1. Bylaw #19-2007 be approved for first reading.
2. A public hearing date be set for June 13, 2007 at 1:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the M.D. of Big Lakes Administration Building.
3. Notices of the public hearing be placed in the May 30th and June 6th, 2007 issues of the South Peace News.

CARRIED

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mrs. Cloutier-Plamondon thanked Council for working on the M.D. Land Use Bylaws and advised that the community of Jousard is trying to aid in determining which campgrounds were in effect prior to adoption of the Jousard Area Structure Plan. Mrs. Cloutier-Plamondon provided a copy of notes from the Jousard Area Structure Plan public hearing held on July 20, 2001. Mrs. Cloutier-Plamondon advised that she contacted one of the consultants, Mr. Frank Liszczak, who does not have an inventory of recreational campgrounds in existence at that time. Mrs. Cloutier-Plamondon was unable to contact the other consultant, Mr. Greg Hofmann. She stated that the notes indicate what the community was thinking then and what direction they felt the community should be going in. She noted that the feelings in Jousard really have not changed.

Reeve Savill informed Mrs. Cloutier-Plamondon that Council is trying to find a cross section of residents of Jousard at the time of conception of the Jousard Area Structure

Plan to meet and identify those of the current 15 applications for rezoning which should be grandfathered. Reeve Savill asked that Mrs. Cloutier-Plamondon give the meeting proposal some thought and he will get back to her. Council noted the importance of retaining information and suggested that administration check whether details are available from public consultations regarding the Faust Area Structure Plan.

Mrs. Cloutier-Plamondon left the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

**LITTER ON LESSER
SLAVE LAKE:**

Mr. Renaud reported that following legal research and consultation with M.D. legal counsel and given certain legislation, the M.D. of Big Lakes does not have jurisdiction over the accumulation of litter around ice fishing shacks located on Lesser Slave Lake near the Hamlet of Jousard. He noted that the legislation indicates that Alberta Environment has the greatest ability to address the matter. Discussion ensued on possible options to alleviate the issue. Mr. Renaud will look into how other municipalities are addressing similar situations.

2007-11-414

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that administration arrange for a meeting with Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development in regard to issues related to litter around ice fishing shacks located on Lesser Slave Lake and that administration research what action other municipalities are taking in similar situations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened at 12:48 p.m. Mr. Lussier, Officer Bronson, Mrs. Olansky, Ms. Boisson and Mr. Papaiani did not return to the meeting.

**PEACE LIBRARY
SYSTEM:**

A copy of the book entitled *The First 20 Years, The History of Peace Library System and its Member Libraries* was received from Ms. Linda Duplessis, Peace Library System Director.

2007-11-415

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that the correspondence from Ms. Linda Duplessis, Peace Library System Director, dated May 18, 2007 presenting the book entitled *The First 20 Years, The History of Peace Library System and its Member Libraries* be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PHYSICIAN RETENTION
COMMITTEE:**

Councillor Matthews presented a letter he received from the Physician Retention Committee suggesting that the M.D. provide a letter in support of building a parking complex at the current QEII Hospital in Grande Prairie.

Councillor Campiou returned to the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

2007-11-416

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that a letter be provided to the Physician Retention Committee in support of construction of a parkade at the existing Queen Elizabeth II Hospital in Grande Prairie.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Matthews noted that the Committee is also seeking support on an initiative to provide transportation to medical appointments. Council discussed the request and considered reallocating the funding available under the Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund. Reeve Savill advised that the M.D. has informal support from the provincial government for reallocating the funding.

Fire Chief Gould returned to the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Discussion continued.

2007-11-417

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that a letter be provided to the Physician Retention Committee in support of initiatives to alleviate the difficulty faced by many people in finding transportation to medical appointments.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2007-11-418

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that a letter be sent to the Member of Parliament indicating that the Alberta Provincial Government and the M.D. of Big Lakes have agreed to reallocate CAMRIF funding to the purchase of two buses that will be turned over to a

community organization to operate in order to transport residents to High Prairie with the balance of the funding to be made as a contribution to the purchase of CT Scan equipment for the new High Prairie Hospital.

CARRIED

Council instructed that administration put together a funding proposal and investigate a potential recipient of the buses. Mr. Renaud explained how funds are accessed under CAMRIF.

DELEGATION:

FAUST CHARITY ASSOCIATION:

Lea Dashkewytch, Ethel Ruecker, Cindy New, Estelle Baker and Matilda Thomas, Faust Charity Association, joined the meeting to discuss concerns regarding a letter they received from the M.D. asking for additional information to access grant money for the Faust Gathering Place. Ms. Dashkewytch noted that the letter advises \$100,000 was approved in the interim budget for the project, but a caveat must be placed on the property. Copies of the information as requested were provided to administration. Ms. Dashkewytch advised that the group does not understand the reasoning for the provision of a caveat. Reeve Savill explained that the provision was placed on the grant due to the unique community organization, of which one faction is privately owned. He went on to explain that the caveat will protect the M.D.'s investment in the event that the organization dissolves the property cannot be sold without the M.D.'s agreement. He added that the facility will remain in place for use of the community without assets reverting to the members. Discussion continued with regard to the proposed caveat and ownership of other community halls or the property on which they are situated. Ms. Dashkewytch updated Council on the progress of the project and questioned what is now needed from the organization should the funds be required. Reeve Savill instructed that the Faust Charity Association send a letter to the M.D. stating that the condition requiring a caveat be placed on the property is understood and agreed to.

The delegation left the meeting at 1:37 p.m. Councillor Welch stepped out of the meeting.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION:

CHEQUE LIST:

Council reviewed the current cheque list.

2007-11-419

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that cheques #36718 to #36843 in the total amount of \$287,426.48 for the period of May 9, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fire Chief Gould left the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

KINOSAYO MUSEUM:

A request was received from the Kinosayo Museum to access the 2007 operating grant.

2007-11-420

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the 2007 operating grant in the amount of \$3,000 be provided to the Kinosayo Museum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NW AB MAYORS, REEVES,
CAO, CHIEFS AND
CHAIRPERSONS:**

Council was provided with a copy of the minutes from the NW Alberta Mayors, Reeves, CAOs, Chiefs and Chairpersons meeting held in High Level on April 27, 2007. Mr. Renaud noted that a motion was carried at that meeting to formalize the organization for the purposes of lobbying.

Councillor Welch returned to the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Mr. Renaud recommended that Council determine what involvement, if any, the M.D. of Big Lakes will have in the organization. He noted that the Northern Alberta Development Council will continue to provide support providing all northern communities are invited to all future meetings. The next meeting will be held in High Prairie on June 15th. Council felt that they would like to keep updated and informed of future agenda items.

**MINISTER OF
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS
AND HOUSING:**

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, in response to Council's letter concerning the Tangible Capital Assets Project.

2007-11-421

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that a letter be sent to the Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, stating that Council does not agree that the Tangible Capital Assets Project will provide relevant information on the assets a municipality controls on behalf of ratepayers.

DEFEATED

2007-11-422

MOVED BY REEVE SAVILL that the correspondence from the Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated May 15, 2007 in response to Council's letter concerning the Tangible Capital Assets Project be received for information.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

**MACKENZIE FOREST
EDUCATION SOC.:**

Information was received from the Mackenzie Forest Education Society regarding the 2007-2008 Tom Baldwin Memorial Scholarship.

2007-11-423

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the correspondence from the Mackenzie Forest Education Society regarding the 2007-2008 Tom Baldwin Memorial Scholarship be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**KINUSO
HOMECOMING:**

A request was received on behalf of both the Kinosayo Museum and Central Slave Lake Agricultural Society for a contribution towards event costs for the homecoming celebration marking the one hundred year anniversary of the first homestead in the Kinuso area.

2007-11-424

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the correspondence from the Kinosayo Museum and Central Slave Lake Agricultural Society dated May 3, 2007 regarding a homecoming celebration to mark the one hundred year anniversary of the first homestead in the Kinuso area be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**TOWN OF HIGH
PRAIRIE:**

Correspondence to the Hon. Luke Ouellette, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, from Mayor John Brodrick, Town of High Prairie, was received expressing concern with regard to delays in the construction of a new hospital.

2007-11-425 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the correspondence to the Hon. Luke Ouellette, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, from Mayor John Brodrick, Town of High Prairie, dated May 10, 2007 regarding delays in the construction of a new hospital in High Prairie be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***MINISTER OF
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS
AND HOUSING:***

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, advising that a 2007-2008 unconditional municipal grant in the amount of \$12,349 is being processed for the M.D. of Big Lakes.

2007-11-426 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the correspondence from the Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated May 11, 2007 regarding the 2007/2008 unconditional municipal grant be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY cu

AAMD&C: Correspondence was received from the AAMD&C regarding member feedback on the Citizen Engagement Toolkit.

2007-11-427 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the correspondence from the AAMD&C dated May 15, 2007 regarding member feedback on the Citizen Engagement Toolkit be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***MINISTER OF INT'L,
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
& ABORIGINAL
RELATIONS:***

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Guy Boutilier, Minister of International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, regarding consultation sessions being held with Alberta municipalities to provide an overview of the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement signed by Alberta and British Columbia.

2007-11-428 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Mr. Renaud and Mr. Lussier be approved to attend the consultation session regarding the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement signed by Alberta and British Columbia on June 20th in Grande Prairie.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***MINISTER OF
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS
AND HOUSING:***

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, providing an update regarding the recently announced Municipal Sustainability Initiative.

2007-11-429 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the correspondence from the Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated May 18, 2007 providing an update on the Municipal Sustainability Initiative be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***HON. RAY
DANYLUK:***

An invitation was received to attend the Annual Ray Danyluk Cormorant Classic Golf Tournament & Steak Barbeque to be held July 6, 2007 at the Lac La Biche Golf & Country Club.

2007-11-430 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the invitation to attend the Annual Ray Danyluk Cormorant Classic Golf Tournament & Steak Barbeque to be held July 6, 2007 at the Lac La Biche Golf & Country Club be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY/
COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

D. MARX: Deputy Reeve Marx reported that he attended a Municipal Planning Commission meeting on May 15th. He added that an M.D. representative was not available to attend a May 14th High Prairie & District Recreation Board meeting, and as such, the meeting was cancelled.

F. WELCH: Councillor Welch reported that since the last council meeting she attended a Heart River Housing meeting.

Councillor Welch informed Council of an accident that occurred in Grouard involving two young girls driving a quad that was hit by a truck. She requested Officer Bronson obtain further information from the RCMP who advised that there is an investigation on going. Councillor Welch expressed concern with the high number of ATV's being driven by young kids and wondered how the M.D. can get involved.

K. MATTHEWS: Councillor Matthews questioned if administration is getting agreements signed by additional named insureds for insurance coverage under the M.D. policies. Mr. Loewen advised that the additional named insured are in the process of reviewing their current coverage. Mr. Renaud will go over the recommendations made at the Jubilee Risk-Pro seminar with Mr. Loewen. Councillor Matthews further questioned if a list of on-going insurance claims will be provided to Council. Mr. Renaud will follow up.

Councillor Matthews reported that construction on the second ice surface is progressing well. Mr. Loewen stated that the application for borrowing has been submitted, and the funds should be available by the middle of June.

K. KILLEEN: Councillor Killeen reported that he attended a Municipal Planning Commission meeting on May 15th and a Kinuso Recreation Board meeting. Council was updated on progress of the Kinuso Agriplex project.

R. DUPRES: Councillor Dupres reported that attended a Watershed Policy Advisory Committee meeting in Kinuso on Thursday, May 17th. A brief discussion took place regarding the weir at Lesser Slave Lake.

V. CAMPIOU: No report

R. EHMAN: No report

**UPCOMING
MEETINGS:**

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

Reeve Savill advised that he will tentatively arrange a meeting with Joussard community residents to review current Land Use Bylaw amendment applications in an attempt to come to consensus of which campgrounds were in existence prior to adoption of the Joussard Area Structure Plan. Councillor Killeen suggested that administration check whether the consultant who worked on the Joussard Area Structure Plan, Greg Hofmann, has any pertinent information. Discussion took place on the method in which the meeting should be held.

NEXT MEETING: The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on June 13, 2007 at the M.D. Administration Building.

IN CAMERA:

2007-11-431 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that the meeting go in camera to discuss personnel matters at 2:14 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2007-11-432 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting come out of camera at 2:36 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2007-11-433

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that Mr. Gilles Lussier be hired as Chief Administrative Officer for the M.D. of Big Lakes as per the negotiated agreement effective May 24, 2007.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

2007-11-434

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the meeting adjourn at 2:37 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Myler Savill, Reeve

Jeff Renaud, Acting C.A.O.