

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
October 10, 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, October 10, 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: Gilles Lussier, C.A.O.
Jeff Renaud, Deputy C.A.O.
David Lainchbury, Sup't of Public Works
Gerald Loewen, Treasurer
Gary Braithwaite, Ag. Fieldman
Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer
Karen Zelman, Development Clerk
Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary

Observers: Howard & Mindy Tanghe
Richard Neufeld, Northstar Planning
Pat Sinclair, Focus
Kathie Hankins
Dale McLaughlin

Press: Chris Clegg, South Peace News
Raffaele Papaianni, CKVH

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Savill called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

MINUTES:

2007-19-721

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that the minutes of the September 26, 2007 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADDENDUM
TO AGENDA:**

Public Works: Range Road 105 Culvert

2007-19-722

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that the agenda with addenda for the October 10, 2007 Council Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS:***REEVE:***

Reeve Savill reported that he attended Devon's 50th anniversary celebration in Swan Hills on September 29th. The M.D. was thanked for funding the fireworks for the celebration. He mentioned that concern was expressed by Devon officials in relation to the provincial Royalty Review report.

C.A.O.:

Mr. Lussier reported that an internal administrative meeting was held on September 27th regarding a number of topics including preparations for the draft budget.

Mr. Lussier and Mr. Braithwaite attended the New Wetland Policy and Implementation Plan Workshop in Grande Prairie on October 4th. Mr. Lussier explained the main objectives of the Policy, which is a component of the Water for Life Strategy developed by the Province.

Mr. Lussier reported on a follow up meeting held with Alberta Environment regarding debris left around ice fishing shacks on Lesser Slave Lake. He advised of an education

campaign planned by Alberta Environment and noted that there will also be an increased presence by Fish and Wildlife on the lake this winter.

Mr. Lussier stated that he is looking forward to working with those councillors recently acclaimed and wished the others involved in elections good luck and thanked them for their contribution this past term on Council.

DEPUTY C.A.O.:

Mr. Renaud reported that much of his time recently has been designated to election preparations. He proceeded to update Council on the progress of the Municipal Services Facilities construction.

Mr. Renaud advised that all signature papers for the creation of a society for the Lesser Slave Lake Economic Alliance were acquired and forwarded to the lawyers. He noted that a technical error was made on a signature form of one of the members which has since been corrected. The new paper will be sent to the lawyer directly.

Mr. Renaud reported that he has been working on budgets with the Peace Officer and Fire Chief and soon with the FCSS Director.

2007-19-723

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS:

***ALBERTA
ENVIRONMENT:***

Correspondence was received from Ms. Bev Yee, Assistant Deputy Minister – Alberta Environment, announcing the creation of a provincial paint recycling program beginning April 1, 2008. Mr. Lussier noted that the correspondence has already been included on the agenda for the next Regional Landfill Authority meeting.

2007-19-724

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS that the correspondence from Ms. Bev Yee, Assistant Deputy Minister – Alberta Environment, dated September 26, 2007 regarding the creation of a provincial paint recycling program be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***COUNTY OF
CAMROSE:***

Council received a copy of correspondence to the Hon. Rob Renner, Minister of Environment, from Reeve Jack Lyle, County of Camrose, regarding wetland compensation for road construction on government road allowances. Mr. Lussier noted in the correspondence that a resolution on this issue will be presented at the AAMDC Fall Conference. Discussion ensued.

2007-19-725

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that a letter be sent to the Hon. Rob Renner, Minister of Environment, endorsing the recommendations identified by Camrose County in their correspondence dated September 17, 2007 regarding wetland compensation for road construction on government road allowances and further Council feels that no further approvals should be issued while the Province awaits the resolution from the AAMDC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***HWY 679 GRADING
PROJECT:***

Correspondence was received from Mr. John Engleder, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation Regional Director, in response to the M.D.'s letter regarding drainage concerns on the Highway 679 grading project. Mr. Lainchbury advised that he has been trying to contact Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation to further discuss Council's concerns.

2007-19-726

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that correspondence from Mr. John Engleder, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation Regional Director, dated September 21, 2007 in response to Council's letter regarding drainage concerns on the Highway 679 grading project be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***AWARD OF
ENGINEERING:***

Mr. Lussier reported that three requests for proposals were sent out for the Infrastructure Master Plan, Off-Site Levies Report and Development Standards Handbook. He recommended that the engineering be awarded to the only respondent, DCL Siemens Engineering Ltd. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the need for an infrastructure master plan and development standards handbook.

2007-19-727

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that the engineering services of the Infrastructure Master Plan, Off-Site Levies Report and Development Standards Handbook be awarded to DCL Siemens Engineering Ltd. in the amount of \$175,000.

CARRIED

***ROAD ALLOWANCE
LEASE APPLICATION:***

Council considered a request from Mr. John Noga to lease the road allowance adjacent to the south boundary of the SE 18-74-13-W5 so that he may fence it off in order to keep the cattle in the adjacent grazing lease back.

2007-19-728

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that the request from Mr. John Noga to lease the road allowance adjacent to the south boundary of the SE 18-74-13-W5 be tabled until following the policy review later in the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***MINISTER OF
ENVIRONMENT:***

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Rob Renner, Minister of Environment, in response to Council's letter regarding the importance of the Alberta Water Management and Erosion Control Program.

2007-19-729

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that the correspondence from the Hon. Rob Renner, Minister of Environment, dated October 1, 2007 in response to Council's letter regarding the Alberta Water Management and Erosion Control Program be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RANGE ROAD 105:

Councillor Killeen requested that public works look into a report that the culvert on Range Road 105 at the south side of the Strawberry Creek Bridge may have been disturbed by a utility company. Mr. Lainchbury will follow up.

***PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT:***

Mr. Lainchbury apologized for not having a written report as he was away at a Public Works Conference from Monday to Wednesday last week.

Mr. Lainchbury provided a detailed update on the Gilwood Road regrading project.

Mr. Braithwaite joined the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Mr. Lainchbury further updated Council on the ditching program and Salt Prairie Road wash out repairs.

Councillor Campiou informed Mr. Lainchbury of a washed out culvert on Range Road 121A past the gravel pit.

Councillor Matthews questioned if the culvert wash out on the west side of Snipe Lake Road has been addressed. Mr. Lainchbury advised that the repair work is included in the Gilwood Road regrading project. He will follow up with the contractor.

Councillor Dupres received a report from a landowner that her driveway washes out in the spring because the size of the culvert is not sufficient to handle the run off. Mr. Lainchbury will obtain the location from Councillor Dupres and have the Foreman follow up.

Councillor Welch advised of some trees on M.D. owned property located behind the Grouard store/post office of concern to the store keeper and neighbors. She indicated that

they would like the trees removed because kids have been hanging around and lighting fires. Mr. Lainchbury will look into the concern.

Councillor Campiou asked that public works look into an approach construction request along Centre Street in Faust.

2007-19-730

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGRICULTURE:

AG. FIELDMAN'S REPORT:

Mr. Braithwaite reminded Council of the Regional ASB Conference being held November 6th at the High Prairie Inn. He commented that he is still looking to finalize the agenda and confirm a chairman. The draft agenda was reviewed with Council. It was noted that November 6th is also the day of the councillor orientation session in Slave Lake.

A tentative date for the fall Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting was set for November 13th.

Mr. Braithwaite advised that roadside mowing will be completed at the end of the month. The spraying program is complete and beaver control will continue until the end of the month.

Mr. Braithwaite will be attending a Heart River Watershed Action Committee meeting later today at Sunrise County.

Deputy Reeve Marx suggested that Mr. Braithwaite attend a meeting being held October 15th regarding carbon credits. Mr. Braithwaite will have information available for the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting.

A brief discussion took place regarding the beaver trapping program and the need to blast dams in the fall.

2007-19-731

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A break was taken from 11:09 a.m. to 11:21 a.m. Mr. Lainchbury did not return to the meeting. Mrs. Olansky and Mrs. Zelman joined the meeting.

PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT
COMM. SERVICES:

COMM. PEACE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Council reviewed the Community Peace Officer's report for the month of September 2007.

2007-19-732

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that the Community Peace Officer's report for the month of September 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW #29-2007:

Bylaw No. 29-2007 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district a portion of NW 14-74-16-W5 from Agriculture (A) District to the Country Residential (CR) District to accommodate a proposed residential subdivision of 5 lots was presented to Council. Mrs. Olansky noted that this application differs from the previous application for this property in its configuration and land use district.

2007-19-733

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS that:

1. A public hearing date in the matter of Bylaw No. 29-2007 be set for November 14, 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 October 31 and November 7, 2007 issues of the South Peace News

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**BYLAW #26-2007:**

Bylaw No. 26-2007 to adopt the Hamlet of Grouard Area Structure Plan was presented to Council for second reading. Mrs. Olansky noted that the districting of several lots was amended to either Direct Control District or Hamlet Commercial District as per Council direction. Councillor Matthews commented that he did not have an opportunity to discuss his concerns with the document with Mrs. Olansky due to his recent absence.

2007-19-734

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that Bylaw No. 26-2007 to adopt the Hamlet of Grouard Area Structure Plan be tabled to the next meeting.**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****COMM. DEV.
OFFICER'S
REPORT:**

The Community Development Officer's Report for the month of September 2007 was presented to Council. Reeve Savill requested that Mrs. Olansky include a running year to date total for development permit construction values with her monthly report.

2007-19-735

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the Community Development Officer's Report to Council for the month of September 2007 be received for information.**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****BLCT AGREEMENT:**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Allan Winarski, CAO - M.D. of Lesser Slave River, advising that the M.D. of Lesser Slave River would not be signing the draft Big Lake Country Tourism agreement that was circulated prior to the Town of High Prairie opting out.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding general terms of the draft funding agreement as well as the status of Big Lake Country Tourism operations at present and in the future. Council felt that the organization should continue its normal operations for the remainder of the year. The M.D. will ask the other funding municipalities of their plans for future involvement in the organization and encourage their participation, and further proceed with drafting of an interim agreement.

Mr. Papaiani entered the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

2007-19-736

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that the M.D. of Big Lakes continue with funding for Big Lake Country Tourism in 2007 and 2008 and further that letters be sent to the other funding partners asking that they advise of their intent in relation to future involvement in Big Lake Country Tourism and seeking their financial support in 2008.**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****AWARD OF QUOTATION
WATER TANKER
TRUCK:**

Council was provided with the results of the proposals received for the supply and delivery of a new water tanker for the High Prairie and District Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Renaud advised that the High Prairie Fire Chief has indicated that the specifications meet their requirements.

Mrs. Olansky and Mrs. Zelman left the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

2007-19-737

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS that the supply and purchase of a new water tanker for the High Prairie and District Volunteer Fire Department be awarded to Rocky Mountain Phoenix in Red Deer, Alberta in the amount of \$182,578 plus GST.**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION:****CHEQUE LIST:**

Council reviewed the current cheque list.

2007-19-738

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that cheques #37940 to #38058 in the total amount of \$3,340,519.93 for the period of September 30, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AAMDC: A Member Bulletin was received from the AAMDC seeking feedback on the report and recommendations recently released by the Royalty Review Panel.

2007-19-739 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Council respond to the Royalty Review report with concerns of the export of raw, unrefined oil and suggesting that natural gas, conventional oil and oilsands have their respective royalties adjusted independently and forward a copy of the feedback to the AAMDC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Clegg left the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

GROWTH ALBERTA: Information was received regarding an Agricultural Diversification Workshop being hosted by GROWTH Alberta on November 13th, 2007 in Westlock, Alberta.

2007-19-740 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that the information regarding an Agricultural Diversification Workshop being hosted by GROWTH Alberta on November 13th, 2007 in Westlock be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**AAMDC FALL CONVENTION:**

Mr. Lussier asked that Council provide input as to which government departments they wished to meet with during the AAMDC Fall Convention so that administration can begin scheduling. He noted that Alberta Environment and the RCMP have extended offers to meet with their departments.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 12:58 p.m. Mr. Loewen, Mr. Clegg and Mr. Papaiani did not return to the meeting.

Following much discussion, Council requested that meetings be arranged with the RCMP, Alberta Environment, Alberta Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture and Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation.

BRIAN JEAN, MP: A copy of correspondence to the Hon. Rona Ambrose, Minister of Western Economic Diversification, from Mr. Brian Jean, M.P., was received requesting consideration of the M.D. of Big Lakes' revised CAMRIF proposal.

Howard and Mindy Tanghe entered the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

2007-19-741 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATHEWS** that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Brian Jean, M.P., for his support of the M.D. of Big Lakes' revised CAMRIF proposal and noting that Council looks forward to his continued support and continued contact with Minister Ambrose's office to ensure a timely response.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**CORRESPONDENCE:****H.P. & DISTRICT ART SOCIETY:**

Council considered a request from the High Prairie and District Arts Society for a letter in support of their plan to secure a location to be used as a Public Art Gallery.

2007-19-742 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS** that a letter be provided to the High Prairie and District Arts Society for a letter in support of their plan to secure a location to be used as a Public Art Gallery.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**AB SURFACE RIGHTS FEDERATION:**

Information was received from the Alberta Surface Rights Federation regarding a Special Meeting being held on November 8, 2007 in Camrose, Alberta.

2007-19-743 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the information from the Alberta Surface Rights Federation regarding a Special Meeting being held on November 8, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINISTER OF
EMPLOYMENT,
IMMIGRATION
AND INDUSTRY:**

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Iris Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry, regarding the Alberta Chambers of Commerce 2008 Alberta Business Awards of Distinction.

2007-19-744

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS that the correspondence from the Hon. Iris Evans, Minister of Employment, Immigration and Industry, dated September 26, 2007 regarding the Alberta Chambers of Commerce 2008 Alberta Business Awards of Distinction be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PEACE COUNTRY
HEALTH:**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Marvin Moore, Board of Governors Chair – Peace Country Health, seeking 12 members to sit on the newly formed Regional Mental Health Advisory Council. Administration will find out the deadline for responses and confer with the Town of High Prairie and High Prairie Community Health Council for names of potential members.

2007-19-745

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS that the correspondence from Mr. Marvin Moore, Board of Governors Chair – Peace Country Health, dated October 1, 2007 seeking 12 members to sit on the newly formed Regional Mental Health Advisory Council be tabled to the next meeting for further information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mrs. Olansky returned to the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

**ALBERTA
ENVIRONMENT:**

An invitation was received from Mr. Ernie Hui, Director - Alberta Environment Northern Region, to meet during the AAMDC Fall Convention to discuss issues related to environmental legislation, programs, standards and guidelines or projects.

2007-19-746

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the invitation from Mr. Ernie Hui, Director - Alberta Environment Northern Region, dated October 3, 2007 to meet during the AAMDC Fall Convention be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A break was taken from 1:08 p.m. to 1:16 p.m. Mrs. Zelman returned to the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2007-19-747

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that the meeting go into public hearing at 1:16 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2007-19-748

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that the meeting come out of public hearing at 1:25 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW #35-2007:

Bylaw No. 35-2007 for the closure and sale of the road allowance adjacent to the north boundary of the NE 34-72-9-W5 and a portion of the NW 34-72-9-W5 was presented to Council for first reading. The Bylaw was amended as discussed during the public hearing.

2007-19-749

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that Bylaw No. 35-2007 be approved for first reading as amended.

CARRIED

Ms. Hankins, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Neufeld and Mr. Sinclair joined the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2007-19-750

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that the meeting go into public hearing at 1:27 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2007-19-751 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 1:35 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW #33-2007: Bylaw No. 33-2007 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district Section 34-72-9-W5 and Part of the South Half of 3-73-9-W5 from the Agriculture (A) District to a new district called the Country Residential – Estate (CR-E) District was presented to Council for second reading.

2007-19-752 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Bylaw No. 33-2007 be approved for second reading as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Lussier recommended an amendment to Schedule A regarding sewage systems for this district.

2007-19-753 **MOVED BY REEVE SAVILL** that Bylaw No. 33-2007 be approved for third reading as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mrs. Olansky, Mrs. Zelman and the delegation left the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

POLICY REVIEW:

***PERMITS, SALE, AND LEASE
OF M.D. ROADWAYS
POLICY (PW-04):***

The Permits, Sale, and Lease of M.D. Roadways Policy (PW-04) was provided to Council for review. The policy was amended by adding "all potential road closures will be subject to a public hearing".

2007-19-754 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that the Permits, Sale, and Lease of M.D. Roadways Policy (PW-04) be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***ROAD ALLOWANCE
LEASE APPLICATION:***

A request from Mr. Jim Zabolotniuk to lease the road allowance adjacent to the west boundary of the SW 02-75-17-W5 was tabled at the previous meeting pending a review of the Permits, Sale, and Lease of M.D. Roadways Policy. Council discussed the application and previous denial.

2007-19-755 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that a public hearing be scheduled for the proposed closure of the road allowance adjacent to the west boundary of the SW 02-75-17-W5 as requested by Mr. Jim Zabolotniuk.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***ROAD ALLOWANCE
LEASE APPLICATION:***

Council considered a request from Mr. John Noga to lease the road allowance adjacent to the south boundary of the SE 18-74-13-W5 to fence it off in order to keep the cattle in the adjacent grazing lease back.

2007-19-756 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that a public hearing be scheduled for the proposed closure of the road allowance adjacent to the south boundary of the SE 18-74-13-W5 as requested by Mr. John Noga.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY/
COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

D. MARX: Deputy Reeve Marx reported that he attended a Municipal Planning Commission meeting on October 9th.

F. WELCH: No report.

K. MATTHEWS: Councillor Matthews noted that he has been away. He provided an update on the second ice surface project and mentioned that it is hoped to have the facility open by November 1st.

Councillor Matthews thanked Council for their support and stated that he has enjoyed being a member of Council the past year and hopes to return following the election.

K. KILLEEN: Councillor Killeen wished the councillors luck in their elections. He further made note of item P under information.

V. CAMPIOU: Councillor Campiou reported that she attended a Community Futures meeting on October 9th.

R. DUPRES: Councillor Dupres reported that he attended a Big Lakes Library Board meeting last night. He noted that he will be talking with Mr. Loewen regarding an agreement between the Big Lakes Library Board and the Boards it funds because of an auditing issue.

A. BILLINGS: Councillor Billings reported that on October 9th he attended a function in honor of the 70th anniversary of the local Elks during which a cheque presentation was made to the Sports Complex Society from the proceeds of the cottage raffle. Councillor Billings wished good luck to those running in the election.

R. EHMAN: Councillor Ehman wished good luck to those running in the election.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

October 24, 2007	10:00 a.m.	Council Organizational Meeting
October 29, 2007	10:00 a.m.	Public Works Committee
October 29, 2007	1:00 p.m.	Special Council Meeting
November 6, 2007	9:00 a.m.	Councillor Seminar – Slave Lake
November 6, 2007		Regional ASB Conference

NEXT MEETING: The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on October 24, 2007 at the M.D. Administration Building.

Reeve Savill stated that it has been a pleasure to have worked with Council and publicly represent the M.D. of Big Lakes and thanked Council for their support. Reeve Savill wished Councillors Killeen, Dupres, Billings, Marx and Ehman best of luck with the upcoming council and wished Councillors Matthews, Campiou and Welch good luck in election on Monday.

ADJOURNMENT:

2007-19-757

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that the meeting adjourn at 2:04 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve

Gilles Lussier, C.A.O.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
PUBLIC HEARING
(ROAD CLOSURE)
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	Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary
Delegation:	Howard & Mindy Tanghe

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Savill called the public hearing to order at 1:16 p.m.

Reeve Savill reported that the Public Hearing was being held on a matter of an application for road allowance closure and Land Use Bylaw amendment.

Mrs. Olansky reported that the applicant has applied for the closure and sale of the road allowance adjacent to the north boundary of the NE 34-72-9-W5 and a portion of the NW 34-72-9-W5. The applicants are proposing to add the closed portion of road allowance to their proposed subdivision area and replace the road allowance with a road plan further to the north.

The public hearing was duly advertised and no written expressions either for or against the application have been received.

Mr. Tanghe advised that he is the landowner to the north and has agreed to sell a portion of his land to the applicant for the new road plan. He expressed that this new alignment would provide better access. Mr. Lussier explained that the existing undeveloped 66 foot right of way will be exchanged for a 100 foot road plan.

Council requested that the bylaw be amended to identify the intent of the road closure is for the sale in exchange for an alternative road right of way.

The public hearing was closed at 1:25 p.m.

Reeve

Gilles Lussier, C.A.O.

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

Mrs. Olansky further reported that the MPC reviewed the re-districting application at their September 19th meeting and recommended that Schedule "A" of Bylaw No. 33-2007 be amended to make new Country Residential – Estate District specific to this development. Mr. Neufeld indicated that the applicants have no concerns with the recommendation put forth by the MPC.

Council was advised that the applicants have requested to hook onto the Kinuso Rural Water Co-op system at the north end of the property and sewage will likely be individual field systems. Mr. Neufeld noted that a geotechnical report will be submitted to the M.D. along with the engineered design.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the proposed road closure and alternate access. Mr. Sinclair stated that they are asking for municipal support to close the road allowance and in return the developer will provide an alternate road plan developed to M.D. standards.

The public hearing was closed at 1:35 p.m.

Reeve

Gilles Lussier, C.A.O.