

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
October 24, 2007**

Minutes of the Municipal District of Big Lakes Organizational Meeting held at the M.D. Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

- PRESENT WERE:** Councillor: Alvin Billings, Banana Belt/H.P. East
Ray Dupres, Enilda
Violet Campiou, Faust
Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
Ken Killeen, Kinuso
Guy L'Heureux, Joussard
David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
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
Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer
John Gould, Fire Chief
Cory Bronson, Community Peace Officer
Gary Braithwaite, Ag. Fieldman
Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary
- Press: Chris Clegg, South Peace News
Raffaele Papaiani, CKVH
- CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Lussier called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed Councillor L'Heureux.
- OATH OF OFFICE:** Each councillor was administered their Official Oath of Office.
- REVIEW OF PROCESS:** Mr. Lussier explained the different options council may choose to proceed with the Organizational Meeting. Council chose to conduct the process by secret ballot.
- 2007-20-758 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that secret ballots for the purpose of committee appointments be held wherever necessary.
- CARRIED**
- 2007-20-759 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that Jeff Renaud be appointed Returning Officer for the purpose of the Organizational Meeting.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ELECTION OF REEVE:** Mr. Lussier called for nominations for Reeve. Councillor Marx nominated Councillor Billings. Mr. Lussier called a second and third time for nominations for Reeve.
- 2007-20-760 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that nominations for the position of Reeve cease.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Councillor Billings was declared elected as Reeve. Reeve Billings assumed the chair and was administered the Official Oath of Office.
- ELECTION OF DEPUTY REEVE:** Reeve Billings called for nominations for Deputy Reeve. Reeve Billings called a second time for nominations for position of Deputy Reeve. Councillor L'Heureux nominated Councillor Killeen. Councillor Ehman nominated Councillor Marx. Reeve Billings called a third time for nominations for position of Deputy Reeve.
- 2007-20-761 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that nominations for the position of Deputy Reeve cease.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Renaud distributed ballots and a secret vote was taken. Councillor Marx was declared elected as Deputy Reeve. Deputy Reeve Marx was administered the Official Oath of Office. Council reviewed their seating arrangements.

**STATUTORY/COUNCIL
APPOINTMENTS
MEMBERS AT LARGE:**

***AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE:***

Reeve Billings recommended that Peter Tindall be appointed as member since he attends most of the meetings. General discussion took place regarding membership on this committee. Councillor L'Heureux was removed as member at large.

2007-20-762

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that the following members be appointed to the Agricultural Advisory Committee along with any additional names that are brought forth throughout the year:

George Blackhurst
Grant Gashnitz
Howard Greer
Melvin Hill
Doug Meniece
Lorne Pratt
Calvin Richter
Claude Smith
Sam Wiley
Arthur Smith
Peter Tindall

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**STATUTORY/AGREEMENT
APPOINTMENTS - EXTERNAL:**

***HEART RIVER
HOUSING:***

Councillor Welch indicated that she would like to remain on the committee. Councillor Campiou volunteered to be appointed alternate.

2007-20-763

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Councillor Welch be appointed to the Heart River Housing Board and Councillor Campiou be appointed as alternate member.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***BARRHEAD SOCIAL
HOUSING:***

Councillors Killeen and Dupres offered to continue on the Barrhead Social Housing Board.

2007-20-764

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Councillor Killeen be appointed to the Barrhead Social Housing Board and Councillor Dupres be appointed as alternate member.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.C.S.S. ADVISORY:

2007-20-765

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH that Councillor Campiou and Councillor Welch be reaffirmed to the F.C.S.S. Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***COMMUNITY FUTURES
L.S.L. REGION:***

2007-20-766

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that Councillor Campiou be appointed to Community Futures – Lesser Slave Lake Region and Councillor Ehman be appointed as alternate member.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***M.D. OF BIG LAKES
LIBRARY BOARD:***

Councillor Dupres declined membership to the Big Lakes Library Board. Councillor Campiou expressed interest.

2007-20-767

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that Councillor Welch and Councillor Campiou be appointed to the M.D. of Big Lakes Library Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Lussier reported that two member at large appointments are expiring. Three letters of interest in the member at large positions were received, two being from the current members.

2007-20-768

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Ann Stewart and Lorrie Shelp be appointed as members-at-large to the Big Lakes Library Board for the term of November 1, 2007 to October 31, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*HIGH PRAIRIE
LIBRARY BOARD:*

Councillor Dupres declined membership on the High Prairie Library Board.

2007-20-769

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that Councillor Welch be appointed to the High Prairie Library Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Lussier reported that one member at large appointed is expiring. Two expressions of interest have been received, one being from the current member.

2007-20-770

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that Ann Stewart be appointed as member-at-large to the High Prairie Library Board for the term November 1, 2007 to October 31, 2010.

CARRIED

Mr. Lussier reported that Ms. Simone Blacha submitted a letter of interest to continue as the joint M.D./Town member at large on the High Prairie Library Board if this was agreeable to Town Council.

2007-20-771

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that Simone Blacha be appointed to the High Prairie Library Board as joint member with the Town of High Prairie for the term November 1, 2007 to October 31, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*PEACE LIBRARY
SYSTEM:*

Councillor Dupres requested that Councillor Welch become member of Peace Library System and he will be alternate.

2007-20-772

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that Councillor Welch be appointed to the Peace Library System and Councillor Dupres be appointed as alternate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*HIGH PRAIRIE
REC. BOARD:*

Councillor Ehman and Deputy Reeve Marx expressed their interest in continuing as members on the High Prairie and District Regional Recreation Board.

2007-20-773

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that Deputy Reeve Marx and Councillor Ehman be appointed to the High Prairie & District Regional Recreation Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2007-20-774

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Councillor Matthews be appointed to the High Prairie & District Regional Recreation Board as the alternate member.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**KINUSO REC.
BOARD:**

Councillor Killeen advised that Mr. Churchill and Mr. Dow are still interested in being the members-at-large.

2007-20-775

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that Councillor Killeen and A. Churchill and Terry Dow be appointed to the Kinuso Recreation Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**H.P. REGIONAL
LANDFILL AUTHORITY:**

2007-20-776

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Councillor Billings be appointed to the High Prairie Regional Landfill Authority and Councillor L'Heureux be appointed as the alternate member.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**H.P. SEED
CLEANING CO-OP:**

Councillor Billings volunteered to remain on the High Prairie Seed Cleaning Co-op.

2007-20-777

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that Councillor Billings be appointed to the High Prairie Seed Cleaning Co-op Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**L.S.L. WATERSHED
COMMITTEE:**

2007-20-778

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that Councillor Dupres be appointed to the Lesser Slave Lake Watershed Committee and Councillor L'Heureux be appointed as alternate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**PEACE AIR SHED:**

A brief discussion took place on the status of this Association.

2007-20-779

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Councillor Matthews be appointed to the Peace Air Shed Zone Association and Reeve Billings be appointed as alternate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**BARRHEAD AIR SHED:**

2007-20-780

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Councillor Matthews be re-affirmed to the Barrhead/Whitecourt Air Shed Zone Association and Reeve Billings be re-affirmed as alternate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**P.R.W.R.A.C.:**

2007-20-781

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that Councillor L'Heureux be appointed to the Peace Region Waste Reduction Action Committee and Reeve Billings be appointed as alternate member.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**S.A.R.D.A:**

2007-20-782

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Councillor Ehman be re-affirmed to the Smoky Applied Research and Development Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**TOURISM:**

Councillor Welch indicated that she would like to remain on Big Lake Country Tourism with the understanding that there may be changes with the organization.

2007-20-783

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that Councillor Welch be appointed to the Big Lake Country Tourism and that Councillor Dupres be appointed as the alternate member.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**GROUARD/P.R. TRAIL
COMMITTEE:**

2007-20-784 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that Councillor Welch be appointed to the Grouard/Peace River TrailNet Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

V.S.I.: Councillor L'Heureux expressed interest in being alternate to VSI.

2007-20-785 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that Councillor Billings be appointed to Veterinary Services Incorporated Board and Councillor L'Heureux be appointed as alternate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***METIS SETTLEMENTS
COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE:***

2007-20-786 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Reeve Billings, Councillor Marx and Councillor Dupres be appointed to the Metis Settlement Communications Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***L.S.L. FOREST RESOURCE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE:***

2007-20-787 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Councillor Killeen be recommended for appointment to the Lesser Slave Lake Resource Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***TOLKO FOREST
RESOURCE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE:***

Discussion ensued on the benefits of continuing with membership on this committee.

2007-20-788 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that Deputy Reeve Marx be appointed to the Tolko Forest Resource Advisory Committee and Councillor Killeen be appointed as alternate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***SWAN HILLS SPECIAL WASTE
TREATMENT FACILITY LIAISON
COMMITTEE:***

2007-20-789 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Councillor Killeen continue to sit on the Swan Hills Special Waste Treatment Facility Liaison Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***STAFF NEGOTIATING
COMMITTEE:***

Council provided Councillor L'Heureux with background information on the purpose of this committee.

2007-20-790 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the Staff Negotiating Committee continue to be comprised of three council members.

CARRIED

Councillors Dupres, L'Heureux and Matthews expressed interest in being appointed to the Staff Negotiating Committee.

2007-20-791 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Councillor Dupres, Councillor L'Heureux and Councillor Matthews be appointed to the Staff Negotiating Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***H.P. HEALTH
FACILITY AD HOC
COMMITTEE:***

Councillor Matthews expressed interest in being appointed to the High Prairie Health Facility Ad Hoc Committee.

2007-20-792 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Councillor Matthews be appointed to the High Prairie Health Facility Ad Hoc Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**H.P. 2ND ICE
SURFACE AD HOC
COMMITTEE:**

2007-20-793

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Councillor Matthews be re-affirmed to the High Prairie Second Ice Surface Ad Hoc Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**STATUTORY/COUNCIL
APPOINTMENTS - INTERNAL:****ASSESSMENT
REVIEW BOARD:**

2007-20-794

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that Councillor L'Heureux, Councillor Matthews and Reeve Billings be appointed to the Assessment Review Board and Councillor Ehman be appointed as alternate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M.P.C.:

Discussion took place on making the Municipal Planning Commission a committee of all of council. Mr. Lussier noted that the establishment of the subdivision and development authority is done through the bylaw process and cannot be amended at this meeting.

2007-20-795

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Councillor Killeen, Deputy Reeve Marx and Reeve Billings be appointed to the Municipal Planning Commission.

CARRIED

Mr. Lussier informed Council that letters of interest in the Municipal Planning Commission member-at-large positions were received from Will Marx, Tammy Henkel and Cathy Wilcox. Mrs. Olansky noted that Mrs. Wilcox would prefer to be appointed to the MPC, but has indicated that she would let her name stand as

Correction:

member at large for the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. ***Mr. Lussier reported that Myler Savill expressed interest by phone and Deputy Reeve Marx confirmed that Mr. Savill wished to let his name stand*** for the MPC member at large. Ballots were distributed and a secret vote was taken.

2007-20-796

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that Mr. Will Marx and Mr. Myler Savill be appointed to the Municipal Planning Commission as members at large.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

S.D.A.B.:

Mr. Lussier advised that no new letters of interest had been submitted for the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

2007-20-797

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Terry Lanigan, Vivian Torrens, Duane Nichols, Dennis Zahacy and Cathy Wilcox be appointed to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE:**

2007-20-798

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Councillor Dupres, Councillor Campiou, and Councillor Matthews be appointed to the Disaster Services Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**WEED & PEST
CONTROL APPEAL
COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Braithwaite advised that the previously appointed members, Grant Gacshnitz, Melvin Hill, and Robert Smith were still interested in being appointed to the Weed and Pest Control Appeal Committee.

2007-20-799

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Grant Gacshnitz, Melvin Hill, and Robert Smith be re-appointed to the Weed and Pest Control Appeal Committee

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEETING
SCHEDULE:

2007-20-800

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that regular council meetings continue to be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIRMATION OF
APPOINTMENTS:

2007-20-801

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that all council appointments made by secret ballot be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DESTRUCTION
OF BALLOTS:

2007-20-802

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A break was taken from 10:55 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. Mr. Braithwaite joined the meeting.

REMUNERATION
POLICY:

The Councillor and At-Large Honorarium Policy (Counc-04) was distributed to Council for review. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding how the policy relates to the Agricultural Advisory Committee members at large. It was suggested that the policy be brought forth at a future council meeting for amendments.

2007-20-803

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the Councillor and At-Large Honorarium Policy (Counc-04) be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHRISTMAS STAFF
RECOGNITION:

The Christmas Staff Recognition Policy (Admin-21) was included in the agenda package for review. Councillor Dupres recommended that the policy be reviewed at a future meeting should administration deem changes are warranted.

2007-20-804

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that the Christmas Staff Recognition Policy be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER:*HIGH PRAIRIE
INTER-MUNICIPAL
AD HOC
COMMITTEE:*

Mr. Lussier reported that the committee has historically been made up of three council members, one being the Reeve. Councillor Matthews, Councillor Dupres, Deputy Reeve Marx, and Councillor Ehman expressed interest.

Ballots were distributed and secret vote taken. Councillor Ehman was declared elected a member. A tie vote resulted between Councillor Matthews and Deputy Reeve Marx. Deputy Reeve Marx withdrew his name.

2007-20-805

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that Reeve Billings, Councillor Ehman and Councillor Matthews be appointed to the High Prairie Inter-Municipal Ad Hoc Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*SWAN HILLS
INTER-MUNICIPAL
AD HOC
COMMITTEE:*

Councillor L'Heureux expressed interest in this committee.

2007-20-806

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that Reeve Billings, Councillor L'Heureux and Councillor Killeen be appointed to the Swan Hills Inter-Municipal Ad Hoc Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***MD/TOWN FIRE
SERVICES
COMMITTEE:***

Councillors Matthews and Dupres expressed interest. Mr. Lussier will approach the Town of High Prairie with regard to appointing two council members to the committee rather than one.

2007-20-807

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Ken Matthews and Ray Dupres be appointed to the M.D./Town Fire Services Ad Hoc Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***LESSER SLAVE
LAKE ECONOMIC
ALLIANCE:***

Mr. Lussier noted that Reeve Billings currently fills the one director position for the M.D.

2007-20-808

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that Reeve Billings be appointed to the Lesser Slave Lake Economic Alliance and Councillor Matthews be appointed as alternate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CONFIRMATION OF
APPOINTMENTS:**

2007-20-809

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH that all council appointments made by secret ballot be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DESTRUCTION
OF BALLOTS:**

2007-20-810

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

2007-20-811

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that the meeting adjourn at 11:28 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Alvin Billings, Reeve

Gilles Lussier, C.A.O.