

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
November 14, 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, November 14, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT WERE:

Reeve: Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt
Deputy Reeve: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
Councillor: Violet Campiou, Faust
Ray Dupres, Enilda/Big Meadow
Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
Ken Killeen, Kinuso
Guy L'Heureux, Jousard
Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
Fern Welch, Grouard

Administration: Gilles Lussier, C.A.O.
Jeff Renaud, Deputy C.A.O.
Gerald Loewen, Treasurer
Gary Braithwaite, Ag. Fieldman
Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer
Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary

Delegation: Lorne Carson
Dale Thomas

Press: Chris Clegg, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER:

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

MINUTES:

Councillor L'Heureux questioned on page six of the October 26th Organizational Meeting minutes whether Mr. Myler Savill had expressed interest in sitting as a member at large on the MPC to the CAO in accordance to the ad. Mr. Lussier explained that Mr. Savill had been in discussions with him regarding the member at large position and subsequently confirmed his interest with Deputy Reeve Marx.

2007-23-862

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that the minutes of the October 24, 2007 Organizational Meeting be adopted as corrected.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2007-23-863

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that the minutes of the October 24, 2007 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2007-23-864

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that the minutes of the October 29, 2007 Special Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

**ADDENDUM
TO AGENDA:**

Alberta Infrastructure & Transportation Requirement for Traffic Impact Assessment
Jousard Campsite Water and Sewer
Bylaw on Bare Land Condominiums
Second Application of Dust Control
Cattle Situation Resolution
In-Camera – Personnel Matters
SARDA Member at Large
Long Term Planning
Financial Report

2007-23-865

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the agenda with addenda for the November 14, 2007 Council Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

Mr. Lussier advised Councillor Dupres in response to his previous request that 2007 was the final year for the Enilda debenture.

Councillor Matthews inquired as to the progress for locating small buildings at each transfer site for battery collection. Mr. Lussier will look into it and get back to Councillor Matthews. He noted that the next Regional Landfill Authority meeting is scheduled for December 13th.

Councillor Matthews questioned if signed agreements have been returned by the M.D.'s additional names insureds. Mr. Loewen advised that he is arranging an information session with Jubilee Insurance for the additional names insureds early in the New Year.

Councillor Matthews questioned if a meeting has been arranged to discuss issues regarding Cattail Cabins. Mr. Lussier advised that Council has a meeting with the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development on November 21st, and his office has been provided with a briefing.

A brief discussion ensued regarding Council's decision to refund fees for Land Use Bylaw amendment applications submitted prior to receiving approval for grandfathering of RV campsites within the Hamlet of Jousard.

2007-23-866

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that a development permit application fee in accordance with the MD's Schedule of Fees be charged to those landowners approved to continue RV parking as a legal non-conforming use under the MD Land Use Bylaw and that any fees paid in excess of the appropriate development permit application fee be refunded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS:

REEVE:

Reeve Billings reported that he attended the October 29th Public Works Committee meeting and Special Council meeting, a High Prairie Seed Cleaning Co-op meeting on October 30th, the November 6th ASB Regional Conference, November 11th Remembrance Day ceremonies and the November 13th Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting.

C.A.O.:

Mr. Lussier's written report was included in the agenda package. He added that he and Deputy Reeve Marx attended a meeting on October 31st with representatives of the Peavine Metis Settlement, Town of McLennan and MD of Smoky in regard to the Peavine-McLennan connector road. Mr. Lussier also attended a meeting along with Mrs. Olansky and Mr. Lainchbury and DCL Siemens to commence work on the MD's Infrastructure Master Plan.

A brief discussion took place regarding the status of the North Peavine Seal Lake access road.

DEPUTY C.A.O.:

Mr. Renaud reported that he and Mr. Loewen attended a Jubilee Insurance Riskpro session in Grande Prairie on October 29th. On October 31st he met with a representative of Trafalgar Energy in regard to an emergency exercise being conducted south of Grouard today. He noted that the MD Fire Chief is working with them on the exercise. Mr. Renaud attended the Councillor Orientation Session on November 6th in Slave Lake.

Mr. Renaud further reported that on November 7th he, along with Fire Chief Gould and Officer Bronson, met with members of the ambulance service to discuss service zone changes and other operational issues. He noted that Peace Country Health Emergency Medical Services will be attending the December 12th meeting as a delegation.

Councillor Welch requested an update on the rural addressing project. Mr. Lussier reported that the signs are currently being printed.

Councillor Welch stepped out of the meeting 10:41 a.m.

2007-23-867

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**PUBLIC WORKS:*****FAUST ROYAL
PURPLE AVENUE:***

Correspondence was received from Mrs. Ethel Ruecker concerning the condition of numerous streets within the Hamlet of Faust, in particular Royal Purple Avenue. Various options for repairs were discussed.

Councillor Welch returned to the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

2007-23-868

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that the concern regarding the condition of Faust Royal Purple Avenue be addressed with any necessary maintenance that can be done this winter and further be referred to the Public Works Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***DOUCETTE
DRAINAGE:***

Councillor Ehman reported on a concern from a ratepayer regarding flooding from the Doucette Drainage onto his property. Councillor Ehman requested that Mr. Braithwaite obtain topography information for this area from Alberta Environment in order to evaluate possible solutions.

2007-23-869

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that the item regarding Doucette Drainage be tabled to the next Public Works Committee meeting for further information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***PRIVATE DRIVEWAY
SNOWPLOWING
POLICY:***

Council reviewed the amended Private Driveway Snowplowing Policy (PW-02) that would allow residents to enter into multi-year agreements.

2007-23-870

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that the amended Private Driveway Snowplowing Policy (PW-02) be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A brief discussion took place on snowplowing for seniors. It was suggested that Mrs. Strang be requested to look into funding possibilities for seniors for snowplowing in rural areas.

A break was taken from 10:59 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.

***HWY 2/RR172
INTERSECTION:***

Council was presented with an Offer to Sell Agreement from Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation (AIT) for an exchange of a portion of M.D. administration lands for intersection improvements at Highway 2 and Range Road 172. Mr. Lussier provided details on the project and noted that he will suggest a revision to AIT to the agreement that Range Road 172 be paved to the existing paved approach accessing the employee parking area and shop.

2007-23-871

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that the Offer to Sell Agreement with Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation for a portion of M.D. lands on Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 9221396 be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**AWARD OF TENDER -
BAKER'S CROSSING
BRIDGE:**

Council was provided with the results of the tender for replacement of Bridge File 76362 (Baker's Crossing). It was recommended that the contract be awarded to the low bidder, Graham Industrial Services.

2007-23-872

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that the contract for replacement of Bridge File 76362 (Baker's Crossing) be awarded to Graham Industrial Services in the amount of \$4,496,525 subject to approval of Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BIG MEADOW
WATER CO-OP:**

Mr. Lussier recommended that Council execute an agreement as presented for the purchase of the Big Meadow Water Co-op.

2007-23-873

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that the agreement for the purchase of the Big Meadow Water Coop be executed as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**H.P. & DISTRICT
GOLF CLUB:**

A request was received from the High Prairie & District Golf Club that Council consider permanent dust control along Range Road 180 on the west side of the golf course.

2007-23-874

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the request from the High Prairie & District Golf Club that Council consider permanent dust control along Range Road 180 on the west side of the golf course be tabled until following a review of the Dust Control Policy (PW-12) by the Public Works Committee and Council.

CARRIED

**PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT:**

The Public Works Superintendent's written report to Council was included in the agenda package.

2007-23-875

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Welch questioned if the guardrail and streetlight installation work on Highway 750 at Grouard has been completed for the winter. Mr. Lussier will follow up on the contractor's schedule.

Mr. Lussier presented an update on the rural addressing project. He will provide Councillor Matthews with an information brochure on the rural addressing system.

**AB INFRASTRUCTURE &
TRANSPORTATION:**

Correspondence was received from Mr. John Engleder, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation Regional Director, advising that the M.D. will be receiving a grant in the amount of \$74,400 under the 2007 Streets Improvement Program.

2007-23-876

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the correspondence from Mr. John Engleder, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation Regional Director, dated October 30, 2007 regarding the 2007 Streets Improvement Program be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**JOUSSARD CAMPSITE
WATER & SEWER:**

Councillor L'Heureux explained that the Joussard Community Association has applied for multiple water and sewer connections to service the east portion of their existing campsite due to the abnormally long road frontage. Mr. Lussier advised that there is no current bylaw restricting the number of connections so Council could allow the request on a discretionary basis due to the unique land use for this parcel.

2007-23-877

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that Public Works be granted the authority to approve multiple water and sewer connections to parcels, on a discretionary basis, subject to all other requirements being met.

CARRIED

DUST CONTROL: Council was informed of safety concerns expressed by residents along the Snipe Lake Road resulting from dust control recently applied by logging companies, which has now turned to slush following the rain and snow. The concerns will be forwarded on to Mr. Lainchbury.

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

Discussion took place regarding attendance on behalf of the MD at the November 15th carbon credit workshop being held in Fairview.

2007-23-878

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMEN that Councillor Matthews be approved to attend the November 15th carbon credit workshop in Fairview.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Braithwaite reported it has been brought to his attention by Alberta Environment (AENV) that all funding for drainage projects has been put on hold. Subsequently there will be no monies available for Doucette drainage this year and likely next year. Council discussed terms of the maintenance funding agreements. Mr. Lussier noted that Council sent a letter to the Minister concerning the review of the Alberta Water Management and Erosion Control Program and the item is also on the agenda for the upcoming meeting with Regional staff of AENV.

Mr. Braithwaite suggested that, further to the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting, Council may wish to consider adopting best management practices for Club Root at a future meeting.

Mr. Braithwaite reported that he has spoken with the MD contract beaver trapper with regard to wolf complaints discussed during the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting. The trapper will work with affected producers and obtain appropriate permits and permission to deal with the problem at no cost to the MD.

2007-23-879

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***CATTLE CRISIS:***

Council discussed at length concerns expressed during the November 13th Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting regarding problems in the cattle industry. Reeve Billings suggested that he Deputy Reeve Marx present these concerns to the Premier when they meet on November 17th. It was further suggested that Reeve Billings and Deputy Reeve Marx introduce the issue at the November 19th Reeve's meeting.

2007-23-880

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that the crisis in the cattle industry be brought forth at the November 19th Reeve's meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:53 a.m. and reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

SARDA MEMBER AT LARGE:

Councillor Ehman recommended that an advertisement be placed in the local newspaper seeking a member at large to represent the MD on the Smoky Applied Research and Demonstration Association. He added that Council may wish to consider paying the member's per diem through the MD rather than through SARDA.

2007-23-881

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMEN that the MD advertise for a member at large to sit on the Smoky Applied Research and Demonstration Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT COMM. SERVICES:*****FCSS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:***

Mrs. Strang reviewed the F.C.S.S. Director's Report to Council for the month of October 2007.

2007-23-882 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the F.C.S.S. Director's Report to Council for the month of October 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCSS FUNDING AGREEMENT:

Council was provided with a Family and Community Support Services Funding Agreement for the term January 1 to December 31, 2008 from Mr. Tim Moorhouse, Director – Community Partnerships – Alberta Children's Services.

2007-23-883 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the F.C.S.S. Funding Agreement for the term January 1 to December 31, 2008 be executed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMM. PEACE OFFICER'S REPORT:

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

2007-23-884 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the Community Peace Officer's report for the month of October 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 October 2007.

2007-23-885 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the Fire Chief's report to Council for the month of October 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Renaud provided a brief update on construction of the Municipal Services Facilities.

BYLAW #36-2007:

Bylaw No. 36-2007 to cancel certain lots in the Hamlet of Grouard and revert the lots back to Plan 2359AR Block T to form one parcel was presented to Council for second and third readings.

2007-23-886 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that Bylaw No. 36-2007 be approved for second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2007-23-887 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that Bylaw No. 36-2007 be approved for third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEV'T PERMIT APP. 07-71:

Mrs. Olansky reported that a development permit application was received from Cattail Cabins & RV Park Inc. to locate one summer rental cottage on their property in Faust. The M.D. Land Use Bylaw designates this lot as being within the Direct Control District and accordingly, Council shall decide upon all development permit applications located within a Direct Control District. The Development Permit Application was duly advertised and no verbal or written comments were received either for or against this proposed development.

2007-23-888 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that Development Permit Application #07-71 be approved with the following conditions:

- 1) No further development is permitted without a valid development permit issued by the M.D. of Big Lakes.
- 2) Development must be commenced within one year of the date of the issuance on the permit.
- 3) All services are the responsibility of the developer.
- 4) The development must be completed according to the plan submitted.
- 5) The development must be set back a minimum of 10.0 meters (33 feet) from the front property line adjacent to Railway Ave., 1.5 meters (5 feet) from the interior side property line, 4.26 meters (14 feet) from the exterior side property line, and 4.26 meters (14 feet) from the rear property line.
- 6) That a Surveyor's Certificate or Real Property Report signed by an Alberta Land Surveyor, relating to the building be submitted by the owner/developer upon completion of the building foundation and prior to commencement of framing or further

structural construction to ensure that the building is sited according to the provisions of the development permit and the Land Use Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***DEV'T PERMIT
APP. 07-72:***

Mrs. Olansky reported that a development permit application was received from Cattail Cabins & RV Park Inc. to locate four summer rental cottages on their property in Faust. The M.D. Land Use Bylaw designates this lot as being within the Direct Control District and accordingly, Council shall decide upon all development permit applications located within a Direct Control District. The Development Permit Application was duly advertised and no verbal or written comments were received either for or against this proposed development.

2007-23-889

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that Development Permit Application #07-72 be approved with the following conditions:

- 1) No further development is permitted without a valid development permit issued by the M.D. of Big Lakes.
- 2) Development must be commenced within one year of the date of the issuance on the permit.
- 3) All services are the responsibility of the developer.
- 4) The development must be completed according to the plan submitted.
- 5) All development must be set back a minimum of 1.5 meters (5 feet) from the front property line adjacent to Railway Ave., 2.1 meters (7 feet) from the interior side property line, 3.0 meters (10 feet) from the exterior side property line, and 1.5 meters (5 feet) from the rear property line adjacent to Royal Purple Ave.
- 6) That a Surveyor's Certificate or Real Property Report signed by an Alberta Land Surveyor, relating to the building be submitted by the owner/developer upon completion of the building foundation and prior to commencement of framing or further structural construction to ensure that the building is sited according to the provisions of the development permit and the Land Use Bylaw.

DEFEATED

2007-23-890

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Development Permit Application #07-72 be approved with the following conditions:

- 1) No further development is permitted without a valid development permit issued by the M.D. of Big Lakes.
- 2) Development must be commenced within one year of the date of the issuance on the permit.
- 3) All services are the responsibility of the developer.
- 4) The development must be completed according to the plan submitted with the exception of the most easterly cabin. Only three cabins shall be permitted on this parcel.
- 5) All development must be set back a minimum of 2.7 meters (9 feet) from the front property line adjacent to Railway Ave., 3 meters (10 feet) from the interior side property line, 3.0 meters (10 feet) from the exterior side property line, and 3 meters (10 feet) from the rear property line adjacent to Royal Purple Ave.
- 6) That a Surveyor's Certificate or Real Property Report signed by an Alberta Land Surveyor, relating to the building be submitted by the owner/developer

upon completion of the building foundation and prior to commencement of framing or further structural construction to ensure that the building is sited according to the provisions of the development permit and the Land Use Bylaw.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING:

2007-23-891 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting go into public hearing at 1:28 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2007-23-892 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 1:31 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW #34-2007: Bylaw No. 34-2007 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district a portion of the south half of SW 30-74-16-W5 from the Agriculture (A) District to the Industrial (I) District to accommodate a school bus terminal and shop was presented to Council for second and third readings.

2007-23-893 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that Bylaw No. 34-2007 be approved for second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2007-23-894 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Bylaw No. 34-2007 be approved for third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING:

2007-23-895 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the meeting go into public hearing at 1:33 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2007-23-896 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 2:00 p.m.

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 for first reading.

2007-23-897 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that that application 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 be refused.

CARRIED

A break was taken from 2:04 p.m. to 2:12 p.m.

DELEGATION:

CARSON FORESTRY SERVICES INC.:

Mr. Lorne Carson, Carson Forestry Services Inc., and Mr. Dale Thomas, Forest Health Officer – Alberta Sustainable Resource Development, joined the meeting to present information on the Mountain Pine Beetle grant program available to municipalities by the provincial government.

Council was provided with background information on the Mountain Pine Beetle and an overview of what strategies are being taken across the province to control and prevent infestations or salvage dead and dying trees. Mr. Carson reviewed the municipal grant program and application process as well as the costs and potential liability to the MD.

General discussion took place on the program and training opportunities for municipal staff if required.

Mr. Braithwaite will look into mechanisms available should private landowners refuse to allow control work to be undertaken on their land.

Reeve Billings thanked the delegation for the informative presentation.

***SALE OF LAND –
HAMLET OF FAUST:***

Interest was received from Mr. Ken Cook with respect to the purchase of M.D. owned land in the Hamlet of Faust, being Lots 9 and 10, Block 7, Plan 782 2001. Mrs. Olansky provided historical information. Discussion focused on future water and sewer servicing and access to these lots.

2007-23-898

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that the request to purchase Lots 9 and 10, Block 7, Plan 782 2001 in the Hamlet of Faust be tabled for further information.

CARRIED

BYLAW #35-95:

Bylaw No. 35-95 to establish a Municipal Planning Commission to act, along with the Development Officer, as the Subdivision and Development Authority was provided to Council for review. Discussion ensued on various options presented by Mr. Lussier to revise or eliminate the current MPC structure.

2007-23-899

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that the existing structure of the Municipal Planning Commission of 3 councillors and 2 members at large be retained.

DEFEATED

2007-23-900

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that a review of the Municipal Planning Commission structure be tabled to a future council meeting.

CARRIED

Mr. Lussier will provide Council with that section of the MD Land Use Bylaw that outlines the roles and responsibilities of the MPC.

Councillor Ehman stepped out of the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

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

The Community Development Officer's Report for the month of October 2007 was presented to Council.

2007-23-901

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that the Community Development Officer's Report to Council for the month of October 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW #38-2007:

Bylaw No. 38-2007 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district all of Lots 2 and 3, Block 7, Plan 2187ET within the Hamlet of Faust from the Hamlet Residential (HR) District to the Direct Control (DC) District was presented to Council.

Councillor Ehman returned to the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

2007-23-902

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that:

1. A public hearing date in the matter of Bylaw No. 38-2007 be set for December 12, 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 November 28 and December 5, 2007 issues of the South Peace News

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2007-23-903

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that Bylaw No. 38-2007 be approved for first reading.

CARRIED

Administration will research whether bylaws can deem that following first reading the matter automatically proceeds to public hearing.

***DEV'T PERMIT
APP. 07-102:***

Mrs. Olansky reported that a development permit application was received from Tom Hubler to locate three summer rental cottages on Lots 2 and 3, Block 7, Plan 2187ET in

Faust. The M.D. Land Use Bylaw designates these lots as being within the Hamlet Residential District. An application to redistrict these lots to the Direct Control District has also been made. In accordance with the Land Use Bylaw Council shall decide upon all development permit applications for uses proposed for lands located within a Direct Control District. Prior to making a decision, Council must provide public notice that a decision is to be made and afford an opportunity to any interested person to make representation on the application.

2007-23-904 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that Development Permit Application 07-102 be tabled until the application to amend the Land Use Bylaw for redistricting of Lots 2 and 3, Block 7, Plan 2187ET has been addressed.

CARRIED

A break was taken from 3:35 p.m. to 3:43 p.m.

RESOLUTION 5-06S: Mr. Renaud provided an update on the status of Resolution 5-06S brought forth at the Spring 2006 AAMDC Convention regarding Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation's requirements placed on certain subdivisions along primary highways.

2007-23-905 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that the Deputy CAO's report providing an update on AAMDC Resolution 5-06S be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***AIT REQUIREMENT
FOR TRAFFIC IMPACT
ASSESSMENT:***

Deputy Reeve Marx recommended that a standard letter be sent along with certain referrals for subdivision and development permit applications to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation stating that in the opinion of the Development Officer a Traffic Impact Assessment is not required.

2007-23-906 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that administration, at its discretion, enclose a letter to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation with subdivision and development application referrals stating that in the opinion of the Development Officer a Traffic Impact Assessment is not required.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***BYLAW ON BARE LAND
CONDOMINIUMS:***

Councillor L'Heureux proposed that Section 11.21.4(a)(i) – Bare Land Condominium 1 District - of the MD Land Use Bylaw be amended to allow any lot within this district over two acres in area an evaporation mound or septic tank for sewage disposal.

2007-23-907 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that proposed amendments to Section 11.21.4(a)(i) – Bare Land Condominium District 1 - of the MD Land Use Bylaw be brought back to Council for review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION:

CHEQUE LIST: Council reviewed the current cheque list.

2007-23-908 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that cheques #38190 to #38300 in the total amount of \$1,376,902.93 for the period of October 24, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MSI FUNDING AGREEMENT:

Council was provided with program guidelines and a conditional operating funding agreement for the Conditional Operating Funding component of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative from Assistant Deputy Minister Brian Quickfall, Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing.

2007-23-909

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that the Municipal Sustainability Initiative conditional operating funding agreement be executed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2007-23-910

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that the meeting continue past 4:00 p.m.

CARRIED***SAFETY PROGRAM POLICY:***

The revised Safety Program Policy (Admin-07) was presented to Council for review.

2007-23-911

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that the revised Safety Program Policy (Admin-07) be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***RISK CONTROL POLICY:***

Council was presented with a draft Risk Control Policy (Admin-26).

2007-23-912

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that the Risk Control Policy (Admin-26) be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***PROPOSED EMERGENT RESOLUTION:***

Mr. Renaud distributed a draft resolution on the shortage of physicians and nurses working in rural Alberta hospitals.

2007-23-913

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that the resolution regarding the shortage of physicians and nurses working in rural Alberta hospitals be submitted to the AAMDC as an emergent resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***LONG TERM PLANNING:***

Councillor Dupres proposed that Council set aside a date to meet and discuss long term planning for the municipality.

2007-23-914

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that Council set a date at the next regular council meeting to begin long term planning for the MD.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***FINANCIAL REPORTS:***

Mr. Loewen distributed the Financial Reports for the period ending September 30, 2007 for Council's review.

2007-23-915

MOVED BY REEVE BILLINGS that the Financial Statements for the period ending September 30, 2007 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***SMOKING BAN:***

Mr. Renaud announced that Provincial Legislature has passed a province-wide smoking ban in all public buildings and workplaces effective January 1, 2008.

IN CAMERA:

Council postponed the In Camera session to the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:***REAC:***

Correspondence to the Hon. Ted Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, was received from the Regional Environmental Action Committee concerning historic contamination in the Hamlet of Faust. Discussion ensued. Councillor L'Heureux mentioned that there might be an old letter in file from Alberta Environment promising to clean up this site.

2007-23-916 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that a letter be sent to the Hon. Ted Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, urging the government to clean up the historic contamination site of the old osmosis plant in the Hamlet of Faust and include any back up documentation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***H.P. NATIVE
FRIENDSHIP
CENTRE SOCIETY:***

An invitation was received from Ms. Sally Hamelin, Executive Director of the High Prairie Native Friendship Centre Society, to attend the 27th Annual Elder's Banquet to be held on December 1st at the Eagles Nest Complex in Enilda.

2007-23-917 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that Councillors Campiou, Welch and Dupres be approved to attend the High Prairie Native Friendship Centre's 27th Annual Elder's Banquet on December 1st.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***VILLAGE OF
KINUSO:***

Correspondence was received from Karen Tanghe, Village of Kinuso Assistant Administrator, regarding council appointments made at the October 22nd Organizational Meeting.

2007-23-918 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the correspondence from Karen Tanghe, Village of Kinuso Assistant Administrator, dated October 23, 2007 regarding the October 22nd Organizational Meeting be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***TOWN OF
HIGH PRAIRIE:***

Correspondence was received from Mayor Rick Dumont, Town of High Prairie, extending congratulations to the Reeve and Council on their recent election and council appointments.

2007-23-919 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the correspondence from Mayor Rick Dumont, Town of High Prairie, dated October 24, 2007 regarding the recent election and council appointments be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***TOWN OF
SWAN HILLS:***

Correspondence was received from Mayor Pamela Marriott, Town of Swan Hills, congratulating Reeve Billings on his appointment to the position of Reeve and requesting a meeting between herself, Reeve Billings and both CAO's.

2007-23-920 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the correspondence from Mayor Pamela Marriott, Town of Swan Hills, dated October 31, 2007 regarding council appointments be received for information and further that a meeting be arranged between both CAO's, Reeve Billings and Mayor Marriott as requested by the Town of Swan Hills.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***MINISTER OF HEALTH
AND WELLNESS:***

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Dave Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, in response to Council's letter regarding the need to include a renal dialysis unit, community cancer clinic and CT scanning capability at the new High Prairie Health Complex.

2007-23-921 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the correspondence from the Hon. Dave Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness, dated October 31, 2007 in response to Council's letter regarding the new High Prairie Health Complex be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***MEDICAL STUDENT
TRAINING
SYMPOSIUM:***

An invitation was received from Peace Country Health and the Grande Prairie Regional College on behalf of the Health Care Workforce Education Partnership Committee to attend a Medical Student Training Symposium on December 10th in Grande Prairie. Councillor Matthews expressed interest in attending the Symposium.

2007-23-922

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that the information dated November 5, 2007 regarding the Medical Student Training Symposium being held December 10th in Grande Prairie be received for information.

DEFEATED

2007-23-923

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Councillor Matthews be approved to attend the Medical Student Training Symposium being held December 10th in Grande Prairie.

CARRIED

**COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY/
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

Council agreed to omit the Councillor Community/Committee reports for this meeting.

DELEGATION:

2007-23-924

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that the M.D. enter into the Mountain Pine Beetle control program and proceed with submitting a grant application to Sustainable Resource Development prior to the November 30th deadline.

CARRIED

**UPCOMING
MEETINGS:**

November 16, 2007	10:00 a.m.	Lesser Slave Lake Economic Alliance
November 19-22, 2007		AAMDC Fall Conference
November 26, 2007	10:00 a.m.	Public Works Committee
November 29, 2007	10:00 a.m.	Municipal Planning Commission
December 5, 2007	12:00 p.m.	High Prairie Inter-Municipal Ad Hoc
December 6 & 7, 2007	10:00 a.m.	Special Council Meetings

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on November 28, 2007 at the M.D. Administration Building.

ADJOURNMENT:

2007-23-925

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH that the meeting adjourn at 4:32 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

 Alvin Billings, Reeve

 Gilles Lussier, C.A.O.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
PUBLIC HEARING
(LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT 34-2007)
November 14, 2007

Minutes of the Municipal District of Big Lakes Public Hearing for an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw held at the M.D. Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 commencing at 1:15 p.m.

PRESENT WERE:

Reeve:	Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt
Deputy Reeve:	David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
Councillor:	Violet Campiou, Faust
	Ray Dupres, Enilda/Big Meadow
	Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
	Ken Killeen, Kinuso
	Guy L'Heureux, Joussard
	Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
	Fern Welch, Grouard
Administration:	Gilles Lussier, C.A.O.
	Jeff Renaud, Deputy C.A.O.
	Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer
	Gerald Loewen, Treasurer
	Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary
	Karen Zelman, Development Clerk
Press:	Chris Clegg, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Billings called the public hearing to order at 1:28 p.m.

Mrs. Olansky reported that the Public Hearing was being held on a matter of an application to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district a portion of the South Half of SW 30-74-16-W5 from the Agriculture (A) District to the Industrial (I) District to accommodate a new school bus terminal and shop.

The public hearing was duly advertised. One submission was received from Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation and attached to the Development Officer's Report.

The public hearing was closed at 1:31 p.m.

Alvin Billings, Reeve

Gilles Lussier, C.A.O.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
PUBLIC HEARING
(LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT 29-2007)
November 14, 2007**

Minutes of the Municipal District of Big Lakes Public Hearing for an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw held at the M.D. Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 commencing at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT WERE:

Reeve:	Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt
Deputy Reeve:	David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
Councillor:	Violet Campiou, Faust
	Ray Dupres, Enilda/Big Meadow
	Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
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	Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary
	Karen Zelman, Development Clerk
 Observers:	 Darrell & Cindy Shewchuk
	Lorne Pratt
	Lasha Sebo
	Jim Stibbard
	David Belyan
	Morris Decorby
	Ken Hubar
	Other members of the public
 Press:	 Chris Clegg, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Billings called the public hearing to order at 1:33 p.m.

Mrs. Olansky reported that the Public Hearing was being held on a matter of an application to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-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.

The public hearing was duly advertised. Submissions were received from two adjacent landowners and Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation and attached to the Development Officer's Report.

Mr. Shewchuk informed Council that they wish to be treated the same as prior and any future applicants.

Mr. Pratt noted that they are still opposed to the application for the same reasons voiced at the previous two public hearings on the same issue; namely concerns with acreage owner's inability to co-exist nearby to intensive livestock operations.

Mrs. Sebo read aloud to Council her letter submitted in opposition to the Land Use Bylaw redistricting.

Mr. Stibbard advised that he is impartial to the application but commented on concerns raised at the previous public hearings including the past approval of the gas plant constructed east of High Prairie on prime agricultural land, traffic volume, acreage sizes, increased noise and vandalism, flood potential, smells from the adjacent confined feeding operation, the increase in MD tax base and the large demand for rural subdivisions.

Mr. Decorby reiterated his concerns also expressed at the past public hearings regarding potential problems cause by the odor from Pratt's livestock operation and pollution to the East Prairie River.

Mr. Belyan also expressed his continued opposition to the application. He noted that there are certain areas in which acreages are a good fit and presented pictures of the surface manure application in this area.

Mr. Pratt commented that, although Plains Marketing was constructed on prime agricultural land, industry is more compatible than residential and intensive livestock operations. He added there is also a concern with an increase in traffic.

Mr. Hubar suggested that the MD consider setting out a plan for future development and growth. He questioned who would be responsible to pay for a new rural water line or for improvements for additional developments. Mr. Hubar also noted issues related to the high volume of traffic on Highway 2.

Mrs. Shewchuk felt that they as the landowners should have more input into what is done with their property. Mr. Shewchuk noted that Council approved applications for redistricting already at this meeting and he wanted to be treated equally.

The public hearing was closed at 2:00 p.m.

Alvin Billings, Reeve

Gilles Lussier, C.A.O.