

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
September 27, 2006**

Minutes of the Municipal District of Big Lakes Regular Council Meeting held at the M.D. Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, September 27, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

**PRESENT WERE:**

Reeve: Myler Savill, Joussard  
Deputy Reeve: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie  
Councillor: Violet Campiou, Faust  
Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood  
Ken Killeen, Kinuso  
Fern Welch, Grouard

Absent: Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt  
Vacancy, Ward Three  
Vacancy, Ward Seven

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

Delegation: Kathie Hankins & Dale McLaughlin, Swan Valley Holdings Inc.  
Dan Lemieux & Janine Blackburn, Grande Prairie Fire Department

Observers: Debbie Monteith  
David Belyan  
Maurice Decorby

Press: Chris Clegg, South Peace News  
Tina Kennedy, High Prairie Times  
Raffaele Papaianni, CKVH

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Reeve Savill called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Council agreed to recess for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvene at 12:30 p.m.

**MINUTES:**

2006-18-593

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the minutes of the September 13, 2006 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADDENDUM  
TO AGENDA:**

2006-18-594

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the agenda with addendum for the September 27, 2006 Council Meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REPORTS:****REEVE:**

Reeve Savill reported that he and Councillor Welch attended a meeting on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> with the Hon. Pearl Calahasen, M.L.A., and her assistant to discuss numerous items. As a result of the meeting, Reeve Savill recommended that Council submit a written application for funding in the amount of \$125,000 under the Community Facility Enhancement Program for the High Prairie Regional Aquatic Centre. The Hon. Calahasen indicated her support of the application.

2006-18-595

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that an application for funding under the Community Facility Enhancement Program be submitted for the High Prairie Regional Aquatic Centre.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve Savill further reported on discussion held with regard to water and sewer extensions in the Hamlet of Grouard. It was implied that the Provincial Government's perspective is that a commitment for financial support was made to the M.D. by a previous Minister. Council considered forwarding the most recent proposal prepared by Siemens Engineering.

Mr. Papaiani entered the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

2006-18-596

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the report on water and sewer extensions in the Hamlet of Grouard prepared by Siemens Engineering be submitted along with a request for funding to the Hon. Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, under the Water For Life Program and that a copy be sent to the Hon. Pearl Calahasen, M.L.A.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*C.A.O.:*

Mr. Eriksson reported that he confirmed with the new administrator of East Prairie that the Settlement has imposed a \$200 access fee per vehicle for hunters traveling through the Settlement this season.

Ms. Kennedy entered the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Mr. Eriksson indicated that funding for a portion of the Seal Lake access road north of Peavine Settlement was part of the Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation discretionary fund. Some money was provided upfront for clearing and more will be made available once the access is designated a public road.

Mr. Eriksson advised that the next Regional Economic Development Alliance meeting will be held October 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the Kinuso Senior Centre. Copies of the agenda were provided to all Councillors.

Mr. Eriksson indicated that representatives from Plains Marketing and Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation will be in attendance at the October 25<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

Mr. Eriksson reported that he will meet with S/Sgt. Pierson next week to begin working on the enhanced policing Protocol Agreement. He noted that the only confirmation of partnership was received from the Town of High Prairie and the Peavine Metis Settlement. The Protocol Agreement will be written so as not to restrict other jurisdictions from participating in the future.

Mr. Eriksson advised that correspondence was received from the Valleyview RCMP Detachment requesting feedback from Council with regard to possible detachment boundary changes. Reeve Savill commented that the Faust Detachment boundary should extend further east. Mr. Eriksson will send a reply.

Mr. Eriksson noted that the road tour has been set for October 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation has been invited to attend.

Mr. Eriksson advised that PC leadership candidate, Jim Dinning, will be at the Pomeroy Inn this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. He also advised that an invitation has been received by Dave Hancock to attend the High Prairie Inn on September 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A dinner is being hosted by Ed Stelmach on October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Edmonton AgriCom.

Mr. Eriksson advised that the RCMP has inquired as to what topics Council would like to discuss during the upcoming AAMD&C conference. Reeve Savill suggested that administration strive to have a signed protocol agreement for enhanced policing in place prior to the meeting. Mr. Eriksson advised that arrangements have already been made for representatives to meet with the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development to discuss SARDA funding. Deputy Reeve Marx suggested that Council meet with Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation regarding S.H. 679 and Sustainable Resource Development in regard to fires in Buffalo Bay/Horse Lake. Mr. Eriksson also suggested that Council discuss the Faust Court House if it is possible to meet with the Solicitor General and Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation jointly.

Mr. Eriksson noted that the advance vote for the Gilwood North/Triangle by-election will be Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> with election day being Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Nomination day for the Enilda/Big Meadow ward is Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Eriksson reported that reports regarding Sucker Creek flood mitigation have been completed. He was advised by Alberta Environment that concerns were expressed that the M.D. has not been present at any meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Legislature Building, which conflicts with a council meeting.

Mr. Loewen entered the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Discussion ensued on who would be most appropriate to attend the meeting.

2006-18-597

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that Mr. Eriksson be approved to attend a meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Legislature Building in regard to flood mitigation on Sucker Creek First Nation.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-18-598

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

***H.P. SCHOOL DIV.:***

A copy of correspondence to the Hon. Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, from Joyce Dvornek, Board Chair – High Prairie School Division No. 48, was received expressing school bus safety concerns along Highway 2.

2006-18-599

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the correspondence to the Hon. Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, from Joyce Dvornek, Board Chair – High Prairie School Division No. 48, dated September 13, 2006 expressing school bus safety concerns along Highway 2 be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***AWARD OF TENDER  
- RANGE ROAD 163:***

Council reviewed the results of the tenders submitted for the local grading and other work of the Peavine North Access Road and Range Road 163. Mr. Lussier recommended that the M.D. portion of the tender for Range Road 163 (Schedule B) be awarded to the low bidder, Cox Contractors Ltd., subject to Peavine Metis Settlement awarding Schedule A and making their adjoining "North Access Route" a public road from their south boundary to their north boundary.

2006-18-600

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the tender for the local grading and other work of Range Road 163 (Schedule B) be awarded to the low bidder, Cox Contractors Ltd., in the amount of \$392,330.00 subject to Peavine Metis Settlement awarding Schedule A and making their adjoining "North Access Route" a public road from their south boundary to their north boundary.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***JOUSSARD COMM.  
ASSOCIATION:***

Correspondence was received from the Joussard Community Association regarding the lack of facilities for the disposal of fish remains. Mr. Lussier advised that the Code of Practice for Landfills states that this type of waste must be covered immediately. It was noted that disposal at the landfill facilities would only be convenient during the hours of operation. Mr. Lussier suggested that another option would be for the community to work something out with the fish plants.

Fire Chief Gould entered the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Mr. Lussier will check with Alberta Environment whether Class 3 landfill facilities can accept this waste. Additionally, he will try to gather more information from other communities and the Provincial Parks.

2006-18-601

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the correspondence from the Joussard Community Association regarding disposal of fish remains be tabled for further information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***REQUEST TO  
PURCHASE***

**ROAD PLAN:** Council considered a request from Ms. Theresa Campiou to purchase a portion of road plan 9923116 adjacent to the Driftpile First Nations.

**2006-18-602** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the purchase of road plan 9923116 as requested by Ms. Theresa Campiou be tabled until such time as administration is contacted by Ms. Campiou.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BRIDGE FUNDING:** The Public Works Committee made a recommendation at its last meeting that Council send a letter to the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation regarding municipal bridge funding.

**2006-18-603** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that letter be sent to the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation regarding the inadequacy of municipal bridge funding in relation to the age of many of the structures and the number of bridges within the municipality.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

Council reviewed the Public Works Superintendent's written report included in the agenda package. Mr. Lussier added that the membrane filtration unit for the Jousard water treatment plant has arrived on site and installation will follow.

Mr. Lussier reported that advertising has begun to replace the current Utilities Foreman who recently tendered his resignation.

Councillor Ehman noted in the written report that Buchanan is ready to commence delivery to the Gilwood stockpile site and questioned if previous discussions regarding a trench or berm being put around the site to address drainage issues was completed. Mr. Lussier advised that it will be done this fall. He explained that the stockpile boundaries are always staked for the contractors so public works can ensure that the stockpile does not conflict with the location of the trench.

Mr. Braithwaite joined the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Mr. Lussier informed Council that the truck fill in Faust had to be closed for a period of time to conserve water due to malfunctions in the electronic system of the water treatment plant. Since that time a manual bypass has been made for it. Mr. Lussier noted that the raw reservoir being drawn from also had to be switched not because of health concerns but rather because of odor concerns.

**2006-18-604** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the Public Works Superintendent Report be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A break was taken from 11:04 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.

**AGRICULTURE:**

**A.A.F.R.D.:** An invitation was received from Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development to attend an Alberta Bioenergy Information meeting on October 3, 2006 in Red Deer.

2006-18-605

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the correspondence from Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development dated September 18, 2006 regarding an Alberta Bioenergy Information meeting being held on October 3, 2006 in Red Deer be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***PEACE COUNTRY  
BEEF CONGRESS:***

Correspondence was received from Ms. Jaime Borduzak, Peace Country Beef Congress Coordinator, inquiring if the M.D. would be interested in sponsorship of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace Country Beef Congress to be held in High Prairie January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

2006-18-606

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the M.D. purchase gold sponsorship of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace Country Beef Congress and that partnership in this sponsorship be sought with the Town of High Prairie.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

Mr. Braithwaite reported that the Regional ASB Conference will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> in Nampa. He asked that any Councillors planning on attending confirm with him and advise of any resolutions that they wish to submit.

Mrs. Strang and David Belyan joined the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

The next Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting was set for November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Braithwaite reported that the two remaining ASB seasonal staff members will begin seeding on shoulder pull areas. They will also complete some brushing in areas with small growth that was killed by herbicide. The seasonal staff will remain on until the end of October.

Mr. Braithwaite advised that the ASB spray truck was stopped and weighed by the Department of Transportation. The vehicle was at legal weight with the smaller spray unit half full of water and chemical. Mr. Braithwaite indicated that consideration may have to be given during budget deliberations to changing truck configurations. He noted that the same issue may arise in hauling both quads on a single axle trailer.

Mr. Braithwaite thanked Councillor Killeen for reporting an area of scentless chamomile by Faust. He added that the Town of Swan Hills has informally requested that the M.D. initiate joint weed control within the Town. Mr. Braithwaite is scheduled to do a presentation for Swan Hills Town Council later in October.

Mr. Braithwaite reported that there has only been one beaver dam blasted in the past month as a result of the dry conditions and trapping numbers are slowly tapering off. Mr. Braithwaite further reported that the contract trapper has expressed an interest in providing trapping of muskrats at M.D. lagoons at no extra charge. The trapper also mentioned that he would be willing to add dog control to his existing work at the current rate paid to Albert Auger in Grouard. Council discussed the proposals.

2006-18-607

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the M.D. contract beaver trapper be approved to assist in dog control at the same rate paid to the current dog control contractor in Grouard until Christmas, at which time the arrangement will be reviewed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-18-608

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the M.D. contract beaver trapper be approved to trap muskrats at M.D. lagoons at no extra charge to the M.D.

**CARRIED**

Mr. Braithwaite advised of an upcoming nutrient management seminar being organized by Jaime Borduzak, Peace Country Beef and Forage Association, and also advised of fall workshops being planned by SARDA.

2006-18-609

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Braithwaite left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

**PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT**  
**COMM. SERVICES:**

***FIRE FIGHTING ON  
RESERVES AND  
SETTLEMENTS:***

The item regarding fire fighting on reserves and settlements was tabled at the previous meeting. Reeve Savill explained to Fire Chief Gould the proposal discussed at the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting that would increase the fee charged to other jurisdictions when M.D. fire departments acted as first responders with some type of system to distribute the extra funds to the volunteer fire fighters. Fire Chief Gould suggested that Council refrain from changing the fee structure until he and Mr. Eriksson meet with the Reserves and Settlements. Discussion was held on the wish of M.D. fire departments not to be first responder for other jurisdictions.

**2006-18-610** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the item regarding fire fighting within Reserves and Metis Settlements be tabled until January, 2007.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Fire Chief Gould and Mr. Loewen left the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

***BYLAW #13-2006:*** Bylaw No. 13-2006 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district part of the NW 9-73-11-W5 from Hamlet Urban Reserve (HUR) District to Hamlet Residential (HR) District to accommodate a residential subdivision was presented to Council for first reading.

**2006-18-611** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that

1. Bylaw No. 13-2006 be approved for first reading.
2. A public hearing date be set for October 25, 2006 at 1:15 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 October 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> issues of the South Peace News and October 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> issues of the High Prairie Times newspapers.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***BYLAW #14-2006:*** Bylaw No. 14-2006 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district Legal Subdivisions 4 and 5 and all those portions of Legal Subdivision 3 and 6, lying to the south and west of Lesser Slave Lake, Section 9-74-13-W5 from Hamlet of Joussard Urban Reserve (HJUR) District to Hamlet Estate Residential (HER) District to accommodate a residential subdivision in the Hamlet of Joussard was presented to Council for first reading.

**2006-18-612** **MOVED BY REEVE SAVILL** that

1. Bylaw No. 14-2006 be approved for first reading.
2. A public hearing date be set for October 25, 2006 at 1:30 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 October 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> issues of the South Peace News and October 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> issues of the High Prairie Times newspapers.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***BYLAW #15-2006:*** Bylaw No. 15-2006 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 Industrial (I) District to accommodate a new school bus storage yard was presented to Council for first reading.

2006-18-613

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMANN** that

1. Bylaw No. 15-2006 be approved for first reading.
2. A public hearing date be set for October 25, 2006 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 October 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> issues of the South Peace News and October 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> issues of the High Prairie Times newspapers.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****BYLAW #16-2006:**

Bylaw No. 16-2006 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district a portion of NE 32-73-10-W5 from the Agriculture (A) District to Bare Land Condominium-2 (BLC-2) District to accommodate seasonal recreation multi-lot development was presented to Council for first reading.

2006-18-614  
*correction:***MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that

1. Bylaw No. 45-16-2006 be approved for first reading.
2. A public hearing date be set for October 25, 2006 at 2:00 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 October 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> issues of the South Peace News and October 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> issues of the High Prairie Times newspapers.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****AB SUSTAINABLE  
RESOURCE DEVT:**

A request was received from Alberta Sustainable Resource Development to provide comments in regard to an application to purchase a portion of LSD 5-9-74-13-W5 within the Hamlet of Jousard submitted by Stacey and Deborah Monteith. Mr. Eriksson recommended that the purchaser be provided with a copy of the M.D. Land Use Bylaw.

2006-18-615

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that administration be instructed to provide comments to Alberta Sustainable Resource Development in regard to an application to purchase a portion of LSD 5-9-74-13-W5 within the Hamlet of Jousard stating that the process should be by open bidding and that purchasers be made aware of the M.D. Land Use Bylaw.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****BYLAW #18-2006 &  
BYLAW #19-2006:**

Bylaw No. 18-2006 to amend the Municipal Development Plan to incorporate confined feeding operation exclusion zones and Bylaw No. 19-2006 to amend the General Regulations and the Agriculture District within the Land Use Bylaw to further address confined feeding operations' policies were presented to Council for first reading.

2006-18-616

**MOVED BY REEVE SAVILL** that Bylaw No. 18-2006 and Bylaw No. 19-2006 be tabled to a future meeting once vacant wards 3 and 7 have been filled.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****SALE OF  
M.D. LAND:**

A request was received from Mr. Rufus Breast to purchase River Lot 29 in the Hamlet of Grouard.

2006-18-617

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that River Lot 29 within the Hamlet of Grouard be advertised for public sale in accordance with the Sale of Municipal Lands Policy (Admin-04).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****JOUSSARD  
HOMESTEADERS:**

A request was received from the Jousard Homesteaders' Association for funding to assist with their weekly supper program. Mrs. Strang reported that \$1800 has been identified in the 2006 budget.

2006-18-618

**MOVED BY REEVE SAVILL** that funding in the amount of \$1800 be approved for the Jousard Homesteaders' Association weekly supper program.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mrs. Strang left the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

**BYLAW #17-2006:**

Bylaw No. 17-2006 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 residential subdivision was presented to Council for first reading. Council expressed concern that the proposed development was in close proximity to an established large beef and hog operation. Mrs. Olansky informed Council that the NRCB had indicated that allowing new residential development in the vicinity of a CFO would be Council's decision. Deputy Reeve Marx suggested that the applicant confer with his neighbors regarding his proposal.

2006-18-619

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Bylaw No. 17-2006 be tabled for additional research and until such time as a councillor for Enilda/Big Meadow is in place.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINISTER OF  
INDUSTRY:**

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Maxime Bernier, Minister of Industry, in response to Council's letter regarding Industry Canada's proposal to open the 150 MHz bandwidths to multi-use radio service.

2006-18-620

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the correspondence from the Hon. Maxime Bernier, Minister of Industry, dated September 8, 2006 in response to Council's letter regarding Industry Canada's proposal to open the 150 MHz bandwidths to multi-use radio service, be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mrs. Olansky left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

**FIRESMART:**

Correspondence was received from the Hon. David Coutts, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, extending congratulations on the M.D.'s successful application for the FireSmart Community Grant Program.

2006-18-621

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the correspondence from the Hon. David Coutts, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, dated September 12, 2006 regarding the M.D.'s application for the FireSmart Community Grant Program, be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**VILLAGE OF  
KINUSO:**

Correspondence was received from the Village of Kinuso expressing interest related to the development of an Amateur Radio (VHF) Repeater regionally that can be worked (functional signal in Kinuso for emergency situations) from a portable hand-held radio in the Village. Mr. Eriksson advised that Fire Chief Gould is exploring the proposal with local radio operators and the chairperson of the Mackenzie Regional Radio Club.

2006-18-622

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the correspondence from the Village of Kinuso dated September 19, 2006 regarding the development of an Amateur Radio (VHF) Repeater be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**FAUST CHARITY  
ASSOCIATION:**

Council considered a grant request in the amount of \$100,000 from the Faust Charity Association to assist with the costs of finishing work, parking areas and sidewalks associated with the expansion of the existing Royal Purple Hall in Faust. Mr. Eriksson noted that this group is not the community association of record to receive municipal grant funding. In depth discussion took place on the request.

2006-18-623

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that a letter be sent to the Faust Charity Association outlining Council's Recreation Services Policy (REC-02) in terms of the recognized community group and that the Faust Charity Association be recommended to approach the Faust Community League in order to address total community issues.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened at 12:34 p.m. Councillor Killeen and Mrs. Monteith did not return after lunch.

**FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION:**

**CHEQUE LIST:**

Council reviewed the current cheque list.

2006-18-624

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that cheques #34844 to #34958 in the total amount of \$436,746.01 for the period of September 15, 2006 be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***MUNICIPAL  
SPONSORSHIP  
PROGRAM:***

Mr. Eriksson explained that the Municipal Sponsorship Program grant is assigned to the Town of Swan Hills as part of the Inter-Municipal Cost Sharing Agreement. The funds will be utilized for fire hall upgrades.

2006-18-625

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Council authorizes the Municipal District of Big Lakes to participate in, and submit a Municipal Sponsorship Program grant application for the Town of Swan Hills Fire Hall Upgrade under the Alberta Municipal Affairs Municipal Sponsorship Program; further

That the Municipal District of Big Lakes agrees that the Town of Swan Hills be designated the managing partner of the Town of Swan Hills Fire Hall Upgrade for the purposes of receiving, administering, allocating, reporting, and accounting for the grant funds on behalf of the partners; further

That the Municipal District of Big Lakes agrees to allocate 100% of its Municipal Sponsorship Program base grant to the Town of Swan Hills Fire Hall Upgrade; and further

That the Municipal District of Big Lakes agrees to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement signed by the managing partner on behalf of the other eligible municipal partners governing the purpose and use of the grant funds."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Clegg returned to the meeting at 12:36 p.m.

***JULY FINANCIAL  
REPORTS:***

Council reviewed the Financial Reports for the period July 31, 2006. Reeve Savill requested a breakdown of M.D. investments and current rate of return.

2006-18-626

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the Financial Statements for the period ending July 31, 2006 be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***SWAN HILLS  
GOLF COURSE:***

Mr. Eriksson recommended that the lease agreement with the Swan Hills Golf and Country Club expiring on December 31, 2006 be renewed for a further 20 years.

2006-18-627

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the lease agreement with the Swan Hills Golf and Country Club for the term of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2026 be approved.

**CARRIED**

***TANK SITE  
REMEDIAION  
PROGRAM:***

Information was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the Tank Site Remediation Program.

Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Papaianni returned to the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

2006-18-628

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the public land sale of Plan 2415HW, Lot 2, Block 1 within the Hamlet of Enilda be cancelled and that an application for funding under the Tank Site Remediation Program be submitted for Plan 2415HW, Lot 2, Block 1.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***AAMD&C:***

Information was provided to Council on AAMD&C's Annual Fall Convention to be held November 13 – 16, 2006 in Edmonton.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

***M.D. OF SPIRIT  
RIVER:***

An invitation was received from Reeve Marcel Dufour, Municipal District of Spirit River, to attend their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration taking place on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

2006-18-629 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that a plaque be presented to the Municipal District of Spirit River in congratulations of their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration taking place on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINISTER OF  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
& TRANSP.:**

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, advising of the 2006 grant payment under the Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program.

2006-18-630 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the correspondence from the Hon. Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, dated September 12, 2006 regarding the Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program 2006 grant payment be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINISTER OF  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
& TRANSP.:**

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, advising of the 2005 and 2006 grant payment under the New Deal for Cities and Communities Program.

2006-18-631 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the correspondence from the Hon. Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, dated September 12, 2006 regarding the New Deal for Cities and Communities Program 2005 and 2006 grant payment be received for information

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINISTER OF  
MUNICIPAL  
AFFAIRS:**

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Rob Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, announcing the publication of the Municipal Financial Assistance Handbook.

2006-18-632 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the correspondence from the Hon. Rob Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs, dated September 13, 2006 announcing the publication of the Municipal Financial Assistance Handbook be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MAYOR MANDEL:** An invitation was received from Mayor Stephen Mandel, City of Edmonton, and Hugh Campbell, Edmonton Eskimos CEO, to attend a men-oriented fundraiser called Breakfast with the Boys.

2006-18-633 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the correspondence from Mayor Stephen Mandel, City of Edmonton, and Hugh Campbell, Edmonton Eskimos CEO, dated September 15, 2006 regarding the Breakfast with the Boys fundraiser be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PORTAGE  
COLLEGE:**

Correspondence was received from Portage College, along with Lakeland County and the Town of Lac La Biche, thanking Council for its support of their proposal for the Alberta Police and Peace Officer College.

2006-18-634 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the correspondence from Portage College dated September 14, 2006 thanking Council for its support of their proposal for the Alberta Police and Peace Officer College be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**R.C.M.P.:** Correspondence was received from S/Sgt. Frank Smart, Valleyview RCMP Detachment, advising of an initiative to re-align detachments boundaries within the district through examining the feasibility of aligning detachment boundaries with those of the M.D. or County, wherever possible. Council was asked to provide feedback in relation to the detachments within the M.D.

2006-18-635

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the correspondence from S/Sgt. Frank Smart, Valleyview RCMP Detachment, dated September 18, 2006 regarding the RCMP detachment boundary re-alignment project be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY/  
COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**D. MARX:** Deputy Reeve Marx reported that he attended a High Prairie Regional Recreation Board meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>. He advised that the Aquatic Centre was shut down for the final year end warranty work and is now reopened. Deputy Reeve Marx also attended a Municipal Planning Commission meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**F. WELCH:** Councillor Welch reported that she attended the last Heart River Housing meeting at which a delegation from the Town of High Prairie and a developer attended to present a proposal to build senior complexes on a portion of Heart River Housing's property. It was proposed that the units would be to purchase and Heart River Housing would look after some of the administration.

Councillor Welch attended a Peace Library System meeting on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. She advised the board that they will be informed of the new M.D. representative following the organizational meeting.

Councillor Welch reported that she attended the Public Works Committee meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> and a meeting with the Hon. Pearl Calahasen, M.L.A., Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**V. CAMPIOU:** Councillor Campiou reported that she attended a Lesser Slave Lake Community Development Corporation meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> and the Public Works Committee meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**R. EHMAN:** Councillor Ehman reported that he attended a High Prairie Regional Recreation Board meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>, a SARDA meeting and the September 25<sup>th</sup> Public Works Committee meeting.

**UPCOMING  
MEETINGS:**

September 29, 2006	10:00 a.m.	Big Lake Country Tourism
October 2, 2006	11:00 a.m.	Assessment Review Board
October 5, 2006	9:30 a.m.	Economic Development
October 10, 2006	9:00 a.m.	Road Tour
October 16, 2006		H.P. Recreation Board
October 31, 2006		Regional ASB Conference - Nampa

An invitation was received from Peace Country Health to attend a public information session regarding the new High Prairie Health Complex at the Elks Hall on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

An invitation was received from the County of Grande Prairie to attend a meeting of Peace Country municipalities and M.L.A.'s to persuade the provincial government that the new Grande Prairie acute care hospital is imperative to proceed quickly. The meeting will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the County council chambers.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on October 11, 2006 at the M.D. Administration Building.

Councillor Welch stepped out of the meeting at 1:02 p.m. The meeting recessed at 1:02 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. Mr. Lussier returned to the meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

2006-18-636

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting go into public hearing at 1:15 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-18-637

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 1:17 p.m.

**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 first reading.

2006-18-638 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Bylaw No. 11-2006 be approved for first reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Kathie Hankins and Mr. Dale McLaughlin entered the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

**OTHER:**

***SUSTAINABLE  
RESOURCE DEV'T:***

Council reviewed a second draft of a letter to the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development regarding fire suppression and prevention in Buffalo Bay/Horse Lake.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

2006-18-639 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting go into public hearing at 1:30 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-18-640 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 1:37 p.m.

Mrs. Olansky returned to the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

***BYLAW #12-2006:*** Bylaw No. 12-2006 for the closure of the road allowance adjacent to the south boundary of the SW 14-74-16-W5M for the purpose of lease was presented to Council for first reading.

2006-18-641 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the application to lease the road allowance adjacent to the south boundary of the SW 14-74-16-W5M as requested by Mr. Maurice Decorby be denied.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Belyan and Mr. Decorby left the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

**DELEGATION:**

***SWAN VALLEY  
HOLDINGS INC.:***

Ms. Kathie Hankins joined the meeting to present to Council her proposed country residential development located east of Highway 33, along Range Road 93 and south of Township Road 730. She provided copies of a preliminary document and site plan prepared by Focus Corporation introducing her proposal.

Fire Chief Gould returned to the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

Ms. Hankins explained plans to address servicing in terms of power, gas, water and access. She added that her neighbors do not appear to have any objections to the development. Ms. Hankins advised that she is hoping to begin the process of rezoning the parcel from Agriculture District to Country Residential District. Mr. Eriksson noted that a public hearing would be necessary. Ms. Hankins further advised that she is in the process of purchasing additional property and she intends on presenting her final proposal to Council in the near future.

Council provided encouragement of the proposal.

Ms. Hankins expressed her appreciation of the assistance Mrs. Olansky has provided her.

Ms. Hankins left the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

A break was taken from 1:59 p.m. to 2:10 p.m. Mrs. Olansky did not return to the meeting.

***GRANDE PRAIRIE  
E911:***

Mr. Dan Lemieux and Ms. Janine Blackburn, Deputy Fire Chiefs with the Grande Prairie Fire Department, joined the meeting to review 911 and dispatch services that they provide. Mr. Lemieux advised that he will be discussing renewal of M.D. contract for services with administration shortly.

Mr. Lemieux advised of reorganization within the Grande Prairie Fire Department which included the hiring of two new Deputy Fire Chiefs. He stated that Ms. Blackburn was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief for Prevention and Dispatch. He added that Ms. Blackburn will also take over from him as the M.D.'s day to day contact.

Ms. Blackburn advised that a number of changes have taken place within the dispatch centre over the past year. She stated that a backup 911 centre was established at City Hall and the current dispatch centre in the Fire Hall went through renovations and an expansion which will allow for three dispatchers to be on duty during peak times and the ability to call in additional personnel during emergency situations.

Mr. Lemieux advised of a Regional 911 meeting and grand re-opening scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on October 20<sup>th</sup>. He further extended an open invitation to Council to tour the dispatch centre any time in Grande Prairie.

Mr. Lemieux informed Council that Grande Prairie began dispatching fire services for the Town of High Prairie this summer. Mr. Eriksson commented that there are various jurisdictions within the boundary of the M.D. that Council has had concerns with in terms of emergency services. Ms. Blackburn advised that Grande Prairie has been receiving some inquiries about the services they can provide to these jurisdictions. She noted that in order to provide dispatch services a contract with the community is required. Mr. Lemieux advised that Grande Prairie currently dispatches for 30 different fire departments and 7 different EMS stations. Lemieux was asked to provide a map showing the areas covered by 911 and dispatch. Mr. Lemieux will have the information available at the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

A brief discussion took place on the information linked to the dispatch centre from land lines in the areas covered by a contract for 911. Mr. Eriksson advised that the M.D. will be implementing a rural addressing system. Mr. Lemieux stated that Telus is aware of the change and the information will be available on the dispatchers' screens. Mr. Lemieux explained the difference between 911 call answer and dispatch services. Ms. Blackburn noted that calls from cell phones do not provide any location information and almost 50% of the call volume is cell phone. Mr. Lemieux advised that their association is working along with other associations to lobby the CRTC and the provincial government to pass regulation that requires cell phone providers to have a GPS system. Mr. Lemieux further noted that a portion of the 911 fee on land line phone bills goes to their dispatch centre; whereas the fee on cell phones goes directly to the provider.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

2006-18-642

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the meeting adjourn at 2:34 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Myler Savill, Reeve

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John Eriksson, C.A.O.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
(ROAD CLOSURE)  
September 27, 2006**

Minutes of the Municipal District of Big Lakes Public Hearing for a Road Closure held at the M.D. Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, September 27, 2006 commencing at 1:15 p.m.

**PRESENT WERE:**

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Deputy Reeve: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie  
Councillor: Violet Campiou, Faust  
Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood  
Fern Welch, Grouard

Absent: Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt  
Ken Killeen, Kinuso  
Vacancy, Ward Three  
Vacancy, Ward Seven

Administration: John Eriksson, C.A.O.  
Jeff Renaud, A.C.A.O.  
Gilles Lussier, Sup't of P.W.  
Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary

Observer: David Belyan  
Maurice Decorby  
Kathie Hankins  
Dale McLaughlin

Press: Chris Clegg, South Peace News  
Tina Kennedy, High Prairie Times  
Raffaele Papaianni, CKVH

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Reeve Savill called the public hearing to order at 1:15 p.m.

Mr. Eriksson explained the Public Hearing was being held on a matter of a request for the closure of the road allowance adjacent to the south boundary of SE 30-71-17-W5 as requested by Ms. Christina Straner for the purpose of leasing.

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

The public hearing was closed at 1:17 p.m.

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The public hearing was duly advertised. Mr. Lussier distributed correspondence from the Belyan family expressing opposition against the road closure because they currently utilize the road allowance to access a remote pasture/hay field.

Mr. Belyan noted that the notice of road closure did not state the reason for the closure. Mr. Decorby advised that he has no intention of fencing the road allowance and added that Belyan's have access to their field from the south on their property. Mr. Belyan stated that they access the field across an old river bed. Mr. Eriksson explained the road closure process.

The public hearing was closed at 1:37 p.m.

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Myler Savill, Reeve

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