

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
October 8, 2008**

Minutes of the Municipal District of Big Lakes Regular Council Meeting held at the M.D. Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 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
Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
Ken Killeen, Kinuso
Guy L'Heureux, Joussard
Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
Fern Welch, Grouard

Absent: Ray Dupres, Enilda/Big Meadow

Administration: Gilles Lussier, C.A.O.
Gary Braithwaite, Ag. Fieldman
Cory Bronson, Community Peace Officer
Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer
Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary
Karen Zelman, Development Clerk

Press: Chris Clegg, South Peace News
Keith Hopper, CKVH Radio

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Billings called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

MINUTES:

2008-18-668

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that the minutes of the September 24, 2008 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

Reeve Billings requested that administration arrange a meeting with the High Prairie Seed Cleaning Plant as soon as possible.

Councillor Matthews questioned if Mr. Podollan has been contacted regarding his culvert request in Jousard. Mr. Lussier advised that surveying has been completed. He will check whether the results have been passed on to the landowners.

Councillor Matthews questioned if the flooding concern caused by beaver near the Kinosayo Museum has been addressed. Councillor Killeen stated that he was advised by Mr. Braithwaite that four beaver were removed. He added that the culvert appears to still be plugged, and Mr. Braithwaite will notify the public works foreman.

Councillor Campiou joined the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Reeve Billings advised that it was noted during the tour of the Grouard Fire Hall that the insulation over the foundation needs to be properly protected. Mr. Lussier will have the item added to the Engineer's list of deficiencies.

Councillor Matthews inquired as to the status of the proposed youth advisor program with the high schools. Mr. Lussier advised that he has been corresponding with the Kinuso High School and received a voice message from E.W. Pratt High School yesterday.

Councillor Welch questioned if a meeting has been arranged with Northern Lakes College regarding the Moosehorn Lodge and cultural village. It was noted that members of the Economic Development Committee should be in attendance. Administration will make arrangements.

**ADDENDUM
TO AGENDA:**

Road Adjacent to Doucette Drainage
Kinuso & District Fish and Game Association
Joussard Ditching
Physician Retention Policy

2008-18-669 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the agenda with addendum for the October 8, 2008 Council Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:*****DEVELOPMENT
PENALTIES:***

The Schedule of Fees Bylaw Amendment 07-2008 which increased the penalties assessed for developments that began without a permit was presented to Council for information. Mr. Lussier noted that administration is bound by the Land Use Bylaw which came into effect in 1997 in applying development permit fees and penalties. He advised that typically the penalties are imposed on developments that have occurred within the past year or two, and it is expected that the amount of developments being assessed penalties in the future will decrease. Mr. Lussier added that additional information can be included in an upcoming MD newsletter.

2008-18-670 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Council maintain its development penalty in the Schedule of Fees Bylaw as is currently written.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***LAND USE BYLAW
DEFINITION –
MODULAR HOME:***

Council was provided with the definition of Manufactured Home in the Land Use Bylaw as requested by the Municipal Planning Commission.

2008-18-671 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the Community Development Officer's report on the definition of a manufactured home in the Land Use Bylaw be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PUBLIC HEARING RE:
LEASE OF PT. PL 9721719
BLK 6 LOT 3MR**

2008-18-672 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the meeting go into public hearing at 10:16 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2008-18-673 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 10:29 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PUBLIC HEARING RE:
BYLAW #25-2008**

2008-18-674 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the meeting go into public hearing at 10:31 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2008-18-675 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 10:33 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW #25-2008:

Bylaw No. 25-2008 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district a portion of NW 32-73-10-W5 northwest of Kinuso from the Recreation (R) District to the Bare Land Condominium -2 (BLC-2) District to accommodate a proposed subdivision was presented to Council.

2008-18-676 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that a decision on the redistricting application for a portion of NW 32-73-10-W5 from the Recreation (R) District to the Bare Land

Condominium -2 (BLC-2) District from Sloco McRee be delayed until the South Shore Area Structure Plan has been adopted by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**LEASE OF PT.
PLAN 9721719
BLK 6 LOT 3MR:**

Council considered a request to lease 0.25 acres of Plan 9721719, Block 6, Lot 3MR within the Hamlet of Joussard for the purpose of developing a quick service restaurant and comments presented during the public hearing. Discussion took place on the availability of commercial property in Joussard.

2008-18-677

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Council directs administration to place a notice in the South Peace News stating that the MD intends on removing the MR designation on Plan 9721719, Block 6, Lot 3MR (+/- 1/3 acre); and
That Council directs administration to notify the Registrar that the provisions of Division 9 of the MGA have been complied with (held a public hearing, advertised in the South Peace News, and sent notices to adjacent landowners) and request the Registrar to remove the designation of municipal reserve from municipal lands legally described as Plan 9721719, Block 6, Lot 3MR (+/- 1/3 acre) as per section 675(1) of the Municipal Government Act based on the public hearing; and
That Council authorizes administration to enter into a Municipal Reserve Lease Agreement with Linda Cox to lease 1/3 acre of unused Municipal Reserve legally described as Plan 9721719, Block 6, Lot 3MR for a term and cost to be negotiated.

DEFEATED

**PUBLIC HEARING RE:
BYLAW #26-2008**

2008-18-678

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that the meeting go into public hearing at 10:46 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2008-18-679

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the meeting come out of public hearing at 11:11 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW #26-2008:

Bylaw No. 26-2008 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district a portion of Plan 501NY, Lot 9 in the Hamlet of Joussard from the Hamlet of Joussard Transitional Area (HJTA) District to the Hamlet Commercial (HC) District to accommodate a proposed Tea House/Coffee Bar was presented to Council for second and third readings. General discussion took place on parking issues raised during the public hearing. Deputy Reeve Marx mentioned that he may have concerns with regard to the height of the building at the development permit stage.

2008-18-680

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that Bylaw No. 26-2008 be approved for second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2008-18-681

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that Bylaw No. 26-2008 be approved for third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A break was taken from 11:15 a.m. to 11:26 a.m.

SALE OF MD LAND:

Councillor Welch declared interest and left the room at 11:26 a.m.

Council considered a request from Gary Welch for the MD to sell the following properties in the Hamlet of Grouard: Plan 2359AR Block S, Plan 2359AR Block 37 Lots 1-40, Plan 3367AY Block 36 Lots 14A, 15, 16, 25, 26 and 26A. Mrs. Olansky provided detailed information on the lots and noted that the parcels form part of the re-plotting project that has been ongoing. She recommended that all the lots be consolidated into one large parcel which would eliminate the issue of legal access for some of the lots. Council considered the recommendation and potential uses for the properties.

2008-18-682

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that the MD proceed with advertising for public sale the following lots in Grouard as requested:
Plan 2359AR Block S

Plan 2359AR Block 37 Lots 1-40
 Plan 3367AY Block 36 Lots 14A, 15, 16, 25, 26 and 26A; and further
 that Giroux Avenue and Oliver Street be reinstated

CARRIED

Councillor Welch returned to the meeting at 11:59 a.m. The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:59 a.m. and reconvened at 12:31 p.m.

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

The Community Development Officer's Report for the month of September 2008 was presented to Council. Mrs. Olansky provided an explanation of the notification process to landowners having developments without development permits.

2008-18-683

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMEN that the Community Development Officer's Report to Council for the month of September 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**KINUSO & DISTRICT
 FISH & GAME
 ASSOCIATION:**

A request was received from the Kinuso & District Fish and Game Association for a letter in support of their application to the Canada Firearms Centre for approval of the Kinuso Shooting Range.

2008-18-684

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMEN that a letter be sent to the Kinuso & District Fish and Game Association in support of their application to the Canada Firearms Centre for approval to operate the Kinuso Shooting Range.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS:

BYLAW #27-2008:

Bylaw No. 27-2008 to amend the water rates within the Schedule of Fees Bylaw was presented to Council for third reading.

2008-18-685

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Bylaw No. 27-2008 be approved for third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CODE OF
 PRACTICE:**

Council was provided with an AAMDC Member Bulletin regarding the revised *Code of Practice for a Waterworks System Consisting Solely of a Water Distribution System*.

2008-18-686

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that a letter be sent to Alberta Environment and the AAMDC expressing appreciation for the revisions implemented in the *Code of Practice for a Waterworks System Consisting Solely of a Water Distribution System*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**AWARD OF TENDER -
 SWAN HILLS
 AIRPORT OVERLAY:**

Council was provided with the results for proposals for engineering services and the tender for the Swan Hills Airport asphalt overlay and other work.

2008-18-687 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the tender for the Swan Hills Airport asphalt overlay and other work be awarded to E. Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$657,005.00 and the engineering and project management for the Swan Hills Airport asphalt overlay and other work be awarded to ARA Engineering in the amount of \$60,619.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BF 08279: Correspondence was received from Mr. Donald Saunders, Bridge Manager – Alberta Transportation, requesting that the MD obtain engineering proposals for the design, tender preparation and construction supervision for the replacement of Bridge File 08279 over Mission Creek near Joussard.

2008-18-688 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the MD proceed with seeking engineering proposals for the design, tender preparation and construction supervision for the replacement of Bridge File 08279 over Mission Creek near Joussard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DOUCETTE DRAINAGE: Councillor Ehman noted that the area prone to flooding adjacent to the Doucette Drainage was inspected during the road tour, and questioned how to proceed in order to relieve the concerns. Mr. Lussier suggested that the road be built up rather than installing additional culverts. Administration will bring back more detailed information once survey data has been obtained.

JOUSSARD DITCHING: correction: Councillor L'Heureux questioned if work can be completed this fall along the Joussard access road in order to mitigate flooding concerns ~~at the school and adjacent~~ **on the private property adjacent to the school** next spring. Mr. Lussier will follow up.

PUBLIC WORKS GENERAL: Councillor Matthews commented that he noticed a couple of locations during the road tour where signs were down. Discussion took place regarding turn around time for getting signs back up. Mr. Lussier noted that the sign truck has been in Grande Prairie the past couple of weeks due to electrical problems, but should have been returned yesterday.

Councillor Ehman requested that Mr. Lussier confirm that brushing by Deynaka's has been included on the project list for next year.

Discussion took place regarding remedies to fix the slump on the Snipe Lake connection. Mr. Lussier will investigate whether this would be a warranty issue for the contractor.

AGRICULTURE:

AG. FIELDMAN'S REPORT: Mr. Braithwaite reported that spraying operations were finished up as of last week, and crews are now winterizing the units. Summer ASB staff are seeding on new road construction areas and servicing ASB rental equipment. Seasonal staff will be done in approximately one week. Roadside mowing is expected to be completed by October 17th.

Mr. Braithwaite noted that the agenda for the October 21st Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting has been finalized. He added that the committee currently has a full slate of members at large.

Mr. Braithwaite reported that beaver control activity has been relatively active. He has advised public works of three locations where the culverts need to be cleaned out and blasting cannot be done.

Mr. Braithwaite stated that some riparian fencing has been done at Don Mullen's.

The Provincial ASB Conference is being held in Medicine Hat from January 26th to 28th, 2009. Mr. Braithwaite asked to be advised which councillors will be attending and he will reserve a block of rooms.

The Regional ASB Conference on November 5th will be held at the Sturgeon Heights Hall rather than in Debolt.

Mr. Braithwaite commented that GPS units have been installed in all MD vehicles, and he believes that the program is a valuable tool.

2008-18-689 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the Agricultural Fieldman's Report to Council be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**DELEGATION:*****HIGH PRAIRIE
RCMP:***

S/Sgt. Steve Daley, High Prairie RCMP Detachment, thanked Council for their ongoing support and the opportunity to provide an update on policing in the area communities. Policing reports from January 1st to September 30th, 2008 were distributed and reviewed. General discussion on the statistics ensued.

Mr. Lussier mentioned that High Prairie RCMP members are currently restricted in their ability to have more of a presence in the communities due to the administrative duties they are tasked with. He suggested that Council keep in mind the need for extra administrative support at the High Prairie Detachment during the upcoming meeting with the RCMP and Solicitor General's office at the AAMDC fall convention.

Reeve Billings thanked S/Sgt. Daley for his attendance and noted that his efforts are appreciated. S/Sgt. Daley added that Council's recent amendments to the General Traffic Bylaw related to off highway vehicles was a positive move and has made an impact. Officer Bronson and members of the Faust RCMP Detachment made presentations in the communities and successful patrols took place over the summer.

Full copies of the community police reports were left by S/Sgt. Daley for Council's information.

**COMMUNITY AND
PROTECTIVE SERVICES:*****FIRE HALL LEASE
AGREEMENT:***

Council was provided with a draft lease agreement for use in the event that local community associations wish to lease the facilities currently housing the MD fire and FCS services. Mr. Lussier advised that administration is seeking direction from council with regard to the length of the initial term of the agreement, the per annum base rate and permitted uses for the facilities. General discussion took place on the draft lease agreement. Administration will bring back a more simplified draft agreement for Council's review.

***PEACE OFFICER'S
REPORT:***

Council reviewed the Community Peace Officer's report for the month of September 2008. A brief discussion took place on properly securing of round bales for transport.

correction:

Councillor Campiou questioned how vandalism *is in* the hamlet is being addressed. Officer Bronson advised that six people have been charged by the Faust RCMP.

Officer Bronson requested that Council direct complaints that they receive from the public directly to himself at the office. He will supply each of the councillors with some of his business cards.

2008-18-690

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that the Community Peace Officer's Report for the month of September 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***PHYSICIAN
RETENTION FUND:***

Councillor Matthews stated that the Town of High Prairie wishes to secure a longer term lease for additional physicians' housing, but funding was an issue. Mr. Lussier informed Council that the Physicians Recruitment Policy (Admin 27) provides for the reimbursement of 50% of the monthly rent established for accommodations provided by the Town of High Prairie and 50% of the rent for other accommodation if the Town's is not available. A discussion on the terms of the policy ensued and Council concurred that the policy is sufficient as it currently reads.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION:***CHEQUE LIST:***

Council reviewed the current cheque list.

2008-18-691

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that cheques #41017 to #41192 in the total amount of \$3,089,170.16 for the period ending September 24, 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LSLEA INSURANCE: A request was made that the Lesser Slave Lake Economic Alliance Society be added as an additional named insured under the MD's liability insurance policy.

2008-18-692 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the Lesser Slave Lake Economic Alliance Society be added as an additionally named insured under the MD's liability insurance policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINISTER OF
MUNICIPAL
AFFAIRS:**

Four separate letters were received from the Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs, accepting the MD's project applications for the High Prairie Golf Course, Municipal Services Facilities, Kinuso Ice Arena, and High Prairie rural fire tanker under the capital funding component of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative.

2008-18-693 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the four items of correspondence from the Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs, dated September 15, 2008 accepting the MD's project applications for the High Prairie Golf Course, Municipal Services Facilities, Kinuso Ice Arena, and High Prairie rural fire tanker under the capital funding component of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**HIGH PRAIRIE
REC BOARD:**

Administration asked that Council more clearly define which items require council approval as capital expenditures versus those that can be expended by the Recreation Board either in operations or drawn from their facility rehabilitation reserve. Mr. Lussier suggested that expenditures related to maintaining operations of existing facilities be drawn from the facility rehabilitation reserve.

2008-18-694 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that any funding request for the installation of ice stops on the north roof of the Gordon Buchanan Recreation Centre be brought forth with multiple quotations for council consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2008-18-695 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the MD suggest to the High Prairie & District Recreation Board that they have the authority to draw funds from the facility rehabilitation reserve for expenditures related to repairs and upgrades to all existing Recreation Board facilities to support current functions, and that any new capital item expenditure must be brought to council for approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ECONOMIC DEV'T
COMMITTEE:**

Administration recommended that Council appoint an alternate member to the Economic Development Committee.

2008-18-696 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the appointment of an alternate member to the Economic Development Committee be postponed to the organizational meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**JULY FINANCIAL
REPORTS:**

Council reviewed the Financial Reports for the period ending July 31, 2008. Councillor L'Heureux requested that Financial Reports be placed within main agendas rather than addendums.

2008-18-697 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the Financial Statements for the period ending July 31, 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C.A.O.'S REPORT:

Mr. Lussier reported on a meeting he attended along with the MD Utility Foreman the Kinuso Water Co-op, DCL Siemens and a PFRA staff member focusing on current demands on the system, how it is functioning and how forecasted developments can be accommodated.

Mr. Lussier, along with development staff, met with DCL Engineering Consultants and Corvus Consulting last week in Edmonton to review the infrastructure master plans and off-

site levy calculations. He noted that there has been good progress and is looking forward to presenting Council with the final reports.

Mr. Lussier noted that an alternate estimate for the Faust east end servicing has been completed by DCL Engineering. The report will be brought forth to Council in the near future.

Councillor Matthews inquired as to the deadline for applications for the CAO position. Mr. Lussier advised that a shortlist of candidates will be available for the next council meeting.

2008-18-698 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the C.A.O.'s Report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE:

VICTIMS

ASSISTANCE:

Correspondence was received from Janet Porter, High Prairie & District Victim Assistance Society Coordinator, regarding their 2009 calendar campaign.

2008-18-699 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the correspondence from Janet Porter, High Prairie & District Victim Assistance Society Coordinator, dated September 22, 2008 regarding their 2009 calendar campaign be received for information.

DEFEATED

2008-18-700 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that \$150 be contributed toward the High Prairie & District Victim Assistance Society 2009 calendar campaign.

CARRIED

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

Correspondence to the AAMDC from the Hon. Ron Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, was received in response to the AAMDC's letter regarding the STARS helicopter service.

***MINISTER OF AG &
RURAL DEV'T:***

Correspondence to the AAMDC from the Hon. George Groenveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, was received in response to the AAMDC's letter regarding moisture conditions in the Peace Country.

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

Correspondence to the AAMDC from the Hon. Ron Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, was received in response to the AAMDC's letter regarding representation on the Alberta Health Services Board.

***NORTHERN SUNRISE
COUNTY:***

Correspondence to the Hon. Ron Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, was received from Northern Sunrise County in support of the AAMDC's letter regarding representation on the Alberta Health Services Board.

**MINISTER OF INT'L &
INTERGOV'T
RELATIONS:**

Information was received from the Hon. Ron Stevens, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, regarding new Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) provisions relating to the municipalities, post-secondary academic institutions, school boards and health entities (MASH) sector.

**HP NATIVE FRIENDSHIP
CENTRE SOCIETY:**

Correspondence was received from the High Prairie Native Friendship Centre Society regarding the second stage of the Common Ground initiative.

**MINISTER OF
MUNICIPAL
AFFAIRS:**

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding the dissolution study requested by the Village of Kinuso. Council discussed the probable time line for completion of the dissolution study.

2008-18-701

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that correspondence items 12bi, 12bii, 12biii, 12biv, 12bv, 12bvi and 12bvii be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY/
COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

D. MARX:

Deputy Reeve Marx reported that he went on the road tour, which he enjoyed, and attended the Public Works Committee and Municipal Planning Commission meetings on September 29th.

F. WELCH:

Councillor Welch reported that she attended the Municipal Planning Commission meeting, road tour, and Economic Development Committee meeting.

K. MATTHEWS:

Councillor Matthews reported that he attended an Economic Development Committee meeting, the road tour and a joint economic development meeting with the Town of High Prairie on October 7th. He noted that there was some concern expressed at the joint meeting that the Seal Lake road project is not proceeding quick enough.

K. KILLEEN:

No report

V. CAMPIOU:

Councillor Campiou reported that she has attended the Municipal Planning Commission meeting, road tour, and meetings for the Faust Community League.

G. L'HEUREUX:

Councillor L'Heureux reported that he attended the road tour and agreed with Deputy Reeve Marx that it was a well organized tour.

A. BILLINGS:

Reeve Billings reported that he attended the Public Works Committee meeting and Municipal Planning Commission meeting on September 29th, and the opening of the Victor Prinz Bridge on September 30th. He noted that the opening was well attended, and during the ceremony he was presented with a Metis Sash from the East Prairie Metis Settlement.

Reeve Billings reported that he attended the Progressive Conservative Convention and did some lobbying on behalf of the MD while there. Items of discussion included the Seal Lake Road, Local Authorities Election Act and consultation requirements with First Nations and Metis Settlements. He further reported on information presented by the Hon. Ted Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, regarding the Land Use Framework.

Reeve Billings attended the October 6th road tour and took part in interviews for the Public Works Superintendent position.

Mr. Lussier informed Council that a meeting has been arranged with the MD and both Assistant Deputy Ministers for Transportation and Tourism, Parks and Recreation during the AAMDC Conference.

R. EHMAN:

Councillor Ehman reported that he attended the road tour which went well.

2008-18-702 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the Councillor Community/ Committee Reports be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER: Reeve Billings requested that Council consider reimbursing his hotel and meal expenses from the PC Convention as some of his time was spent on behalf of the MD. He noted that he did not want to be paid per diem.

Reeve Billings declared interest and left the room at 2:41 p.m. Deputy Reeve Marx assumed the chair.

2008-18-703 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that Reeve Billings' expenses for meals and accommodations for his attendance at the Progressive Conservative Convention be reimbursed by the MD.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Billings returned to the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Council considered having representation at the October 20th community forum for the High Prairie Native Friendship Centre Society's Common Ground Initiative.

2008-18-704 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that Reeve Billings be approved to attend the High Prairie Native Friendship Centre Society's Common Ground Initiative community forum being held on October 20th.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***PRAIRIE RIVER
JUNIOR HIGH:***

Reeve Billings received a request from the Prairie River Junior High grade nine class to make a presentation on his role within the municipal council as part of their government studies course. He will arrange to speak with the students.

MEETING

SCHEDULE:

October 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.	LSL Economic Alliance AGM
October 16, 2008	2:00 p.m.	AB Finance & Enterprise Open House
October 21, 2008	10:00 a.m.	Agricultural Advisory Committee
October 22, 2008	10:00 a.m.	Council Organizational Meeting
October 27, 2008	10:00 a.m.	Public Works Committee
October 27, 2008	1:00 p.m.	Municipal Planning Commission
October 31, 2008	1:00 p.m.	Economic Development Committee

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on October 22, 2008 at the M.D. Administration Building.

Reeve Billings will approach MLA Pearl Calahasen about setting up a meeting with the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development regarding the Seal Lake Road.

A break was taken from 2:51 p.m. to 2:59 p.m.

IN CAMERA:

2008-18-705 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the meeting go in camera to discuss personnel matters at 2:59 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2008-18-706 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting come out of camera at 3:29 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

2008-18-707

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that the meeting adjourn at 3:29 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Alvin Billings, Reeve

Gilles Lussier, C.A.O.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
PUBLIC HEARING
(LEASE OF PT. PL 9721719 BLK 6 LOT 3MR)
October 8, 2008**

Minutes of the Municipal District of Big Lakes Public Hearing for a request to lease Pt. Plan 9721719, Block 6, Lot 3MR held at the M.D. Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 commencing at 10:15 a.m.

PRESENT WERE:

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Absent:	Ray Dupres, Enilda/Big Meadow
Administration:	Gilles Lussier, C.A.O. Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary Karen Zelman, Development Clerk
Members of the Public:	Linda Cox Sharon Cox Marc Goutier Leona & Denis Ouellette Bernie Falkner Debbie & Stacy Monteith Cathy Wilcox Jeannie Plamondon
Press:	Chris Clegg, South Peace News Keith Hopper, CKVH Radio

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Billings called the public hearing to order at 10:16 a.m.

Mrs. Olansky reported that the Public Hearing was being held on the matter of a request to lease 0.25 acres of Plan 9721719, Block 6, Lot 3MR within the Hamlet of Joussard for the purpose of developing a quick service restaurant. She noted that a bylaw is not necessary and the lease of a municipal reserve lot can be done through the public hearing process and motion of council.

The public hearing was duly advertised and notices were sent to referral agencies. Two written submission were received and attached to the Development Officer's report.

Mr. Goutier stated that he is in favor of restaurant in Joussard and there is a need for this service in the hamlet.

Mrs. Ouellette commented that there is a need for a restaurant in Joussard, but it should be developed on a commercial lot.

Ms. L. Cox distributed information regarding the proposal and introduced her partner, Sharon Cox. She noted that they are requesting to lease 1/3 acre rather than 0.25 as in the original request and would like to start construction this winter with a May, 2009 opening.

Mr. Ouellette commented that he is in agreement with a development of this nature in Joussard, but noted it should be on a commercial lot.

Mr. Falkner noted that there are a number of customers at his cabin rental business looking for somewhere to eat when in Joussard.

Mrs. Monteith also expressed her agreement with the development because of the definite need; however, she felt that the developers should be buying into the community rather than renting and the restaurant should be on property that is zoned commercial.

Mr. Monteith commented that there is commercial property available in Jousard and felt that the MD should not get into leasing of land or in the business of development.

Mrs. Wilcox endorsed the idea of a restaurant and commented that the developer will do a good job; however, did not agree with using municipal reserve land to do so. She stated that the community is growing significantly and MR land should be better used for public purposes in the future. She commented that the community asked for better planning and this issue is not being properly looked into. Mrs. Wilcox further stated that when the use of MR land comes up for review it should be made available to more than one person.

Mrs. Plamondon endorsed Mrs. Wilcox's comments and reiterated that the MD should look at better uses for MR land in the future.

Ms. L. Cox explained that she had a problem finding commercial land in Jousard and looked at land close to the existing commercial area. Mrs. Monteith reported on the status of their commercial subdivision development. Mrs. Wilcox suggested that there is very little property in Jousard currently zoned commercial, but there are vacant lots very near to the MR lot that could be rezoned. Councillor L'Heureux agreed that there is residential property that could be re-districted to commercial, but no one wants the development if it will affect them.

The public hearing was closed at 10:29 a.m.

Alvin Billings, Reeve

Gilles Lussier, C.A.O.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
PUBLIC HEARING
(LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT 25-2008)
October 8, 2008**

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, October 8, 2008 commencing at 10:30 a.m.

PRESENT WERE:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Billings called the public hearing to order at 10:30 a.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 32-73-10-W5 northwest of Kinuso from the Recreation (R) District to the Bare Land Condominium -2 (BLC-2) District to accommodate a proposed subdivision.

The property was recently re-zoned from the Agricultural (A) District to Recreation (R) District to accommodate a seasonal recreation vehicle campground. The applicant has since decided that he would prefer to subdivide and sell off the lots.

The public hearing was duly advertised and notices were sent to referral agencies. One written submission was received and attached to the Development Officer's report.

The Municipal Planning Commission reviewed the application at their September 29th meeting and had no concerns; however, it was recommended that a decision on the redistricting be delayed until the South Shore Area Structure Plan be adopted by Council.

Mrs. Olansky noted that two previous subdivision applications in this area were delayed for the same reason.

The public hearing was closed at 10:33 a.m.

Alvin Billings, Reeve

Gilles Lussier, C.A.O.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
PUBLIC HEARING
(LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT 26-2008)
October 8, 2008**

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, October 8, 2008 commencing at 10:45 a.m.

PRESENT WERE:

Reeve:	Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt
Deputy Reeve:	David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
Councillor:	Violet Campiou, Faust Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood Ken Killeen, Kinuso Guy L'Heureux, Joussard Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle Fern Welch, Grouard
Absent:	Ray Dupres, Enilda/Big Meadow
Administration:	Gilles Lussier, C.A.O. Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary Karen Zelman, Development Clerk
Members of the Public:	Heather & Robert Mills Leona & Denis Ouellette Cathy Wilcox Gordon Caudron Jeannie Plamondon Debbie & Stacy Monteith
Press:	Chris Clegg, South Peace News Keith Hopper, CKVH Radio

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Billings called the public hearing to order at 10:46 a.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 Plan 501NY, Lot 9 in the Hamlet of Joussard from the Hamlet of Joussard Transitional Area (HJTA) District to the Hamlet Commercial (HC) District to accommodate a proposed Tea House/Coffee Bar.

The public hearing was duly advertised and notices were sent to referral agencies. One written submission was received and attached to the Development Officer's report.

The Municipal Planning Commission reviewed the application at their September 29th meeting and had no concerns.

Mr. Mills stated that their main concern with the proposal was whether there was enough traffic in Joussard to support such a development, but he noted that from comments made during the earlier public hearing there appears to be a substantial need for a restaurant. He provided details on the development and landscaping plans and noted that parking will be located entirely on their own private property.

Mrs. Wilcox supported this project, stating that there is a need for this type of commercial development in Joussard. She noted that the proposed location is a busy part of the hamlet already and would be suitable.

Mrs. Ouellette expressed concern with the proximity of the parking from the entrance to her residence and commented that a more appropriate location for a restaurant would be downtown.

Mr. Caudron expressed further concern on behalf of the Joussard Harbor Authority with regard to parking. He noted that many elderly people use the marina and cannot lose the parking area next to the road.

Mrs. Plamondon expressed support for the project and the proposed location.

Mrs. Monteith was also in favor of the development, noting that the applicants have already invested in Joussard.

Mrs. Ouellette suggested that the applicants transpose the plans so that the parking is not near the front of her house. She also noted concern with the potential for litter from patrons blowing into the lake. Mr. Ouellette added that the development will hinder their view of the lake and stated that he is opposed to the re-districting application. Mr. Mills advised that the building will be a single storey and should have minimal impact on their view. He proposed meeting with Mr. & Mrs. Ouellette to review the design and profile of the building in order to alleviate some of their concerns. Mrs. Wilcox suggested that if the application for re-districting is approved, then a condition of the development permit include a buffer or screening between the parking area and property line.

Discussion took place regarding the parking area along the road adjacent to the harbor and safety issues with vehicles backing out onto the road. Mr. Lussier clarified that the parking area is within road right-of-way.

The public hearing was closed at 11:11 a.m.

Alvin Billings, Reeve

Gilles Lussier, C.A.O.