

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
October 22, 2008**

Minutes of the Municipal District of Big Lakes Organizational Meeting held at the M.D. Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, October 22, 2008, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

- PRESENT WERE:**
- Councillor: Alvin Billings, Banana Belt/H.P. East
Ray Dupres, Enilda
Violet Campiou, Faust
Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
Ken Killeen, Kinuso
Guy L'Heureux, Joussard
David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
Fern Welch, Grouard
- Administration: Gilles Lussier, C.A.O.
Jeff Renaud, Deputy C.A.O.
Mike Rudkin, Treasurer
Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer
Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary
- Observer: Jordan Lewis, E.W. Pratt High School Student
- Press: Chris Clegg, South Peace News
Keith Hopper, CKVH Radio
- CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Lussier called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
- REVIEW OF PROCESS:** Mr. Lussier explained the different options council may choose to proceed with the Organizational Meeting. Council chose to conduct the process by secret ballot.
- 2008-19-708** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that secret ballots for the purpose of committee appointments be held wherever necessary.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2008-19-709** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that Jeff Renaud be appointed Returning Officer for the purpose of the Organizational Meeting.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ELECTION OF REEVE:** Mr. Lussier called for nominations for Reeve. Councillor L'Heureux nominated Councillor Billings. Mr. Lussier called a second and third time for nominations for Reeve.
- 2008-19-710** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that nominations for the position of Reeve cease.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Councillor Billings was declared elected as Reeve. Reeve Billings assumed the chair.
- ELECTION OF DEPUTY REEVE:** Reeve Billings called for nominations for Deputy Reeve. Councillor L'Heureux nominated Councillor Killeen. Councillor Ehman nominated Councillor Marx. Councillor Killeen nominated Councillor Matthews.
- 2008-19-711** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that nominations for the position of Deputy Reeve cease.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Mr. Renaud distributed ballots and a secret vote was taken.
- Mr. Lussier welcomed Jordan Lewis, E.W. Pratt High School student, to the meeting, and noted that he will be observing council proceedings.
- Mr. Renaud advised that a tie vote resulted between Councillor Marx and Councillor Killeen.
- Councillor Dupres joined the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

A re-vote was taken, and Councillor Marx was declared elected as Deputy Reeve.

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

***AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE:***

2008-19-712 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the following members be reaffirmed to the Agricultural Advisory Committee:

George Blackhurst
Grant Gaschnitz
Howard Greer
Melvin Hill
Ron Matula
Will Marx
Doug Meneice
Duane Nichols
Lorne Pratt
Calvin Richter
Arthur Smith
Claude Smith
Michael Strebchuk
Peter Tindall
Sam Wiley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**STATUTORY/AGREEMENT
APPOINTMENTS - EXTERNAL:**

***HEART RIVER
HOUSING:***

2008-19-713 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Councillor Welch be re-appointed to the Heart River Housing Board and Councillor Campiou be appointed as alternate member.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***BARRHEAD SOCIAL
HOUSING:***

2008-19-714 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Councillor Killeen be re-appointed to the Barrhead Social Housing Board and Councillor Dupres be appointed as alternate member.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F.C.S.S. ADVISORY:

2008-19-715 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that Councillor Campiou and Councillor Welch be reaffirmed to the F.C.S.S. Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

2008-19-716 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Councillor Campiou be appointed to Community Futures – Lesser Slave Lake Region and Councillor Matthews be appointed as alternate member.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LIBRARY BOARD:

Councillor Welch suggested that the same Councillors be appointed to the Big Lakes Library Board, High Prairie Library Board and Peace Library System in order to maintain consistency.

2008-19-717 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that Councillor Campiou and Councillor Welch be appointed to the M.D. of Big Lakes Library Board, Councillor Welch be appointed to the High Prairie Library Board with Councillor Campiou as alternate and Councillor Welch be appointed to Peace Library System with Councillor Campiou as alternate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***HIGH PRAIRIE
REC. BOARD:***

Councillor L'Heureux nominated Councillor Matthews for the High Prairie & District Recreation Board. Councillor Ehman and Deputy Reeve Marx expressed continued interest in sitting on the Board. Ballots were distributed and a secret vote was taken.

***KINUSO REC.
BOARD:***

Councillor Killeen advised that Terry Dow is no longer involved with the Kinuso Recreation Board.

2008-19-718

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that Councillor Killeen and A. Churchill be appointed to the Kinuso Recreation Board and that advertisements be placed for the vacancy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

2008-19-719

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH that Councillor L'Heureux be appointed to the High Prairie Regional Landfill Authority and Reeve Billings be appointed as the alternate member.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***HIGH PRAIRIE
REC. BOARD:***

Mr. Renaud presented results of the vote. Councillor Ehman was declared member to the High Prairie & District Recreation Board. A tie vote resulted between Councillor Matthews and Deputy Reeve Marx. Ballots were again distributed and a re-vote was taken for the tie.

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

Discussion took place on appointing an alternate member to the High Prairie Seed Cleaning Co-op.

2008-19-720

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that Reeve Billings be appointed to the High Prairie Seed Cleaning Co-op Board and Deputy Reeve Marx be appointed alternate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***HIGH PRAIRIE
REC. BOARD:***

Mr. Renaud presented results of the re-vote. Councillor Matthews was declared member to the High Prairie & District Recreation Board. Deputy Reeve Marx was declared alternate member.

***L.S.L. WATERSHED
COMMITTEE:***

Councillor L'Heureux expressed interest in being moved from alternate to member of the Lesser Slave Lake Watershed Committee. Councillor Dupres did not object.

2008-19-721

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PEACE AIR SHED:

2008-19-722 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Councillor Matthews be re-appointed to the Peace Air Shed Zone Association and Reeve Billings be re-appointed as alternate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BARRHEAD AIR SHED:

2008-19-723 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Councillor Matthews be re-affirmed to the Barrhead/Whitecourt Air Shed Zone Association and Reeve Billings be re-affirmed as alternate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P.R.W.R.A.C.:

2008-19-724 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that Councillor L'Heureux be re-appointed to the Peace Region Waste Reduction Action Committee and Reeve Billings be re-appointed as alternate member.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

S.A.R.D.A.:

2008-19-725 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that Councillor L'Heureux be appointed as alternate member to the Smoky Applied Research and Development Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2008-19-726 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Councillor Ehman be re-affirmed to the Smoky Applied Research and Development Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TOURISM:

2008-19-727 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Councillor Welch be re-appointed to the Big Lake Country Tourism and that Councillor Dupres be re-appointed as the alternate member.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GROUARD/P.R. TRAIL COMMITTEE:

2008-19-728 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that Councillor Welch be re-affirmed to the Grouard/Peace River TrailNet Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

V.S.I.:

2008-19-729 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that Councillor L'Heureux be appointed to Veterinary Services Incorporated Board and Reeve Billings be appointed as alternate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

METIS SETTLEMENTS COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

2008-19-730 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that Reeve Billings, Deputy Reeve Marx and Councillor Matthews be appointed to the Metis Settlement Communications Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

2008-19-731 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Councillor Killeen be recommended for appointment to the Lesser Slave Lake Resource Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

2008-19-732 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that Deputy Reeve Marx be re-affirmed to the Tolko Forest Resource Advisory Committee and Councillor Killeen be re-affirmed as alternate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

2008-19-733 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that Councillor Killeen continue to sit on the Swan Hills Special Waste Treatment Facility Liaison Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***STAFF NEGOTIATING
COMMITTEE:***

2008-19-734 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Councillor Dupres, Councillor L'Heureux and Councillor Matthews be re-appointed to the Staff Negotiating Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

2008-19-735 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that Councillor Matthews be re-appointed to the High Prairie Health Facility Ad Hoc Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Discussion took place on whether continued membership on the High Prairie Second Ice Surface Committee was necessary. Mr. Lussier suggested that the committee be replaced with the new Training Facility Steering Committee. He explained the initiative for the training facility, which is proposed to be located near the new hospital.

2008-19-736 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the MD remove itself from the High Prairie Second Ice Surface Ad Hoc Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***TRAINING FACILITY
STEERING
COMMITTEE:***

Discussion took place on the focus of the Training Facility Steering Committee and the intentions for the training facility.

2008-19-737 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the MD participate in the Training Facility Steering Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2008-19-738 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Reeve Billings and Councillor Matthews be appointed to the Training Facility Steering Committee.

DEFEATED

2008-19-739 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that Councillor Matthews be appointed to the Training Facility Steering Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***MD/TOWN OF HP
FIRE SERVICES
COMMITTEE:***

2008-19-740

MOVED BY REEVE BILLINGS that Councillor Dupres and Councillor Matthews be re-appointed to the MD/Town of High Prairie Fire Services Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***LSL ECONOMIC
ALLIANCE:***

2008-19-741

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Councillor Billings be re-affirmed to the Lesser Slave Lake Economic Alliance Society and Councillor Matthews be re-affirmed as alternate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT:***

Councillor L'Heureux and Deputy Reeve Marx expressed interest in being appointed to the Economic Development Committee. Councillors Matthews and Welch expressed continued interest. Councillor Dupres declined re-appointment. Ballots were distributed and a secret vote was taken.

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

2008-19-742

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***M.P.C.:***

Mr. Lussier informed Council that Will Marx declined to let his name stand for appointment as a member-at-large to the Municipal Planning Commission. Myler Savill remained interested, and letters of interest in the MPC member-at-large positions were received from Hector Renaud and Cathy Wilcox. Ballots were distributed and a secret vote was taken for the two available positions.

***ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT:***

Mr. Renaud presented results of the vote. Deputy Reeve Marx, Councillor Matthews, and Councillor Welch were appointed to the Economic Development Committee.

***EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE:***

Councillor Dupres declined re-appointment to the Emergency Management Committee. Councillor Welch expressed interest.

2008-19-743

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that Councillor Campiou, Councillor Matthews, and Councillor Welch be appointed to the Emergency Management Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***WEED & PEST
CONTROL APPEAL
COMMITTEE:***

2008-19-744

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that Grant Gaschnitz, Melvin Hill, and Robert Smith be re-appointed to the Weed and Pest Control Appeal Committee

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**INTER-MUNICIPAL
COMMITTEES:*****HIGH PRAIRIE
INTER-MUNICIPAL
AD HOC***

COMMITTEE:

Mr. Lussier reported that inter-municipal negotiations with the Town of High Prairie, Town of Swan Hills and Village of Kinuso have all either just begun or are partially through the process.

2008-19-745

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that:

- 1) Reeve Billings, Councillor Ehman and Councillor Matthews be appointed to the High Prairie Inter-Municipal Ad Hoc Committee;
- 2) Reeve Billings, Councillor Killeen and Councillor L'Heureux be appointed to the Swan Hills Inter-Municipal Ad Hoc Committee;
- 3) Reeve Billings, Councillor Killeen and Councillor Campiou be appointed to the Village of Kinuso Inter-Municipal Ad Hoc Committee with Councillor Welch appointed as alternate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MPC:

Mr. Renaud presented results of the vote. Myler Savill and Cathy Wilcox were appointed to the Municipal Planning Commission.

**PEACE OIL SANDS
SYNERGY GROUP:**

2008-19-746

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMEN that the Peace Oil Sands Synergy Group become an annual appointment by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2008-19-747

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Councillor Matthews be re-appointed to Peace Oil Sands Synergy Group

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

S.D.A.B.:

Mr. Lussier noted that with Mrs. Cathy Wilcox's appointment to the MPC she automatically steps down as member to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. Administration will advertise to fill the vacancy and inquire whether Mr. H. Renaud would like to let his name stand for appointment to the SDAB.

2008-19-748

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that Terry Lanigan, Duane Nichols, Dennis Zahacy, and Tammy Henkel be appointed to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEETING
SCHEDULE:**

2008-19-749

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CONFIRMATION OF
APPOINTMENTS:**

2008-19-750

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DESTRUCTION
OF BALLOTS:**

2008-19-751

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMEN that the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**REMUNERATION
POLICY:**

The Councillor and At-Large Honorarium Policy (Counc-04) was provided to Council for review.

2008-19-752

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CHRISTMAS STAFF
RECOGNITION:**

The Christmas Staff Recognition Policy (Admin-21) was included in the agenda package for review.

2008-19-753

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH that the Christmas Staff Recognition Policy (Admin-21) be amended to increase the value of the grocery voucher to \$50.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CODE OF ETHICS
POLICY:**

The Code of Ethics Policy (Counc-01) was provided to Council for review.

2008-19-754

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the Code of Ethics Policy (Counc-01) be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

2008-19-755

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that the meeting adjourn at 11:08 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Alvin Billings, Reeve

Gilles Lussier, C.A.O.