

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
October 25, 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, October 25, 2006, following the Organizational Meeting.

**PRESENT WERE:**

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| Reeve:          | Myler Savill, Joussard  |
| Deputy Reeve:   | David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie                                       |
| Councillor:     | Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt   |
|                 | Violet Campiou, Faust   |
|                 | Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood  |
|                 | Ken Killeen, Kinuso   |
|                 | Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle   |
|                 | Fern Welch, Grouard   |
|                 |   |
| Absent:         | Ray Dupres, Enilda/Big Meadow   |
|                 |   |
| Administration: | John Eriksson, C.A.O.   |
|                 | Jeff Renaud, A.C.A.O.   |
|                 | Gilles Lussier, Sup't of P.W.   |
|                 | Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer                                  |
|                 | Gary Braithwaite, Ag. Fieldman  |
|                 | John Gould, Fire Chief  |
|                 | Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary   |
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| Delegation:     | David Kohut, Alberta Infrastructure and<br>Transportation                   |
|                 | Trent Glute, Alex Wile & Marvin Dusterhoff, Plains<br>Marketing Canada L.P. |
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| Observers:      | Tony Sikora   |
|                 | Corrie Fordyce  |
|                 | Trina Willier   |
|                 | Laura Tompkins  |
|                 | Milton Sloan  |
|                 |   |
| Press:          | Chris Clegg, South Peace News   |
|                 | Raffaele Papaianni, CKVH  |

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Reeve Savill called the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m.

**MINUTES:**

2006-21-683

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS** that the minutes of the October 11, 2006 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADDENDUM  
TO AGENDA:**

2006-21-684

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the agenda with addendum for the October 25, 2006 Council Meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS ARISING  
FROM MINUTES:**

Councillor Ehman questioned if a meeting has been arranged with regard to the second ice surface. Mr. Eriksson advised that he will get confirmation from the Town of High Prairie council following their meeting tonight.

An update was received from the AAMD&C regarding the AUMA resolution on the provincial rural development freeze. Mr. Renaud reported that subsequent to the last meeting and Council's direction to send a letter to the AAMD&C a portion of the resolution was defeated by the AUMA membership.

2006-21-685

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Motion #2006-19-660 be rescinded.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve Savill questioned if Council should stay abreast of the land use discussion paper being developed by AAMD&C. Mr. Renaud noted that the draft paper will be released at the AAMD&C fall convention.

Reeve Savill noted in the information section of the agenda a Minister Meeting Summary in which the AAMD&C brought forward the resolution passed with regard to subdivision and development regulations imposed by Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation. Reeve Savill expressed concern with the time line in bringing this issue forward from the time the motion was passed at the AAMD&C convention. He suggested that it might be time that the membership imposes time lines on the executive. Discussion took place on Reeve Savill presenting Council's concerns at the conference or during the Reeve's meeting.

## **REPORTS:**

### ***REEVE:***

Reeve Savill reported on a Peace Country Health Inter-municipal meeting he attended at the County of Grande Prairie on October 20<sup>th</sup> regarding the status of the new acute care facility in Grande Prairie. He stated that Peace Country Health is looking for approval to proceed with the design of the facility. Agreement was reached at the meeting that the M.D.'s and counties would send letters in support of requesting that the government make an early decision on proceeding with phase one for design of the new acute care facility in Grande Prairie.

### **2006-21-686**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that a letter be sent to the Hon. Shirley McClellan, Deputy Premier, in support of requesting that the Provincial Government make an early decision with regard to proceeding with phase one of the new acute care facility in Grande Prairie and that copies be sent to the Ministers of Health, Finance and Infrastructure and Transportation and the Hon. Pearl Calahasen, M.L.A., and the Hon. Ken Kowalski, M.L.A.

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve Savill advised that there will be a PC leadership candidate forum in Grande Prairie on November 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be three questions put forth with regard to health.

### ***C.A.O.:***

Mr. Eriksson reported on a meeting he attended at the Legislature Building on October 11<sup>th</sup> with regard to Sucker Creek drainage. He advised Council that he has the latest report available. Another meeting will take place some time in November.

Mr. Eriksson attended a High Prairie Community Health Council meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> during which they held a teleconference call with Marv Moore, Peace Country Health Chairman, and discussed physician retention incentives.

Fire Chief Gould entered the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Mr. Eriksson reported that the RCMP Protocol Agreement has been drafted. He added that the agreements were sent to the new administrator at Gift Lake to see if they are interested in participating.

Mr. Eriksson advised that administration continues to work on the budget. He will be taking vacation days, but will be keeping in contact in terms of the budget via e-mail.

Mr. Eriksson stated that Forestry confirmed over the phone yesterday that there will be no charges to the M.D. for the Buffalo Bay/Horse Lake fire. He advised that a meeting has been arranged with the Assistant Deputy Minister of Sustainable Resource Development during the AAMD&C conference as the Minister will be out of town.

Copies of the AAMD&C conference council itinerary will be provided. Mr. Eriksson added that a reception hosted by Reynolds Mirth Richards and Farmer will be held on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. All council members indicated that they would attend. Council agreed to make their own travel arrangements to the conference and dinner reservations will be made for the evening of November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Eriksson reported that the Town of High Prairie manager suggested that both councils meet with the Sports Complex Society over lunch at the Town's new Emergency Operations Centre at the High Prairie airport on November 8<sup>th</sup> regarding the new ice surface.

Mr. Eriksson advised that Ed Stalmach, PC leadership candidate, is holding a meeting at the Dunes Golf and Country Club in Grande Prairie on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

2006-21-687 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS** that the Reeve and C.A.O.'s Reports be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

***BYLAW #8-2006:*** Bylaw No. 8-2006 for the closure of the laneway lying between the production south easterly of the north and south boundaries of Lot 8 Block 5 Plan 4899HW for the purpose of sale was presented to Council for second and third readings.

2006-21-688 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Bylaw No. 8-2006 be approved for second reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-21-689 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Bylaw No. 8-2006 be approved for third reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillors Matthews and Welch were not present at the public hearing and did not vote on this matter.

***ROAD ALLOWANCE  
LEASE APPLICATION:***

Council considered a request from Mr. Sheldon Bruder to lease the road allowance adjacent to the west boundary of the NW 31-73-17-W5 for additional horse pasture.

2006-21-690 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that a public hearing be scheduled for the proposed closure of the road allowance adjacent to the west boundary of the NW 31-73-17-W5 as requested by Mr. Sheldon Bruder.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***GRAVEL:*** Councillor Ehman reported that he has received a significant number of calls from area residents expressing concern over the quality of gravel on some roads. Councillor Ehman requested that Mr. Lussier provide gravel samples from the different stockpile sites at the next Public Works Committee meeting. Council discussed the gravel crushing specifications and variables affecting the quality of gravel placed on each road. It was further noted that gravel is a scarce resource in the area and the quality varies from area to area. Councillor Ehman requested a map of the areas gravelled this year and stated that he would like to go out and compare the areas. Councillor Matthews questioned if roads with a higher traffic volume receive more maintenance than others. Mr. Lussier replied that certain roads receive gravel more frequently than the average once every three years and if time permits they may be bladed more often.

***PUBLIC WORKS  
REPORT:***

Council reviewed the Public Works Superintendent's written report included in the agenda package. Mr. Lussier added that gravel stockpiling at the Gilwood site commenced today. He further advised that Peavine has requested additional funding from Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation for construction of their portion of Range Road 163 (Peavine/Seal Lake Road). Because this is delaying the tender, the contractor has been asked to extend the period for which the bid is valid. Mr. Lussier is yet to hear a response.

Mr. Braithwaite joined the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Councillor Welch questioned if the street lights along S.H. 750 at Grouard were to be installed this year or next year. Mr. Lussier advised that the lights are to be installed next year and the guard rail was to be completed this year. Councillor Welch advised that no work has been done and asked that Mr. Lussier check the status.

Reeve Savill noted that issues with regard to flashing and drain pipes on the Jousard water plant were raised with Mr. Bannister and fixed in a timely manner.

Councillor Campiou inquired as to when the grader would be in Faust. Mr. Lussier noted that the weather had been wet subsequent to her earlier request. The grader was out today but he was unsure as to its location presently.

2006-21-691 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the Public Works Superintendent Report be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A break was taken from 11:00 a.m. to 11:09 a.m. Mrs. Olansky joined the meeting.

**AGRICULTURE:**

***V.S.I.:*** Correspondence from Clearhills County Agricultural Service Board and Council seeking support from partnering municipalities to include certain services for elk and bison in the V.S.I. program was tabled at the previous meeting. Mr. Braithwaite advised that the request will be brought up at the VSI annual meeting on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Council discussed the request further and agreed to place the item on the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting agenda.

**2006-21-692** **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the request from Clearhills County to include services for elk and bison to the V.S.I. program be tabled until following the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***AG. ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE:***

Council considered postponing the November 9<sup>th</sup> Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting due to conflicts with the date. It was agreed to proceed with the meeting as planned.

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

Mr. Braithwaite reported that stray cats being caught in dog traps have become an issue in the hamlets and there is no clear direction on what should be done with them. Council discussed the issue and agreed that any cats ending up in dog traps should be released. Reeve Savill suggested that a log be kept of all cats trapped.

Mr. Braithwaite reported that beaver control is presently very intense. Roadside mowers are still working and will continue until mid November dependant on the weather. Mr. Braithwaite advised that mowing will be significantly under budget due to the late arrival of the new tractor.

Mr. Braithwaite attended an acreage owner's horse pasture and manure management seminar at the High Prairie Agriplex last night.

Mr. Braithwaite advised that he was unable to give a presentation on weed control at the last Town of Swan Hills meeting due to a lack of quorum. He suggested to the Town's C.A.O. that they provide for weed control in next years budget and that they discuss a program nearer to next spring.

A two-part Environmental Farm Plan Seminar is taking place October 26<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the High Prairie Elks Hall downtown and a second seminar will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**2006-21-693** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the Agricultural Fieldman's Report to Council be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT  
COMM. SERVICES:**

***FIRE CHIEF'S  
REPORT:***

The Fire Chief's monthly report to Council for the month of August was tabled at the previous meeting. Fire Chief Gould advised that the blueprints for the proposed new municipal services facilities are complete, and he is scheduling a meeting of the committee for November 7<sup>th</sup> in Jousard at 7 p.m. Fire Chief Gould will advise Councillor Dupres of the committee and the meeting. Fire Chief Gould further inquired whether there were questions in regard to the Sustainable Resource Development grant in the August report. He was advised that any questions had been addressed.

Mr. Braithwaite left the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

**2006-21-694** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the Fire Chief's report to Council for the month of August 2006 be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Fire Chief Gould left the meeting at 11:29 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 had been tabled at a previous meeting. Mrs. Olansky provided information based on discussions with the NRCB and a representative from Pratt Ranches with regard to minimum distance separation of confined feeding operations from neighboring residences. Council discussed the proposed subdivision and the M.D.'s draft CFO bylaw.

2006-21-695

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS** that:

1. Bylaw No. 17-2006 be approved for first reading.
2. A public hearing date be set for November 22, 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 November 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 issues of the South Peace News and November 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 issues of the High Prairie Times newspapers.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mrs. Olansky will present council at an upcoming meeting with the draft bylaw to amend the Municipal Development Plan to incorporate confined feeding operation exclusion zones as well as the bylaw to amend the General Regulations and the Agriculture District within the Land Use Bylaw to further address confined feeding operations' policies for review and revision.

**BYLAW #20-2006:**

Bylaw No. 20-2006 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district a portion of SW 30-74-17-W5 from Agriculture (A) District to Industrial (I) District was presented to Council for first reading.

2006-21-696

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that:

1. Bylaw No. 20-2006 be approved for first reading.
2. A public hearing date be set for November 22, 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 November 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 issues of the South Peace News and November 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 issues of the High Prairie Times newspapers.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****BYLAW #21-2006:**

Bylaw No. 21-2006 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district a portion of Pt. NW 3-74-13-W5 from Hamlet of Jousard Urban Reserve (HJUR) District to Recreation (R) District was presented to Council for first reading.

2006-21-697

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that:

1. Bylaw No. 21-2006 be approved for first reading.
2. A public hearing date be set for November 22, 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 November 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 issues of the South Peace News and November 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 issues of the High Prairie Times newspapers.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****N.A.D.C.:**

An invitation was received from Mr. Dan Dibbelt, Northern Alberta Development Council Executive Director, to attend the next meeting of the Northern Alberta Mayors and Reeves meeting to be held on November 3, 2006 in Slave Lake.

Mrs. Olansky left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

2006-21-698

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the Councillor Killeen and Mr. Renaud be approved to attend the Northern Alberta Mayors and Reeves meeting to be held on November 3, 2006 in Slave Lake.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****PEACE COUNTRY  
HEALTH:**

An invitation was received from Mr. Marv Moore, Peace Country Health Board Chair, to attend a strategic service planning session to be held November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Grande Prairie.

2006-21-699

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the invitation from Mr. Marv Moore, Peace Country Health Board Chair, to attend a strategic service planning session on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Grande Prairie be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**EMERGENCY MGMT  
ALBERTA AGENCY:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs announcing the newly created Emergency Management Alberta Agency. Mr. Eriksson advised that details are yet to come.

2006-21-700

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the correspondence from Alberta Municipal Affairs dated October 16, 2006 regarding the newly created Emergency Management Alberta Agency be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:49 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Councillor Campiou did not return to the meeting.

**FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION:****ALMS:**

A membership application for the 2006-07 year from the Alberta Lake Management Society was tabled at the previous meeting. Mr. Renaud provided information on the society. Reeve Savill will seek input regarding the society at the next Lesser Slave Lake Watershed Committee on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

2006-21-701

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the 2006-07 membership application from the Alberta Lake Management Society be tabled to the next meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**A.A.M.D.&C.:**

Information was received from the AAMD&C regarding a pre-convention workshop presented by the Rural Physician Action Plan to be held November 13<sup>th</sup>.

2006-21-702

**MOVED BY REEVE SAVILL** that Mr. Eriksson obtain information from the AAMD&C pre-convention Rural Physician Action Plan workshop.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**A.A.M.D.&C.:**

Information was received from the AAMD&C regarding a PC Leadership Candidate's Forum being held as part of the fall 2006 convention on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

2006-21-703

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the information from the AAMD&C dated October 13, 2006 regarding the PC Leadership Candidate's Forum being held during the AAMD&C fall convention be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**A.A.M.D.&C.:**

Correspondence was received from the AAMD&C advising that the Reeves/Mayors meeting will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Coast Terrace Inn in Edmonton. Reeve Savill indicated that he would attend and asked that administration check as to which AAMD&C convention the resolution on subdivision and development regulations was passed.

2006-21-704

**MOVED BY REEVE SAVILL** that the correspondence from the AAMD&C dated October 5, 2006 regarding the November 13<sup>th</sup> Reeves/Mayors meeting be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ENHANCED  
POLICING:**

Council reviewed a draft RCMP Local Protocol Agreement and RCMP Funding Agreement. It was suggested that the Protocol agreement be amended to tighten reporting requirements.

Mrs. Olansky returned to the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

2006-21-705

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS** that the RCMP Local Protocol Agreement and the RCMP Funding Agreement with the Town of High Prairie and the Peavine Metis Settlement be approved as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**AB INFRASTRUCTURE &  
TRANSPORTATION:**

Correspondence was received from Mr. David Kohut, Acting Regional Director, advising that staff from Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation – Peace River Region will be

attending the upcoming AAMD&C fall convention to meet with municipal representatives interested in discussing roadway and water/wastewater needs.

2006-21-706

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the correspondence from Mr. David Kohut, Acting Regional Director, dated October 16, 2006 regarding meetings during the upcoming AAMD&C fall convention be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***H.P. & DISTRICT  
MUSEUM:***

A request for grant funding was received from the High Prairie & District Museum & Historical Society.

2006-21-707

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that grant funding in the amount of \$6000 be provided to the High Prairie & District Museum & Historical Society as provided for in the 2006 budget.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

***PITCH-IN CANADA:***

Information was received from Pitch-In Alberta regarding other pitch-in programs and becoming a patron of Pitch-In Alberta.

2006-21-708

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the information from Pitch-In Alberta dated October 2006 be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***AB CHILD &  
FAMILY SERVICES:***

Correspondence was received from North Central Alberta Child & Family Services Authority, Region 7, requesting that Council proclaim November as National Adoptions Awareness Month.

2006-21-709

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS** that the correspondence from North Central Alberta Child & Family Services Authority, Region 7, regarding Foster Family Appreciation Week be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***MINISTER OF  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT:***

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Denis Ducharme, Minister of Community Development, advising of a new initiative, the Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination.

2006-21-710 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS** that the correspondence from the Hon. Denis Ducharme, Minister of Community Development, dated October 13, 2006 regarding the Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A break was taken from 1:10 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Mr. Papaiani returned to the meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

2006-21-711 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the meeting go into public hearing at 1:15 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-21-712 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 1: 17 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BYLAW #13-2006:** Bylaw No. 13-2006 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district part of NW 9-71-11-W5 from Hamlet Urban Reserve (HUR) District to Hamlet Residential (HR) District to accommodate a residential subdivision was presented to Council for second and third readings.

2006-21-713 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Bylaw No. 13-2006 be approved for second reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-21-714 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Bylaw No. 13-2006 be approved for third reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council agreed to move councillor reports up in the agenda.

**COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY/  
COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**D. MARX:** Deputy Reeve Marx reported that he attended a High Prairie & District Recreation Board meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> and a Municipal Planning Commission meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**F. WELCH:** Councillor Welch reported that she attended a Northern Alberta Tourism Research Centre meeting and a Grouard/Peace River Trail Committee meeting.

**K. MATTHEWS:** Councillor Matthews reported that attended a Second Ice Surface Committee meeting with Councillor Ehman. The only complaints he has received recently were with regard to road conditions.

Councillor Matthews reported that he was contacted by an East Prairie resident who advised that not all people are in favour of the access fee being charged by the Settlement to hunters. Councillor Matthews was also contacted in relation to newspaper articles regarding fire response and the M.D.'s relationship with reserves and settlements. The Gift Lakes Metis Settlement did not feel that the comments were fair and was hoping that the M.D.'s concerns did not include them. Mr. Eriksson advised that he and Fire Chief Gould are making arrangements to meet with Gift Lake to discuss 911 and dispatch.

**K. KILLEEN:** Councillor Killeen reported that he attended the Municipal Planning Commission meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>. He advised that the MPC members decided that they would go take a look at some of the development projects prior to spring to ensure that conditions are being met.

Councillor Killeen advised that there have not been any Swan Hills Special Waste Liaison Committee meetings held since June.

**M. SAVILL:** Reeve Savill commented that the MPC felt that some organizational restructuring may be in order to help deal with the work load in the development department.

Ms. Tompkins entered the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

**A. BILLINGS:** Councillor Billings mentioned that the Riverbend Water Co-op lift station has never been landscaped. Mr. Eriksson advised that landscaping was supposed to be done and the Co-op recognizes that it is outstanding. Mr. Eriksson will speak with Mr. Lussier regarding the issue.

Councillor Billings reported that the Surface Rights Act Review Task Force meeting was postponed until November. He mentioned that the roads in his area are not all that bad considering the recent weather.

**R. EHMAN:** Councillor Ehman reported that attended a Second Ice Surface meeting with Councillor Matthews. He informed the committee that it would be his last meeting and that Councillor Matthews would be taking over. Councillor Ehman also attended a High Prairie & District Recreation Board meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>. He commented that the new Recreation Director, Paula Cowell, is doing very well in her position.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

2006-21-715 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the meeting go into public hearing at 1:33 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-21-716 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 1:56 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

2006-21-717 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Bylaw No. 14-2006 be approved for second reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-21-718 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Bylaw No. 14-2006 be approved for third reading.

**CARRIED**

Mr. Sikora and Ms. Fordyce left the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

2006-21-719 **MOVED BY REEVE SAVILL** that the meeting go into public hearing at 1:58 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-21-720 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 2:00 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BYLAW #15-2006:** Bylaw No. 15-2006 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district part of the south half SW 30-74-16-W5 from Agriculture (A) District to Industrial (I) District to accommodate a school bus storage yard was presented to Council for second and third readings.

2006-21-721 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Bylaw No. 15-2006 be approved for second reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-21-722 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Bylaw No. 15-2006 be approved for third reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-21-723 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting go into public hearing at 2: 01 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-21-724 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 2: 02 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BYLAW #16-2006:** Bylaw No. 16-2006 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district part of NE 32-73-10-W5 from Agriculture (A) District to Bare Land Condominium - 2 (BLC-2) District to accommodate a seasonal recreation development was presented to Council for second and third readings.

2006-21-725 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Bylaw No. 16-2006 be approved for second reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-21-726 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that Bylaw No. 16-2006 be approved for third reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A break was taken from 2:03 p.m. to 2:13 p.m. Mr. Lussier returned to the meeting.

**DELEGATION:**

***PLAINS MARKETING/  
AB INFRASTRUCTURE  
& TRANSP:***

Mr. David Kohut, Acting Regional Director - Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation, Mr. Trent Glute, Mr. Alex Wile and Mr. Marvin Dusterhoff, Plains Marketing Canada L.P., joined the meeting to discuss concerns with the intersection improvements at Highway No. 2 and the Plains Marketing fractionation plant.

Councillor Ehman advised that Council has received complaints in terms of safety concerns from the High Prairie School Division and residents in the area. He explained that people were under the impression that there would be a full turning lane at the intersection when construction began and were disappointed in the end result. Discussion took place on future plans for further plant expansions and the possibility of re-addressing the intersection. Mr. Glute explained that the intersection was designed according to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation specifications based on the traffic impact assessment provided to them. Reeve Savill suggested that the existing Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation standards may no longer be appropriate.

Ms. Willier and Ms. Tompkins left the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

Discussion continued on the work completed on the intersection and details of the traffic impact assessment prepared by AMEC for Plains Marketing. Mr. Kohut indicated that the traffic impact assessment was completed based on figures provided to AMEC; however, he proposed that Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation hire a different consultant to undertake a safety assessment of the intersection. Mr. Kohut committed to having the assessment completed as soon as possible. Council concurred with the proposal. Mr. Kohut advised that he would keep Council informed of the progress.

Reeve Savill thanked the delegation for attending the meeting. The delegation, Mrs. Olansky and Mr. Papaiani left the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

**UPCOMING  
MEETINGS:**

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| October 30, 2006 | 9:30 a.m.  | Council Remuneration Committee        |
| October 30, 2006 | 10:00 a.m. | Public Works Committee                |
| October 30, 2006 | 2:00 p.m.  | Oilsands Committee Meeting            |
| October 31, 2006 | 9:30 a.m.  | Regional ASB Conference - Nampa       |
| November 2, 2006 | 1:30 p.m.  | Northern Roads Mtg – Northern Sunrise |
| November 8, 2006 | 12:00 p.m. | Town of HP/Second Ice Surface Meeting |
| November 9, 2006 | 10:00 a.m. | Agricultural Advisory Committee       |

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on November 8, 2006 at the M.D. Administration Building.

Further discussion was held briefly on the RCMP Protocol Agreement and whether to include an allowance for one partner to opt out.

Mr. Clegg left the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

**IN CAMERA:**

2006-21-727            **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting go in camera to discuss personnel matters at 2:47 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-21-728            **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting come out of camera at 3:50 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

2006-21-729            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS** that the meeting adjourn at 3:51 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  
(LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT)  
October 25, 2006**

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 25, 2006 commencing at 1:15 p.m.

**PRESENT WERE:**

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| Reeve:          | Myler Savill, Jousard                      |
| Deputy Reeve:   | David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie      |
| Councillor:     | Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt        |
|                 | Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood       |
|                 | Ken Killeen, Kinuso                        |
|                 | Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle          |
|                 | Fern Welch, Grouard                        |
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| Absent:         | Violet Campiou, Faust                      |
|                 | Ray Dupres, Enilda/Big Meadow              |
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| Administration: | John Eriksson, C.A.O.                      |
|                 | Jeff Renaud, A.C.A.O.                      |
|                 | Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer |
|                 | Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary          |
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| Observer:       | Tony Sikora                                |
|                 | Trina Willier                              |
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| Press:          | Chris Clegg, South Peace News              |
|                 | Raffaele Papaiani, CKVH                    |

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

Mrs. Olansky reported that the Public Hearing was being held on a matter of an application to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-designate Part of NW 9-73-11-W5 from Hamlet Urban Reserve (HUR) District to Hamlet Residential (HR) District to accommodate a residential subdivision. A subdivision application to create 10 new residential lots is being processed in conjunction with the Land Use Bylaw amendment.

The public hearing was duly advertised and no written or verbal expressions either for or against the Land Use Bylaw Amendment have been received.

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

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Myler Savill, Reeve

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John Eriksson, C.A.O.

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| Councillor:     | Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt        |
|                 | Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood       |
|                 | Ken Killeen, Kinuso                        |
|                 | Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle          |
|                 | Fern Welch, Grouard                        |
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| Absent:         | Violet Campiou, Faust                      |
|                 | Ray Dupres, Enilda/Big Meadow              |
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| Administration: | John Eriksson, C.A.O.                      |
|                 | Jeff Renaud, A.C.A.O.                      |
|                 | Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer |
|                 | Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary          |
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| Observers:      | Tony Sikora                                |
|                 | Corrie Fordyce                             |
|                 | Trina Willier                              |
|                 | Laura Tompkins                             |
|                 | Milton Sloan                               |
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| Press:          | Chris Clegg, South Peace News              |
|                 | Raffaele Papaianni, CKVH                   |

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

Mrs. Olansky reported that the Public Hearing was being held on a matter of an application to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-designate Legal Subdivisions 4 & 5 and all those portions of Legal Subdivisions 3 & 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. A subdivision application to create 25 new residential lots has been submitted.

Ms. Fordyce entered the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

The public hearing was duly advertised and no written or verbal expressions either for or against the Land Use Bylaw Amendment have been received. Mrs. Olansky did receive a call from Mr. Sikora who indicated that he wished to make a presentation at the public hearing.

Mr. Sikora explained that to the rear of the proposed subdivision is a ditch that drains his and neighboring lots. He expressed concerns in relation to drainage advising that the property is quite low and the development plan does not have provisions to maintain the ditch or to ensure that the water will drain off. He indicated that considerable drainage problems could occur if the lots are sold and the new owners build the lots up. Mr. Sikora advised that he wants the concern to be addressed before it becomes too late. Mr. Sikora was advised that his issues relating to the subdivision plan can be addressed during the subdivision referral process. As an adjacent landowner he will be notified of the subdivision application and have the opportunity to present comments. Mr. Sikora clarified that he was not opposed to the use of the property but rather with the control of the land and that the ditch is not disturbed. Mr. Eriksson advised that easements have been given in the past to deal with drainage issues. Mr. Sikora further noted that there should be a back lane between the existing and proposed lots. Mr. Eriksson stated that the presence of a laneway can also be considered during the subdivision stage.

Reeve Savill suggested that Council correspond with the applicants subsequent to second and third readings to explain the concerns expressed during the public hearing and urge that the drainage issues are addressed and further noting that residents would prefer to have a back alley located behind the new lots.

Ms. Willier expressed concerns in that the development is proposed within a very large wet land and she felt that because the creek crosses the entrance to the development, a culvert may not withstand that much traffic use. Ms. Willier stated that she does not believe any process with regard to the proposed development should occur until an environmental assessment is completed for the entire area.

Ms. Tompkins indicated that her concerns were strictly environmental. She advised that she is not opposed to the subdivision or growth in Joussard, but there should be proof that the development will be of a benefit to the environment and the people that live there.

Mrs. Olansky advised that the applicants have retained an engineer to prepare designs for water and sewer, which they have been asked to provide. The internal roadway is also being worked on. Mr. Eriksson noted that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss use of land and that concerns with the development can be addressed at the subdivision stage. He advised that once the amendment to the Land Use Bylaw is passed the development will be a permitted use and that only conditions placed on the development can be appealed, not the development itself. It was noted that referrals are also sought from government agencies during the subdivision process.

The public hearing was closed at 1:56 p.m.

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Myler Savill, Reeve

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John Eriksson, C.A.O.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
(LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT)  
October 25, 2006**

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 25, 2006 commencing at 1:45 p.m.

**PRESENT WERE:**

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| Reeve:          | Myler Savill, Joussard   |
| Deputy Reeve:   | David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie  |
| Councillor:     | Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt<br>Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood<br>Ken Killeen, Kinuso<br>Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle<br>Fern Welch, Grouard |
| Absent:         | Violet Campiou, Faust<br>Ray Dupres, Enilda/Big Meadow   |
| Administration: | John Eriksson, C.A.O.<br>Jeff Renaud, A.C.A.O.<br>Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer<br>Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary                              |
| Observers:      | Milton Sloan<br>Trina Willier<br>Laura Tompkins  |
| Press:          | Chris Clegg, South Peace News<br>Raffaele Papaiani, CKVH   |

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Reeve Savill called the public hearing to order at 1:58 p.m.

Mrs. Olansky reported that the Public Hearing was being held on a matter of an application to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-designate Part of SW 30-74-16-W5, located adjacent to the Town of High Prairie on its east boundary, from Agriculture (A) District to Industrial (I) District to accommodate a school bus storage yard.

The public hearing was duly advertised and no written or verbal expressions either for or against the Land Use Bylaw Amendment have been received.

Councillor Welch questioned if the landowner does not have to make the request for the amendment. Mrs. Olansky advised that the High Prairie School Division is purchasing property that is being subdivided and both the subdivision and Land Use Bylaw amendment applications are being done in tandem. Mrs. Olansky noted that the owner of the property signed off on the application to amend the Land Use Bylaw.

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

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Myler Savill, Reeve

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John Eriksson, C.A.O.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
(LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT)  
October 25, 2006**

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 25, 2006 commencing at 2:00 p.m.

**PRESENT WERE:**

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| Reeve:          | Myler Savill, Joussard                     |
| Deputy Reeve:   | David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie      |
| Councillor:     | Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt        |
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| Observers:      | Milton Sloan                               |
|                 | Trina Willier                              |
|                 | Laura Tompkins                             |
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| Press:          | Chris Clegg, South Peace News              |
|                 | Raffaele Papaiani, CKVH                    |

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Reeve Savill called the public hearing to order at 2:01 p.m.

Mrs. Olansky reported that the Public Hearing was being held on a matter of an application to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-designate Part of NE 32-73-10-W5, located on its east boundary, from Agriculture (A) District to Bare Land Condominium - 2 (BLC-2) District to accommodate a seasonal recreation development. A subdivision application to create 24 bare land condominium units on 14.8 acres has been submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Sloan.

The public hearing was duly advertised and no written or verbal expressions either for or against the Land Use Bylaw Amendment have been received.

Councillor Ehman questioned if any intensive livestock operations exist within a mile of the proposed development. Mr. Sloan replied that there were not.

The public hearing was closed at 2:02 p.m.

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Myler Savill, Reeve

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John Eriksson, C.A.O.