

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
November 8, 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, November 8, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT WERE:

Reeve: Myler Savill, Joussard
Deputy Reeve: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
Councillor: Violet Campiou, Faust
Ray Dupres, Enilda/Big Meadow
Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
Ken Killeen, Kinuso
Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
Fern Welch, Grouard

Absent: Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt

Administration: John Eriksson, C.A.O.
Jeff Renaud, A.C.A.O.
Vic Abel, Public Works Foreman
Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer
Gary Braithwaite, Ag. Fieldman
John Gould, Fire Chief
Sharon Strang, FCSS Director
Cory Bronson, Special Constable
Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary

Delegation: Lea Dashkewytch, Ethel Ruecker, Estelle Baker,
Angie Dow, Mary Hedrick, Linda Krause, Maxine
Sheets, Matilda Thomas, Erika Witt - Faust Charity
Association & Faust Royal Purple
Jaime Babcock, Gay Olansky - H.P. & District
Partnership Council
Lindsay Davies, Beckie Rudneski, Jeanette Ogg -
Parent Advisory Committee on Child Care

Observers: Kim Barker-Kay, Austin Auger, Debbie Chalifoux

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Savill called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Reeve Savill noted that a meeting regarding the second ice surface is scheduled at the Town of High Prairie at noon and as such lunch will be extended until 1:30 p.m. or possibly 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES:

2006-22-730

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that the minutes of the October 25, 2006 Organizational Meeting and the October 25, 2006 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADDENDUM
TO AGENDA:**

Police Point
Municipal Services Facilities

2006-22-731

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the agenda with addendum for the November 8, 2006 Council Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

Reeve Savill noted that the correspondence from Clear Hills County with regard to the V.S.I. program is not included on the November 9th Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting agenda.

A brief discussion was held on attendance and representation at the Peace Country Health strategic service planning session to be held on November 17th and 18th in Grande Prairie.

Ms. Kennedy joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

REPORTS:

REEVE:

Reeve Savill reported that he attended a meeting on October 30th in Peace River with Northern Sunrise County, the M.D. of Smoky River and the Hon. Ron Stevens who is chairing a government committee to talk to areas of the province affected by the oilsands. Concerns raised by Reeve Savill included access to Seal Lake that would benefit all areas and reduce the influx of high need in one area as well as frustration in regard to funding levels for basic infrastructure.

Reeve Savill attended a meeting at Northern Sunrise County on November 2nd regarding northern roads focusing on Seal Lake. It was agreed at the meeting to meet annually, although some participants thought that the meetings should be held on a more regular basis.

Reeve Savill reported on the Northern Alberta Mayors and Reeves meeting he attended in Slave Lake on October 3rd.

Reeve Savill provided a brief explanation of the BC Fair Share deal.

Mr. Loewen joined the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

C.A.O.:

Mr. Eriksson introduced Cory Bronson, the new Special Constable for the M.D. of Big Lakes. Reeve Savill welcomed S/Cst. Bronson on behalf of Council.

Mr. Eriksson elaborated briefly on the Fair Share Deal and its similarity to the Industrial Tax Transfer in the Swan Hills area during the Improvement District era.

Mr. Eriksson advised that Mr. Lussier could not be in attendance at the council and will be at the AAMD&C Conference in Edmonton next week. He further advised that Mr. Renaud attended the meeting with regard to Sucker Creek drainage in Edmonton yesterday and was delayed overnight in Westlock as a result of the weather. Mr. Renaud will return as soon as he can.

Mr. Eriksson reported that he took vacation days following the last council meeting until November 7th. Mr. Eriksson advised that he will be attending the Rural Physicians Action Plan pre-convention workshop on Monday, November 13th.

2006-22-732

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that the Reeve and C.A.O.'s Reports be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mrs. Olansky joined the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS:

***MCLENNAN/PEAVINE
CONNECTOR:***

Correspondence was received from Reeve Donald Dumont, M.D. of Smoky River, requesting that the M.D. of Big Lakes be a signatory along with the M.D. of Smoky River and the Peavine Metis Settlement to the McLennan/Peavine Connector Resource Road application. Mr. Eriksson noted that Council has agreed to maintain the road should construction proceed.

Mr. Papaiani entered the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

2006-22-733

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that a letter be sent to the M.D. of Smoky River in support of the McLennan/Peavine Connector Resource Road application with the provision that the application would not take precedence over M.D. of Big Lakes' applications for resource road funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***MINISTER OF
INFRASTRUCTURE &
TRANSPORTATION:***

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, in response to Council's letter concerning municipal bridge funding.

2006-22-734

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the correspondence from the Hon. Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, dated November 1, 2006 regarding municipal bridge funding be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***VILLAGE OF
KINUSO:***

Correspondence was received from Mayor Scott Astle, Village of Kinuso, confirming that the Village has approved participation in an inter-municipal waste management agreement that would allow Village residents to access the M.D. of Big Lakes' Faust/Kinuso waste transfer facility.

2006-22-735

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the correspondence from Mayor Scott Astle, Village of Kinuso, dated October 31, 2006 regarding an inter-municipal waste management agreement be referred to the High Prairie & District Regional Solid Waste Management Authority with a request from Council to respond in the positive.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT:***

Council reviewed the Public Works Superintendent's written report included in the agenda package. Mr. Abel reported that 17,000 tonne of gravel has been stockpiled at the Gilwood site so far. He commented that the gravel appears to be coarser than last year's material.

Councillor Welch questioned if snowplowing efforts are behind schedule. Mr. Abel reported that crews are catching up; however, he had to send the spare grader operator to run the gravel scale today. Councillor Welch noted that the school bus almost went off the lower road in Grouard.

S/Cst. Bronson left the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Mr. Abel further reported that if repairs to the plow truck are not completed today the truck on the East Prairie run will head to Grouard.

2006-22-736

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A break was taken from 10:38 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Mr. Braithwaite joined the meeting. Mr. Abel did not return to the meeting.

AGRICULTURE:

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

Mr. Braithwaite advised that he would revise the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting agenda to include the correspondence from Clear Hills County.

Mr. Braithwaite reported that all ASB summer programs have been concluded for the year and everything went well due to the dry conditions. Mr. Braithwaite advised that the budgeting process for next year has begun. He mentioned that he will be putting forth a recommendation to replace the oldest 10 foot mower one year early and adding the old mower to the ASB rental equipment as well as the purchase of a tree fogger to include in the rental equipment fleet.

Mr. Braithwaite further reported that all the resolutions submitted to the ASB Regional Conference were passed.

2006-22-737 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the Agricultural Fieldman's Report to Council be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Braithwaite left the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT
COMM. SERVICES:

BYLAW #18-2006: Bylaw No. 18-2006 to amend the Municipal Development Plan to incorporate confined feeding operation exclusion zones and was presented to Council for first reading. Mr. Eriksson suggested that Mrs. Olansky give a presentation on the proposed by-laws at the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting.

2006-22-738 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that:

1. Bylaw No. 18-2006 be approved for first reading.
2. A public hearing date be set for December 13, 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 29th and December 6th, 2006 issues of the South Peace News and November 28th and December 5th, 2006 issues of the High Prairie Times newspapers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW #19-2006: Bylaw No. 19-2006 to amend the General Regulations and the Agriculture District within the Land Use Bylaw to further address confined feeding operations' policies was presented to Council for first reading.

Mr. Renaud joined the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Council discussed the proposed amendments and setting separate minimum distance separation for new development and subdivisions from an existing CFO. It was agreed to amend the bylaw by referencing all tables in Schedule 1 – Determination of Minimum Distance Separation within the Agricultural Operations Practices Act – Standards and Administration Regulation AR 267/2001 as a guideline.

Mrs. Strang joined the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

2006-22-739 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that:

1. Bylaw No. 19-2006 be approved for first reading as amended.
2. A public hearing date be set for December 13, 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 29th and December 6th, 2006 issues of the South Peace News and November 28th and December 5th, 2006 issues of the High Prairie Times newspapers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M.D. LAND SALE: Council was provided with the results of the public bids received for the two parcels of land owned by the M.D. and offered for sale in the Hamlet of Enilda. No bids were received for Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 2415HW. Two bids were received for Lot 4, block 3, Plan 2415HW with the highest bid being submitted by Shirley Johansson and Kevin Patenaude in the amount of \$5,000.00.

2006-22-740 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the bid submitted by Shirley Johansson and Kevin Patenaude of Enilda, Alberta in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Lot 4, Block 3, Plan 2415HW within the Hamlet of Enilda be accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M.D. LAND SALE: Council was provided with the results of the public bids received for River Lot 29 owned by the M.D. and offered for sale in the Hamlet of Grouard. Only one bid was received in the amount of \$1,111.00.

- 2006-22-741 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the bid submitted by Rufus Breast of Jousard, Alberta in the amount of \$1,111.00 for River Lot 29 within the Hamlet of Grouard be accepted.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- COMM. DEV. OFFICER'S REPORT:** The Community Development Officer's Report for the month of October 2006 was presented to Council. Mrs. Olansky added that a Municipal Planning Commission meeting has been scheduled for November 29th.
- 2006-22-742 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the Community Development Officer's Report to Council for the month of October 2006 be received for information.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT:** Council considered a request from the Charrois Thunder Bantam Hockey Team – Host Organizing Committee for a letter in support of their bid to host the 2007 Investor's Group Hockey Alberta Bantam "A" Male Provincials scheduled for March 15th to 18th, 2007.
- 2006-22-743 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that a letter be provided to the Charrois Thunder Bantam Hockey Team – Host Organizing Committee in support of their bid to host the 2007 Investor's Group Hockey Alberta Bantam "A" Male Provincials.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- MUNICIPAL SERVICES FACILITIES:** Fire Chief Gould reported that the design phase of the three proposed Municipal Services Facilities has been completed by Bearden Engineering. Copies of the design plan were distributed. Councillor Dupres reported that a meeting of the committee met last night and recommended that Council approve to proceed with a Request for Proposals for the proposed facilities in the Hamlets of Enilda, Faust and Grouard.
- Mrs. Olansky left the meeting at 11:27 a.m.
- 2006-22-744 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Bearden Engineering be approved to proceed with a Request for Proposals for the three proposed Municipal Services Facilities for the Hamlets of Enilda, Faust and Grouard as recommended by the council committee and Fire Chief Gould.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- FCSS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mrs. Strang reviewed the F.C.S.S. Director's Report to Council for the month of October 2006. She noted that the High Prairie and District Partnership Council is scheduled as a delegation later in the meeting to discuss an upcoming workshop through the National Coalition Building Institute to deal with the underlying affects of prejudice and racism and how these issues impact acts of violence. Mrs. Strang suggested that the councillors consider attending the free workshop.
- 2006-22-745 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that any councillor wishing to attend the Building Community by Welcoming Diversity workshop to be held December 13th and 14th, 2006 at the Elk's Hall in High Prairie be approved.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Mrs. Strang continued to review her report.
- 2006-22-746 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the F.C.S.S. Director's Report to Council for the month of October 2006 be received for information.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Mrs. Strang left the meeting at 11:38 a.m.
- A.A.M.D.&C.:** An urgent Member Bulletin was received from the AAMD&C calling for participants to attend a multi-stakeholder forum being held by the Government of Alberta on the Provincial Land Use Framework from December 4 – 6, 2006 in Red Deer.

2006-22-747 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that Councillor Billings be nominated to attend the multi-stakeholder forum on the Provincial Land Use Framework from December 4 – 6, 2006 in Red Deer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Welch suggested that someone attend the Land Management in Local Communities session to be held on November 28th in Slave Lake as mentioned in the November 3rd issue of the AAMD&C Contact in the addendum.

2006-22-748 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Councillor Dupres be approved to attend the Land Management in Local Communities session to be held on November 28th in Slave Lake if he is able.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VILLAGE OF KINUSO:

Correspondence was received from Mayor Scott Astle, Village of Kinuso, expressing the Village Council's support of the proposed expansion of the Kinuso local calling area through Telus.

2006-22-749 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the correspondence from Mayor Scott Astle, Village of Kinuso, dated October 31, 2006 regarding the proposed expansion of the Kinuso local calling area be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

POLICE POINT:

Councillor Welch suggested that Police Point in Grouard be declared a Provincial historical site. She stated that the Grouard-Peace River Trail Committee is showing some support and the landowners are in agreement. Discussion took place on the Municipal Heritage Partnership Program or pursuing the declaration through the provincial government. It was agreed that letters of support from the landowners be sought prior to proceeding.

2006-22-750 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that a letter be sent to the Minister of Community Development urging the department to declare Police Point in Grouard as a provincial historical site upon receipt of a letter of agreement from the landowner and subject to confirmation from administration that no financial responsibility would be incurred by the M.D.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:51 a.m. and reconvened at 1:36 p.m. Ms. Kennedy 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. Reeve Savill reported that feedback from the Lesser Slave Lake Watershed Committee was neutral.

2006-22-751 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that the M.D. of Big Lakes maintain membership with the Alberta Lake Management Society for 2006-07 in the amount of \$50.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHEQUE LIST: Council reviewed the current cheque list.

2006-22-752 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that cheques #35055 to #35283 in the total amount of \$935,746.84 for the period of October 27, 2006 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A.A.M.D.&C.: Correspondence was received from the AAMD&C regarding an Elected Officials Training Program Survey.

2006-22-753 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Elected Officials Training Program Surveys completed by councillors be provided to Mr. Renaud so that he may blend the comments for submission to the AAMD&C.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILLOR & AT-LARGE

**HONORARIUM
POLICY:**

Councillor Ehman reported that the committee formed to review the Councillor and At-Large Honorarium Policy recommends increasing the Reeve's monthly honorarium to \$800, Deputy Reeve to \$650 and councillors to \$500. It was further recommended to increase the per diem for full day meetings to \$200 and half day meetings to \$100. Councillor Ehman added that the committee also recommended that the federal government meal allowance be adopted. Mr. Eriksson advised that the Subsistence and Travel Expense and Allowances Policy will be brought to Council with the appropriate changes for approval.

A delegation from the Faust Charity Association and Faust Royal Purple entered the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

The committee also recommended that in instances where a councillor chooses to travel home and arrive late in the evening rather than staying overnight and traveling home the following day a per diem of 1 ½ days will be provided.

2006-22-754

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that the Councillor and At-Large Honorarium Policy (Counc-04) be approved as amended effective November 1, 2006.

CARRIED**DELEGATION:*****FAUST CHARITY
ASSOCIATION:***

Lea Dashkewytch, Ethel Ruecker, Estelle Baker, Angie Dow, Mary Hedrick, Linda Krause, Maxine Sheets, Matilda Thomas and Erika Witt representing the Faust Charity Association and the Faust Royal Purple joined the meeting to address the grant request submitted by the Faust Charity Association to assist with costs of finishing work associated with the expansion of the existing Royal Purple Hall in Faust, which has been renamed the Faust Community Gathering Place. Background information was provided on both organizations and the hall expansion project.

Ms. Dashkewytch advised that she was assured at a recent meeting of the Faust Community League that the Faust Community Association would have their support with respect to the hall. She further mentioned that both groups have committed to establishing a formal working relationship. Ms. Dashkewytch expressed concerns with the motion passed at the September 27th meeting and the perceived conflict with the Faust Community League with no input from them. A brief discussion took place with regard to membership to the Faust Charity Association.

It was noted that the original funding request was for \$100,000 and that the Faust Charity Association owns the property and existing hall.

Discussion ensued with regard to the existing agreement between the M.D. and Northern Lakes College to provide for the community's use of school facilities. Ms. Dashkewytch stated that sharing facilities with the school does not work within the community.

Ms. Dashkewytch advised that the Faust Charity Association is a registered association and owned by its members. Mr. Eriksson requested a copy of the Association's bylaws.

Reeve Savill thanked the delegation for attending. A break was taken from 2:12 p.m. until 2:20 p.m. Councillor Campiou did not return to the meeting. Mrs. Strang returned to the meeting.

**H.P. & DISTRICT
PARTNERSHIP
COUNCIL:**

Mrs. Strang introduced Ms. Jaime Babcock, Chair, and Ms. Gay Olansky, Vice-Chair, from the High Prairie and District Partnership Council. Ms. Babcock provided background information and an overview of the goals of the Council.

Ms. Olansky informed Council that the Partnership Council received a \$25,000 grant to bring the National Coalition Building Institute to High Prairie to provide a Building Community by Welcoming Diversity workshop on December 13th & 14th. Ms. Olansky provided details of the workshop and noted that the NCBI will be returning to High Prairie on February 7th with a focus on anti-bullying in schools by working with kids on skills they can use.

The delegation was informed that council approved any councillor wishing to attend the workshop; however December 13th is a regular council meeting day. Ms. Babcock stated that attendance at just one day is not recommended. She noted that the intention is to develop a chapter of the NCBI in High Prairie and over time to have adults in the community trained to deliver such workshops.

Reeve Savill stated that Council is in support of the initiatives of being carried out by the Partnership Council. Mr. Eriksson added that even though council cannot attend the workshop, Mrs. Strang will share the workshop with M.D. staff as part of their ongoing professional development. Ms. Babcock introduced Lindsay Davies, Executive Director of the Children's Resource Council, Kim Barker-Kay, High Prairie School Division, Austin Auger, E.W. Pratt student, and Debbie Chalifoux, Liaison Worker at Prairie River Junior High School.

Reeve Savill thanked the delegation for their presentation. The delegation left the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

**PARENT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON
CHILD CARE:**

Ms. Lindsay Davies joined the meeting on behalf of the Parent Advisory Committee on Child Care. Ms. Davies distributed informed on Parent Link Centres and informed Council that High Prairie will be the hub for the Alberta Children's Services Region 8 Parent Link Centre serving High Prairie and area from Kinuso to Fox Creek and including Valleyview.

Ms. Davies gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on a public child care initiative sponsored by the Children's Resource Council. She explained that the initiative began through requests by parents to assist in finding child care. Ms. Davies introduced committee members, Beckie Rudneski and Jeannette Ogg, who are currently on maternity leave and planning to return to work.

Ms. Davies reviewed the economic impacts and impacts on the community that were identified as a result of a lack of stable child care. She provided an overview of the committee objectives and strategy in terms of gathering sponsors, partners and advocates for the initiative and detailed the project plans, fund development, operational accountability, and governance in terms of reporting and program monitoring and financial accountability.

Ms. Davies discussed problems faced by public day care with staff retention and that the committee is hoping to supplement wages and continuous training through Northern Lakes College and Parent Link.

Ms. Davies advised that the committee was requesting that the M.D. assist by joining as an advocate through recognizing the importance of child care; giving consideration with respect to grant funding and subsidies.

Ms. Davies advised that she would leave a letter written by Mrs. Rudneski with council. Mrs. Rudneski and Mrs. Ogg advised of the reasons they joined the Committee.

Ms. Davies advised that the Parent Advisory Committee on Child Care was just created in September with a goal to have a facility to provide some level of child care no later than September 2007. She added that after school care is also a big issue. She suggested that recreation groups could be approached to organize after school programs. A copy of Ms. Davies' presentation will be forwarded by email.

The delegation and Mrs. Strang left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

***C.A.O.
RETIREMENT:***

Mr. Eriksson reminded Council of his plans for retirement effective July 31, 2007 with the month of June being taken as vacation. Reeve Savill credited Mr. Eriksson in leading the M.D. to where it is today and expressed appreciation on behalf of council for giving the lead time necessary in making the transition for C.A.O.

2006-22-755

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that it is with regret we accept Mr. John Eriksson's announcement of early retirement effective July 31, 2007, with the month of July taking vacation entitlement and as such in preparation for succession Mr. Eriksson be paid his full entitlement to salary and other compensation to July 31, 2007 in 2007 by January 8, 2007 less One Dollar (\$1.00) per month; and further that effective January 8, 2007 Mr. Eriksson be retained as advisor to C.A.O. and Council at a compensation of One Dollar (\$1.00) per month with employee benefits that he currently enjoys until July 31, 2007.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2006-22-756

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that Mr. Jeff Renaud, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, be appointed Acting Chief Administrative Officer effective January 8, 2007; and further that Mr. Renaud be granted an additional One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per month to his salary while acting in this position

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2006-22-757

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that in view of Mr. Eriksson's contribution to the Municipal District of Big Lakes, its citizens and council, council approves a reasonable expense for John and Beverley Eriksson to attend retirement counselling through a workshop or seminar at a venue of their choice within Canada.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***TANGIBLE CAPITAL
ASSET PROJECT:***

Information was received from the Government Finance Officers Association and Alberta Municipal Affairs with regard to new requirements for tangible capital assets reporting. Mr. Loewen reported that he will be attending a workshop regarding the same during the AAMD&C conference.

2006-22-758

MOVED BY REEVE SAVILL that the information from the Government Finance Officers Association and Alberta Municipal Affairs with regard to new requirements for tangible capital assets reporting be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE:

C.U.P.W.:

Correspondence was received from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers regarding the federal government's moratorium on post office closures and rural delivery. Council was asked to consider passing a resolution to write a letter to the Minister Responsible for Canada Post with regard to the financial and policy framework.

2006-22-759

MOVED BY REEVE SAVILL that the correspondence from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers dated October 16, 2006 regarding the federal government's moratorium on post office closures and rural delivery be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***INTERNATIONAL
WATER ASSOC.:***

Information was received regarding the International Water Association Specialist Conference to be held June 24 – 27, 2006 in Moncton, New Brunswick.

2006-22-760 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the information regarding the International Water Association Specialist Conference to be held June 24 – 27, 2006 in Moncton, New Brunswick be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HON. KEN KOWALSKI:

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Ken Kowalski, M.L.A., in response to Council's letter to the Hon. David Coutts, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, regarding the grass fire in Buffalo Bay/Horse Lake.

2006-22-761 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the correspondence from the Hon. Ken Kowalski, M.L.A., dated October 23, 2006 in response to Council's letter to the Hon. David Coutts, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, regarding the grass fire in Buffalo Bay/Horse Lake be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EXH: An invitation was received from EXH Engineering Services Ltd. to attend their hospitality suite and meet some staff members during the upcoming AAMD&C fall conference.

2006-22-762 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the invitation from EXH Engineering Services Ltd. dated October 24, 2006 to their hospitality suite during the AAMD&C conference be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORTATION:

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, announcing the release of the 2005-06 Annual Report.

2006-22-763 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the correspondence from the Hon. Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, dated October 27, 2006 regarding the release of the 2005-06 Annual Report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY/ COMMITTEE REPORTS:

D. MARX: Deputy Reeve Marx reported that he attended the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association conference October 26th – 28th.

F. WELCH: Councillor Welch reported that she attended a Travel Alberta conference in Edmonton at the end of October.

K. MATTHEWS: Councillor Matthews reported that he has received a couple of road complaints since the last meeting.

K. KILLEEN: No report

R. DUPRES: Councillor Dupres reported that he attended a meeting last night in Jousard with regard to the proposed municipal services facilities.

R. EHMAN: Councillor Ehman reported that he attended the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association conference in Jasper and the Regional ASB Conference in Nampa on October 31st.

Mr. Papaiani left the meeting at 3:12 a.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

November 9, 2006	10:00 a.m.	Agricultural Advisory Committee
November 13-16, 2006		AAMD&C Fall Conference
November 27, 2006	10:00 a.m.	Public Works Committee
November 29, 2006	10:00 a.m.	Municipal Planning Commission

NEXT MEETING: The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on November 22, 2006 at the M.D. Administration Building.

OTHER:

*SECOND ICE
SURFACE:*

General discussion took place on the meeting held with the Town of High Prairie during lunch regarding additional funding for the second ice surface.

2006-22-764

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that additional funding for the second ice surface be dealt with during the 2007 budgeting process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

2006-22-765

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH that the meeting adjourn at 3:38 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Myler Savill, Reeve

John Eriksson, C.A.O.