

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
May 27, 2009**

Minutes of the Municipal District of Big Lakes Regular Council Meeting held at the M.D. Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT WERE:

Reeve: Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt
Deputy Reeve: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
Councillor: Violet Campiou, Faust
Ray Dupres, Enilda/Big Meadow
Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
Ken Killeen, Kinuso
Guy L'Heureux, Joussard
Fern Welch, Grouard

Absent: Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle

Administration: Jeff Renaud, C.A.O.
Mike Rudkin, Treasurer
Len Racher, Sup't of Public Works
Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary

Guest of Council: Jordan Lewis, E.W. Pratt High School Student

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Billings called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

MINUTES:

2009-08-317 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the minutes of the April 22, 2009 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2009-08-318 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMANN** that the minutes of the May 8, 2009 Special Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADDENDUM
TO AGENDA:**

MD Rural Fire Sheds

2009-08-319 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the agenda with addendum for the May 27, 2009 Council Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:*****SOUTH SHORE AREA
STRUCTURE PLAN:***

Correspondence was received from Ms. Mary Jo Van Order, Barlow Surveying Inc., regarding the South Shore Area Structure Plan.

Councillor Dupres joined the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

2009-08-320 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the correspondence from Ms. Mary Jo Van Order, Barlow Surveying Inc., dated May 6, 2009 regarding the South Shore Area Structure Plan be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***MOBILE HOME
RENTAL:***

Mobile home owned by the MD located on Lot 1, Plan 842 0562 in the Hamlet of Joussard.

2009-08-321 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the M.D. of Big Lakes enter into a rental agreement for \$300/month with the interested parties for the mobile home located on Lot

1, Plan 842 0562 in the Hamlet of Jousard and that a wood stove not be installed in the dwelling as recommended by the Public Works Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MGB HEARING: Municipal Government Board Hearing Notice of Decision No. DL 041/09 regarding the appeal of Subdivision Authority File No. 08-39.

2009-08-322 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that a letter be sent to the Municipal Government Board indicating that Council for the MD of Big Lakes is not in favor of Alberta Transportation's requirement of a traffic impact assessment and possible intersection upgrade prior to development of the two lots within conditional approval of subdivision application 08-39 (pt. SW 28-74-17-W5).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PUBLIC HEARING RE:
BYLAW #08-2009**

2009-08-323 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting go into public hearing at 10:17 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2009-08-324 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 10:34 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW #08-2009: Being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district part of NW 11-74-10-W5 from the Agriculture (A) District to the Bare Land Condominium 2 (BLC-2) District.

2009-08-325 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that Bylaw No. 08-2009 be approved for second reading.

CARRIED

2009-08-326 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Bylaw No. 08-2009 be approved for third reading.

DEFEATED

**PUBLIC HEARING RE:
BYLAW #09-2009**

2009-08-327 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting go into public hearing at 10:36 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2009-08-328 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 10:46 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW #09-2009: Being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district part of SW 9-74-13-W5 within the Hamlet of Jousard from the Hamlet of Jousard Urban Reserve (HJUR) District to the Hamlet Commercial Recreation (HCR) District.

2009-08-329 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that Bylaw No. 09-2009 be approved for second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2009-08-330 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Bylaw No. 09-2009 be approved for third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PUBLIC HEARING RE:
BYLAW #10-2009**

2009-08-331 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the meeting go into public hearing at 10:47 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2009-08-332 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 10:51 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW #10-2009: Being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district Lots 4 and 5, Block 1, Plan 4767CL within the Hamlet of Faust from the Hamlet Commercial (HC) District to the Hamlet Residential (HR) District.

2009-08-333 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Bylaw No. 10-2009 be approved for second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2009-08-334 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Bylaw No. 10-2009 be approved for third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A break was taken from 11:00 a.m. until 11:10 a.m.

BYLAW #12-2009: Being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district Lot B, Plan 3643NY from the Crown Land District to the Recreation District.

2009-08-335 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that:
1. Bylaw No. 12-2009 be approved for first reading.
2. A public hearing date be set for June 24, 2009.
3. Notices of the public hearing be placed in the June 10th and 17th issues of the South Peace News.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW #13-2009: Being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district part of SE 2-74-10-W5 from the Agriculture (A) District to the Country Residential (CR) District.

2009-08-336 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that:
1. Bylaw No. 13-2009 be approved for first reading.
2. A public hearing date be set for June 24, 2009.
3. Notices of the public hearing be placed in the June 10th and 17th issues of the South Peace News.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Mrs. Olansky reviewed the Community Development Officer's Report for the month of April 2009.

2009-08-337 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that the Community Development Officer's Report to Council for the month of April 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS:

***PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT:***

Mr. Racher presented the public works activity report to Council.

2009-08-338

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that the Municipal District of Big Lakes not implement the motion of the Public Works Committee from the meeting of May 25, 2009 relating to equipment rates to be applied to construction of Township Road 750 and Range Road 190 as doing so could bring the municipality into conflict with provincial legislation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2009-08-339

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH that the Superintendent of Public Works' Report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMUNITY AND
PROTECTIVE SERVICES:**

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

2009-08-340

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the Fire Chief's report for the months of March and April 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***REGIONAL FIRE AND
EMERGENCY RESPONSE:***

2009-08-341

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that administration be directed to conduct an internal review and evaluation of a regional fire and emergency response program and present findings back to council.

CARRIED

AGRICULTURE:

BEAVER CONTROL:

Statistics on the 2009 beaver control program for the period ending May 14, 2009.

***APP'T OF WEED
INSPECTORS:***

2009-08-342

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that Brian Stewart, Ron Fall, Michael Girard, and Paul O'Rourke be appointed as Municipal Weed and Pest Inspectors for the 2009 season.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Mr. Braithwaite updated Council on the agriculture department.

2009-08-343

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

**COMMUNITY AND
PROTECTIVE SERVICES CON'T:**

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

2009-08-344

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the Community Peace Officer's Report for the month of April 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MD BARBEQUE:

2009-08-345 **MOVED BY REEVE BILLINGS** that the MD barbeque be rescheduled to a more suitable date.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***ENHANCED
POLICING:***

The enhanced policing agreement with the Solicitor General expires in September 2010.

2009-08-346

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMANN that a letter be sent to the Town of High Prairie and Peavine Metis Settlement advising of the MD of Big Lakes' intent to renew the enhanced policing agreement with the Solicitor General and inquiring whether they are prepared to continue with financial support, and further, that letters be sent to neighboring municipalities seeking their interest in participating in the enhanced policing program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***FCSS DIRECTOR'S
REPORT:***

Mrs. Strang reviewed her monthly report to Council.

2009-08-347

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the F.C.S.S. Director's Report to Council for the month of April 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MD FIRE SHEDS:

2009-08-348

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that the MD Fire Chief be directed to complete an inspection and compile historical information for each MD rural fire shed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION:

CHEQUE LIST:

2009-08-349

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that cheques #42784 to #43126 in the total amount of \$2,943,428.49 for the period ending May 15, 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***PEACE REG'L
AIRSHOW:***

A request for funding for the Peace Regional Airshow was tabled at a previous meeting.

2009-08-350

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the request for funding for the Peace Regional Airshow be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***PRAIRIE ECHO
COMM LEAGUE:***

A request for funding from Prairie Echo Community League for their 50th Anniversary Event was tabled at a previous meeting.

2009-08-351

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that a contribution in the amount of \$500 be provided to Prairie Echo Community League for their 50th Anniversary Event in accordance with the Event Support Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

***PRAIRIE ECHO
COMM LEAGUE:***

A request was received from Prairie Echo Community League for funding to assist with costs associated with recent renovations to the community hall.

2009-08-352 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that a contribution of 50% of costs incurred be provided to Prairie Echo Community League for renovations to the Prairie Echo Community Hall upon receipt of a financial statement in accordance with the Community Services Policy (Admin-30).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**JOUSSARD
HOMESTEADERS:**

A request was received from the Joussard Homesteaders Society for financial support towards recent renovations and furniture/equipment upgrades at the Seniors' Hall in Joussard.

2009-08-353 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMEN** that a contribution of 50% of the costs incurred for renovations and furniture/equipment upgrades at the Seniors' Hall in Joussard be provided to the Joussard Homesteaders Society as per the Community Services Policy (Admin-30).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION:

LYNDON DREFS: Lyndon Drefs, Flaman Rentals Dealer in High Prairie, joined the meeting to ask that the MD become more competitive in its rates for the ASB rental equipment.

2009-08-354 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the Agricultural Advisory Committee be recommended to review the ASB rental rates in an attempt to be more competitive with private enterprise.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Billings thanked Mr. Drefs. The delegation left the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

**FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION
CON'T:**

**JOUSSARD COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION:**

Council received a breakdown of expenses incurred for the new shower house at the JCA campground.

2009-08-355 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that a contribution of 50% less GST of the costs incurred for the new campground shower house be provided to the Joussard Community Association as per the Community Services Policy (Admin-30).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**SWAN RIVER FIRST
NATIONS CONSULTATION
GUIDE:**

2009-08-356 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that a letter be sent to Pearl Calahasen, MLA, Brian Jean, MP, Premier Stelmach, Prime Minister Harper, the Hon. Gene Zwozdesky, Minister of Aboriginal Relations, and the Hon. Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, to ensure that these government representatives are aware of the guidelines established by the Swan River First Nation and its impact upon the M.D. of Big Lakes and private developers. Also that copies of the letter be provided to the AAMDC and AAMDC zone 4 member municipalities.

CARRIED

DELEGATION:

**HP SCHOOL
DIVISION NO. 48:**

Mrs. Laura Poloz, Superintendent, and Mrs. Joyce Dvornek, Board Member, High Prairie School Division No. 48, requested that Council provide a letter in support of their involvement in the Creating Child Care Choices plan. Mrs. Poloz provided details on the provincial program.

2009-08-357 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that a letter be provided to the High Prairie School Division No. 48 in support of their involvement in the Creating Child Care Choices initiative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Billings informed the delegation of concerns that have been expressed to him with regard to the High Prairie School Division competing with private industry by providing bus certification and charter bussing services.

Reeve Billings thanked the delegation, and they left at 1:24 p.m.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION
CON'T:

RInC PROGRAM:

2009-08-358 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the News Release from Mr. Brian Jean, MP, dated May 15, 2009 regarding the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) program be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUILDING CANADA
FUND:

A News Release dated May 21, 2009 was received announcing approved projects under the Building Canada Fund. The MD of Big Lakes applications were not among those approved. Copies of correspondence from Faust residents were attached concerning the proposed servicing along the east end of Faust.

2009-08-359 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that a letter be sent to all parties directly affected by the proposed extension of water and sewer services on the east end of Faust. Further, that this letter indicate the current status of the Building Canada Fund application and that the letter request resident input as to the preferred method of progressing with this project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

JOUSSARD COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION:

A request was received from the Joussard Community Association for funding in the amount of \$100.00 to assist with costs in hosting a Father's Day Brunch.

2009-08-360 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that funding in the amount of \$100.00 be provided to the Joussard Community Association to assist with costs in hosting a Father's Day Brunch.

DEFEATED

JOUSSARD COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION:

A request was received from the Joussard Community Association for funding in the amount of \$1,000.00 to assist with costs to help defray costs of the Canada Day Celebration.

2009-08-361 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that funding in the amount of \$1,000.00 be provided to the Joussard Community Association to help defray costs of the Canada Day Celebration.

DEFEATED

C.A.O.'S REPORT:

Mr. Renaud reported that since the last meeting he took vacation time, worked on budget preparations, attended the MD budget meeting, attended the Disaster Forum, and attended a training session with Alberta Municipal Affairs on May 20th.

2009-08-362 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that a letter be sent to the Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs, concerning the interpretation of Section 208 of the Municipal Government Act as it relates to the content of meeting minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Renaud further reported on the following:

- May 21st – Village of Kinuso dissolution public meeting
- May 22nd – Northern Alberta Elected Leaders meeting in Manning
- May 25th - meeting with High Prairie Seed Cleaning Plant Manager and Mr. Greg Radstaak

- May 26th – Village of Kinuso dissolution vote

2009-08-363 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that a letter be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs expressing concern with the cancellation of the Municipal Restructuring Grant and indicating that the Village of Kinuso dissolution process had begun prior to cancellation of the program, and further stating that the MD will adhere to the results of the vote under the condition that the Municipal Restructuring Grant is made available to the MD of Big Lakes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2009-08-364 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that the C.A.O.'s Report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE:

AAMDC: Bill 202: Municipal Auditor General

2009-08-365 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that a letter be sent to the Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs, restating Council's position on Bill 202.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2009-08-366 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the following correspondence be received for information:

- a. Letter to Northern Sunrise County from the High Prairie & Area Chamber of Commerce dated April 2, 2009 regarding the Seal Lake Road
- b. Letter to Premier Stelmach dated April 17, 2009 from the Municipal District of Northern Lights concerning Alberta's forest industry
- c. Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation dated April 17, 2009 regarding the Recreation Volunteer Recognition Awards
- d. Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs, dated April 21, 2009 regarding funding approval under the 2008 conditional operating funding component of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative
- e. Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs, dated April 21, 2009 regarding 2009 Municipal Sustainability Initiative program changes
- f. Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs, dated April 27, 2009 regarding the dissolution study for the Village of Kinuso
- g. Alberta Municipal Affairs, Assessment Services, dated April 27, 2009 regarding mill rates on linear assessment
- h. April 28, 2009 News Release from the Hon. Ken Kowalski entitled "Municipalities receive over \$3.7 million in provincial funding for transportation"
- i. Letter to NAV Canada dated February 20, 2009 from the Town of Grimshaw regarding the potential closure of the Flight Service Station at the Peace River Airport
- j. Hon. Luke Ouellette, Minister of Transportation, dated May 7, 2009 regarding paving of Highway 679
- k. Peace Library System's 2008 Annual Report and audited financial statement
- l. Letter to the Hon. Luke Ouellette, Minister of Transportation, dated May 12, 2009 from Northern Sunrise County regarding Resource Road funding for the Seal Lake Connector Road
- m. Letter to the Hon. Luke Ouellette, Minister of Transportation, from the Town of High Prairie dated May 12, 2009 regarding funding for the Seal Lake Road
- n. Letter to the Enilda and District Society for Recreation and Culture dated May 14, 2009 from the Town of High Prairie in regarding capital funding assistance
- o. Notice of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' 2009 Annual General Meeting
- p. May 19, 2009 News Release from Brian Jean, MP, "Government of Canada launches \$1-billion fund to help stimulate the economy in rural communities"
- q. Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs, dated May 11, 2009 regarding mill rates on linear assessment
- r. Alberta Transportation dated May 15, 2009 regarding funding under the Community Airport Program for the Swan Hills Airport asphalt overlay project
- s. Letter to the Ministers of Infrastructure and Health & Wellness dated May 19, 2009 from the Town of High Prairie regarding the High Prairie Health Facility
- t. Invitation to attend the Peace Country Beef Congress annual general meeting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ALMS: Alberta Lake Management Society membership for the 2009/2010 season

2009-08-367 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the correspondence from the Alberta Lake Management Society regarding membership renewal for the 2009/2010 season be received for information.

CARRIED**HP NATIVE
FRIENDSHIP
CENTRE SOCIETY:**

First Annual Sisters' in Spirit Walk

2009-08-368

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that Councillor Welch be approved to attend the High Prairie Native Friendship Society's First Annual Sisters' in Spirit Walk on June 13, 2009.**CARRIED****ALL PEACE
INDUSTRIES:**

Request for letter of support

2009-08-369

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that a letter be provided to All Peace Industries in support of their project to build and operate a crush plant and a biodiesel refinery in the Peace District.**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****H.P. & DISTRICT
RECREATION
BOARD:**

Annual Senior Citizens Week Barbecue

2009-08-370

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that the invitation to attend the High Prairie & District Recreation Board Annual Senior Citizens Week Barbecue being held on June 2, 2009 be received for information.**CARRIED****COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY/
COMMITTEE REPORTS:****D. MARX:**Deputy Reeve Marx reported that he attended the council budget meeting, Public Works Committee and Municipal Planning Commission meetings on May 25th.**F. WELCH:**Councillor Welch reported on the Alberta Library Conference she attended in Jasper. She also attended the Public Works Committee meeting, Municipal Planning Commission meeting, Heart River Housing planning session, Economic Development Committee meeting, Housing Zone meeting in Falher, and a Grouard-Peace River Trail Net meeting on May 25th. Councillor Welch further reported on an open house hosted by Hilliard's Bay Estates.**K. KILLEEN:**

No report

V. CAMPIOU:

Councillor Campiou reported that she attended the FCSS Northwest Regional Conference, council budget meeting, Disaster Forum, Public Works Committee meeting, Municipal Planning Commission meeting, Peace Library System workshop, Community Futures meeting, and the Alberta Library Conference.

G. L'HEUREUX:

Councillor L'Heureux reported that he attended a Lesser Slave Lake Watershed meeting and Lesser Slave Lake Watershed open houses held in Slave Lake, High Prairie and Jossard. Councillor L'Heureux provided an update on hamlet community activities.

R. DUPRES:

Councillor Dupres reported that he attended the MD budget meeting.

A. BILLINGS:

Reeve Billings reported that he attended the TransCanada open house in Valleyview, Lesser Slave Lake Economic Alliance planning meeting, council final budget meeting, REDA Conference, Village of Kinuso dissolution public meeting, Public Works Committee meeting, and Municipal Planning Commission meeting.

R. EHMAN:

Councillor Ehman reported that he attended the council budget meeting, Public Works Committee meeting, Municipal Planning Commission meeting and High Prairie & District Recreation Board meeting.

2009-08-371

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that the Councillor Community /Committee Reports be received for information.**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A break was taken from 2:37 p.m. until 2:46 p.m.

MEETING

SCHEDULE:

May 29, 2009	11:00 a.m.	Regional Landfill Authority
June 5-8, 2009		FCM Conference
June 22, 2009	10:00 a.m.	Municipal Planning Commission
June 29, 2009	10:00 a.m.	Municipal Planning Commission
June 29, 2009	1:00 p.m.	Public Works Committee

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on June 10, 2009 at the M.D. Administration Building.

IN CAMERA:

2009-08-372 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the meeting go in camera to discuss personnel matters at 2:52 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2009-08-373 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting come out of camera at 4:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2009-08-374 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the meeting continue past 4:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2009-08-375 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting go in camera to discuss personnel matters at 4:01 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2009-08-376 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the meeting come out of camera at 4:20 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

2009-08-377 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that the meeting adjourn at 4:20 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Alvin Billings, Reeve

Jeff Renaud, C.A.O.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
PUBLIC HEARING
(LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT 08-2009)
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	Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary
	Karen Zelman, Development Clerk
Members of the Public:	Pelagia Karpa
	Fred Karpa
	John Karpa
Observer:	Jordan Lewis, E.W. Pratt High School Student
Press:	Chris Clegg, South Peace News
	Keith Hopper, CKVH Radio

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Billings called the public hearing to order at 10:17 a.m.

Mrs. Olansky reported that the Public Hearing was being held on a matter of an application to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district part of NW 11-74-10-W5 from the Agriculture (A) District to the Bare Land Condominium 2 (BLC-2) District to accommodate 51 recreational residential lots.

Mrs. Olansky noted that the parcel is surrounded by an old oxbow which naturally separates it from the remainder of the quarter and reviewed evaluation of land.

The public hearing was duly advertised and notices sent to adjacent landowners and referral agencies. Three letters of concern were submitted and provided to Council.

The Municipal Planning Commission reviewed the application at their April 27th, 2009 meeting and recommended that Council proceed with second and third readings of the bylaw.

No members of the public spoke in favor of the application.

Ms. Pelagia Karpa, co-owner of the section of land across the road from the proposed development, expressed concerns related to adequacy of the road to handle additional traffic, loss of privacy, off highway vehicle trespassing, and limited access to the lake. She requested that if the subdivision is approved that trees be planted to form a barrier between their parcel and the subdivision. She further informed Council that she did not receive official notification of this public hearing. Mrs. Olansky advised that Ms. Karpa's notice had been returned to the MD office as undeliverable.

Mr. Fred Karpa, adjacent landowner, indicated that he had the same concerns as Ms. Karpa, in addition to environmental concerns over the effects on the water runoff into the slough through their property which then drains into Lesser Slave Lake.

Mr. John Karpa, co-owner of adjacent land, reiterated all previous concerns and stated that his is not in favor of the application. He stressed the concern regarding the limited access to the lake and the distance to drive currently for public access. It was suggested

that the MD may come under pressure to construct a road for more direct lake access. He commented on the possibility of seasonal owners using his hay field as access. He further noted that the land in question is well producing agricultural land.

It was noted that many concerns expressed during the public hearing are related to the development or subdivision stage and could be addressed at that time.

Councillor L'Heureux questioned if there is any danger of flooding on this property. Mr. J. Karpa advised that there would be as the land gets soft in this area when the water table is high.

The public hearing was closed at 10:34 a.m.

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Councillor:	Violet Campiou, Faust
	Ray Dupres, Enilda/Big Meadow
	Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
	Ken Killeen, Kinuso
	Guy L'Heureux, Joussard
	Fern Welch, Grouard
Absent:	Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
Administration:	Jeff Renaud, C.A.O.
	Len Racher, Sup't of Public Works
	Mike Rudkin, Treasurer
	Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer
	Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary
	Karen Zelman, Development Clerk
Members of the Public:	Stacy & Debbie Monteith
	Jeannie Plamondon
	Jennifer Straub, Alberta Conservation Association
Observer:	Jordan Lewis, E.W. Pratt High School Student
Press:	Chris Clegg, South Peace News
	Keith Hopper, CKVH Radio

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Billings called the public hearing to order at 10:36 a.m.

Mrs. Olansky reported that the Public Hearing was being held on a matter of an application to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district part of SW 9-74-13-W5 within the Hamlet of Jousard from the Hamlet of Jousard Urban Reserve (HJUR) District to the Hamlet Commercial Recreation (HCR) District to accommodate a proposed 50-campsite campground.

Councillor Killeen stepped out of the public hearing at 10:37 a.m.

Mrs. Olansky informed Council that it was brought to her attention that the proposed campsite is adjacent to an old landfill site. She cited section 13(3) of the Subdivision and Development Regulation and concluded that a campground would not be affected by the old landfill site.

The public hearing was duly advertised and notices sent to adjacent landowners and referral agencies. No written submissions either for or against the proposed land use bylaw were received.

The Municipal Planning Commission reviewed the application at their April 27th, 2009 meeting and recommended that Council proceed with second and third readings of the bylaw.

Discussion took place regarding the location of the old landfill site in relation to the proposed campground. Mrs. Monteith advised that water and a dumping station have been installed on site and meet the new codes.

Jennifer Straub, Alberta Conservation Association, stated that they hold title to the property adjacent to the south. The property was purchased two years ago for conservation purposes. Concerns were expressed over the potential for increased traffic, noise pollution, and trespassing.

Councillor Killeen returned to the public hearing at 10:41 a.m.

Mrs. Monteith noted that they deal with the same concerns on their own property with off highway vehicles trespassing. She added that no foreign material has been brought in to the property for the development. Mrs. Plamondon commented that she does not foresee how the proposed development could be a hindrance to conservation efforts, rather that the two properties are quite compatible.

Councillor L'Heureux expressed concern of future liability issues for allowing a campsite development adjacent to an old landfill site. Mrs. Olansky reiterated that the Subdivision and Development Regulation does not disallow the issuance of a development permit for a campground in the proximity of an operating or non-operating landfill. Mr. Monteith expressed additional concern regarding the potential for cross contamination.

The public hearing was closed at 10:46 a.m.

Alvin Billings, Reeve

Jeff Renaud, C.A.O.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
PUBLIC HEARING
(LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT 09-2009)
May 27, 2009**

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, May 27, 2009 commencing at 10:45 a.m.

PRESENT WERE:

Reeve:	Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt
Deputy Reeve:	David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
Councillor:	Violet Campiou, Faust Ray Dupres, Enilda/Big Meadow Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood Ken Killeen, Kinuso Guy L'Heureux, Jousard Fern Welch, Grouard
Absent:	Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
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Observer:	Jordan Lewis, E.W. Pratt High School Student
Press:	Chris Clegg, South Peace News Keith Hopper, CKVH Radio

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Billings called the public hearing to order at 10:47 a.m.

Copies of a revised Schedule "A" to the bylaw were distributed. Mrs. Olansky reported that the Public Hearing was being held on a matter of an application to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district Lots 4 and 5, Block 1, Plan 4767CL within the Hamlet of Faust from the Hamlet Commercial (HC) District to the Hamlet Residential (HR) District to accommodate a dwelling.

The public hearing was duly advertised and notices sent to adjacent landowners and referral agencies. No submissions either for or against the proposed land use bylaw were received.

The Municipal Planning Commission reviewed the application at their April 27th, 2009 meeting and recommended that Council proceed with second and third readings of the bylaw with the condition that the two lots be consolidated into one lot or that the applicant construct the home on one lot and only one lot be re-districted to Hamlet Residential.

Mrs. Olansky reported that the applicant has indicated that Ms. Rumley would be willing to consolidate the two lots.

No members of the public spoke in favor of or against the application.

Councillor Ehman commented that he has no objections as long as the applicant understands there could be a possibility of future commercial developments on either side of her residence.

The public hearing was closed at 10:51 a.m.

Alvin Billings, Reeve

Jeff Renaud, C.A.O.