

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
September 1, 2009**

Minutes of the Municipal District of Big Lakes Special Council Meeting held at the M.D. Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Tuesday, September 1, 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  
Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood  
Ken Killeen, Kinuso  
Guy L'Heureux, Jousard  
Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle  
Fern Welch, Grouard

Absent: Ray Dupres, Enilda/Big Meadow

Administration: Jeff Renaud, C.A.O.  
Mike Rudkin, Treasurer  
Len Racher, Sup't of Public Works  
Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer  
Cory Bronson, Community Peace Officer  
Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary

Press: Chris Clegg, South Peace News

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Reeve Billings called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**ADDENDUM  
TO AGENDA:**

School Division Paving

2009-15-635

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the agenda with addendum for the September 1, 2009 Special Council Meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS:*****MINISTER OF  
MUNICIPAL  
AFFAIRS:***

Correspondence regarding the dissolution of the Village of Kinuso and related Order in Council.

2009-15-636

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the correspondence from the Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs, dated July 24, 2009 regarding the dissolution of the Village of Kinuso be received for information.

**CARRIED**

***FINANCIAL  
INFORMATION:***

Council was provided with a breakdown of monies being turned over to the MD of Big Lakes from the Village of Kinuso as of September 1, 2009. Additionally, Mr. Renaud presented a verbal report on receivable and payable accounts.

***INHERITED  
EQUIPMENT:***

2009-15-637

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the following equipment inherited from the Village of Kinuso on September 1, 2009 be retained by the MD of Big Lakes:

2006 John Deere 1420 Mower, Weed Wacker GVR152Y, and  
2006 John Deere F725 Mower, Bob Cat 853 Diesel;

and that the following equipment inherited from the Village of Kinuso be disposed of:

1981 G2292 Champion Grader, 1998 Dodge Pickup, and  
1971 Ford 3 ½ ton Dump Truck, 1969 Case Backhoe

**CARRIED**

***ADD'L REQUIRED  
EQUIPMENT:***

2009-15-638 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the public works report to council regarding anticipated equipment requirements be deferred to the 2010 budget deliberations.

**CARRIED**

***BUDGET  
IMPLICATIONS:***

Councillor L'Heureux stepped out of the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

2009-15-639 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that:

1. Council approves of an increase to the 2009 Public Works Budget for the remainder of the year in the amount of \$70,000 for personnel and snow removal due to the dissolution of the Village of Kinuso;
2. Administration be approved to proceed with the following expenditures: SCADA system, testing equipment, stand by engine and water meter replacements & software installation for the Hamlet of Kinuso water and sewer system with funding from the Kinuso Reserve; and
3. The following public works items of concern related to the Hamlet of Kinuso be deferred to the 2010 and future budgets:
  - #1 Lift Station and #2 Lift Station Upgrades
  - Road maintenance – snowplowing and sanding
  - Gravel
  - Signs
  - Sidewalk maintenance
  - Line painting and cracksealing
  - Staffing (2 employees)
  - Equipment maintenance (mechanical services)

**CARRIED**

A break was taken from 10:51 a.m. until 11:02 a.m. Councillor L'Heureux returned to the meeting at 11:02 a.m..

***KINUSO LAND  
USE BYLAW:***

Councillor Campiou returned to the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

2009-15-640 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that Council adopts the use of the Village of Kinuso Land Use Bylaw, with the exception of Schedule "A" Forms and Schedule "B" Development Appeal Board, until such time as a comprehensive review of the MD of Big Lakes Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) has been completed and a revised plan and bylaw are adopted by Council and further that the draft revised MDP and LUB be presented to Council prior to September 2010.

**CARRIED**

***BYLAW #30-2009:*** Being a bylaw to repeal various bylaws previously approved by the former Village of Kinuso.

2009-15-641 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that Bylaw No. 30-2009 be approved for first reading.

**CARRIED**

2009-15-642 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Bylaw No. 30-2009 be approved for second reading.

**CARRIED**

2009-15-643 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that Bylaw No. 30-2009 be given unanimous approval to proceed to third reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2009-15-644 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that Bylaw No. 30-2009 be approved for third reading.

**CARRIED**

***FUTURE OF  
KINUSO OFFICE:***

2009-15-645 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the Kinuso municipal office remain open to serve residents of the MD of Big Lakes until at least the end of the 2009 calendar year and administration look into relocating the FCSS office into the Kinuso office, and further that the arrangement be reviewed during 2010 budget discussions.

**CARRIED**

***INFORMATION  
SESSION:***

2009-15-646 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that Council approves the hosting of an information session to be held in the Hamlet of Kinuso to provide residents the opportunity to become familiar with MD personnel.

**CARRIED**

***SCHOOL DIVISION  
PAVING:***

The High Prairie School Division will be funding pavement along Kinuso Avenue from the school to 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Council discussed extending the pavement on Kinuso Avenue from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to Centre Street. A cost estimate should be available for the next regular council meeting.

2009-15-647 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that Council approves of an expenditure to a maximum amount of \$25,000 for paving of Kinuso Avenue between 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Centre Street within the Hamlet of Kinuso with funds to be drawn from the Kinuso Reserve.

**CARRIED**

Councillor L'Heureux stepped out of the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

**OTHER:**

***DEBENTURE:***

2009-15-648 **MOVED BY REEVE BILLINGS** that Council approves paying off the debenture held by the Village of Kinuso in the amount of approximately \$90,000.00 with funds from the Kinuso Reserve.

**CARRIED**

***FIRE DEPT:***

It was noted that all assets of the Kinuso Volunteer Fire Department now belong to the MD of Big Lakes.

Councillor L'Heureux returned to the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

***TAXES:***

A brief discussion took place regarding a potential decrease in tax amounts for properties within the Hamlet of Kinuso that will now be subject to MD tax rates.

**IN CAMERA:**

2009-15-649 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the meeting go in camera to discuss inter-municipal negotiations at 11:39 a.m.

**CARRIED**

2009-15-650 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the meeting come out of camera at 11:55 a.m.

**CARRIED**

2009-15-651            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the MD of Big Lakes enter into negotiations with respect to the land on which the Kinuso water treatment plant is located.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

2009-15-652            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the meeting adjourn at 11:57 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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Alvin Billings, Reeve

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Jeff Renaud, C.A.O.