

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
September 16, 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, September 16, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT WERE:

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

Absent: Violet Campiou, Faust

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

Delegations: Sup't Arlen Miller, S/Sgt. Gil Henley, S/Sgt. Steve Daley – RCMP K Division
Dennis Lauck

Members of the Public: Albert Burger

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Billings called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

MINUTES:

2009-16-653

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that the minutes of the August 26, 2009 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2009-16-654

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that the minutes of the September 1, 2009 Special Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:*****KINUSO EQUIPMENT
INHERITED:***

2009-16-655

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that the 1980 GMC 7000 garbage truck inherited by the MD from the former Village of Kinuso be disposed of through public sale.

CARRIED

***MOTION #2009-14-599
(LOC):***

Councillor Dupres entered the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

2009-16-656

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that the MD of Big Lakes make application under its name for a license of occupation (LOC) to cross crown land located at the NE 9-72-17-W5 in order to guarantee access to two quarters of privately owned property.

DEFEATED

2009-16-657 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that a letter be provided to Mr. Tom Stewart in support of his application for a license of occupation (LOC) to cross crown land located at the NE 9-72-17-W5 in order to guarantee access to two quarters of privately owned property.

CARRIED

**ADDENDUM
TO AGENDA:**

In Camera – Business Interests
Signs
Rural Fire Sheds

2009-16-658 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the agenda with addendum for the September 16, 2009 Council Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

DELEGATION:

RCMP: RCMP District Advisor - S/Sgt. Gil Henley, District Officer - Superintendent Arlen Miller and S/Sgt. Steve Daley joined the meeting. Introductions were made.

Superintendent Miller informed Council that he was in attendance at the request of Deputy Commissioner Rod Knecht to address concerns expressed by Council in a recent letter. He advised that member shortages due to maternity/paternity leaves have been temporarily resolved through integrated shift scheduling with the Faust Detachment. He noted that service delivery has not been affected by the changes and some members will be back to duty in the New Year. The Faust integration schedule will be re-evaluated at that time. General discussion ensued.

Superintendent Miller further ensured Council that the RCMP has no intentions to close the Faust Detachment. Council was given information on the Lakeshore Regional Police Service, its jurisdiction and mandate.

Discussion continued with regard to concerns expressed by councillors over the lack of human contact and interaction with youth in the communities by RCMP members.

Councillor L'Heureux requested a letter from the RCMP for the next MD newsletter advising residents that the Faust Detachment is not being closed. Superintendent Miller will forward correspondence to the MD office.

Discussion took place on the delegation's views of the enhanced policing program.

Councillor Matthews inquired into the status of locating a dog handler in High Prairie. Superintendent Miller advised that they are in the process of recruiting a replacement, and the position should be filled within a couple of months. He added that the new handler will be located in High Prairie.

Reeve Billings expressed his appreciation and thanked the delegation for meeting with Council.

The delegation left the meeting at 10:47 a.m. A break was taken from 10:47 a.m. until 10:56 a.m.

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

**PUBLIC HEARING RE:
BYLAW #21-2009:**

2009-16-659 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that the meeting go into public hearing at 10:57 a.m.

CARRIED

Councillor Welch and Deputy Reeve Marx returned to the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

2009-16-660 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 11:00 a.m.

CARRIED

BYLAW #21-2009: Being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district SW 5-74-13-W5 south of Jousard from the Agriculture (A) District to the Country Residential (CR) District.

2009-16-661 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Bylaw No. 21-2009 be approved for second reading.

CARRIED

2009-16-662 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that Bylaw No. 21-2009 be approved for third reading.

CARRIED

DELEGATION:

DENNIS LAUCK: The MD's contract beaver trapper, Mr. Dennis Lauck, thanked Council for allowing him the opportunity to work on the beaver control program over the past number of years. He concurred with Council's decision to work only on an as needed basis during the summer months, noting that more time is needed during the spring and fall. Council ensured Mr. Lauck that his contract for this year had not been terminated. Mr. Lauck requested that he be allowed to provide input in the program in the future.

Mr. Lauck left the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT CON'T:**

BYLAW #29-2009: Being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district Lot 2A, Block 1, Plan 052 5346 east of Faust from the Rural Commercial (RC) District to the Industrial (I) District.

2009-16-663 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that:

1. Bylaw No. 29-2009 be approved for first reading.
2. A public hearing date be set.
3. Notices of the public hearing be placed in the South Peace News.

CARRIED

BYLAW #31-2009: Being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district the West Half of NW 10-73-10-W5 from the Agriculture (A) District to the Country Residential (CR) District.

2009-16-664 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that:

1. Bylaw No. 31-2009 be approved for first reading.
2. A public hearing date be set.
3. Notices of the public hearing be placed in the South Peace News.

CARRIED

***OFF SITE LEVY
BYLAW:***

2009-16-665 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that based on the two open house sessions, Council proceeds with the preparation of the Off Site Levy Bylaw that will allow for full subsidy on future road construction and all water and sewer off sites to be at full cost to the developer.

CARRIED

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

Mrs. Olansky was present to review the Community Development Officer's Report for the months of July and August 2009.

2009-16-666 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the Community Development Officer's Report to Council for the months of July and August 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED

Mrs. Olansky and Mrs. Zelman left the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS:***PEAVINE NORTH ROAD GRAVEL:***

2009-16-667

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that Council approves of the MD of Big Lakes supplying the approximate cost of \$14,000.00 for hauling gravel to a 6.5 km stretch of the Peavine North Road with Peavine Metis Settlement providing the gravel and grading at this location.

CARRIED***ADMIN BLDG AIR CONDITIONING:***

2009-16-668

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that the air conditioning units related to the original section of the MD administration building be replaced with new units.

CARRIED***PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:***

Mr. Racher presented the public works activity report.

2009-16-669

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that Donna Duchesneau be approved to attend the Partners in Excellence Annual Conference & Trade Show in Red Deer from October 5th to 7th, 2009.

CARRIED

2009-16-670

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

CARRIED

Discussion took place regarding the level of maintenance being provided on the gravel portion of SH 679 east to SH 750 by the new highways contractor. Mr. Racher has requested a meeting with Carillion.

Mr. Racher was asked to look into concerns regarding potholes on the lower road in Grouard, the Cook culvert along SH 750 by the auto wreckers, and the possibility of having a "No Littering" sign installed along SH 750.

OPEN FORUM:***ALBERT BURGER:***

Mr. Burger addressed Council to request an exemption on his property from the local improvement levy for the proposed sewer installation in accordance with Section 407(1) of the Municipal Government Act (MGA). Mr. Burger indicated that he does not need or want sewer services and stated that it is not fair that he should be forced to take on a debt to subsidize those neighbors that do want the services. He thanked Council for holding the meetings and consulting the public on this matter as they were not required under the MGA.

Discussion took place on the possibility of making an exemption subject to applicable levies in the future should subsequent landowners decide to hook onto sewer. Mr. Renaud will investigate the option. Mr. Burger advised that this would be reasonable and he would be in agreement with the condition.

Reeve Billings thanked Mr. Burger for his presentation and noted that Council would take his request into consideration. Mr. Burger thanked Council for hearing him.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12:33 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS CON'T:**RR 190 SOIL
STABILIZATION:**

Councillor Ehman declared interest and left the room at 12:34 p.m.

Administration will obtain additional quotes.

2009-16-671

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that \$16,575.00, excluding GST, be made available from the shoulder-pull budget for hydro-seeding of the ditches along the newly constructed portion of Range Road 190. Further, that Council does hereby approve the awarding of this work to The Dugout Dude should they be the low quotation.

CARRIED

Councillor Ehman returned to the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

**SNIPE LAKE BOAT
LAUNCH - RESIDENT
CONCERNS:**

2009-16-672

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that Council approves of installing a sign on the road allowance adjacent to SW 2-71-19-W5 advising users of the road allowance to "respect private property and to take their garbage with them when they leave" at an approximate cost of \$150.00.

CARRIED

SIGNS:

Mr. Racher is to bring forth recommendations for Council's consideration with regard to changes to existing stop and yield signs at a t-intersection in the Hamlet of Kinuso, the t-intersection on township road 724east off of highway 33, and the intersection exiting the Horse Lakes/Buffalo Bay area onto the Swamp Road.

Councillor Dupres stepped out of the meeting at 12:47 p.m.

AGRICULTURE:**2009 REGIONAL
ASB CONFERENCE:**

Reeve Billings, Deputy Reeve Marx and Councillors L'Heureux, Matthews, and Welch expressed interest in attending the Regional ASB Conference in Grande Prairie on Friday, October 16th.

ERWYN MARX:

Letter regarding beaver control

2009-16-673

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that the correspondence from Mr. Erwyn Marx dated September 7, 2009 regarding the MD beaver control program be received for information.

CARRIED

**AG. FIELDMAN'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Braithwaite provided a verbal activity report for the agriculture and waste departments.

2009-16-674

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that the bid submitted by Henry Turner in the amount of \$1200.00 for the surplus 2002 Ezee-On Model 2400 post pounder be accepted.

CARRIED

2009-16-675

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

CARRIED

COMMUNITY AND
PROTECTIVE SERVICES:**FIRE CHIEF'S
REPORT:**

Council reviewed the Fire Chief's July and August 2009 activity reports.

2009-16-676 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the Fire Chief's report for the months of July and August 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED

Mr. Braithwaite left the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

ENHANCED POLICING PROGRAM:

2009-16-677 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that a letter be sent to all municipalities within the boundaries of the MD of Big Lakes indicating that the enhanced policing program will be dissolved if a commitment for financial support over a three year term cannot be guaranteed by other parties prior to the next council meeting date.

CARRIED

PEACE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Officer Bronson was in attendance to review his August activity report.

2009-16-678 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the Community Peace Officer's August 2009 Report be received for information.

CARRIED

RCMP POLICING REPORT:

2009-16-679 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the September 4, 2009 RCMP Policing Report be received for information.

CARRIED

Officer Bronson left the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

PEACE LIBRARY SYSTEM:

2009-16-680 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the correspondence from Ms. Lorrie Shelp regarding MD representation on the Peace Library System be tabled to the October 2009 Council organizational meeting.

CARRIED

RURAL FIRE SHEDS:

2009-16-681 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that ownership of the MD rural fire sheds be transferred to the host landowners on an as is where is basis unless the landowner prefers that the sheds be moved off their property.

CARRIED

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION

CHEQUE LIST:

2009-16-682 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that cheques #44008 to #44155 in the total amount of \$1,258,679.76 for the period ending August 31, 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED

BYLAW #27-2009: Being a bylaw to amend certain sections of Bylaw No. 43-2007 (Organizational and Procedural Bylaw).

2009-16-683 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that Bylaw No. 27-2009 be approved for third reading.

CARRIED

BYLAW #28-2009: Being a bylaw to rescind Bylaw No. 44-2007 (Public Works Committee Bylaw).

2009-16-684 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Bylaw No. 28-2009 be approved for third reading.

CARRIED

2009-16-685 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the Council Committee of the Whole meetings be held regularly on the last Monday of each month beginning at 1:00 p.m.

CARRIED

AUMA CONVENTION:

2009-16-686 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that one member of administration and one Councillor be approved to attend the AUMA Convention in Calgary from November 3rd to 6th, 2009.

DEFEATED

2009-16-687 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the Chief Administrative Officer or his designate be approved to attend the AUMA Convention in Calgary from November 3rd to 6th, 2009.

CARRIED

AAMDC FALL CONVENTION:

Individual registration information is to be provided by each councillor to the Executive Secretary.

C.A.O.'S REPORT: Mr. Renaud presented a verbal activity report and highlighted matters arising from the September 14th public meeting held in Faust in regard to proposed sewer installation options.

Councillor Dupres returned to the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

2009-16-688 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that an informal survey presenting three possible scenarios with respect to the proposed sewer installation at the east end of Faust be sent to all parties directly affected.

CARRIED

2009-16-689 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the C.A.O.'s Report be received for information.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

2009-16-691 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the following items of correspondence be received for information:

- a. Minister of Health and Wellness, dated August 24, 2009, regarding the STARS Grande Prairie base
- b. Letter to the Minister of Health and Wellness from the County of Grande Prairie dated September 1, 2009 regarding funding for the STARS Grande Prairie base
- c. Minister of Transportation dated August 25, 2009 regarding additional funding approvals for hamlet main lift station upgrades
- d. Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development dated August 26, 2009 regarding First Nations consultations
- e. Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission dated August 28, 2009 and AAMDC dated August 28, 2009 regarding public consultation sessions
- f. Minister of State (Transport) dated August 31, 2009 regarding the MD's support of Bill C-322
- g. Minister of Municipal Affairs dated July 28, 2009 regarding amended project applications under the capital funding component of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative
- h. Letter to MLA Frank Oberle from Northern Sunrise County dated August 19, 2009 regarding Bill 202
- i. Alberta Environment dated September 8, 2009 regarding erosion/siltation on the SE 17-73-11-W5

- j. STARS dated August 21, 2009 in gratitude of the contribution to STARS
- k. Ken Kowalski newsletter dated September 9, 2009 regarding approvals through the Municipal Sustainability Initiative

CARRIED

GROUARD & AREA HISTORICAL SOC.:

Administration will make available a copy of the Grouard Historical Village 3D video clip to the Grouard & Area Historical Society for use at the Grouard 100th anniversary celebration taking place on September 26th.

AAMDC:

Administration will prepare a draft response to the AAMDC survey regarding Occupational Health and Safety on farms and ranches for the next council meeting.

COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY/ COMMITTEE REPORTS:

D. MARX:

Deputy Reeve Marx attended the MD Economic Development meeting on August 28th and the special council meeting on September 1st.

F. WELCH:

Councillor Welch reported that she participated in a tour with Heart River Housing of the modular homes they will be purchasing for Grouard and Faust. She also attended the September 1st special council meeting, and Economic Development Committee meeting. She provided Council with information on the newly hired Northland School Division community liaison worker and reminded Council of the 100th celebration of Grouard taking place on September 26th. A Peace Library System meeting is scheduled for the upcoming weekend.

K. MATTHEWS:

Councillor Matthews reported that he attended the August 31st Public Works Committee meeting, September 1st special council meeting, a Physician Retention Committee meeting as well as a meeting at the Town of High Prairie office regarding issues related to land for the new hospital site.

K. KILLEEN:

Councillor Killeen attended the September 1st special council meeting and reported on Kinuso Recreation Board matters.

G. L'HEUREUX:

Councillor L'Heureux provided an overview of topics presented at the Northern CARE Conference.

R. DUPRES:

No report

A. BILLINGS:

Reeve Billings met with the Town of High Prairie and Peavine Metis Settlement regarding the new hospital property and the public meeting regarding sewer servicing in Faust.

R. EHMAN:

No report

2009-16-691

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that the Councillor Community /Committee Reports be received for information.

CARRIED

MEETING SCHEDULE:

September 17, 2009	11:00 a.m.	MD Barbeque
September 21, 2009	10:00 a.m.	Municipal Planning Commission
September 21, 2009	1:00 p.m.	Committee of the Whole Meeting
September 26, 2009		Grouard 100 th Anniversary

2009-16-692

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that a joint meeting be arranged with the Municipal District of Greenview during the AAMDC fall convention.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on September 30, 2009 at the M.D. Administration Building.

IN CAMERA:

2009-16-693

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that the meeting go in camera to discuss business interests at 2:51 p.m.

CARRIED

2009-16-694

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that the meeting come out of camera at 2:58 p.m.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

2009-16-695

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that the meeting adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Alvin Billings, Reeve

Jeff Renaud, C.A.O.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
PUBLIC HEARING
(LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT 21-2009)
September 16, 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, September 16, 2009 commencing at 10:15 a.m.

PRESENT WERE:

Reeve:	Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt
Deputy Reeve:	David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
Councillor:	Ray Dupres, Enilda/Big Meadow
	Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
	Ken Killeen, Kinuso
	Guy L'Heureux, Joussard
	Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
	Fern Welch, Grouard
Absent:	Violet Campiou, Faust
Administration:	Jeff Renaud, C.A.O.
	Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer
	Len Racher, Public Works Superintendent
	Cory Bronson, Community Peace Officer
	Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary
	Karen Zelman, Development Clerk
Press:	Chris Clegg, South Peace News
	Keith Hopper, CKVH Radio

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Billings called the public hearing to order at 10:57 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 SW 5-74-13-W5 south of Joussard from the Agriculture (A) District to the Country Residential (CR) District to accommodate proposed subdivision.

Deputy Reeve Marx and Councillor Welch entered the public hearing at 10:58 a.m.

Council provided first reading to Bylaw No. 21-2009 on August 12, 2009. The public hearing was duly advertised and notices sent to adjacent landowners and referral agencies. One submission in opposition to the application was received.

Mrs. Olansky advised that this application was not reviewed by the Municipal Planning Commission.

Reeve Billings called for presentations from the public in favor of the application. There were none.

Reeve Billings called for presentations from the public opposed to the application. There were none.

Concern was expressed with regard to potential flooding in some areas. Mrs. Olansky noted that the Municipal Planning Commission can evaluate any further applications for subdivision on this quarter.

The public hearing was closed at 11:00 a.m.

Alvin Billings, Reeve

Jeff Renaud, C.A.O.