

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
October 28, 2009**

Minutes of the Municipal District of Big Lakes Organizational Meeting held at the M.D. Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

**PRESENT WERE:**

Councillor: Alvin Billings, Banana Belt/H.P. East  
Ray Dupres, Enilda  
Violet Campiou, Faust  
Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood  
Ken Killeen, Kinuso  
Guy L'Heureux, Jousard  
David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie  
Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle  
Fern Welch, Grouard

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

Press: Chris Clegg, South Peace News

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Renaud called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**REVIEW OF  
PROCESS:**

Mr. Renaud explained the different options council may choose to proceed with the Organizational Meeting. Council chose to conduct the process by secret ballot.

2009-19-770

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that secret ballots for the purpose of committee appointments be held wherever necessary.

**CARRIED**

2009-19-771

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that Pat Olansky be appointed Returning Officer for the purpose of the Organizational Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**ELECTION OF  
REEVE:**

Mr. Renaud called for nominations for Reeve. Councillor Marx nominated Councillor Billings. Councillor Billings accepted the nomination. Mr. Renaud called a second and third time for nominations for Reeve.

2009-19-772

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that nominations for the position of Reeve cease.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Billings was declared elected as Reeve. Reeve Billings assumed the chair.

**ELECTION OF  
DEPUTY REEVE:**

Reeve Billings called for nominations for Deputy Reeve. Councillor L'Heureux nominated Councillor Matthews. Councillor Ehman nominated Councillor Marx. Reeve Billings called a second and third time for nominations for Deputy Reeve.

2009-19-773

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that nominations for the position of Deputy Reeve cease.

**CARRIED**

Council reviewed the seating arrangement.

A secret ballot was taken. Councillor Marx was declared Deputy Reeve.

**STATUTORY/COUNCIL  
APPOINTMENTS  
MEMBERS AT LARGE:**

***AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE:***

2009-19-774                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that Mr. Arthur Smith be removed as member from the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

**DEFEATED**

2009-19-775                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that a review of the Agricultural Advisory Committee Policy (AG-01) be undertaken.

**CARRIED**

2009-19-776                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that appointments to the Agricultural Advisory Committee be tabled until a review of the Agricultural Advisory Committee Policy (AG-01) is complete.

**CARRIED**

**STATUTORY/COUNCIL  
APPOINTMENTS - INTERNAL:**

***ASSESSMENT  
REVIEW BOARD:***

2009-19-777                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Reeve Billings, Councillor L'Heureux and Councillor Matthews be re-appointed to the Assessment Review Board and Councillor Ehman be re-appointed as alternate.

**CARRIED**

***ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT:***

Councillor Campiou nominated Councillor L'Heureux. Councillor Ehman declared interest. Councillor Welch declined re-appointment. Deputy Reeve Marx and Councillor Matthews let their names stand.

2009-19-778                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Deputy Reeve Marx, Councillor Ehman, Councillor L'Heureux and Councillor Matthews be appointed to the Economic Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

***EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE:***

2009-19-779                    **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Councillor Campiou, Councillor Matthews, and Councillor Welch be re-appointed to the Emergency Management Committee.

**CARRIED**

***STAFF NEGOTIATING  
COMMITTEE:***

The Staff Negotiating Committee is no longer required as the Staff Liaison Committee negotiates directly with the CAO.

2009-19-780                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the Staff Negotiating Committee be disbanded.

**CARRIED**

***WEED & PEST  
CONTROL APPEAL  
COMMITTEE:***

2009-19-781                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Grant Gaschnitz, Melvin Hill, and Robert Smith be re-appointed to the Weed and Pest Control Appeal Committee

**CARRIED**

***M.P.C.:***

Expressions of interest were received from Hector Renaud, Duane Nichols and Myler Savill. A secret ballot was taken.

2009-19-782 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that Duane Nichols and Myler Savill be appointed to the Municipal Planning Commission.

**CARRIED**

*S.D.A.B.:*

2009-19-783 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Natasha Burger, Terry Lanigan, Hector Renaud, Dennis Zahacy, and Tammy Henkel be appointed to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

**CARRIED**

**STATUTORY/AGREEMENT**  
**APPOINTMENTS - EXTERNAL:**

***HEART RIVER HOUSING:***

Councillor Welch will remain as member to Heart River Housing and Councillor Campiou will remain alternate.

***BARRHEAD SOCIAL HOUSING:***

Councillor Killeen will remain as member to Barrhead Social Housing. Councillor Campiou was appointed as alternate.

***TOURISM:***

Councillor Welch declined re-appointment to Lesser Slave Lake Regional Tourism. Councillor Killeen nominated Councillor L'Heureux. Councillor Matthews expressed interest. Councillor Dupres agreed to remain as alternate. A secret ballot was taken. Councillor L'Heureux was declared appointed.

***LSL ECONOMIC ALLIANCE:***

2009-19-784 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Councillor Billings be re-affirmed to the Lesser Slave Lake Economic Alliance Society and Councillor Matthews be re-affirmed as alternate.

**CARRIED**

***COMMUNITY FUTURES L.S.L. REGION:***

Councillor Campiou let her name stand as member to Community Futures Lesser Slave Lake Region. Councillor Ehman expressed interest. Councillor Matthews agreed to remain as alternate. A secret ballot was taken and Councillor Ehman was declared as member.

***F.C.S.S. ADVISORY:***

2009-19-785 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that Councillor Campiou and Councillor Welch be re-appointed to the F.C.S.S. Advisory Committee.

**CARRIED**

***GROUARD/P.R. TRAIL COMMITTEE:***

2009-19-786 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Councillor Welch be re-appointed to the Grouard/Peace River TrailNet Committee.

**CARRIED**

***HIGH PRAIRIE REC. BOARD:***

Councillor Ehman declined re-appointment to the High Prairie & District Recreation Board, but would site as alternate.

2009-19-787 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that Councillor Matthews and Deputy Reeve Marx be appointed to the High Prairie & District Regional Recreation Board and Councillor Ehman be appointed as alternate.

**CARRIED**

***KINUSO REC.  
BOARD:***

Kinuso Recreation Board was an inter-municipal board and no longer exists with the dissolution of the Village of Kinuso.

2009-19-788

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the Kinuso Recreation Board be disbanded.

**CARRIED*****MD OF BIG LAKES  
LIBRARY BOARD:***

Councillor Welch declined re-appointment to the MD of Big Lakes Library Board, High Prairie Library Board and Peace Library System. Councillor Campiou remained interested. Councillor Killeen nominated Councillor Matthews to the MD of Big Lakes Library Board.

2009-19-789

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Councillor Campiou and Councillor Matthews be appointed to the M.D. of Big Lakes Library Board.

**CARRIED*****TOWN OF HP  
LIBRARY BOARD:***

Councillor Campiou expressed interest in sitting as member to the High Prairie Library Board. Deputy Reeve Marx agreed to sit as alternate.

2009-19-790

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Councillor Campiou be appointed to the High Prairie Library Board with Deputy Reeve Marx as alternate.

**CARRIED*****PEACE LIBRARY  
SYSTEM:***

2009-19-791

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Lorrie Shelp be appointed to Peace Library System and Councillor Campiou be appointed as alternate.

**CARRIED*****H.P. REGIONAL  
LANDFILL AUTHORITY:***

2009-19-792

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that Councillor L'Heureux be appointed to the High Prairie Regional Landfill Authority and Reeve Billings be appointed as the alternate member.

**CARRIED*****P.R.W.R.A.C.:***

2009-19-793

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Councillor L'Heureux be re-appointed to the Peace Region Waste Reduction Action Committee and Reeve Billings be re-appointed as alternate member.

**CARRIED*****H.P. SEED  
CLEANING CO-OP:***

2009-19-794

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Reeve Billings be appointed to the High Prairie Seed Cleaning Co-op Board and Deputy Reeve Marx be appointed alternate.

**CARRIED*****S.A.R.D.A.:***

2009-19-795

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that Councillor Ehman be appointed to the Smoky Applied Research and Demonstration Association and Councillor L'Heureux be appointed as alternate.

**CARRIED**

*V.S.I.:*

2009-19-796 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that Councillor L'Heurux be appointed to Veterinary Services Incorporated Board and Reeve Billings be appointed as alternate.

**CARRIED**

*L.S.L. WATERSHED  
COMMITTEE:*

2009-19-797 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Councillor L'Heureux be appointed to the Lesser Slave Lake Watershed Committee and Councillor Dupres be appointed as alternate.

**CARRIED**

*PEACE & BARRHEAD  
AIR SHED ZONES:*

2009-19-798 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Councillor Matthews be re-appointed to the Peace Air Shed Zone Association and the Barrhead/Whitecourt Airshed Zone and Reeve Billings be re-appointed as alternate to both committees.

**CARRIED**

*MD/TOWN OF HP  
FIRE SERVICES  
COMMITTEE:*

2009-19-799 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Councillor Dupres and Councillor Matthews be re-appointed to the MD/Town of High Prairie Fire Services Committee.

**CARRIED**

*METIS SETTLEMENTS  
COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMITTEE:*

Councillor Welch expressed interest. Past members, Reeve Billings, Deputy Reeve Marx and Councillor Matthews, remained interested in the committee. A secret ballot was taken. Reeve Billings, Deputy Reeve Marx and Councillor Welch were declared appointed to the Metis Settlements Communications Committee.

*PEACE OIL SANDS  
SYNERGY GROUP:*

2009-19-800 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Councillor Matthews be re-appointed to Peace Oil Sands Synergy Group

**CARRIED**

*SWAN HILLS SPECIAL WASTE  
TREATMENT FACILITY LIAISON  
COMMITTEE:*

2009-19-801 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Councillor Killeen continue to sit on the Swan Hills Special Waste Treatment Facility Liaison Committee.

**CARRIED**

*L.S.L. & TOLKO  
FOREST RESOURCE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE:*

2009-19-802 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Councillor Killeen be appointed to the Lesser Slave Lake Resource Advisory Committee and that Deputy Reeve Marx be appointed to the Tolko Forest Resource Advisory Committee.

**CARRIED**

*H.P. HEALTH FACILITY  
AD HOC COMMITTEE /  
TRAINING FACILITY  
STEERING COMMITTEE:*

2009-19-803                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Councillor Matthews be re-appointed to the High Prairie Health Facility Ad Hoc Committee and the Training Facility Steering Committee.

**CARRIED**

INTER-MUNICIPAL  
COMMITTEES:

*TOWN OF  
HIGH PRAIRIE:*

2009-19-804                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Reeve Billings, Councillor Ehman and Councillor Matthews be re-appointed to the High Prairie Inter-Municipal Ad Hoc Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*TOWN OF  
SWAN HILLS:*

2009-19-805                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Reeve Billings, Councillor Killeen and Councillor L'Heureux be re-appointed to the Swan Hills Inter-Municipal Ad Hoc Committee

**CARRIED**

*VILLAGE OF KINUSO:*

2009-19-806                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the Village of Kinuso Inter-Municipal Ad Hoc Committee be disbanded.

**CARRIED**

MEETING  
SCHEDULE:

2009-19-807                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that regular council meetings continue to be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

**CARRIED**

2009-19-808                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Municipal Planning Commission meetings be held on the last Monday of each month beginning at 10:00 a.m.

**CARRIED**

2009-19-809                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that Committee of the Whole meetings be held on the last Monday of each month beginning at 1:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

2009-19-810                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that Economic Development Committee meetings be held the last Friday of each month beginning at 10:00 a.m.

**CARRIED**

CONFIRMATION OF  
APPOINTMENTS:

2009-19-811                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that all council appointments made by secret ballot be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

**DESTRUCTION  
OF BALLOTS:**

2009-19-812                    **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the ballots be destroyed.

**CARRIED**

**REMUNERATION  
POLICY:**

The Councillor and At-Large Honorarium Policy (Counc-04) was provided to Council for review.

2009-19-813                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the Councillor and At-Large Honorarium Policy (Counc-04) be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**CHRISTMAS STAFF  
RECOGNITION:**

The Christmas Staff Recognition Policy (Admin-21) was included in the agenda package for review.

2009-19-814                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the Christmas Staff Recognition Policy (Admin-21) be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**CODE OF ETHICS  
POLICY:**

The Code of Ethics Policy (Counc-01) was provided to Council for review.

2009-19-815                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the Code of Ethics Policy (Counc-01) be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**OTHER:**

***LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS:***

2009-19-816                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that lunch be ordered in for all regular council meetings with menu selections chosen on a rotational basis.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

2009-19-817                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the meeting adjourn at 11:09 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Alvin Billings, Reeve

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Jeff Renaud, C.A.O.