

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
October 28, 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, October 28, 2009 immediately following the Organizational Meeting.

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
Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
Fern Welch, Grouard

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

Press: Chris Clegg, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Billings called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.

MINUTES:

2009-20-818

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH that the minutes of the October 14, 2009 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

The joint council meeting with the Town of Swan Hills was confirmed for Monday, November 9th.

**ADDENDUM
TO AGENDA:**

Fox
Royal Canadian Legion
Student Representative
Roads

2009-20-819

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the agenda with addendum for the October 28, 2009 Council Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:*****PUBLIC HEARING RE:
BYLAW #32-2009:***

2009-20-820

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that the meeting go into public hearing at 11:26 a.m.

CARRIED

2009-20-821

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that the meeting come out of public hearing at 11:31 a.m.

CARRIED

BYLAW #32-2009:

Being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw section 11.22.2 Bare Land Condominium – 2 District with regard to property line set backs.

2009-20-822

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that Bylaw No. 32-2009 be approved for second reading.

CARRIED

2009-20-823 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that Bylaw No. 32-2009 be approved for third reading.

CARRIED

**TRANSFER OF
PUBLIC LANDS:**

2009-20-824 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that Council approves the transfer of municipal land for the purpose of creating road plans in the Hamlet of Grouard as presented.

CARRIED

Mrs. Olansky left the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS:

**PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT:**

Mr. Racher reviewed his written public works activity report. A project cost report for the old Grouard reservoir, Township Road 750 connector road construction and Range Road 193 connector road construction was also provided for Council' information.

2009-20-825 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the Superintendent of Public Works' Report be received for information.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12:27 p.m.

ROADS:

Deputy Reeve Marx has received phone calls regarding the condition of the Swamp Road from producers wanting to move bales. Mr. Racher will follow up.

AGRICULTURE:

**AB FARM SAFETY
CENTRE:**

Correspondence from the Alberta Farm Centre regarding financial support for the Safety Smarts Program was tabled until following the next ASB Conference. The program was not addressed during the ASB Regional Conference.

2009-20-826 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the correspondence from the Alberta Farm Centre dated August 17, 2009 regarding the Safety Smarts Program be received for information.

CARRIED

**AG. ADVISORY
COMMITTEE:**

Councillors Campiou and Welch returned to the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

**Peace Country Beef
Congress:**

Mock job posting and interviewer.

2009-20-827 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that administration prepare a mock job posting for the 2010 Peace Country Beef Congress for participation by the 4-H senior members.

CARRIED

MD Owned Land:

Administration will check the MD's land inventory for the possible properties that may be suitable for use as trial plots by the Peace Country Beef and Forage Association and the Smoky Applied Research and Demonstration Association.

Fire Hose & Nozzles:

Mr. Renaud will investigate if there are any surplus fire hoses and nozzles from the rural fire sheds that could be put up for public bid and report back to council.

Age Verification:

Councillor L'Heureux indicated that since Alberta Agriculture is paying \$50 per producer to service providers doing calf age verification, the MD should look into charging back for the year.

ASB Rental Equip: The ASB rental equipment available in the Kinuso area is being moved to the Kinuso administration building storage yard. Renters will be required to complete the rental agreement at the Kinuso MD office. Public works staff is following up on the issue regarding MD ASB equipment rental rates in comparison to Flaman rental rates. A report to council is forthcoming.

**COMMUNITY AND
PROTECTIVE SERVICES:**

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

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

2009-20-828

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the Community Peace Officer's September 2009 Report be received for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Campiou thanked Officer Bronson for his time spent in Faust.

***INFRASTRUCTURE
CANADA –
P3 FUNDING:***

2009-20-829

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that administration speak with the developer of Shadow Creek Resort with regard to a possible change in the scope of the project to include Key Cove residents.

CARRIED

2009-20-830

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that a letter be sent to Mr. Brian Jean, MP, regarding his comments about P3 funding and requesting additional information about potential funding options for projects currently targeted for P3 funding from Infrastructure Canada.

CARRIED

Reeve Billings updated Council on a meeting he attended October 26th regarding the grant application for construction of the new High Prairie Seed Cleaning Plant.

***GRANT MANAGER'S
REPORT:***

Mrs. Wilcox reviewed her July – October 2009 activity report.

2009-20-831

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH that the Grant Manager's report for the months July – October 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED

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

Mrs. Strang was in attendance to present her September activity report.

2009-20-832

MOVED BY REEVE BILLINGS that the quote from Nufloors of Slave Lake in the amount of \$1,037.40 including mileage and GST for the purchase and installation of vertical blinds for the windows in the former Kinuso Village Office be approved.

CARRIED

2009-20-833

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the FCSS Director's September Report be received for information; and further that a letter be sent to the Hon. Ron Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern over the closure of beds at Alberta Hospital.

CARRIED

FOX:

2009-20-834

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that a letter be sent to Sustainable Resource Development - Fish & Wildlife requesting that the foxes in the Hamlet of Jousard be trapped and relocated out of the area.

CARRIED

HP LEGION:

Reeve Billings was requested to attend the Remembrance Day ceremony at the High Prairie Legion.

2009-20-835 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that Reeve Billings attend the High Prairie Legion Remembrance Day ceremony.

CARRIED

STUDENT

REPRESENTATIVE: Council was informed that the Principal of E.W. Pratt High School is in the process of finding another student representative to attend council meetings.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION

CHEQUE LIST:

2009-20-836 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that cheques #44467 to #44621 in the total amount of \$556,708.25 for the period ending October 10, 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED

BUDGET MEETINGS:

2009-20-837 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that special council meetings for the purpose of adopting the year 2010 interim capital and operating budgets be set for Thursday, December 3rd and Friday, December 4th.

CARRIED

KINUSO ARENA:

2009-20-838 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that Council approves a grant of 50% of the costs, up to a maximum of \$38,618.74, related to the installation of the arena floor in Kinuso with funds to be drawn from the Recreation and Culture Facility Reserve Fund (account: 6-72-00-00-760).

CARRIED

C.A.O.'S REPORT: Mr. Renaud presented a written activity report.

2009-20-839 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the C.A.O.'s Report be received for information.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

2009-20-840 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the following items of correspondence be received for information:

- a. Wapewsepi Enterprises dated October 1, 2009 in thanks for the donation toward Swan River First Nation's 1st Annual Rodeo & Sports Days
- b. Information regarding the Beef Marketing: Opportunities & Strategies Session
- c. Letter from the Municipal District of Greenview to the County of Grande Prairie dated October 6, 2009 regarding the regional ASB Conference date
- d. Press Release dated October 20, 2009 regarding the Town of Peace River and Northern Sunrise County Inter-municipal Co-operation Initiative
- e. Government of Alberta News Release dated October 21, 2009 "Province provides support for new Alberta Beach boat launch
- f. Town of Swan Hills dated October 19, 2009 regarding the enhanced drug enforcement program

CARRIED

**NORTHERN LAKES
COLLEGE:**

Growing our Region: Planning for Post-Secondary Services

2009-20-841 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that Deputy Reeve attend the "Growing our Region: Planning for Post-Secondary Services" session hosted by Northern Lakes College in Peace River on November 8, 9, and 10.

DEFEATED

2009-20-842 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the invitation from Northern Lakes College dated October 9, 2009 to attend the "Growing our Region: Planning for Post-Secondary Services" session in Peace River on November 8, 9, and 10 be received for information.

CARRIED**REYNOLDS MIRTH
MIRTH RICHARDS
& FARMER:**

An invitation was received from Reynolds Mirth Richards and Farmer to attend a reception on November 17th in conjunction with the AAMDC Fall Convention. Mr. Renaud noted that ATCO Electric has also invited Council to dinner the same evening. He will accept on Council's behalf.

**ROYAL CANADIAN
LEGION:**

Request for Support

2009-20-843

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the MD of Big Lakes sponsor a full page advertisement in the Alberta/Northwest Territory Command Royal Canadian Legion *Military Service Recognition Book* in the amount of \$995.00.

DEFEATED

2009-20-844

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that the MD of Big Lakes sponsor a 1/4 page advertisement in the Alberta/Northwest Territory Command Royal Canadian Legion *Military Service Recognition Book* in the amount of \$425.00.

CARRIED**MINISTER OF
EMPLOYMENT AND
IMMIGRATION:**

Alberta Business Award of Distinction

2009-20-845

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that the MD of Big Lakes nominate Marigold Enterprises for the Alberta Employment and Immigration's Employer of Persons with Disabilities Award of Distinction.

CARRIED**MINISTER OF
SUSTAINABLE
RESOURCE DEV'T:**

An invitation to Reeve Billings was received from the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development to attend a meeting with AAMDC member municipalities during the AAMDC Conference. Reeve Billings will attend.

**COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY/
COMMITTEE REPORTS:****D. MARX:**

Deputy Reeve Marx reported on the ASB Regional Conference held in Grande Prairie on October 16th. He attended the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting, Municipal Planning Commission meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting.

F. WELCH:

Councillor Welch attended a Heart River Housing meeting, Netspeed Conference with Peace Library System, Municipal Planning Commission meeting, Committee of the Whole meeting, and Grouard-Peace River Trail Committee meeting.

K. MATTHEWS:

Councillor Matthews attended the ASB Regional Conference, High Prairie Recreation Board meeting, Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting, Municipal Planning Commission meeting and Committee of the Whole

K. KILLEEN:

Councillor Killeen attended the Municipal Planning Commission meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting.

V. CAMPIOU:

Councillor Campiou attended the ASB Conference in Grande Prairie, Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting, High Prairie Library Board Trustee Workshop, Municipal Planning Commission, and a Community Futures meeting. She is hoping to attend the Municipal Services Facilities grand opening in Grouard on Friday, October 30th.

G. L'HEUREUX: Councillor L'Heureux attended a Lesser Slave Watershed Committee meeting, and Regional Landfill Authority meeting.

Councillor Campiou stepped out of the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Councillor L'Heureux provided an update on utilities servicing for the Jousard Community Association campsite.

R. DUPRES: No report

A. BILLINGS: Reeve Billings reported on the ASB Regional Conference.

Councillor Campiou returned to the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

Reeve Billings further reported on the meeting he attended with the Minister of Environment regarding access to Lesser Slave Lake. He requested that Mr. Renaud look into whether a program to assist with inter-municipal development plans is still available through Municipal Affairs.

Reeve Billings provided additional details regarding the meeting that he attended on October 26th with regard to funding for the High Prairie Seed Cleaning Plant.

R. EHMAN: Councillor Ehman attended the ASB Regional Conference in Grande Prairie, a SARDA meeting on October 19th, Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting on October 20th, Municipal Planning Commission meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting.

2009-20-846 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the Councillor Community /Committee Reports be received for information.

CARRIED

MEETING SCHEDULE:

A meeting of the Emergency Management Committee will be scheduled.

October 30, 2009	1:00 p.m.	Municipal Services Facilities Grand Opening – Grouard
November 6, 2009	10:00 a.m.	Economic Development Committee
November 9, 2009		Town of Swan Hills Joint Meeting
November 16 – 19, 2009		AAMDC Fall Conference

NEXT MEETING: The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on November 10, 2009 at the M.D. Administration Building.

A break was taken from 2:11 p.m. until 2:20 p.m.

IN CAMERA:

2009-20-847 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting go in camera to discuss personnel matters and business interests at 2:20 p.m.

CARRIED

2009-20-848 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the meeting come out of camera at 3:05 p.m.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

2009-20-849 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the meeting adjourn at 3:06 p.m.

CARRIED

Alvin Billings, Reeve

Jeff Renaud, C.A.O.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
PUBLIC HEARING
(LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT 32-2009)
October 28, 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, October 28, 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:	Violet Campiou, Faust
	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
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
	Sharon Strang, FCSS Director
	Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary
Press:	Chris Clegg, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Billings called the public hearing to order at 11:26 a.m.

Mrs. Olansky reported that the Public Hearing was being held on a matter of a proposed amendment to the Land Use Bylaw Section 11.22.2 Bare Land Condominium – 2 District with regard to property line set backs. This change was recommended by the Municipal Planning Commission at its September 21, 2009 meeting. At this time there are two Bare Land Condominium-2 subdivisions that would be affected being Red Sky Grove and Red Sky Shores within the Hamlet of Joussard.

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

Reeve Billings called for comments from the public speaking in favor of the amendment. There were none.

Reeve Billings called for comments from the public speaking in opposition to the amendment. There were none.

The public hearing was closed at 11:31 a.m.

Alvin Billings, Reeve

Jeff Renaud, C.A.O.