

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
May 26, 2010**

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 26, 2010 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, Jousard
Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
Fern Welch, Grouard

Administration: Harvey Prockiw, C.A.O.
Bill Landiuk, Finance Consultant
Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer
Len Racher, Sup't of Public Works
Amanda Nepstad, Agricultural Fieldman
Sharon Strang, FCSS Director
Cathy Wilcox, Grants Manager
Pam Mulroy, Municipal Intern
Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary

Delegation: Brian Heroux
Shelly Heroux
Art & Armelle Verrault

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

MINUTES:

2010-10-307

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that the minutes of the May 12, 2010 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

Discussion took place on the status of the submission for the Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence.

**ADDENDUM
TO AGENDA:**

Vitalize 2010 Conference
Jousard Mission Creek Bridge
Royal Purple Avenue Dust Control
Aboriginal Water Management Conference
Rural Signs

Councillor Dupres joined the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

2010-10-308

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the agenda with addendum for the May 26, 2010 Council Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED**DELEGATION:*****SHELLY & BRIAN
HEROUX:***

Mr. Brian Heroux and Ms. Shelly Heroux informed Council that they did not wish to stop the Faust east end sewer project; however, they presented documents signed by a large majority of affected landowners indicating that they would prefer to pay their share of the costs based on frontage rather than per parcel. Council was requested to pass a resolution to amend the Faust Water & Sewer Extension Local Improvement Plan accordingly. It was noted that the signed document was a request as opposed to a petition. Discussion took place regarding the need and/or responsibility to notify those

being affected financially of an amendment to the Local Improvement Plan. Mr. Heroux thanked Council.

Reeve Billings called for comments from other members of the public. Mr. Art Verreault commented that he would prefer paying by frontage.

2010-10-309

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU that the Faust Water & Sewer Extension Local Improvement Plan be amended by calculating the landowners' net share of costs based on frontage rather than on a per parcel basis.

DEFEATED

Reeve Billings thanked the delegation and they left the meeting.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:***DEV'T PERMIT
APP. 10-19:***

A development permit application was received from Kinusayo Museum to construct a machine shed on Block 3, Plan 992 6643 west of Kinuso within the Direct Control District.

2010-10-310

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that Development Permit Application 10-19 be approved with the following conditions:

1. No further development is permitted without a valid development permit issued by the MD of Big Lakes.
2. All services are the responsibility of the developer.
3. The development must be completed according to the plan submitted. *If development is not constructed in the approved location on the property, it may be subject to a Stop Order with the requirement that it be relocated appropriately or removed from the property.*
4. All development must be set back a minimum of:
 - 15 m (49 ft) from the Front yard (west)
 - 55 m (180 ft) from the Side yard 1 (south)
 - 60 m (197 ft) from the Side yard 2 (north)
 - 40 m (131 ft) from the Rear yard (east)
5. Development must be commenced within one year of the date of the issuance of the permit.
6. A Roadside Development Permit must be obtained from Alberta Transportation.

CARRIED**PUBLIC WORKS:*****AWARD OF TENDER
ASPHALT
CRACKSEALING:***

Council was provided with the results of the tender for asphalt cracksealing.

2010-10-311

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that the tender for the 2010 asphalt cracksealing program be awarded to R & N Maintenance Western Division in the amount of \$48,708.00 excluding site occupancy and GST.

CARRIED***PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT:***

Mr. Racher reviewed his written public works activity report. He included an update on a recent meeting with the Kinuso Rural Water Co-op, the Mission Creek Bridge in Jousard, dust control partnership with Buchanan Lumber and Alberta Plywood, solar lighting at the Faust/Kinuso Transfer Site, fire pumps in Kinuso, and a meeting with Swan River First Nation.

2010-10-312

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

CARRIED

Councillor L'Heureux stepped out of the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

***ROYAL PURPLE AVE
DUST CONTROL:***

Public Works was advised of a number of potholes along Royal Purple Avenue in Faust by the graveyard.

RURAL SIGNS:

Councillor Welch requested that administration look into the possibility of printing the rural addresses on the tax and assessment notices.

Councillor L'Heureux returned to the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Councillor Welch made note of issues with regard to incorrect rural addressing signs.

Public Works is looking into having the MD hamlet welcome signs touched up.

A break was taken from 11:08 a.m. until 11:20 a.m.

AGRICULTURE:

APP'T OF PEST INSPECTOR:

2010-10-313 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Brianne Brault be appointed as Municipal Pest Inspector for the 2010 season.

CARRIED

Councillor Campiou returned to the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

APP'T OF WEED INSPECTOR:

2010-10-314 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that Brianne Brault, Aaron Cook, and Colton Young be appointed as Municipal Weed Inspectors for the 2010 season.

CARRIED

AG. FIELDMAN'S REPORT:

Mrs. Nepstad was in attendance to review her written activity report.

2010-10-315 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the Agricultural Fieldman's Report to Council be received for information.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES:

PEACE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Council reviewed the Community Peace Officer's April 2010 activity report.

2010-10-316 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the Community Peace Officer's activity report for April 2010 be received for information.

CARRIED

OPEN FORUM:

MILTON SLOAN:

Mr. Sloan inquired into whether tokens could be purchased for 150 gallons of water rather than 300 gallons to accommodate those with smaller water tanks. Public works will follow up.

HP VICTIMS ASSISTANCE:

A request was received from High Prairie & District Victim's Assistance for operational funding.

2010-10-317 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that a one-year operational funding grant of \$2,015 be approved for the High Prairie & District Victim's Assistance based on \$.50 per capita for the MD's population of 4,030.

DEFEATED

2010-10-318 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that a letter be sent to the Solicitor General in support of the Victims Assistance program and encouraging an increase in financial support as Council does not feel that funding for this program should be downloaded onto the municipalities.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:57 a.m. and reconvened at 12:29 p.m.

GRANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Wilcox reviewed her May 2010 activity report.

2010-10-319

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the Grant Manager's report for the month of May 2010 be received for information.

CARRIED**FCSS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mrs. Strang was in attendance to present her March and April 2010 activity reports.

2010-10-320

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES that the FCSS Director's Report for March and April 2010 be received for information.

CARRIED**JOUSSARD COMM. ASSOCIATION:**

A request was received from the Joussard Community Association for a grant in the amount of \$500 for its Canada Day Celebration.

2010-10-321

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN that funding in the amount of \$500 for the Joussard Community Association be approved for its Canada Day Celebration to be drawn from account #2-11-10-00-735 -Council Grants to Individuals/Organizations.

CARRIED**JOUSSARD COMM. ASSOCIATION:**

A request was received from the Joussard Community Association for capital funding for three community projects.

2010-10-322

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that funding for the Joussard Community Association projects be approved to a maximum of the amounts shown as follows:

	Total Estimated Cost	MD Portion Requested
1. JCA Campsite Expansion	\$120,360	\$60,180
2. Fish Cleaning Station	\$ 22,000	\$11,000
3. Day Use Washrooms	<u>\$ 17,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,500</u>
	\$159,360	\$79,680

CARRIED**BANANA BELT REC ASSOC.:**

A request was received from the Banana Belt Recreation Association for capital funding for two projects.

2010-10-323

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that funding for the Banana Belt Recreation Association projects be approved to a maximum of the amounts shown as follows:

	Total Estimated Cost	MD Portion Requested
1. Hall Deck Additions	\$18,000	\$9,000
2. Playground Equipment	<u>\$ 6,380</u>	<u>\$3,190</u>
	\$24,380	\$12,190

CARRIED**CURFEW BYLAW:**

Being a bylaw for the purpose of imposing protective curfew regulations.

2010-10-324

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH that Curfew Bylaw No. 10-2010 be approved for first reading.

CARRIED

2010-10-325

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that Curfew Bylaw No. 10-2010 be approved for second reading.

CARRIED

2010-10-326

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX that Curfew Bylaw No. 10-2010 be give unanimous approval to proceed to third reading.

DEFEATED (not unanimous)**VITALIZE 2010:**

Information was provided on the Vitalize 2010 Conference.

2010-10-327 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the correspondence regarding the Vitalize 2010 Conference taking place on June 10 – 12, 2010 at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton be received for information.

CARRIED

ABORIGINAL WATER MANAGEMENT:

Information was presented regarding an Aboriginal Peoples and the Future of Water Management in Alberta Conference.

2010-10-328 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that Reeve Billings and Councillor L'Heureux be approved to attend the Aboriginal Peoples and the Future of Water Management in Alberta Conference taking place on June 10th and 11th, 2010 in Edmonton.

CARRIED

A copy of the Aboriginal Peoples and the Future of Water Management in Alberta Conference information will be sent to neighboring municipalities.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION:

CHEQUE LIST:

2010-10-329 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that cheques #46443 to #46575 in the total amount of \$1,019,289.96 for the period ending May 12, 2010 be received for information.

CARRIED

KINUSO BANK ACCOUNT:

2010-10-330 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that a bank account be opened with the Alberta Treasury Branch in the Hamlet of Kinuso.

CARRIED

LENDING BYLAW #12-2010:

Being a bylaw to authorize the MD to lend money to Heart River Housing as per section 265(1) of the Municipal Government Act which grants power to municipalities to lend funds to non-profit organizations.

2010-10-331 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that Bylaw No. 12-2010 be approved for first reading and advertised pursuant to section 265 of the Municipal Government Act.

CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Landiuk provided a verbal departmental report.

2010-10-332 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that the services of a consultant be engaged to assist with completion of Tangible Capital Assets.

CARRIED

2010-10-333 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that a Special Council meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, June 8th at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED

C.A.O.'S REPORT: Mr. Prockiw presented a verbal activity report.

2010-10-334 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the C.A.O.'s Report be received for information.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

***MINISTER OF
ABORIGINAL
RELATIONS:***

2010-10-335 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that a letter be sent to the Hon. Len Webber, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, summarizing issues addressed during the May 18th meeting with copies to Premier Stelmach, MLA Pearl Calahasen, and AAMDC Zone 4 members.

CARRIED

***SHADOW CREEK
RESORT:***

2010-10-336 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that a letter be sent to the Hon. Mel Knight, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, regarding the recent complaint lodged by the local SRD office related to the Shadow Creek Resort marina development at Jousard and extending an invitation to the Minister to visit the project site.

CARRIED

2010-10-337 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the following items of correspondence be received for information:

- a. Alberta Municipal Affairs dated April 30, 2010 regarding the Conditional Grant Agreement for the project being funded under the 2009 Municipal Sponsorship Program
- b. Minister of Fisheries and Oceans dated May 10, 2010 in response to Council's letter regarding costs of culvert installations and the review of projects in the MD of Big Lakes
- c. Response to Natasha Burger from Harvey Prockiw dated May 14, 2010 regarding Faust sewer petition regulations
- d. Joe Anglin dated May 17, 2010 regarding shared costs for transmission lines
- e. Invitation to the High Prairie & District Museum's Strawberry Tea on May 28, 2010
- f. Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations dated May 6, 2010 regarding the New West Partnership Trade Agreement
- g. Service Canada dated May 12, 2010 regarding application for funding under Canada Summer Jobs

CARRIED

AAMDC: Correspondence from the AAMDC requesting input on changes to the Law Enforcement Framework was tabled at the previous meeting.

2010-10-338 **MOVED BY REEVE BILLINGS** that a letter be sent to the AAMDC in response to the request for input on changes to the Law Enforcement Framework stating that municipalities should not be paying for rural policing.

CARRIED

***CLEAR HILLS
COUNTY:***

An invitation was received from Clear Hills County to attend the 7th Annual Community Barbeque.

2010-10-339 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the invitation from Clear Hills County to attend the 7th Annual Community Barbeque on July 23rd be received for information.

CARRIED

AAMDC: An invitation was received to attend AAMDC's 2nd Annual Business Services Golf Tournament.

2010-10-340 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the invitation to attend AAMDC's 2nd Annual Business Services Golf Tournament on June 16th be received for information.

CARRIED

SWAN RIVER

FIRST NATION: An invitation was received to participate in Swan River First Nation's 2nd Annual Rodeo and Sports Days parade.

2010-10-341 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the Kinuso fire truck be entered in Swan River First Nation's 2nd Annual Rodeo and Sports Days parade on July 1, 2010 and any councillor available to attend do so.

CARRIED

STARS: An invitation was received to attend STARS and STARS Foundation annual general meeting on June 17th in Edmonton.

2010-10-342 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the invitation to attend the STARS and STARS Foundation Annual General Meeting on June 17th in Edmonton be received for information.

CARRIED

**COMMUNITY
ECOACTION
CHALLENGE:**

The City of Airdrie is inviting all municipalities in Alberta to participate in the upcoming Community EcoAction Challenge.

2010-10-343 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the correspondence from the City of Airdrie regarding participation in the upcoming Community EcoAction Challenge be received for information.

CARRIED

**H.P. & DISTRICT
RECREATION
BOARD:**

An invitation was received from Chelsea Bembridge, Summer Coordinator for the High Prairie & District Recreation Board, to attend the annual Senior Citizens Week Barbecue being held on June 11th.

2010-10-344 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that any councillor who is available for the High Prairie & District Recreation Board Annual Senior Citizens Week Barbecue being held on June 11, 2010 be approved to attend at their own expense.

CARRIED

**COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY/
COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

D. MARX: Deputy Reeve Marx attended the Municipal Planning Commission and Committee of the Whole meetings, Minister's meeting with the Hon. Len Webber, and the Grouard and Area Historical Society meeting on May 21st.

F. WELCH: Councillor Welch attended a Heart River Housing meeting, Disaster Forum, Municipal Planning Commission, Committee of the Whole, meeting with the Hon. Len Webber, and a meeting between the MD, Town of High Prairie and Northern Lakes College on May 21st. She provided an update on the last Grouard-Peace River Trail Committee meeting and the Police Point property in Grouard.

Discussion took place on looking into the possibility of Alberta Transportation lowering the speed limit on Highway 750 through Grouard from 80 km/hr to 70 km/hr and increasing the speed limit on Highway 749 north of High Prairie from 50 km/hr to 80 km/hr.

K. MATTHEWS: Councillor Matthews reported on the Disaster Forum in Banff, the meeting with the Minister of Health and Wellness during the May 18th Ministerial Tour, and the meeting with the Grouard and Area Historical Society.

K. KILLEEN: Councillor Killeen attended the last Municipal Planning Commission meeting, Committee of the Whole meeting, and meetings with the Kinuso Rural Water Co-op and Swan River First Nation.

V. CAMPIOU: Councillor Campiou attended a High Prairie Library Board meeting on May 4th, Disaster Forum, Library Conference in Grande Prairie, Municipal Planning Commission, Committee of the Whole, Barrhead Housing meeting, and the PC meeting in Faust on May 16th.

G. L'HEUREUX: Councillor L'Heureux attended meetings with the Grouard and Area Historical Society and Lesser Slave Lake Watershed Council.

Mr. Prockiw updated Council on recent developments with regard to the availability of a Bailey Bridge for the Mission Creek Bridge in Joussard.

R. DUPRES: No report

A. BILLINGS: Reeve Billings attended the Municipal Planning Commission and Committee of the Whole meetings, and provided a report on the meeting with the Minister of Aboriginal Relations, notice of the Lesser Slave Lake Economic Alliance Annual General Meeting, and Inter-municipal Committee meeting with the Town of High Prairie.

R. EHMAN: Councillor Ehman attended the Municipal Planning Commission and Committee of the Whole meetings on May 17th, the meeting with the Grouard and Area Historical Society, and a Community Futures training course on May 25th. Discussion took place regarding \$ for recording of interviews of seniors on history.

Reeve Billings informed Council of a tour he and Greg Radstaak took of the Snipe Lake area.

2010-10-345 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the Councillor Community/Committee Reports be received for information.

CARRIED

MEETING

SCHEDULE:

June 8, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Special Budget Meeting
June 12, 2010	12:30 p.m.	Enilda Fire Hall Grand Opening
June 17, 2010	10:00 a.m.	Emergency Management Committee
June 17, 2010	10:30 a.m.	LSLEA AGM
June 18, 2010		MD Open House in Kinuso
June 24, 2010	11:00 a.m.	MD Barbeque
June 25, 2010	10:00 a.m.	Economic Development Committee
June 28, 2010	10:00 a.m.	Municipal Planning Commission
June 28	1:00 p.m.	Committee of the Whole

NEXT MEETING: The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on June 9, 2010 at the M.D. Administration Building.

ADJOURNMENT:

2010-10-346 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the meeting adjourn at 2:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Alvin Billings, Reeve

Harvey Prockiw, C.A.O.