

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
September 8, 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, September 8, 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  
Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle  
Fern Welch, Grouard

Absent: Guy L'Heureux, Jousard

Administration: Harvey Prockiw, C.A.O.  
Amanda Nepstad, Agricultural Fieldman  
Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer  
Cathy Wilcox, Grants Manager  
Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary  
Karen Zelman, Development Clerk  
Donna Duchesneau, Public Works Secretary

Delegation: Ken Sutherland  
Gladys Sutherland  
Clay Sutherland

Press: Chris Clegg, South Peace News

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**MINUTES:**

2010-17-556

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the minutes of the August 25, 2010 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING  
FROM MINUTES:**

Council was updated on the response from RCMP Property Asset Management regarding the disposal of the house in Kinuso, power supply for the new FM radio station, and the letter to Peavine Metis Settlement with regard to payment under the enhanced policing agreement.

**ADDENDUM  
TO AGENDA:**

Gravel Truck Hiring Policy  
Reclamation of Site in Enilda  
Letter Signing

2010-17-557

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the agenda with addendum for the September 8, 2010 Council Meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATION:*****K. SUTHERLAND:***

Ken Sutherland, Gladys Sutherland, and Clay Sutherland were in attendance with regard to issues resulting from the unauthorized occupation of MD owned property, being Plan 4250AT, Lot B within the Hamlet of Grouard. Council was provided with background information on the matter. A motion was passed at the July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 council meeting that utilities be disconnected and the lot be cleaned up as soon as possible. Discussion took place regarding an offer made by the MD in 2002 to transfer the property to the Sutherland's. Mr. Clay Sutherland inquired as to the amount owing on the property and whether the matter can be cleared up. He further requested that his parents be approved to enter into a payment plan with the MD for outstanding fees. Further discussion ensued with regard to the MD's Sale of Municipal Lands Policy. Council agreed to stay the order to vacate the lands pending further information. The Sutherlands will be informed of Council's decision in a reasonable amount of time.

2010-17-558 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that the order to vacate Plan 4250ET, Lot B within the Hamlet of Grouard issued to Ken Sutherland and Gladys Sutherland be stayed pending further information.

**CARRIED**

The delegation left the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:**

***PUBLIC HEARING RE: BYLAW #07-2010***

2010-17-559 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting go into public hearing at 10:24 a.m.

**CARRIED**

2010-17-560 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 10: 28 a.m.

**CARRIED**

***BYLAW #15-2010:*** Being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district a part of NW 9-73-11-W5 within the Hamlet of Faust from the Hamlet Urban Reserve (HUR) District to the Hamlet Residential (HR) District.

2010-17-561 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that Bylaw No. 15-2010 be approved for second reading.

**CARRIED**

2010-17-562 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Bylaw No. 15-2010 be approved for third reading.

**CARRIED**

***SWAN HILLS AIRPORT LEASE WITH SRD:***

Council was provided with a copy of the lease agreement with Sustainable Resource Development for use of the Swan Hills Airport for review.

Councillor Welch stepped out of the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

2010-17-563 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that other lease agreements that are comparable to the lease between the MD of Big Lakes and Sustainable Resource Development for use of the Swan Hills Airport be investigated and that a lease expiry date be considered.

**CARRIED**

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

Council reviewed the Community Development Officer's Report for the month of August 2010.

2010-17-564 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the Community Development Officer's Report to Council for the month of August 2010 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Welch returned to the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

***LETTER SIGNING:***

Deputy Reeve Marx informed Council that a letter to Premier Ed Stelmach regarding Tolko's usage of white zone wood is being drafted by Shane Pospisil with Nichols Applied Management for the Reeve's signature.

**AGRICULTURE:*****WOLF HUNTING  
INCENTIVE PROG  
POLICY:***

Council was provided with information on existing programs from other municipalities and reviewed the draft Wolf Hunting Incentive Program Policy (AG-10). The following changes were proposed:

- add a line to Schedule A to record trapline number
- section 2.1.4 to include that the claimant is responsible for disposal of the carcass.
- section 2.1.2 to read with the exception of registered landowners shooting on their own land

Council was in agreement with a request from Fish & Wildlife that the carcasses be taken to them for tagging and examination in order to compile statistical information on the wolves being shot or trapped.

2010-17-565

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the Wolf Hunting Incentive Program Policy (AG-10) be approved as amended.

**CARRIED*****AG. FIELDMAN'S  
REPORT:***

Mrs. Nepstad reviewed her written activity report. She further reported on a workshop that was held at the County of Grande Prairie regarding ASB and Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture funding. She suggested that a representative from the Smoky Applied Research and Demonstration Association (SARDA) be invited to meet with Council to discuss changes to the AESA funding application and a proposed increase in the SARDA budget.

2010-17-566

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that a meeting be arranged with SARDA and all participating municipalities to discuss changes in AESA grant applications and budget implications.

**CARRIED**

Information was provided to Council on a meeting of Peace area CAO's and Reeve's regarding drought declarations. A follow up meeting date is to be determined. Discussion took place regarding Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development's water pumping program.

2010-17-567

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that a letter be sent to the Hon. Jack Hayden, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, proposing a reduction in the rental fees for ARD's water pumping equipment.

**CARRIED**

2010-17-568

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

**CARRIED**

A break was taken from 11:17 a.m. until 11:31 a.m.

**COMMUNITY AND  
PROTECTIVE SERVICES:*****FEDERAL PRISON  
FUNDING:***

Council considered a report from the Grants Manager with background information on recent developments with regard to federal prison funding.

2010-17-569

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that a letter be sent to the Hon. Vic Toews, Minister of Public Safety, asking for clarification about the status of funding for new and/or existing prison facilities.

**CARRIED****PUBLIC WORKS:*****RECLAMATION  
SITE IN ENILDA:***

Item was removed from the agenda.

***FAUST EAST END:***

Council was provided with an update on the status of the contract for the Faust east end water and sewer servicing project.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
REPORT:**

Ms. Duchesneau was in attendance to review the public works activity report. An update was provided on the Seal Lake Road maintenance contract with Peavine Metis Settlement, cost estimate for paving of the Seal Lake Road, Mission Creek Bridge replacement, and the Heart River Bridge replacement. Public works was requested to bring forth additional information regarding any potential offset maintenance costs should the Seal Lake Road be paved.

It was noted that directional signage for the Seal Lake Road was needed along Highway 679 at the Peavine Road.

2010-17-570 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the Public Works Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**GRAVEL TRUCK  
HIRING POLICY:**

Councillor Ehman advised that concern has been expressed by an MD resident that the Gravel Truck Hiring Policy does not focus on MD contractors.

2010-17-571 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that section 8 of the Gravel Truck Hiring Policy (PW-14) be amended to read "Other truck haul quotations will be considered only if there are not enough quotes from M.D. residents and/or landowners at or below the M.D.'s truck haul rate, however, with all bids being equal, preference shall be given to local contractors".

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION:*****CHEQUE LIST:***

2010-17-572 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that cheques #47392 to #47645 in the total amount of \$1,733,946.77 for the period ending September 3, 2010 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

***C.A.O.'S REPORT:***

Mr. Prockiwi provided a verbal activity report.

2010-17-573 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the C.A.O.'s Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:46 a.m. and reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Reeve Billings requested that the correspondence from the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans regarding Shadow Creek Resort be forwarded to Don Johnson, President of the AAMDC.

2010-17-574 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the following items of correspondence be received for information:

- a. Minister of Fisheries and Oceans dated August 24, 2010 in response to Council's correspondence regarding the Shadow Creek Resort
- b. AAMDC Member Bulletin dated August 25, 2010 "Final Recommendations to Part 9: Assessment of the MGA
- c. AAMDC Member Bulletin dated August 25, 2010 "ABCTech Releases Paper and Holds Event on the Digital Divide"
- d. Office of the Prime Minister dated August 25, 2010 acknowledging Council's letter regarding Shadow Creek Resort
- e. Lower Athabasca Regional Plan Public Consultation Sessions
- f. Cox Contractors Ltd. dated August 30, 2010 regarding the award of tender for the Gilwood stockpile site gravel supply
- g. AAMDC Member Bulletin dated September 1, 2010 "Resolution Regarding Joint and Several Liability Reform"
- h. AAMDC Member Bulletin dated September 1, 2010 "AAMDC Submits Position on Proposed Agriculture Safety and Health Organization"

**CARRIED**

**MINISTER OF CHILDREN  
AND YOUTH  
SERVICES:**

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Yvonne Fritz, Minister of Children and Youth Services, regarding recruitment to Children and Youth Services' boards and appeal panels. Administration will be informed of anyone known to the councillors that is interested in submitting an application.

**STARS OF AB:** Information was received regarding the Government of Alberta's Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards.

2010-17-575 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that Louise Zahacy be nominated for a 2010 Stars of Alberta Volunteer Award.

**CARRIED**

**AAMDC:** Council considered the AAMDC's request for input on the draft recommended changes to Part 17: Planning and Development of the MGA.

2010-17-576 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the AAMDC request for input on the draft recommended changes to Part 17: Planning and Development of the MGA be tabled to the next council meeting.

**CARRIED**

**AAMDC:** Council considered the AAMDC's request for input on the Executive Review Committee 2010 Report and conceded that they were not in agreement with recommendations 7, 8, 12, 13 and 14. The comments will be submitted to the AAMDC.

**CLTA:** Information was received regarding the Canadian Land Trust Alliance annual conference being held from September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> in Banff.

2010-17-578 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the information regarding the Canadian Land Trust Alliance annual conference being held from September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> in Banff be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**ROYAL CANADIAN  
LEGION:**

A request was received from the Royal Canadian Legion for support of the new *Military Service Recognition Book*.

2010-17-579 **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**

**ENVISION  
EDMONTON:**

Council considered a request from Envision Edmonton Opportunities Society for a contribution towards the costs of the second phase of the campaign to stop the closure of the Edmonton City Centre Airport.

2010-17-580 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that one (\$1.00) dollar per capita be provided to the Envision Edmonton Opportunities Society as a contribution towards the costs of the second phase of the campaign to stop the closure of the Edmonton City Centre Airport.

**DEFEATED**

**IN CAMERA:**

2010-17-581 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting go in camera at 1:07 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters.

**CARRIED**

2010-17-582 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the meeting come out of camera at 2:06 p.m.

**CARRIED**

2010-17-583

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that:

1. a working committee for the CAO contract negotiations be established,
2. Reeve Billings, Deputy Reeve Marx, Councillor Ehman and Councillor Matthews be appointed to the working committee;
3. that a draft contract be drafted by Reynolds, Mirth Richards and Farmer in accordance with negotiations.

**CARRIED**

2010-17-584

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that administration be authorized to present an offer to Ken and Gladys Sutherland with regard to costs for subdivision, surveying and market value of Plan 4250ST, Lot B in the Hamlet of Grouard subject to a 30 day time frame for acceptance and no MD financing being made available.

**CARRIED**

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on September 22, 2010 at the M.D. Administration Building.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

2010-17-585

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the meeting adjourn at 2:14 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Alvin Billings, Reeve

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Harvey Prockiw, C.A.O.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
(LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT 15-2010)  
September 8, 2010**

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 8, 2010 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
	Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
	Fern Welch, Grouard
Absent:	Guy L'Heureux, Jousard
Administration:	Harvey Prockiw, C.A.O.
	Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer
	Cathy Wilcox, Grant Manager
	Amanda Nepstad, Agricultural Fieldman
	Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary
	Karen Zelman, Development Clerk
	Donna Duchesneau, Public Works Secretary
Press:	Chris Clegg, South Peace News

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Reeve Billings called the public hearing to order at 10: 24 a.m.

Mrs. Olansky reported that the Public Hearing was being held on a matter of an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to re-district a part of NW 9-73-11-W5 within the Hamlet of Faust from the Hamlet Urban Reserve (HUR) District to the Hamlet Residential (HR) District.

First reading of the Land Use Bylaw amendment was provided by Council on August 11, 2010. The public hearing was duly advertised and notices were sent to adjacent landowners and referral agencies. No submissions either for or against the proposed amendment were received.

The Municipal Planning Commission reviewed the application at their August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and had no concerns.

No members of the public were in attendance to speak in favor of or against the amendment.

Councillor Campiou commented that the baseball field backstop located near the property should be removed or relocated to reduce potential damage to the house from baseballs. Administration will follow up.

The public hearing was closed at 10:27 a.m.

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Alvin Billings, Reeve

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Harvey Prockiw, C.A.O.