

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
March 9, 2011**

Minutes of the Municipal District of Big Lakes Regular Council Meeting held at the M.D. Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT WERE: Deputy Reeve: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
Councillor: Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
Ken Killeen, Kinuso
Guy L'Heureux, Jousard
Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
Fern Welch, Grouard

Absent: Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt
Violet Campiou, Faust
Ray Dupres, Enilda/Big Meadow

Administration: Harvey Prockiw, C.A.O.
Bill Landiuk, Treasurer
Len Racher, Public Works Superintendent
Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer
Cathy Wilcox, Grants Manager
Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary

Press: Chris Clegg, South Peace News
Jamie Ballam, 93.5 Prairie FM

CALL TO ORDER: Deputy Reeve Marx called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m.

MINUTES:

2011-05-158 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the minutes of the February 23, 2011 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

Status updates were provided on the following items:

- Correspondence to the Lesser Slave Watershed Council regarding the proposed lakeshore management plan
- Correspondence to Garth Lodge in response to his request to develop Kenny's Beach site in Faust
- Correspondence to Sustainable Resource Development regarding their request for road closure
- Barrhead and District Social Housing Needs Assessment Presentation

Administration is to request a meeting with the Minister of Transportation during the upcoming AAMDC convention.

**ADDENDUM
TO AGENDA:**

ALMS Watershed Stewardship Group Workshop
Sustainable Resource Development
Disaster Forum

Council was in agreement to move up item 12bv regarding the High Prairie Fire Hall expansion to the Community Services section.

2011-05-159 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the agenda for the March 9, 2011 Council Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

**PUBLIC HEARING RE:
BYLAW NO. 01-2011:**

2011-05-160 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the meeting go into public hearing at 10:29 a.m.

CARRIED

2011-05-161 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 10:32 a.m.

CARRIED

BYLAW #01-2011: Being a bylaw to redistrict a three acre portion of Plan 2439NY, Lot 3 from the Hamlet of Jossard Urban Reserve District to the Commercial/Industrial District.

2011-05-162 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that Bylaw No. 01-2011 be approved for second reading as amended by:
1. replacing "Land Use Bylaw No. 8-97" with "Land Use Bylaw No. 16-2010";
2. replacing "Hamlet of Jossard Urban Reserve" with "Hamlet Urban Reserve";
3. replacing "Industrial District" with "Commercial/Industrial District"

CARRIED

2011-05-163 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Bylaw No. 01-2011 be approved for third reading.

CARRIED

**PUBLIC HEARING RE:
BYLAW NO. 02-2011:**

2011-05-164 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the meeting go into public hearing at 10:32 a.m.

CARRIED

2011-05-165 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 10:35 a.m.

CARRIED

BYLAW #02-2011: Being a bylaw to redistrict SE 30-74-17-W5 (west of High Prairie) from the Agriculture District to the Commercial/Industrial District to accommodate future industrial operations.

2011-05-166 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTEHWS** that Bylaw No. 02-2011 be approved for second reading as amended by:
1. replacing "Land Use Bylaw No. 8-97" with "Land Use Bylaw No. 16-2010";
2. replacing "Industrial District" with "Commercial/Industrial District"

CARRIED

2011-05-167 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that Bylaw No. 02-2011 be approved for third reading.

CARRIED

**COMMUNITY AND
PROTECTIVE SERVICES:**

***ORAL HISTORY
PROJECT:***

Council considered two optional draft requests for proposals for the MD Oral History Project in addition to draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Oral History Advisory Committee.

2011-05-168 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the Draft "B" Request for Proposals for the MD Oral History Project be approved.

CARRIED

2011-05-169 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the Terms of Reference for the new Oral History Advisory Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

**PUBLIC HEARING RE:
BYLAW NO. 03-2011:**

2011-05-170 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the meeting go into public hearing at 10:45 a.m.

CARRIED

2011-05-171 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 10:46 a.m.

CARRIED

BYLAW #03-2011: Being a bylaw to redistrict Plan 082 7340, Block 1, Lot 2 (east of High Prairie) from the Agriculture District to the Commercial/Industrial District.

2011-05-172 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that Bylaw No. 03-2011 be approved for second reading as amended by:
1. replacing "Land Use Bylaw No. 8-97" with "Land Use Bylaw No. 16-2010";
2. replacing "Industrial District" with "Commercial/Industrial District"

CARRIED

2011-05-173 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that Bylaw No. 03-2011 be approved for third reading.

CARRIED

**COMMUNITY AND
PROTECTIVE SERVICES
CON'T:**

***ANIMAL CONTROL
OFFICER:***

Council considered a report from the Community Peace Officer advising that the Prairie Animal Rescue Society will no longer function as an intake/adoption society effective March 15, 2011 and Terra MacLean can no longer provide animal control officer services for the MD.

2011-05-174 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that:
1. the item regarding the Animal Control Officer Services be referred to the next meeting of the High Prairie Inter-municipal Negotiating Committee;
2. administration advertise for proposals for a dog pound;
3. administration advertise for an animal control officer contract; and
4. contact Michael Stout with regard to possible interest in operating a pound

CARRIED

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

Council reviewed the Community Peace Officer's Report for February 2011.

2011-05-175 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the Community Peace Officer's February 2011 Report to Council be received for information.

CARRIED

A break was taken from 10:57 a.m. until 11:03 a.m.

GAHS: Council considered a request from the Grouard and Area Historical Society for a letter in support of their Community Facilities Enhancement Program.

2011-05-176 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that a letter be provided to the Grouard and Area Historical Society in support of their application for funding under the Community Facilities Enhancement Program.

CARRIED

***DISASTER
FORUM:***

Councillor Ehman expressed interest in attending Disaster Forum 2011 noting that he is not a member of the Disaster Services Committee.

2011-05-177 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that Councillor Ehman be approved to attend Disaster Forum 2011 in Banff from May 9 – 12, 2011.

CARRIED

**TOWN OF
HIGH PRAIRIE:**

Information was provided by the Town of High Prairie on estimated costs for the High Prairie Fire Hall renovations. Councillor Matthews reported on observations made during a tour of the Fire Hall on February 28th. Discussion ensued.

2011-05-178 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the correspondence from the Town of High Prairie dated March 2, 2011 regarding cost estimates for the High Prairie Fire Hall expansion be tabled until the next meeting.

CARRIED

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

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

Mrs. Olansky was present to review the Community Development Officer's Report for the month of February 2011.

2011-05-179 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the Community Development Officer's Report to Council for the month of February 2011 be received for information.

CARRIED

**GEN'L SERVICING
STANDARDS:**

A Council workshop to review the draft General Servicing Standards will be held on March 15, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in council chambers.

**DEV'T AGREEMENT
PRESENTATION:**

The Development Agreement Presentation by Brownlee LLP has been scheduled for April 21, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in council chambers.

AGRICULTURE:

MINISTER OF ARD:

Council was presented with a draft letter to the Hon. Jack Hayden, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, concerning Fusarium Action Committee meetings.

2011-05-180 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Council approves sending the draft letter to the Hon. Jack Hayden, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, in support of members of the Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen Pest Committee being allowed to attend all future Fusarium Action Committee meetings as observers.

CARRIED

**BEAVER CONTROL
CONTRACTOR:**

Council reviewed the fee schedule for 2011 beaver control provided to the Agricultural Fieldman by Mr. Henry Brown.

2011-05-181 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the beaver control rate schedule be approved and the 2011 contract be awarded to Henry Brown.

CARRIED

**AG ADVISORY
COMMITTEE:**

Council considered a request from an MD resident to hold a seat on the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

2011-05-182 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that Mr. Tim McGrath be appointed to the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

**AG. FIELDMAN'S
REPORT:**

Council reviewed the Agricultural Fieldman's written activity report.

2011-05-183 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the Agricultural Fieldman's Report to Council be received for information.

CARRIED

***AB AGRICULTURE
FIELD VISIT:***

The MD of Big Lakes has been randomly selected by Alberta Agriculture for a field visit in 2011.

2011-05-184 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the correspondence from Alberta Agriculture dated February 23, 2011 regarding a field visit in 2011 be received for information.

CARRIED

ALMS: An invitation was received to attend Alberta Lake Management Society's Watershed Stewardship Group Workshop.

2011-05-185 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the invitation to attend Alberta Lake Management Society's Watershed Stewardship Group Workshop on March 19, 2011 in Edmonton be received for information.

CARRIED

SRD: Councillor L'Heureux reported on attendance at a meeting in Slave Lake last week with the commercial fishermen and MLA Pearl Calahasen's assistant. Concern was expressed regarding Sustainable Resource Development's lake management. One option discussed was to hire an independent biologist to study the local lakes and fish habitat.

Councillor L'Heureux further reported on discussion at the last Lesser Slave Lake Regional Tourism meeting regarding attendance at boat and RV shows throughout the province.

2011-05-186 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that a letter be sent to the Hon. Mel Knight, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, expressing concern with regard to lake management and notifying him that the MD is considering hiring an independent commercial fishing biologist to investigate these concerns.

CARRIED

2011-05-187 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that a list of local municipalities and groups with a vested interest in the commercial fishing industry be compiled and contacted to seek their interest in attending an organizing meeting to discuss concerns with regard to Sustainable Resource Development's lake management practices and explore the option of jointly hiring an independent commercial fishing biologist to study area lakes and fish habitat.

CARRIED

A meeting date will be set for April, 2011.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:53 a.m. and reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS:

UTILITY BILL: Council considered a request from Safe Haven Day Home & ICC Agency Ltd. to forgive a portion of their sewer charges due to a water leak.

2011-05-188 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that sewer charges in the amount of \$681.35 on utility account 391050.0 be forgiven due to a water leak.

CARRIED

***SWAN HILLS
WATER TREATMENT
PLANT:***

Mr. Couch was not able to attend the meeting to provide an update on operation of the Swan Hills Water Treatment Plant.

2011-05-189 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the Swan Hills Water Treatment Plant update be tabled to an upcoming Committee of the Whole or Council meeting.

CARRIED

**PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT:**

A written public works activity report was provided.

2011-05-190

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

CARRIED

Councillor Welch stepped out of the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

**AWARD OF
QUOTATION:**

Council reviewed the results of the quotations received for the supply and delivery of one new motor grader.

2011-05-191

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS that the supply and delivery of one new motor grader be awarded to Brandt Tractor in the amount of \$312,915.00 excluding GST.

CARRIED

Councillor Welch returned to the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION:**CHEQUE LIST:**

Council reviewed the current cheque list.

2011-05-192

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX that cheques #49214 to #49396 in the total amount of \$1,176,906.09 for the period ending February 28, 2011 be received for information.

CARRIED**COUNCIL SEVERANCE
PACKAGE POLICY:**

A draft Council Severance Package Policy (COUNC-08) was presented for review.

2011-05-193

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH that the Council Severance Package Policy (COUNC-08) be adopted as amended by adding to section 5 "...they shall not be eligible for the severance package for that three year election term".

CARRIED**CAO'S REPORT:**

Mr. Prockiw provided a verbal activity report including information on the March 7th joint meeting with the MD of Greenview and an update on the administration policy review.

2011-05-194

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the CAO's verbal activity report be received for information.

CARRIED**CORRESPONDENCE:**

2011-05-195

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH that the following items of correspondence be received for information:

- a. Minister of Sustainable Resource Development dated February 11, 2011 regarding management of commercial fishing in Zone E
- b. AAMDC dated February 23, 2011 regarding the proposed 2011-12 membership fee formula
- c. AAMDC dated February 23, 2011 regarding resolutions for the AAMDC Spring 2011 Convention
- d. AAMDC Member Bulletin dated February 23, 2011 "Government Announces New Regulatory Body for Upstream Oil and Gas Development"
- e. AAMDC Member Bulletin dated February 23, 2011 "AAMDC Meets with Government regarding the Alberta Land Stewardship Act"
- f. Lesser Slave Watershed Council dated February 23, 2011 in thanks for the donation towards the water quality project
- g. MD of Greenview dated January 17, 2011 in support of Shadow Creek Resort's marina project
- h. Minister of Municipal Affairs dated February 18, 2011 regarding the 2010/11 Fire Services Emergency Preparedness Program grant
- i. AAMDC Member Bulletin dated March 2, 2011 "AAMDC Submits Position on the Release of Municipal Audit Management Letters"
- j. AAMDC Member Bulletin dated March 2, 2011 "Alberta Land Stewardship Amendment Act Introduced in Legislature"

- k. AAMDC Member Bulletin dated March 2, 2011 "Just the Basics: Understanding the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA)
- l. AAMDC Member Bulletin dated March 2, 2011 "Off-Road Fuel Rebates No Longer Available"
- m. AAMDC Member Bulletin dated March 2, 2011 "Call for Nominees: Lower Peace and Upper Peace Regional Advisory Councils"
- n. Minister of Transportation dated March 1, 2011 regarding re-pavement of the Peavine Access Road

CARRIED

AAMDC: Input is being sought by the AAMDC on the use of electronic messaging signs.

2011-05-196 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the AAMDC Member Bulletin dated February 23, 2011 seeking input on the use of electronic messaging signed be received for information.

CARRIED***2011 AMSC GOLF TOURNAMENT:***

An invitation was received to attend the 2011 Alberta Municipal Services Corporation golf tournament in Gibbons, Alberta.

2011-05-197 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the invitation to attend the 2011 Alberta Municipal Services Corporation golf tournament in Gibbons, Alberta be received for information.

CARRIED

CORT BELLEROSE: Council considered a request for pins.

2011-05-198 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that a donation of 100 MD lapel pins to Mr. Cort Bellerose for a European hockey tournament in the spring of 2011 be approved.

CARRIED

AAMDC: The AAMDC is seeking input on the draft discussion paper on Navigable Waters Regulations on Minor Works.

2011-05-199 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that comments as discussed on the draft changes to the Navigable Waters Protection Act, Minor Works and Waters Regulation be forwarded to Transport Canada by the March 18, 2011 deadline.

CARRIED**COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY/ COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

D. MARX: No report

Deputy Reeve Marx stepped out of the meeting at 1:27 p.m.

F. WELCH: Councillor Welch reported attendance at the MPC meeting, Committee of the Whole meeting, Economic Development Workshop for elected officials, and reported on approval from the Diocese for phase one of the Grouard Church repairs.

K. MATTHEWS: Councillor Matthews reported attendance at the grand opening of Prairie View Outreach School, MPC meeting, Committee of the Whole meeting, High Prairie Recreation Board meeting, Economic Development Committee meeting,

Economic Development Workshop, and joint meeting with the MD of Greenview.

Deputy Reeve Marx returned to the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

K. KILLEEN: No report

G. L'HEUREUX: Councillor L'Heureux reported attendance at the Lesser Slave Lake Regional Tourism meeting, Northern Care meeting in Grande Prairie, and a Jousard Community Association meeting.

R. EHMAN: Councillor Ehman reported attendance at a SARDA meeting on March 1st, the SARDA Annual General Meeting on March 8th, and the Economic Development Course.

2011-05-200 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the Councillor Community /Committee Reports be received for information.

CARRIED

A break was taken from 1:41 p.m. until 1:51 p.m.

MEETING

SCHEDULE:

March 11, 2011	9:00 a.m.	RMRF Law Seminar
March 14, 2011	10:00 a.m.	Agricultural Advisory Committee
March 15, 2011	10:00 a.m.	General Servicing Standards
March 21-23, 2011		AAMDC Convention
March 28, 2011	10:00 a.m.	Municipal Planning Commission
March 28, 2011	1:00 p.m.	Committee of the Whole
March 29, 2011	10:00 a.m.	Economic Development Committee

NEXT MEETING: The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on March 30, 2011 at the M.D. Administration Building.

IN CAMERA:

2011-05-201 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the meeting go in camera to discuss land negotiations and inter-municipal relations at 1:58 p.m.

CARRIED

2011-05-202 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that the meeting come out of camera at 2:50 p.m.

CARRIED

2011-05-203 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR L'HEUREUX** that a letter be provided to Mr. Denis Peyre that the M.D. will support a subdivision off of the SW 30-74-16-W5.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

2011-05-204 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the meeting adjourn at 2:55 p.m.

CARRIED

David Marx, Deputy Reeve

Harvey Prockiw, C.A.O.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
PUBLIC HEARING
(LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT 01-2011)
March 9, 2011**

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, March 9, 2011 commencing at 10:15 a.m.

PRESENT WERE:

Deputy Reeve: Councillor:	David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood Ken Killeen, Kinuso Guy L'Heureux, Jousard Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle Fern Welch, Grouard
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Members of the Public:	Dwayne Taylor Terry Lanigan
Press:	Chris Clegg, South Peace News Jamie Ballam, 93.5 Prairie FM

CALL TO ORDER:

Deputy Reeve Marx called the public hearing to order at 10:29 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 a three acre portion of Plan 2439NY, Lot 3 in the Hamlet of Jousard from the Hamlet Urban Reserve (HUR) District to the Commercial/Industrial (CM) District. Because the MD's new Land Use Bylaw No. 16-2010 came into effect on February 23, 2011, Bylaw No. 01-2011 must be corrected so that it amends the new Land Use Bylaw rather than the repealed Land Use Bylaw No. 8-97. In addition, the Land Use Districts have changed somewhat and must be amended in the bylaw.

Council provided first reading to Bylaw No. 01-2011 on December 22, 2010. The public hearing was duly advertised and notices sent to adjacent landowners and referral agencies. No comments were received in opposition or in favor of the application. A telephone call was received from Alberta Transportation concerning a possible issue with regard to access; however, no formal submission has been received.

The Municipal Planning Commission reviewed the application at its February 28, 2011 meeting and had no comments for the public hearing.

Mr. Taylor was in attendance on behalf of the landowner to address any questions council may have had.

The public hearing was closed at 10:32 a.m.

David Marx, Deputy Reeve

Harvey Prockiw, C.A.O.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES
PUBLIC HEARING
(LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT 02-2011)
March 9, 2011**

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PRESENT WERE:

Deputy Reeve: Councillor:	David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood Ken Killeen, Kinuso Guy L'Heureux, Joussard Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle Fern Welch, Grouard
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Mrs. Olansky reviewed policies included in the Municipal Development Plan on preserving agricultural land and commercial and industrial development.

Council provided first reading to Bylaw No. 02-2011 on February 9, 2011. The public hearing was duly advertised and notices sent to adjacent landowners and referral agencies. No comments were received in opposition or in favor of the application.

The Municipal Planning Commission reviewed the application at its February 28, 2011 meeting and had no comments for the public hearing.

There were no comments from members of the public.

The public hearing was closed at 10:35 a.m.

David Marx, Deputy Reeve

Harvey Prockiw, C.A.O.

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There were no members of the public in attendance to comment.

The public hearing was closed at 10:46 a.m.

David Marx, Deputy Reeve

Harvey Prockiw, C.A.O.