

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
March 8, 2006**

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 8, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

**PRESENT WERE:**

Reeve: Myler Savill, Joussard  
Deputy Reeve: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie  
Councillor: Craig Bissell, Enilda  
Violet Campiou, Faust  
Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood  
Ken Killeen, Kinuso  
Ken Melnyk, N. Gilwood/Triangle  
Fern Welch, Grouard

Absent: Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt

Administration: John Eriksson, C.A.O.  
Jeff Renaud, A.C.A.O.  
Gilles Lussier, Sup't of P.W.  
Gerald Loewen, Treasurer  
Sharon Strang, FCSS Director  
John Gould, Fire Chief  
Mark Stabler, Special Constable  
Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary

Delegation: Bill Lesiuk & Wayne Bowles – Forestry, Mark Heckbert – Fish & Wildlife, Andrew Wagner – AB Environment, Georgia Barber - Public Lands  
John Engleder & Wayne Franklin, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation

Press: Chris Clegg, South Peace News  
Tina Kennedy, High Prairie Times  
Raffaele Papaianni, CKVH

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Reeve Savill called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**MINUTES:**

2006-05-138

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that the minutes of the February 22, 2006 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADDENDUM  
TO AGENDA:**

2006-05-139

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that the agenda with addendum for the March 8, 2006 Council Meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REPORTS:****REEVE:**

Reeve Savill reported that he attended a joint meeting between the Town of High Prairie and M.D. with regard to the second ice surface on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Reeve Savill expressed concern that the M.D. is not receiving sufficient commitment with regard to the Community Facility Enhancement Program grant application for the Aquatic Centre or its apparent transfer to the second arena. Mr. Eriksson will arrange a meeting with the Hon. Pearl Calahasen to discuss the CFEP grant application.

**C.A.O.:**

Mr. Eriksson reported that he attended the joint council meeting with the Town of High Prairie on March 6<sup>th</sup> regarding the new arena and probable funding.

Mr. Eriksson mentioned that he worked a casino in Grande Prairie this past weekend for the High Prairie Museum and noted that it is a lucrative fundraiser for community groups.

Councillor Campiou joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Mr. Eriksson advised Council of the new East Prairie council members resulting from their recent election. He reported that he met with Jack Hayden on March 23<sup>rd</sup> with regard to new regulations for sewage pumper trucks.

Mr. Eriksson further reported that Greg Raadstak, Economic Development Officer for Smoky River Regional Economic Development, stopped by the office with a representative from P.R.O. Upgrading who propose to convert the former anhydrous ammonia plant near Kathleen into a heavy crude oil upgrader. He commented that the project will be quite positive for the area if all goes according to plan.

Mr. Eriksson attended a meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> with Fire Chief Gould, Fire Chief Melnyk, the Fire Commissioner's office and aboriginal representatives with regard to M.D. fire response within the settlements. The Fire Commissioner's office was positive towards the M.D.'s efforts to involve neighboring jurisdictions in fire training initiatives.

Mr. Eriksson noted that John Engleder, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation Regional Director, will be in council as a delegation at 1:30 to discuss the preliminary Grouard safety study.

The assessments are now in and approximately \$50 million higher than estimated in the interim budget. The auditors will be in the office the first week of April and will be at the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of council.

Mr. Eriksson is continuing to have discussions with Alberta Justice regarding the Faust court house. The department is currently investigating their requirements. Mr. Eriksson has an appointment to meet with the property owner in Grouard to discuss the possibility of the M.D. purchasing land for the new municipal services facility.

Reynolds Mirth Richards and Farmer will be holding their annual law seminar on March 23<sup>rd</sup> in Grande Prairie.

Mr. Eriksson made note in the addendum of correspondence from Alberta Economic Development inviting the M.D. and all neighboring municipalities to a regional economic development visioning session on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Eriksson advised that rooms have been assigned at the Delta for the M.D. during the AAMD&C conference. He noted that no travel arrangements have been made. Mr. Renaud has scheduled a lunch meeting between the Cemetery Committee and Government Services on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Eriksson further noted that Councillors have been provided with airfare information for the FCM conference.

A meeting with Peavine Metis Settlement and the M.D. Metis Settlements Communication Committee has been arranged for April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at Peavine.

2006-05-140

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the Reeve and C.A.O.'s Monthly Reports be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Special Constable Stabler joined the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

***AWARD OF QUOTATION – BACKHOE/LOADER:***

Council reviewed the results of the quotations received for the supply of one new backhoe/loader which will replace the current track loader. Mr. Lussier recommended that the supply and delivery be awarded to Cervus Contractors Equipment Ltd. for a model JCB 215S in the amount of \$122,536.

2006-05-141

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the supply of one new model JCB 215S backhoe loader be awarded to Cervus Contractors Equipment Ltd in the amount of \$122,536.

**CARRIED**

***AWARD OF TENDER – PICKUP TRUCK:***

Mr. Lussier provided Council with the results of the quotations received for the replacement of one 2WD regular cab pick-up truck in accordance with the Ten Year Public

Works Equipment Replacement Plan. He recommended that the tender be awarded to Big Lakes Dodge in the amount of \$22,949 plus taxes.

2006-05-142

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the supply and delivery of one new 2WD regular cab pickup truck be awarded to Big Lakes Dodge in the amount of \$22,949 plus taxes.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Lussier recommended that the Ten Year Public Works Equipment Replacement Plan be amended to retain one of the three pick up trucks scheduled for disposal this year for the new utilities operator.

Mrs. Strang joined the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

2006-05-143

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that one of the three pick up trucks scheduled for disposal in 2006 be retained and that the Ten Year Public Works Equipment Replacement Plan be amended accordingly.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***AWARD OF TENDER –  
PICKUP TRUCK:***

Mr. Lussier provided Council with the results of the quotations received for the supply and delivery of two new 4x4 extended cab pickup trucks. He recommended that the current ½ ton regular cab pickups scheduled in accordance with the Ten Year Public Works Equipment Replacement Plan be replaced with 4x4 extended cabs to allow more workers to be transported in one vehicle as well as enabling public work staff to be able to assess roads in unfavorable conditions and be more effective for inspecting construction sites. It is also anticipated based on auction data that an extended cab 4x4 increases the resale value by \$2,000 to \$3,000. Mr. Lussier recommended that the tender be awarded to Charrois Motor Products in the amount of \$32,148.00 plus taxes.

2006-05-144

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the supply and delivery of two new 4x4 extended cab pickup trucks be awarded to Charrois Motor Products in the amount of \$32,148 each plus taxes.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***FAUST/KINUSO  
TRANSFER SITE:***

Correspondence was received from the High Prairie and District Regional Solid Waste Management Authority regarding the establishment of a "Take It or Leave It" site at the Faust/Kinuso transfer station as proposed by the Regional Environmental Action Committee. Because such a venture would have direct financial impact on the M.D., the Authority asked that Council consider the cost and benefits associated with such a facility and provide their opinion. Mr. Renaud reported that a letter has been sent to the Village of Kinuso requesting their support as owners of the land. No response has been received to date.

2006-05-145

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the proposed "Take It or Leave It" facility at the Faust/Kinuso transfer station be tabled for further information and a response in terms of support from the Village of Kinuso.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***ROAD CLOSURE –  
CCS INC.:***

Mr. Eriksson reported that the closure for part of Road Plan 3078LZ requested by CCS Inc. was previously approved by Council; however, CCS Inc., their legal counsel, survey firm, Land Titles and Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation have determined that the motion did not adequately describe the portion of road being closed. He noted that the actual plan number cannot be included in the new motion until it is known following legal survey being registered.

2005-05-146

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that Motion No. 2005-04-134 with regard to closure of part of Road Plan 3078LZ west of Highway 749 within the SE 14-73-17-W5 as requested by CCS Inc. for purchase be rescinded and further that all that portion of Road Plan 3078LZ lying within new Lot 1, Block 1, Plan \_\_\_\_\_ containing 0.962 hectares more or less is closed in accordance with Section 24 of the Municipal Government Act (Alberta) as amended and that this resolution shall supercede and override resolution 2005-14-134.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***PRAIRIE GRAIN***

**ROADS PROGRAM:** Council was presented with an amendment to the Prairie Grain Roads Program Contribution Agreement providing additional funding for the High Prairie Resource Road project and extending the completion date of the Agreement to March 24, 2006.

2005-05-147 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the Prairie Grain Roads Program Contribution Agreement Amendment #1 be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PUBLIC WORKS  
REPORT:**

Mr. Lussier reported that administration met yesterday with E-Construction and EXH with regard to the 2005 paving project, bonuses and penalties. He noted that the fees imposed against the contractor in penalties could be applied elsewhere in additional paving work. Mr. Lussier provided a presentation of suggested projects and cost analysis.

Fire Chief Gould joined the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Council discussed the presentation. Reeve Savill suggested that Council consider all options and have further discussion at the March 20<sup>th</sup> Public Works Committee meeting.

Mr. Loewen joined the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Discussion continued with regard to existing servicing in Faust and any implications on additional paving. Councillor Ehman inquired whether the Gilwood Road was originally considered for an extension to the pavement. Mr. Lussier replied that because the M.D. has submitted a resource road application for regrading, the Gilwood Road was not considered as an option.

Council agreed to postpone a decision on which projects to proceed with until following the delegation with John Engleder.

Mr. Braithwaite joined the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Mr. Lussier reported that public works has been putting plans together for the coming year and ensuring that equipment is in place and ready to go. Clearing has begun on one of the farm access roads approved for construction.

Councillor Bissell questioned if there was a plan in place for street cleaning. He explained that now that more of the hamlets are being paved the sand put down during the winter remains on the streets all summer. Mr. Lussier advised that he included in the backhoe/loader request for quotations quotes for a self-contained sweeper with spray bar. He noted that he could ask that the Town do street sweeping in the hamlets by the hour again.

2006-05-148 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MELNYK** that the Public Works Superintendent Report be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A break was taken from 11:01 a.m. to 11:11 a.m.

**AGRICULTURE:**

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CRISIS COMMITTEE:**

Correspondence was received from Lorraine Deynaka, Agricultural Crisis Committee, requesting funding in the amount of \$1000.00 to cover costs incurred in holding public meetings to bring awareness to the general public and help support farmers and the agricultural industry.

2006-05-149 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that \$1000 be provided to the Agricultural Crisis Committee to assist with costs related to holding public meetings in regard to the agricultural industry.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**AG. FIELDMAN'S  
REPORT:**

Mr. Braithwaite reminded Council of the Agronomy Seminar being held on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. He requested that Councillor Ehman attend as a past participant having an ash spreading demonstration site.

Mr. Braithwaite reported that a workshop will be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 29<sup>th</sup> in High Prairie for producers or anyone else interested in assisting with data input for the livestock

age verification program. Mrs. Strang advised that FCSS staff will be meeting with the facilitator the afternoon prior to the workshop.

Mr. Braithwaite reported that administration will be meeting with the contract beaver blaster before the end of March. The contract beaver trapper will begin around March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Braithwaite provided Council with information he received from a local producer regarding a livestock incineration unit. Councillor Bissell informed Mr. Braithwaite that there is a local farmer looking into these incineration units and considering setting up his own business.

Mr. Braithwaite advised that it is the M.D.'s year to nominate for the Farm Family Award. He recommended that an Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be set prior to the April 7<sup>th</sup> deadline for nominations.

Mr. Braithwaite reported that the Heart River Watershed Action Committee is looking for a representative from Big Lakes to sit on the committee since the headwaters originate in the M.D. Mr. Eriksson will speak with Mr. Bob Miles from Northern Sunrise County with regard to receiving a letter to that effect.

The tender deadline for the new mowers and side arm is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Braithwaite advised that Council can decide on the appropriate size of tractor to purchase based on the results of the mower tender during the April 12<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

Council set March 31<sup>st</sup> as the date for the next Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting.

2006-05-150

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMANN** that those members of Council present at the March 31, 2006 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting be authorized to select the 2006 Farm Family Award nominee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-05-151

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Braithwaite left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

**PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT**  
**COMM. SERVICES:**

*BYLAW # 2-2006:*

Bylaw No. 2-2006 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to incorporate reference to the Faust Area Structure Plan and the revised land use districts for the hamlet was presented to Council for first reading.

2006-05-152

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that Bylaw No. 2-2006 be approved for first reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***REQUEST FOR LETTER***  
***OF SUPPORT:***

Council considered a request from the High Prairie Fire and Rescue Society for a letter in support of their grant application to the Wild Rose Foundation for the replacement of furniture and computer and the purchase of additional computers and audio/video equipment.

2006-05-153

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that a letter be provided to the High Prairie Fire and Rescue Society in support of their Wild Rose Foundation grant application to purchase replacement furniture and computer as well as additional computers and audio/video equipment.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***FIRE GUARDIANS:***

Fire Chief Gould recommended that Council appoint Fire Guardians for the 2006 fire season and approve remuneration for the local Fire Guardians to help offset their time and travel costs. He recommended an increase of \$5/permit and \$5/inspection in light of the fact that there has been no increase in payments to the local fire guardians since the program started four years ago.

2006-05-154 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the following be appointed as Fire Guardians for 2006 and that the local Fire Guardians receive payment of \$15.00/permit and \$15.00/inspection plus mileage at current M.D. rates:

- John E. Gould, M.D. Fire Chief (Program Manager)
- Mark Stabler, S/Cst., Fire Guardian
- Mena Olson, Fire Guardian (Local)
- Roger Bjornson, Fire Guardian (Local)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:***

Council reviewed the Fire Chief's monthly report to Council for the month of February 2006.

2006-05-155 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MELNYK** that the Fire Chief's report to Council for the month of February 2006 be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

Mrs. Strang reviewed the F.C.S.S. Director's Report to Council for the month of February 2006.

2006-05-156 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that \$500 be provided for the Spring Director's Network being held March 29 - 31 in Grande Prairie funded from the High Prairie Rural & FCS Administration and further that \$500 be provided to the Faust Silver and Gold Seniors for their weekly suppers to be funded from Faust Outreach - Grants to other organizations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-05-157 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the F.C.S.S. Director's Report to Council for the month of February 2006 be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

***SPECIAL CONSTABLE'S REPORT:***

Special Constable Stabler distributed and reviewed his 2005 year end activity report. Councillor Campiou advised that there have been many complaints in Faust with regard to cats. Special Constable Stabler stated that the M.D. Animal Control Bylaw does not address cats. He added that complainants now have the option of contacting Prairie Animal Rescue.

2006-05-158 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the Special Constable's report to Council be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:51 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

***AB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:***

Correspondence was received from Mr. Trev Ruberry, Alberta Economic Development, inviting Council to attend a Regional Visioning Session on March 30, 2006 at the Kinuso Senior Citizens Hall to explore the possibilities of regional economic development.

**FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION:**

***CHEQUE LIST:*** Council reviewed the current cheque list.

2006-06-159 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that cheques #33132 to #33192 in the total amount of \$189,544.19 for the period of February 24, 2006 be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***RECONNECTION FEE FORGIVENESS:***

Council considered a request from Mrs. Ruth Cook to forgive the \$100.00 water reconnection fee.

2006-05-160 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that administration respond to the request from Mrs. Ruth Cook regarding the \$100 water reconnection fee advising that the M.D. does not have provisions in the Financial Control Policy to forgive these fees.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BYLAW # 3-2006:** Bylaw No. 3-2006 to amend the Organizational and Procedural Bylaw No. 1-95 as it pertains to advertising the notice of a council meeting or changes of a regular meeting was presented to Council for first reading.

2006-05-161 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MELNYK** that Bylaw No. 3-2006 be approved for first reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-05-162 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that Bylaw No. 3-2006 be approved for second reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-05-163 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Bylaw No. 3-2006 be unanimously approved to go to third reading.

**DEFEATED (not unanimous)**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

***AB INFRASTRUCTURE  
AND TRANSP:***

Correspondence was received from Mr. John Engleder, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation Regional Director, approving the award of engineering and contract management for the new Baker's Crossing Bridge (BF 76362) to MPA Engineering Ltd.

2006-05-164 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that the correspondence from Mr. John Engleder, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation Regional Director, dated February 13, 2006 approving the award of engineering and contract management for the new Baker's Crossing Bridge (BF 76362) to MPA Engineering Ltd. be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***NORTH CENTRAL  
AB AIRSHED:***

Correspondence was received from the North Central Airshed Steering Committee regarding a feasibility study being undertaken by the Peace Airshed Zone Association to determine the viability of the various options concerning an airshed zone for the North Central Region. As a part of the feasibility assessment a series of public meetings have been scheduled. Councillor Melnyk will attend the meeting in Slave Lake.

2006-05-165 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the correspondence from the North Central Airshed Steering Committee dated February 24, 2006 regarding a feasibility assessment concerning an airshed zone for the North Central Region be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***MINISTER OF HEALTH  
& WELLNESS:***

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Iris Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, in response to Council's letter regarding Telehealth and Academic Alternate Relationship Plans.

2006-05-166 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that the correspondence from the Hon. Iris Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, dated March 3, 2006 in response to Council's letter regarding Telehealth and Academic Alternate Relationship Plans, be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DELEGATION:**

***2006 FIRE SEASON:*** Bill Lesiuk & Wayne Bowles from Alberta Forestry, Andrew Wagner, Environment, Mark Heckbert, Fish & Wildlife, and Georgia Barber, Public Lands, joined the meeting to discuss the upcoming fire season. Mr. Lesiuk thanked Mr. Eriksson for including information in the recent M.D. newsletter on the early fire permit season within the forest protection area.

Councillor Campiou and Mr. Braithwaite returned to the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

Council was provided with a map outlining the Alberta forest protection area, and Mr. Lesiuk confirmed that the M.D. did not intend on issuing fire permits until April.

Ms. Barber joined the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Mr. Lesiuk provided a brief overview of the Mutual Aid - Fire Control Plan between the M.D. and Sustainable Resource Services.

Fire Chief Gould returned to the meeting at 1:19 a.m.

A lengthy discussion took place with regard to burning in the swamp in the area of Buffalo Bay and related fiscal responsibilities and concerns to Environment and Fish & Wildlife.

Mr. Eriksson suggested a meeting to discuss burning procedures in the swamp and investigate who becomes responsible in case of a fire be arranged between appropriate government departments and affected farmers.

The delegation left the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

***AB INFRASTRUCTURE  
& TRANSPORTATION:***

Mr. John Engleder, Regional Director, and Mr. Wayne Franklin, Infrastructure Manager - Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation, joined the meeting to present to Council findings and recommendations relating to the Grouard S.H. 750 intersection safety assessment.

Mr. Lussier returned to the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

Mr. Franklin presented a diagram outlining recommendations for immediate and long term improvements.

Mr. Eriksson advised that he has suggested to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation that they participate in conjunction with the M.D.'s development of the Grouard Area Structure Plan as part of their long term improvement plan for this intersection.

Following discussion regarding the safety concerns at the intersection, Mr. Engleder noted that there may also be a speed enforcement issue because the area meets current road standards. He added that due to the number of accesses and curves along the portion of road the department may have to do a functional planning study in order to consider longer term plans, which is a good opportunity to work with the M.D. of Big Lakes during the Grouard Area Structure Plan process.

Mr. Engleder advised that the highway guardrail extension and pavement markings can be completed under the maintenance program this year; however, streetlight installation and intersection treatment at Mission Street are capital projects which do not have available funding for this year.

Mr. Braithwaite left the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Marx questioned the status of upgrading or paving projects for S.H. 679 from Peavine Road to S.H. 750. Mr. Engleder indicated that portion of road requires rebuilding prior to paving; however he does not believe that the project is on the three year program.

Councillor Welch questioned the outcome of past land negotiations with Sucker Creek for widening of S.H. 750 south of the Grouard bridge. Mr. Engleder stated that Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation's offer was in keeping with their typical proposal and there has not been much more discussion in the last few years.

Ms. Kennedy left the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Councillor Ehman questioned whether the delegation had any insights on the resource road application for Gilwood Road. Mr. Engleder advised that all applications have been reviewed by the department and the Minister will be responding to municipalities in the near future. He continued to advise that there are no paving projects within Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation's three year plan east of or through High Prairie.

Mr. Eriksson briefly touched on potential funding for final pavement on the Peavine Road.

The delegation left the meeting. A break was taken from 2:14 p.m. to 2:24 p.m.

***MUTUAL AID FIRE  
CONTROL PLAN –  
2006/2007:***

Council was provided with the M.D. of Big Lakes and Sustainable Resource Development Annual Mutual Aid Fire Control Plan for 2006-2007.

2006-05-167

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MELNYK** that the 2006-2007 Annual Mutual Aid Fire Control Plan between the M.D. of Big Lakes and Sustainable Resource Development be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***AB INFRASTRUCTURE  
& TRANSPORTATION:***

2006-05-168

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that a letter be sent to the Hon. Dr. Lyle Oberg, Minister of Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation, inviting Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation to participate with the M.D. during the development of the Grouard Area Structure Plan and confirming that Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation intends to proceed with the guardrail extension and highway markings along S.H. 750 near the junction of Mission Street in Grouard and that a copy of the letter be sent to the Hon. Pearl Calahasen, M.L.A.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**POLICY REVIEW:**

***CORPORATE  
ADVERTISING  
POLICY:***

A draft Corporate Advertising Policy was presented to Council. Mr. Renaud recommended that the policy serve in the interim until a Corporate Communications Policy can be developed.

2006-05-169

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the Corporate Advertising Policy (Admin-22) be approved to serve in the interim until a Corporate Communications Policy can be developed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY/  
COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

***D. MARX:***

Deputy Reeve Marx reported that he attended a High Prairie & District Recreation Board meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>, an MPC meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and a joint council meeting with the Town of High Prairie on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Deputy Reeve Marx reported that following the joint meeting Mr. Cliff Calvert gave a presentation on how much could be potentially saved in heating by going with a new design.

Mr. Clegg left the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

**F. WELCH:** Councillor Welch reported that she attended the Rural Tourism Conference in Camrose and suggested that other councillors might find it interesting.

Councillor Welch continued to report that St. Andrews School has asked if the M.D. could have a table to provide information during their careers showcase being held March 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Councillor Welch will have the organizer from the school contact Mr. Eriksson.

Councillor Welch will be attending the Big Lake Country Tourism meeting tomorrow in Slave Lake.

**K. MELNYK:** Councillor Melnyk reported that he attended the joint council meeting with the Town regarding the second ice surface March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**K. KILLEEN:** Councillor Killeen attended a Barrhead Social Housing meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>, a Kinuso Recreation Board meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the MPC meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, a Swan Hills Special Waste Liaison Committee meeting and the joint council meeting with the Town of High Prairie on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**V. CAMPIOU:** Councillor Campiou reported that she attended the joint council meeting with the Town of High Prairie on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**M. SAVILL:** Reeve Savill reported that he attended the MPC meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and the joint council meeting with the Town of High Prairie on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**C. BISSELL:** Councillor Bissell reported that he attended the joint council meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> and a High Prairie Library Board meeting last night. He advised that it appears as though the Library Board is going to agree to the Town's recommendation for a salary rate adjustment over a three year period.

**R. EHMAN:** Councillor Ehman reported that he has attended three SARDA meetings – two of which were to address personnel recruitment. A further meeting is scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup>. Councillor Ehman attended a High Prairie Regional Recreation Board meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> and the Town of High Prairie joint council meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

March 14, 2006	7:30 p.m.	Big Lakes Library Board
March 20, 2006	10:00 a.m.	Public Works Ad Hoc Committee
March 24, 2006	9:00 a.m.	Reynolds Mirth Law Seminar
March 24, 2006		Grouard Cultural Village
March 27 - 29, 2006		AAMD&C Spring Convention
March 27, 2006		Grouard/Peace River Trail Committee Meeting
March 31, 2006	10:00 a.m.	Ag Advisory Committee

Mr. Eriksson informed Council of a news release received from Peace Country Health announcing individual community action grants awarded to local groups for health promotion projects throughout the region.

**DELEGATION:** Councillor Bissell suggested that the policy of not dealing with delegations until the end of the meeting be revisited by Council. Discussion ensued.

***P.W. REPORT:*** Mr. Lussier advised Council that once the M.D.'s five year infrastructure plan is developed he will seek approval for engineering & design of the identified projects in order to prepare for future tendering. Council discussed potential plans for the Spruce Point Park Road.

Mr. Papaiani left the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

**2005-06-170** **MOVED BY REEVE SAVILL** that the M.D. proceed with additional paving work in the hamlets and further that each respective hamlet councillor work with Mr. Lussier to make recommendations at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> council meeting as to which additional portions of road to pave.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on March 22, 2006 at the M.D. Administration Building.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**2006-05-171** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CAMPIOU** that the meeting adjourn at 3:11 p.m.

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John Eriksson, .C.A.O.