

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR
WESTLOCK COUNTY HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN WESTLOCK ON TUESDAY,
JUNE 28, 2016**

**Members
Present**

Bud Massey	Reeve
Don Savage	Deputy Reeve
Ron Zadunayski	Councillor
Albert St. Louis	Councillor
Ray Marquette	Councillor
Mel Kroetsch	Councillor
Dennis Primeau	Councillor
Duane Coleman	Chief Administrative Officer
Lisa Germann	Executive Assistant
Sue Oberg	Assistant CAO/Chief Financial Officer
Laurie Strutt	Director of Planning & Community Service

Call to Order Reeve Bud Massey called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Special Community Announcements:

- The Clyde parade was a success, our County float came in second.
- This Friday July 1st are the Pickardville, Dapp and Fawcett parades.
 - The Westlock County float will go in the Fawcett parade represented by Councillor Ron Zadunayski and Reeve Bud Massey.
 - Councillor Dennis Primeau and Councillor Mel Kroetsch will represent Westlock County in the Dapp parade.
 - Councillor Albert St. Louis will represent Westlock County in the Pickardville parade.
- Saturday July 2nd is the Town of Westlock parade and celebration of the Towns centennial, there will be a dinner and dance in the evening, Council has been invited and most will attend and show support.
- AG Service Board is having their annual tour July 20, 2016 and it is \$30.00/person

**Agenda
Adopted as
amended
#260/16**

Councillor Ray Marquette: Moved that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

- Change: 10.13 Fawcett Fire Hall Briefing
10.14 RFD Fawcett Fire Hall
To one agenda item.
- Add: 10.16 Discussion review of County Council, Management and Staff
10.17 Audit
10.18 Duane Coleman – Statement
10.19 Peter Kelly payout
11.1 Land Issue – Tawatinaw Valley

Carried 7-0

**Minutes
Adopted as
amended
#261/16**

Councillor Don Savage: Moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 14, 2016 be adopted as amended.

Add: Councillor Don Savage and Councillor Dennis Primeau left the meeting 2:56 p.m.

Carried 7-0

Unfinished Business:

- None

Public Participation:

Reeve Massey, invited members of the Public to speak.

- Stuart Fox-Robinson approached Council and had a concern regarding a motion made at the June 14, 2016 meeting asking Reeve Massey to resign. The motion was defeated 4-3, as Reeve Massey voted for himself. It was stated that a legal opinion was obtained before Mr. Fox-Robinson asked Reeve Bud Massey to please resign. No malice intended, he felt he was asking for the right thing do to the MGA not being followed correctly.

Appointment

- Bettijo Smith approached council regarding the roads in her area, she feels the roads are not maintained and unsafe. She read a report out to Council and left a copy for our records.

Public Participation continued:

- Marlene MacLean had concerns regarding the sandpit at Spruce Hill Estates being shut down. A meeting with residents of interest and Council was requested.
- There were other County Residents there with the same concerns of road maintenance and safety for the school children being transported to and from school on the buses.
- Questions were raised regarding what procedures need to be followed by the Residents to get results, and what the policies are.
- Two Residents raised concern that they feel the roads are affecting their livelihood.
- Councillor Ron Zadunayski spoke about the graveling program and how it works according to the Westlock County Policy.
- Reeve Bud Massey indicated that we are putting out more gravel on the roads this year as compared to last year.
- Fred Vandeligt voiced that he keeps a record of the weather due to the farm and knows exactly when the graders go by.
- Suggestions were made to Council to follow the graders and witness the job done by the operator, and to also speak to farmers in the area to get feedback of when and where gravel is needed.
- There were also complaints about not being heard when residents are calling in to the County office to complain, phone calls not being returned and rude staff.
- Reeve Bud Massey indicated that he feels the same frustration, but the MGA has taken the power of Council away.
- Resident Stuart Fox-Robinson stated the comment made by Reeve Massey was incorrect, the MGA is strengthening Councils – effective in April.
- A Resident asked what the County’s three year plan was and Reeve Massey indicated that he did not have an answer.

Reeve Bud Massey thanked everyone for their feedback and asked if anyone else would like to speak at this time.

Correspondence:

Correspondence **Requiring a Response:** None

Correspondence **for Information Only:** None

Appointments:

Stuart Fox-Robinson of REA (Rural Electric Services) Thanked Councillor Marquette for adding him to the agenda. Approached Council regarding some outstanding issues and felt they needed to be dealt with;

- Serviced lot purchased in the Industrial Park in 2009, did not receive a serviced lot
 - Reimbursement of expenses
 - Drainage plan for the Industrial Park
 - Property taxes
 - Stop work order placed before lot was purchased
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- Also, the issue with the sewer charges, Stuart feels that REA was overbilled and would like this issue addressed in an urgent matter.

Stuart would like a strong working relationship between Westlock County and REA and mentioned he has had good service from the Staff at Westlock County, naming Laurie Strutt, Kathy Deshoux and James Plain.

The next step will be for REA to instruct legal counsel.

Councillor Ron Zadunayski stated that Council was not aware of this matter as it has never been brought to Council.

Reeve Massey recessed the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:22

Graham Clews a resident of Westlock County approached Council regarding the dust on his road and he would like some calcium on the road. He was concerned why some people get calcium while others do not.

Reeve Massey indicated that counters were purchased last year after Mr. Clews presented to Council and they have yet to receive the reports.

Councillor Marquette agreed with Mr. Clews that it is not fair that some people get free calcium while others do not.

**Summer
Recess
#262/16**

Councillor Mel Kroetsch: Moved that the Council of Westlock County, cancel its July 26th Regular Meeting of Council and the August 9th Regular Meeting of Council motion be defeated and Council carry on Business as usual.

Carried 6-1

**Utility Report
#263/16**

Councillor Don Savage: Moved that Westlock County Council accept the Utilities report as information and have Administration look into the viability of neighboring Municipalities being able to dump in our Lagoon.

Carried 7-0

**NCV
Industries
#264/16**

Councillor Ray Marquette: Moved that the Council of Westlock County, table and request further investigations.

Carried 6-1

**Vimy
Sidewalk
Tender
#265/16**

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: Moved that Council of Westlock County direct administration to Tender the Sidewalk Repairs – Vimy.

Carried 6-1

**Crop Land
Rental
Agreement
#266/16**

Councillor Don Savage: Moved that a rental agreement, as attached to and forming part of these minutes, be signed to farm the crop land surrounding Westlock Airport for a term of five years be defeated and this fall the land goes out for lease for fair competition and at this time we continue with past practice, which is no rent.

Carried 6-1

**Policing
Agreement
tabled
#267/16**

Councillor Albert St. Louis: Moved that the Council of Westlock County, terminate the RCMP Enhanced Policing Agreement, effective July 31, 2017 be tabled.

Defeated 6-1

**Policing
Agreement
terminated
#268/16**

Councillor Ray Marquette: Moved that the Council of Westlock County, terminate the RCMP Enhanced Policing Agreement, effective July 31, 2017.

Councillor St. Louis requested a recorded vote:

For: Councillor Kroetsch, Councillor Zadunayski, Councillor Primeau, Deputy Reeve Savage and Councillor Marquette.

Against: Councillor St. Louis and Reeve Massey

Carried 5-2

**Peace Officer
#269/16**

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: Moved that Administration provide Council with factual information regarding the total cost of having a Peace Officer.

Carried 6-1

**Fire Invoice
#270/16**

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: Moved that Westlock County Council deny Mick Woynorowski on behalf of Woynorowski Farms Ltd. request to forgive Invoice #1069, regarding fire call on SW 18-61-25-W4.

Carried 5-2

Reeve Massey recessed the Meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Meeting Reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

Appointment:

Tina Viney of Shoemaker, Viney and Friesen gave the Audited Financial Statements Report.

**Audited
Financial
Reports
#271/16**

Councillor Dennis Primeau: Moved that Westlock County Council table the Financial Statement Report to have time to review it in detail.

Carried 5-2

**In Camera
#272/16**

Councillor Albert St. Louis: Moved that the meeting go In Camera at 1:12 p.m. to discuss legal issues, CAO Duane Coleman, Executive Assistant Lisa Germann, Director Laurie Strutt, Director Sue Oberg, Manager of Finance Peggy Hardinge and Manager John Biro remain in the meeting.

Carried 7-0

Manager of Finance Peggy Hardinge left the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Tina Viney left the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

**Suspend rent
& tax for DK
#273/16**

Councillor Don Savage: Moved that Westlock County suspend all rent and tax payments until we have a new CAO and a new Agreement can be made with DK Consulting.

Carried 6-1

**Planning
Monthly
Report
#274/16**

Councillor Don Savage: Moved that the Council of Westlock County accept the May, Planning and Community Services report as information.

Carried 7-0

**Westlock
Regional
Airport
#275/16**

Councillor Don Savage: Moved that the Council of Westlock County approve the 2016 Westlock Regional Airport capital budget for the runway repairs and the preliminary engineering for taxiway, drainage and runway repair.

Carried 5-2

**Transfer to
W/L Reg.
Airport
#276/16**

Councillor Ray Marquette: Moved that the Council of Westlock County authorize Administration to transfer \$110,000.00 from the General Contingency Reserve 4-0100-710 to the 2016 Westlock Regional Airport capital budget as long as the Town of Westlock puts in their portion.

Carried 6-1

There was discussion with one of the Airport Committee Members, Larry Price regarding the things going on at the airport. Councillor Mel Kroetsch asked Mr. Price to explain how the airport can/will sustain itself.

Reeve Massey spoke on building a future and moving forward. He gave some examples of money poorly spent, wisely spent and quality of life.

Members of the public left the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Reeve Massey recessed the Meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Reconvened Meeting at 2:27 p.m.

**Horizon
North Project
#277/16**

Councillor Don Savage: Moved that the Council of Westlock County authorize the expenditure of \$375,863.77 for the enhancement of the Lands for the purpose of leasing the Lands to Horizon North.

Councillor Ray Marquette requested a recorded vote:

For: Reeve Massey, Councillor St. Louis, Councillor Zadunayski, Deputy Reeve Savage and Councillor Kroetsch.

Against: Councillor Primeau and Councillor Marquette

Carried 5-2

**Horizon
North Project
#278/16**

Councillor Albert St. Louis: Moved that Council of Westlock County rescind Motion #442/15.

Councillor Ray Marquette requested a recorded vote:

For: Reeve Massey, Councillor St. Louis, Councillor Zadunayski, Deputy Reeve Savage and Councillor Kroetsch.

Against: Councillor Primeau and Councillor Marquette

Carried 5-2

**Horizon
North
Agreement
#279/16**

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: Moved that Westlock County Council direct administration to negotiate a Lease Amending Agreement with Horizon North and bring it back to Council for final approval.

Carried 7-0

**Variance
Reports
#280/16**

Councillor Ray Marquette: Moved that Westlock County Council accept report as information received.

Carried 7-0

**Fawcett Fire
Hall
#281/16**

Councillor Dennis Primeau: Moved that the Westlock County Council directs administration to proceed with a "Request for Proposal" for the design/build of the Fawcett Fire Hall, as attached to and forming part of these minutes.

Carried 6-1

**Accounts for
payment
#282/16**

Councillor Don Savage: Moved that Westlock County Council accept the Accounts for payment in the amount of \$455,631.46 be accepted as presented.

Carried 7-0

**Municipal
Affairs
Review
#283/16**

Reeve Bud Massey: Moved that the Westlock County Council have Administration approach Municipal Affairs for a Review of Council, Management and Staff.

Carried 6-1

**Statement
from CAO
Duane
Coleman**

Councillor Dennis Primeau requested CAO Duane Coleman's statement that he did not ask ex-CAO Peter Kelly to be available at Westlock County in March.

Duane Coleman's Statement:

"At no time did I ask for Mr. Kelly to cover a month of service here to or to cover a month of transition. I understood it was discretion of Council to have him and I said I was fine with it as I wasn't in a position to argue."

**Pay back
County
#284/16**

Councillor Dennis Primeau: Moved that the Council of Westlock County have Reeve Bud Massey pay back to the County the \$19,000.00 paid to Peter Kelly, and have it paid by July 5.

Councillor Dennis Primeau requested a recorded vote:

For: Councillor Primeau, Councillor Marquette and Deputy Reeve Savage.

Against: Councillor Zadunayski, Councillor Kroetsch and Councillor St. Louis.

Defeated 3-3

Reeve Massey did not vote.

**Adjourn
Meeting
#285/16**

Councillor Don Savage: Moved that the Meeting be adjourned.

Carried 7-0

Reeve Massey adjourned the Meeting at 3:52 p.m.

Bud Massey
Reeve

Susan Oberg
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer