

**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,
AUGUST 23, 2016**

**Members
Present**

Don Savage	Interim Reeve
Bud Massey	Councillor
Ron Zadunayski	Councillor
Albert St. Louis	Councillor
Mel Kroetsch	Councillor
Dennis Primeau	Councillor
Raymond Marquette	Councillor
Pat Vincent	Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Lisa Germann	Executive Assistant
Case Van Herk	Interim Assistant CAO/Chief Financial Officer
Wayne Bullock	Interim Director of Transportation
Laurie Strutt	Director of Planning & Community Service

Call to Order

Interim Reeve Don Savage called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Special Community Announcements:

- Councillor Massey announced that four councillors; Councillor Kroetsch, Councillor Zadunayski, Councillor Savage and himself attended the Westlock Parade and he felt it was a fantastic parade. Also Councillor Zadunayski and he went to the Fort Assiniboine parade and they had great community spirit.

**Acting Deputy
Reeve
#337/16**

Councillor Dennis Primeau: Move that the Council of Westlock County, appoint Councillor Raymond Marquette to Acting Deputy Reeve until the Organizational Meeting takes place no later than two weeks after the third Monday in October, 2016.

Carried 7-0

- Interim CAO Pat Vincent swears in Interim Deputy Reeve Ray Marquette. Councillor Marquette signed the Oath.

**Agenda Adopted
as amended
#338/16**

Councillor Ray Zadunayski: Moved that the Agenda be adopted as amended.
Add: 10.1 to 3.1 as an attachment

Carried 7-0

**Minutes adopted
as presented
#339/16**

Councillor Dennis Primeau: Move that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held August 9, 2016 be approved as presented.

Carried 7-0

**Public
Participation**

Public Participation:

Interim Reeve Savage, invited members of the Public to speak.

- Ray Gallis spoke with concerns regarding the Flying Club. He asked if the Flying Club had a business license. Councillor Savage indicated that the Flying Club does not need a business license to operate in the County. Mr. Gallis, doesn't feel it would be fair that tax payers would have to pay to support fools jumping from planes. If he wanted to live by an airport, he would have bought by an airport – he was there first. Councillor Savage suggested that he have a meeting with Administration to express his concerns.

Correspondence **Requiring a Response:**

**Matter from Aug
9 FHNAS
presentation
#340/16**

Councillor Bud Massey: Move that the Council of Westlock County remove the request from FHNAS from the table from the August 9 Regular meeting of Council. Funding request from FHNAS (Friends of Historical Northern Alberta Society) of \$5000.00.

Carried 7-0

**Funding Request
FHNAS
#341/16**

Councillor Bud Massey: Move that the Council of Westlock County invest in the FHNAS and provide them with funding requested.

Defeated 5-2

Appointments

9:15 appointment:

Randy Sikora inquired about the monies coming in from the gravel pit and if it's up to date?

Case Van Herk indicated that last year there was \$154,000 in gravel royalties, this year there is \$147,000 in royalties. Mr. Van Herk explained that we have methods of auditing and it is federally controlled.

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Mr. Sikora circulated a petition from the residents of Bouchard Lake Road and would like some information back for the residents as he feels the expenses should be coming from the County not the residents. Signage was also an issue raised as well as enforcement on the road.

9:30 Appointment:

Rod McFarlane, President of the Tractor Museum spoke to Council regarding funding. The Government has stopped funding and they have no regular funding coming in. They have requested for Westlock County to add it to their budget for next year. Rod will provide written notice of funding requested.

9:45 appointment:

Robert Kowalchuk approached Council regarding an invoice dispute. He received an invoice just shy of \$800 in overage fees. He felt he should have been notified when he was close to his limit. He presented a few things to Council that he would like:

- A small percentage of what you don't use get credited back to you.
- Forgiveness in regards to the invoice.
- To have someone from the landfill let you know when you have hit an 80% threshold or within 20% of your limit.

Mr. Kowalchuk also voiced concerns in regards to Westview Estates;

- He feels they are overtaxed for what they receive.
- He feels they need dust control
- The roads are not done to specification and feels that if the County does not know what they are doing, don't do it.
- He feels they are entitled to better services.
- He would like value for the money and would like to see the taxes capped.
- The County charges too much for dust control.
- Westview Estates needs an easement for drainage.

Interim Reeve Don Savage recessed the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Interim Reeve Don Savage reconvened the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Kenneth Bibby a rate payer spoke on behalf of Westview Estates when he thanked Council for a great job on the snow removal.

10:00 a.m. appointment

Alvin Yager, feels Council is not fulfilling promises and he can't believe them when they promise something.

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He stated that he spends more time driving in the ditch than on the road due to the oil. The roads are a concern and need to be reworked and properly prepared. He feels that if the budget was done properly this would not be a problem. Mr. Yager sat in the last two Transportation Committee meetings and this was supposed to be done within two months. He feels it won't be. He stated that he does not like the plan set out to fix the road. The taxes are too high for what they get. Drainage is an issue, he feels the culvert needs to be fixed. He stated that he is very disappointed with Councils actions.

Councillor Massey stepped out of the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and returned at 10:31 a.m.

Correspondence

Correspondence for Information Only:

- Information from AAMDC regarding Bill 21 dated July 29, 2016

**AAMDC
Regarding Bill 21
#341/16**

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: Move that the Council of Westlock County accept the correspondence as information.

Carried 6-0

**Fawcett Fire Hall
#342/16**

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: Move that Westlock County Council Table the motion that Westlock County enter into contract with E & D Kuzyk Konstruktion Ltd. for the Design/Build Services for the New Fire Hall at Fawcett for the amount of \$513,300.00 excludes GST until the next Regular Meeting of Council September 13, 2016 and have discussion at the next Transportation Committee meeting and set the meeting to be held earlier than scheduled date of September 20.

Carried 7-0

**Peace Officer cost
comparison
#343/16**

Councillor Dennis Primeau: Move that the Council of Westlock County accept the Briefing report from Laurie as information. Councillor Don Savage feels having two Peace Officers will provide Westlock County with better service.

Carried 7-0

**Planning &
Community
Services Report
#344/16**

Councillor Dennis Primeau: Move that the Council of Westlock County accept the August Planning and Community Services report as information.

Carried 7-0

**Westview Estates
#345/16**

Councillor Bud Massey: Move that the Council of Westlock County approve the temporary repairs to the dust control in Westview Estates by spreading and compacting cod mix asphalt over the failed areas.

Carried 7-0

**Amend Policy
9.11
#346/16**

Councillor Dennis Primeau: Move that the Council of Westlock County amend Policy No. 9.11 as identified and rescind policy No. 9.12.

Carried 7-0

**Rescind Policy
9.14
#347/16**

Councillor Ray Marquette: Moved that the Council of Westlock County rescind policy no. 9.14.

Carried 7-0

**Weed Control
#348/16**

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: Moved that the Council of Westlock County approve the weed enforcement control work for the properties over 20 acres.

Carried 7-0

**Variance Report
#349/16**

Councillor Ray Marquette: Move that the Council of Westlock County Table the Variance Report until the next Regular Meeting of Council September 13, 2016.

Carried 7-0

**Verbal
Committee
Reports
#350/16**

Committee Reports:

- Councillor Mel Kroetsch reported on the Policing Committee. The next meeting is September 21 if anybody is interested in being on the Committee.
- Councillor Bud Massey reported on the Water Commission meeting. Spoke on the waterline from Dapp, Fawcett and Jarvie, 29 organizations indicated interest.

Councillor Dennis Primeau: Move that the Council of Westlock County accept verbal reports as information presented.

Carried 7-0

**Committee
Reports
#351/16**

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: Moved that the Council accept committee reports as information presented.

- Westlock Intermunicipal Library Board Meeting Minutes, June 2.
- Jarvie Public Library Board June/July Report
- Westlock Municipal Library Director's Report for June/July

Carried 7-0

Interim CAO Pat Vincent informed Council that the Municipal Affairs meeting tentatively scheduled for August 25 will not be proceeding. Will discuss further in the CAO/Council Briefing.

**Adjourn Meeting
#352/16**

Councillor Ray Marquette: Moved that the Meeting be adjourned.

Carried 7-0

Interim Reeve Savage adjourned the Meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Don Savage
Interim Reeve

Pat Vincent
Interim Chief Administrative Officer