

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 26, 2014

Members Present In attendance were Reeve Bud Massey, Deputy Reeve Jim Wiese; Councillors Ron Zadunayski, Albert St. Louis, Don Savage, Mel Kroetsch and Dennis Primeau; Interim County Administrator Rick McDonald and Executive Assistant Cary Mueller.

Peggy Hardinge, Manager of Finance & Administration and Sue Oberg, Assistant CAO, were present at the Meeting.

A delegation from the Tawatinaw area was present at the meeting; Carol Coursaux, Maureen Rowland, Ken & Johanne Madsen and Bill & Glo Madsen.

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

Agenda Adopted #378/14 **Councillor Mel Kroetsch:** That the Agenda be adopted, as presented.

Carried 7-0

Minutes Adopted #379/14 **Councillor Don Savage:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held August 12, 2014, be adopted as presented.

Carried 7-0

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:

New Home Warranty Program 380/14 **Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** That Council accept the letter sent to Greg Weadick, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs, in support of the letter sent by Cardston County, voicing concerns regarding the negative impact of the New Home Warranty Program, as information.

Carried 7-0

Fire Safety House 381/14 **Councillor Dennis Primeau:** That the decision regarding the transfer of ownership of the Fire Safety House from the Fire Instruction Rescue & Escape Society to Westlock County, be tabled until Administration has discussed the possibility of joint ownership with the Town of Westlock.

Carried 7-0

Interim Director of Operations Roy Lidgren entered the Meeting at 9:05 a.m.

A delegation including Carol Coursaux, Maureen Rowland, Ken & Johanne Madsen and Bill & Glo Madsen, presented a request to Council for closure of Tawatinaw Park.

Tawatinaw Park #382/14 **Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Administration acquire additional information and enter into discussion with ESRD to attempt to achieve a resolution for the situation at Tawatinaw Park and advise the members of the delegation of the date the information will be presented to Council for consideration.

Carried 7-0

The delegation left the Meeting at 9:31 a.m.

- Teen Time Trail
#383/14 **Councillor Mel Kroetsch:** That Administration place additional signage on Range Road 253 at Township Road 632 and Township Road 634 designating the 2 miles of road in between as Teen Time Trail. The current signage indicating Range and Township shall remain in place and the Rural addressing shall not change.
Carried 6-1
- Management of
Echo Lake
Campground
#384/14 **Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Administration acquire additional information regarding the Echo Lake Campground; the cost for hiring a summer student to manage the Campground, the implementing of voluntary payment boxes for users, possible collaboration with Pioneer Trail Foundation for management of the campground and the possible donation and construction of a playground area.
Carried 7-0
- Non-Residential
Tax Rate
#385/14 **Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Council direct Administration to acquire information regarding the implications of reducing non-residential tax rates and also to collaborate with the Town of Westlock in the establishment of revised non-residential tax rates.
Carried 7-0
- Request for
Municipal Property
Tax Relief
#386/14 **Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Council deny the request from W Grant and Donna Smith for Municipal Property Tax relief on Tax Roll No. 459362101, namely the NW 36-59-25-W4, Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 1026122 and forward them a letter advising that Westlock County will review the options for Non-Residential Taxation for the 2015 tax year.
Carried 7-0
- Request for
Municipal Property
Tax Relief
#387/14 **Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Council deny the request from Mildred Morin for Municipal Property Tax relief on Tax Roll No. 340000705, Lots 7 & 8 Block 2 Plan 6887CE and forward them a letter advising that Westlock County will review the options for Non-Residential Taxation for the 2015 tax year.
Carried 7-0
- Interim Director of Operations Roy Lidgren left the Meeting at 10:25 a.m. and returned at 10:27 a.m.
- Councillor Don Savage left the Meeting at 10:27 a.m. and returned at 10:29 a.m.
- Designated Offer
Bylaw #23/14
Tabled
#388/14 **Councillor Albert St. Louis:** That Bylaw No. 23-2014, that being a Bylaw to establish the position of Assistant County Manager/Chief Financial Officer for Westlock County, be tabled until the arrival of the new Chief Administrative Officer.
Carried 6-1
- Signing Authority
Tabled
#389/14 **Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** That the decision regarding the change in signing authority at the Bank of Montreal be tabled until the arrival of the new Chief Administrative Officer.
Carried 6-1
- Budget Policy
#5.17 Tabled
#390/14 **Councillor Jim Wiese:** That the decision regarding Budget Policy No. 5.17 be tabled until the arrival of the new Chief Administrative Officer.
Carried 7-0

Interim Director of Operations Roy Lidgren left the Meeting at 10:39 a.m. and returned at 10:44 a.m.

Dee Wilton entered the Meeting at 10:41 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. From Heather Klimchuk, Minister of Alberta Culture, information regarding Stars of Alberta Volunteers Award 2014 and a call for nominations.

Stars of Alberta
Volunteers Award
#391/14

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: That Westlock County advertise for nominations for the Stars of Alberta Volunteers Award 2014 with a closing date of Friday, September 5, 2014.

Carried 7-0

Correspondence
#392/14

Councillor Jim Wiese: That Council accept the correspondence for information as presented.

Carried 7-0

FCSS Director
Report
393/14

Councillor Jim Wiese: That Council accept the FCSS Director Report for the period ending August 6, 2014 for information as presented.

Carried 7-0

Accounts for
Payment
#394/14

Deputy Reeve Jim Wiese That the Accounts for Payment in the amount of \$609,241.29 be approved for payment.

Carried 7-0

Committee Reports

Councillor Don Savage reported that the GROWTH Alberta School Expo will be held at RF Staples School in Westlock.

Laurie Strutt, Manager of Planning & Development Services entered the Meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Committee Reports
#395/14

Councillor Albert St. Louis: That Council accept the Committee Reports for information as presented.

Carried 7-0

Reeve Massey recessed the Meeting at 10:58 a.m.

The Meeting reconvened at 11:09 a.m.

Craig Olsen entered the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

NE 30-59-24-W4

The property owner of NE 30-59-24-W4 has submitted an application to amend the County's Municipal Development Plan and Land Use By-law to allow for the subdivision of one 20 acre (+/-) country residential parcel.

Bylaw #17/14
3rd Reading
#396/14

Councillor Albert St. Louis: That Bylaw No. 17-2014 receive third reading and be finally passed.

Carried 6-1

Bylaw #18/14
3rd reading
#397/14

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: That Bylaw No. 18-2014 receive third reading and be finally passed.

Carried 6-1

Road Closure Request The property owner has submitted a request to close the statutory road allowance on NE 24-63-01-W5 and provide to the County the equivalent amount of land from the NW 22-63-27-W4. The land on the west side of the statutory road allowance would then be consolidated with the NE 24-63-01-W5.

Dee Wilton presented Council with information regarding this request.

Deny Road Closure Request 398/14 **Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Council deny the request for the property owner to close the statutory road allowance on NE 24-63-01-W5 and provide to the County the equivalent amount of land from the NW 22-63-27-W4. The landowner does have the option to provide enough land for Westlock County to build a turn-around at the end of the developed road allowance.

Carried 6-1

Dee Wilton left the Meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Road Closure Request The property owner has submitted a request to close the statutory road allowance between SE 32-59-27-W4 and SW 33-59-27-W4 and to consolidate the three parcels.

Road Closure #399/14 **Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Council support the request for road closure along the 5th Meridian to close the statutory road allowance between SE 32-59-27-W4 and SW 33-59-27-W4 and advise Planning & Development Services to proceed with the process.

Carried 6-1

Craig Olsen and Manager Laurie Strutt left the Meeting at 11:40 a.m.

CAO Contract #400/14 **Councillor Mel Kroetsch:** That Council accept the contract terms of the new Chief Administrative Officer as negotiated by James R. Craven & Associates effective September 1, 2014.

Carried 7-0

Gravel Contract #401/14 **Councillor Albert St. Louis:** That Council accept Option 2 of the recommendation from WSP Canada Inc. and award the contract for De-Watering, Bailing, Crushing and Stockpiling of Designation 2, Class 20 to Barsi Enterprises Ltd. For the amount of \$794,600.00.

Carried 7-0

Negotiate Contract Amendment #402/14 **Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Administration negotiate amendments to the contract to change the specifications from Class 20 to Class 25 and to crush an additional 12,000 cubic metres of Class 40 and an additional 60,000 cubic metres of Class 20(25).

Carried 7-0

Dennis Halyk entered the Meeting at 12:23 p.m.

In Camera #403/14 **Councillor Don Savage:** That the Meeting go In Camera at 12:23 p.m. to discuss personnel issues and Interim County Administrator Rick McDonald, Interim Director of Operations Roy Lidgren, Manager of Finance & Administration, Peggy Hardinge, Assistant CAO Sue Oberg and Executive Assistant Cary Mueller shall remain in the Meeting.

Carried 7-0

Councillor Jim Wiese left the Meeting at 1:24 p.m. to attend to prior commitments.

Regular Meeting
#404/14

Councillor Dennis Primeau: That Council return to the Regular Meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Carried 6-0

Union Negotiations
#405/14

Councillor Mel Kroetsch: That Administration continue negotiations with CUPE Local 3007 representatives.

Carried 6-0

Adjourn
#406/14

Councillor Dennis Primeau: That the meeting be adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Carried 6-0

Reeve

Administrator