

**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, DECEMBER 8, 2015**

Members Present

In attendance were Reeve Bud Massey; Deputy Reeve Don Savage; Councillors Mel Kroetsch, Dennis Primeau, Albert St. Louis, Ron Zadunayski and Jim Wiese Administrator Peter Kelly and Executive Assistant Lisa Germann.

Sue Oberg, Assistant County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, Bill Mills, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure and Jacolyn Tigert, Manager of Agriculture.

Reeve Bud Massey called the Meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**Special Community Announcements:**

- Reeve Bud Massey shared that's the Christmas Parade in Clyde went very well, everyone had a great time. Our County was proudly represented by Westlock Rural Fire Department as well as the Clyde Fire Department.
- Reeve Bud Massey announced that there is a Fund Raiser in Clyde being put on by Joe Hess, for his brother who is fighting Cancer. The Fundraiser will be held this Saturday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at Eleanor Hall. It will be a fun night with an Elvis impersonator as well a silent auction and a bid auction. The Tickets are \$25 each.

Councillor Dennis Primeau had asked that Council add a Notice of Motion item 14

Councillor Don Savage had asked that Council add a personnel discussion in Camera, item 11.4

Reeve Bud Massey had asked that Council add an appointment by the Busby Society item 9.3

Agenda Adopted as amended #420/15

**Councillor Don Savage:** Moved that the agenda be adopted as amended

Carried 7-0

Minutes Adopted as amended #421/15

**Councillor Don Savage:** Moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held November 24, 2015 be adopted as amended.

Amend: Thursday November 26, 2015 In Camera time changed from 12:13 p.m. to 7:13 p.m.

Carried 7-0

**Business Arising From the Minutes:**

The Lake Study done in 1985 was presented to Council. Administration is awaiting financial resources available from Larkspur.

The Tax Role Auction held on December 3, 2015 opened at 2:00 p.m. and closed at 2:08 p.m. Due to no attendees.

**Public Participation:**

The First Resident approached Council and expressed an area of concern; regarding the ATV usage on County roads. He feels that ‘outsiders’ are coming and not respecting the Park areas and roads. He feels that there is damage being done to the roads and would like to see the current Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw be enforced. He suggested that maybe we could have our Peace Officer on site and be there to catch them as they come out. Reeve Massey indicated that in theory that could be a great idea, however, we feel that we could perhaps be endangering the wellbeing of our Peace Officer by expecting him to race after these people to try and catch them. Reeve Massey assured him that we are in the process of putting up signage in the Hamlets to hopefully help mitigate the issue. Reeve Massey reiterated that the signs will help be able to enforce the bylaw to people who are misusing and abusing parks and roads.

The second Resident to address Council was regarding the Tawatinaw Valley Ski Hill. He indicated that they are excited to move forward and he would like to thank Jessica and Peter for all their time and effort. He did have a concern that the Board hasn’t met yet since Dom has taken over but is looking forward to it being a private entity as opposed to public.

A third Member of the Public, also wanting to speak about the Tawatinaw Valley Ski Hill, Lease. He was aware that not all Councillors were in favor and he was concerned as to why? Reeve Massey indicated at that time that there will be a debate coming up later in the meeting for the Councillors to represent their points of view and philosophy.

The Fourth Resident to speak to Council indicated he was very happy and thankful for moving forward with the decision of the Ski Hill. Very Happy with Dom’s track record and enthusiasm and believes this is what the Ski Hill needs!

Member of the Public left the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

**Consideration of Deferred Business:** None

**Public Hearings:** None

**Correspondence:**

- Council received a letter from Rita Pfefferle, dated November 13, 2015

**Councillor Jim Wiese:** Moved to accept as information.

Carried 7-0

Powerline Opposition  
#423/15

- Council received a letter from East Route Landowner Opposition Group, dated July 31, 2015

**Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** Moved to accept as information.

Carried 7-0

Cache Park Bat &  
Bird Conservatory  
#424/15

- Council received a letter from Jarvie Community Council, regarding Cache Park Bat and Bird Conservancy, dated November 25, 2015

**Councillor Dennis Primeau:** Moved to accept as information

Carried 7-0

- Administration sent a letter to Honourable O'neil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture, regarding a local meeting for Bill 6, dated December 2, 2015
- Council received an appreciation letter from Roberta Turnbull on behalf of Jarvie Community Council thanking staff for assistance she has received. There was an extended thank you to Councillor Dennis Primeau for his time and efforts.
- Council received a letter from ASB regarding Bill 6.

Glenda Farnden entered the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

Jacolyn Tigert, Manager of Agriculture Services was at the Council meeting to speak about Bill 6 and the proposed changes taking effect January 1, 2016. There are a lot of Farmers looking for clarity and feel the Bill is being pushed through and will have negative consequences. There is a meeting December 9, 2015 in Athabasca, and Jacolyn will be there on behalf of Westlock County.

Jacolyn Tigert left the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

Glenda Farnden, Senior Municipal Relations Liaison for STARS did an informative presentation to Council. STARS is looking for a 3 year donation commitment from Westlock County. They will be hosting a training bus information session at the Hospital in Westlock, the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2016, if you are interested in attending please call the County Office at 780-349-3346 to register.

Members of the Public on behalf of Busby Fish and Game Association entered the Meeting at 9:50 a.m.

**Councillor Albert St. Louis:** Moved that the request for a 3 year commitment to donate to STARS be referred to budget deliberations.

Carried 7-0

Glenda Farnden left the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Members of Busby Fish and Game addressed Council regarding the Off-Highway Vehicle issue present out around the Busby area and other Hamlets.

They don't feel it is fair that the ordinary individual can't go from the County to the Hamlet but can anyone can go from Hamlet to the County. Reeve Massey, explained how our enforcement is complaint driven and can be handled at the time of complaint, the bylaw is not intended to penalize reasonable people. The County is doing the best they can by putting up signs so the rules can be enforced.

Members of the Busby Fish and Game Association left the Meeting at 10:17 a.m.

5 minute break

Laurie Strutt, Director of Community Services and John Biro, Manager of Protective Services entered the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Dean Dumbeck did a presentation to Council on behalf of the Busby Society. The Society is actively looking for Grants and donations to match monies raised by the Society to complete their Fire Hall which has been built by volunteers of the Busby Society. They have put in over 2000 hours of volunteer work. Reeve Massey indicated how very impressed he is and how important all the Fire Departments are in our communities. Councillor Don Savage also said how proud he is of our Fire Departments and asked Dean to pass it along to the fellow fire fighters and families.

**Correspondence Continued:**

- Council received a letter from Brazeau County, dated November 30, 2015
- Council received a letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding MSI approval of Operating Spending Plan, dated November 18, 2015
- Council received a letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the MSI Capital Program, dated November 18, 2015

MSI funding approval #425/15

**Councillor Don Savage:** Moved to receive as information

Carried 7-0

Interim Budget Approval #426/15

**Councillor Jim Wiese:** Moved that Council accept The Interim Budget based on the first three months of last year's budget. There will be a Budget meeting overview on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December and the Balance of the Meetings will be scheduled for January 6<sup>th</sup> ,7<sup>th</sup> ,8<sup>th</sup> , 13<sup>th</sup> , 14<sup>th</sup> , 15<sup>th</sup> and additional dates if required.

Carried 7-0

Engineering Monthly Report #427/15

**Councillor Dennis Primeau:** Moved that Council approve Engineering Monthly Report as presented.

Carried 7-0

Fire rescue withdrawal #428/15

**Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** Moved that Council approve Administration withdraw up to \$180,000 from the Wild Fire Reserve to offset the cost of the two wild fires that the County experienced during the 2015 fire season. \$100,000 for the May 13<sup>th</sup> wildfire and \$80,000 for the May 19<sup>th</sup> wildfire.

Carried 7-0

Planning and  
Community Report  
#429/15

**Councillor Don Savage:** Moved to accept the Monthly Planning and  
Community report as information.

Carried 7-0

Accounts for  
Payment.  
#430/15

**Councillor Don Savage:** Moved to receive and approve accounts for payments  
in the amount of \$928,266.76 for products purchased and services rendered  
and received as of December 4, 2015

Carried 7-0

In Camera  
#431/15

**Councillor Mel Kroetsch:** Moved that the Meeting go in Camera at 11:32 a.m. to  
discuss land and legal issues. CAO Peter Kelly, and Executive Assistant Lisa  
Germann, Community Liaison Officer Jessica Toews and Assistant County  
Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, Sue O’berg remain in the Meeting.

Carried 7-0

Regular Meeting  
#432/15

**Councillor Dennis Primeau:** Moved that Council return to Regular Meeting at 12:10  
p.m.

Carried 7-0

Lease to Purchase  
Agreement with DK  
Enterprises  
#433/15

**Councillor Dennis Primeau:** Council moved to accept the 3 year Lease to  
purchase agreement with DK Consulting Ltd, with a stated value and not if not  
exercised goes back to the county, also if any extraction of minerals and or  
materials they are retained by the County.

Carried 4-2

Councillor Jim Wiese has asked for a recorded vote;

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| <u>Yay</u> | <u>Nay</u> |
| Dennis     | Jim        |
| Mel        | Albert     |
| Bud        |            |
| Ron        |            |

Break for Lunch 12:30 p.m.

Reeve Massey called Meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Councillor Jim Wiese, Tendered his resignation as a Councillor with Westlock County  
at this time.

In Camera  
#434/15

**Councillor Don Savage:** Moved that the Meeting go in Camera at 1:05 p.m. to discuss a Personnel issue. CAO Peter Kelly, and Executive Assistant Lisa Germann, Assistant County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, Sue O'berg remain in the Meeting.

Carried 6-0

Regular Meeting  
#435/15

**Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** Moved that Council return to Regular Meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting  
#436/15

**Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** Moved that the Meeting be adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Carried 6-0

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Bud Massey, Reeve

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Peter Kelly, Administrator

December 8, 2015