

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF WESTLOCK  
COUNTY, HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN WESTLOCK ON TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 10, 2017**

**Members Present**

Don Savage  
Bud Massey  
Ron Zadunayski  
Albert St. Louis  
Mel Kroetsch  
Raymond Marquette  
Denis Primeau

**Members Absent**

Reeve  
Councillor  
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Deputy Reeve  
Councillor

**Staff Present**

Diane Urkow	Director of Corporate Services/Acting CAO
Al Scott	Director of Infrastructure
Laurie Strutt	Director of Planning and Community Services
Lisa Germann	Executive Assistant

**Call to Order:**

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

**Special Community Announcements:**

None

**Adoption of Agenda:**

Addition: 10.3 - Approval of the 2017 Operating Budget  
#001/17 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Marquette that Council adopt the Agenda as amended.  
Carried 7-0

**Adoption of Minutes:**

#002/17 MOVED by Councillor Primeau that the Minutes of the December 16, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.  
Carried 7-0

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**Public Participation:**

Ray Galas apologized to Reeve Savage for his conduct during a recent telephone conversation with the Reeve.

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**Correspondence:**

#003/17 MOVED by Councillor Zadunayski that Council accept the Fortis Alberta correspondence as information

Carried 7-0

**Low Rating Advisory - Bridge File 74612:**

#004/17 MOVED by Councillor Primeau that Council accept this report as presented.

Carried 7-0

**Lease Agreement Tawatinaw Valley Ski Hill:**

#005-17 MOVED by Councillor Primeau that Council agree to extend the deadline from January 10, 2017 to January 31, 2017, for payment of outstanding lease and tax amounts by DK Consulting Services Ltd. relating to the 2016 Tawatinaw Valley Ski Hill Facility and Lands Lease Agreement.

Carried 6-1

**2017 Operating Budget:**

#006-17 MOVED by Councillor Massey that the 2017 Operating Budget be postponed definitely to the January 24, 2017 regular Council Meeting.

Carried 5-2

#007-17 MOVED by Councillor Massey that the Interim Operating Budget be based on 100% of the 2016 Operating Budget.

Carried 7-0

**In-Camera:**

#008-17 MOVED by Primeau, at 9:39 a.m., that the meeting go in-camera and that the Director of Corporate Services/Acting CAO, Director of Infrastructure, Director of Planning and Community Services, and the Executive Assistant remain in the meeting.

Carried 7-0

**Open Session:**

#009/17 MOVED by Councillor Zadunayski, at 9:49 a.m., that the meeting revert to an open session.

Carried 7-0

**Land Sale:**



#010/17 MOVED by Councillor Primeau that Council direct Administration to advertise the sale of part of SW 34-63-02-W5.

Carried 7-0

**Committee Reports:**

#011/17 MOVED by Councillor Primeau that Council accept the verbal committee reports as information.

Carried 7-0

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**Recess:**

Reeve Savage recessed the Meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Reeve Savage reconvened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

**11:00 a.m. Public Hearing – Road Closure Bylaw 18-2016**

Director Laurie Strutt presented her report regarding a request for road closure by Mark and Susan Littlechilds to close a portion of the undeveloped road allowance for the purpose of leasing the land.

Director Laurie Strutt read a letter received from David Bai and Wendy Danson who were unable to attend the public hearing. Mr. Bai and Ms. Danson are opposed to the road closure.

Mark Littlechilds – has put a road in to access a ½ section on Twp. Road 575 and uses it just for equipment.

Paul Gerig – commented that it is fine if it is closed.

Ken Mead – spoke against the road closure and stated it is not in the County's best interest and that road allowances should be left.

Susan Littlechilds – asked if they could gate the road allowance and only adjacent landowners would have keys. Director Laurie Strutt replied that a gate would not be allowed as the road allowance is for public use.

Councillor Kroetsch asked Mr. Littlechilds about access from another section of road. Response was he does have access by other roads but felt that travel through the road allowance was safer.

Mr. Paul Gerig asked if the County was looking to put a road through. Director Al Scott replied that there were no plans at this time for a road.

Councillor Massey asked when the last time machinery went across the trail. Mr. Littlechilds stated that he used the trail for hauling bales in the winter.

Councillor Marquette stated that the County should not be closing road allowances.

Councillor St. Louis asked if the trail is all on the road allowance. Mr. Littlechilds stated not all and that it turns into our property.

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#012/17 MOVED by Councillor Zadunayski, at 11:25 a.m., that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 18-2016 be closed.

Carried 7-0

**Road Closure Bylaw 18-2016**

#013/17 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Marquette that Council give first reading to Road Closure Bylaw 18-2016.

Defeated 7-0

**Adjournment**

#014/17 MOVED by Councillor Primeau, at 11:27 a.m., that the meeting adjourn.

Carried 7-0



Don Savage, Reeve



Leo Ludwig, CAO

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