

**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, JULY 22, 2014**

Members Present

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

Peggy Hardinge, Manager of Finance & Administration and Roy Lidgren, Interim Director of Operations were present at the Meeting.

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

Agenda Adopted #323/14

**Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** That the Agenda be adopted, as presented.

Carried 7-0

Minutes Adopted #324/14

**Councillor Mel Kroetsch:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 24, 2014, be adopted as amended:

Resolution # 316/14 should Bylaw No. 16-2014

Carried 7-0

Bert Seatter entered the Meeting at 9:01 a.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. From Jarvie Community Council, a thank-you for the \$2,300.00 grant that they received from Westlock County for grass mowing and hamlet clean-up.

Richard Edwards entered the Meeting at 9:03 a.m.

2. From STARS, dated June 17, 2014, a thank-you for the financial support they received from Westlock County.
3. From Alberta Recreation & Parks Association, dated June 17, 2014, an invitation to their upcoming Conference and Energize Workshop from October 23 - 25, 2014.
4. From Town of Barrhead, dated June 25, 2014, an invitation to participate in their Blue Heron Fair Days parade and festivities scheduled for August 9, 2014.

-Reeve Massey and Councillor Zadunayski will attend

5. From Greg Weadick, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs, dated July 7, 2014, information regarding the new Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) program.
6. From Rochester Agricultural Society, an invitation to participate in their Annual Summer Parade 2014.

-Councillor Savage will attend

Correspondence #325/14

**Councillor Jim Wiese:** That the above listed correspondence be accepted for information as presented.

Carried 7-0

7. From United Steelworkers, dated June 16, 2014, a request for Council to pass a resolution in support of proactive action to protect workers.

Correspondence  
#326/14

**Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** That the above listed correspondence be accepted for information as presented.

Carried 7-0

Bert Seatter entered the Meeting at 9:06 a.m.

8. From Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, dated July 8, 2014, an amended Appointment for Erik Nickolson.

Correspondence  
#327/14

**Councillor Jim Wiese:** That the above listed correspondence be accepted for information as presented.

Carried 7-0

9. From Cardston County, a letter dated July 7, 2014 updating on their concerns about and negative experiences with the implementation of the New Home Warranty Program, and what changes they would like the AAMDC to lobby for on behalf of all the municipalities.

-deferred to the 11:00 a.m. appointment

Vimy Water Supply  
System Upgrade  
#328/14

**Councillor Albert St. Louis:** That Council accept the recommendation from DCL Siemens Engineering Ltd. and award the tender for the Vimy Water Supply System Upgrade to Flint Field Services Ltd. for \$376,000.00 as well as both a construction contingency of \$37,600.00 and the engineering costs.

Carried 7-0

Funding for Vimy  
System Upgrade  
#329/14

**Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Council direct Administration to use funds received through the Federal Gas Tax program to cover the costs for the 25% of the project that is non-fundable through the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership Program.

Carried 7-0

Collaboration  
Initiative Discussion  
Protocols  
#330/14

**Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Westlock County accept and endorse the Town of Westlock, Village of Clyde and Westlock County Regional Collaboration Initiative Discussion Protocols as presented.

Carried 6-1

Municipal Affairs  
Annual Report  
#331/14

**Councillor Don Savage:** That Council accept the Alberta Municipal Affairs 2013-2014 Annual Report for information as presented.

Carried 7-0

Accounts for  
Payment  
#332/14

**Deputy Reeve Jim Wiese** That the Accounts for Payment in the amount of \$1,011,256.48 be approved for payment.

Carried 7-0

Councillor Dennis Primeau left the Meeting at 9:37 a.m. and returned at 9:40 a.m.

Financial Report  
#333/14

**Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** That the Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2014, be accepted for information as presented.

Carried 6-0

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Gravel Crushing &  
Quality  
#334/14

**Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Council instruct Administration to prepare a report indicating the cost and ability to crush various types and qualities of gravel and the economic advantage of applying different types in certain situations, and present to Council for consideration.

Carried 7-0

Sylvia Yoder, Executive Director of the Hope Resource Centre Association entered the Meeting at 9:52 a.m.

Dewatering Gravel  
Pits  
#335/14

**Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Administration provide information for the August 12, 2014 Council Meeting regarding the dewatering of gravel pits.

Carried 7-0

Road Maintenance  
and Repair  
#336/14

**Reeve Bud Massey:** That Council instruct Administration to concentrate on repairing the soft spots on the resource roads by digging out the old material and replacing it with new material.

Carried 7-0

Gravel for Vimy  
Lions Club  
#337/14

**Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** That Westlock County provide a maximum of six additional loads of gravel to the Vimy Lions Club for the parking lot on the former Vimy School property.

Carried 7-0

Road Projects  
#338/14

**Reeve Bud Massey:** That Administration move forward with the budgeted road projects; road repair on Township Road #612, road rehabilitation on Township Road #585 west of Pickardville, road rehabilitation on Township Road #602 and hamlet street paving. If Westlock County does not have the manpower to complete the work, the projects should be tendered out.

Carried 7-0

Hope Resource  
Centre Presentation

Sylvia Yoder, Executive Director of the Hope Resource Centre Association presented information regarding the Hope Resource Centre.

Interim Director Roy Lidgren left the Meeting at 10:08 a.m. and returned at 10:17 a.m.

Interim County Administrator Rick McDonald left the Meeting at 10:20 a.m. and returned at 10:21 a.m.

Financial Support  
Hope Resource  
#339/14

**Councillor Albert St. Louis:** That Westlock County provide financial support to the Hope Resource Centre in the amount of \$10,000.00 as budgeted.

Carried 7-0

Executive Director Sylvia Yoder left the Meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Service Recognition

Phyllis Chapotelle, Westlock County Tax Clerk, entered the Meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Reeve Bud Massey made a presentation to Phyllis Chapotelle in recognition of 35 years of service.

Roger and Linda Craig entered the Meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Norine Schuster, John Navratil Sr. and Roger and Kelly Lamble entered the Meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Culvert Program  
#340/14

**Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Administration draft information to be published in the local newspaper regarding Westlock County's culvert program.

Carried 7-0

Doug Elniski entered the Meeting at 10:47 a.m.

Todd Arth entered the Meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Morris Victoor entered the Meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Al and Lucille Johnston entered at 10:50 a.m.

Tom Vessely entered at 10:51 a.m.

David Truckey entered at 10:54 a.m.

Laurie Strutt, Manager of Planning & Development Services, entered the Meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Investment  
#341/14

**Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Westlock County invest \$5,000,000.00 for three years at 2.05% with the Bank of Montreal.

Carried 7-0

Bert Seatter left the Meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Susan Vessely entered the Meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Al Schauenberg, Valerie Waye, Ron Junck and Bertha Victoor entered the Meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Public Hearing  
Pt NW 07-63-25-W4

The property owners of Pt NW 07-63-25-W4 have submitted an application to amend the County's Municipal Development Plan and Land Use By-law to allow for the subdivision of two agricultural parcels, both being less than 79.1 acres in size.

Doug Elniski was in attendance as the applicant and there was a delegation present in opposition to the application.

John Navratil Sr., Roger Craig and Norine Schuster presented reasons to oppose the application.

Doug Elniski presented information in favor of the application.

Tom Vessely, Morris Victoor and David Truckey presented additional information in opposition to the application.

Doug Elniski made a final statement in favor of the application.

Bylaw #15/14  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
#342/14

**Councillor Don Savage:** That Bylaw No. 15/2014 receive second reading.

Defeated 2-5

Bylaw #16/14  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
#343/14

**Councillor Albert St. Louis:** That Bylaw No. 16-2014 receive second reading.

Defeated 2-5

Doug Elniski and the delegation left the Meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Dane Visscher entered the Meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Reeve Massey recessed the Meeting at 11:33 a.m.

The Meeting reconvened at 11:36 a.m.

Public Hearing  
NE 30-59-24-W4

Council conducted a Public Hearing regarding an application to amend Westlock County's Municipal Development Plan Bylaw No. 18-2003 and Westlock County's Land Use Bylaw No. 19-2003 to allow for the subdivision of one 20 acre (+/-) parcel for country residential purposes on NE 30-59-24-W4.

The applicant Dane Visscher was present for the hearing.

Bylaw #17/14  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
#344/14

**Councillor Albert St. Louis:** That Bylaw No. 17-2014 be given first reading.

Carried 4-3

Bylaw #17/14  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
#345/14

**Councillor Don Savage:** That Bylaw No. 17-2014 receive second reading.

Carried 4-3

Consent for 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Reading  
#346/14

**Councillor Albert St, Louis:** That unanimous consent be received for Bylaw No. 17-2014 to be given third reading.

Defeated 6-1

Bylaw #18/14  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
#347/14

**Councillor Albert St. Louis:** That Bylaw No. 18-2014 be given first reading.

Carried 4-3

Bylaw #18/14  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
#348/14

**Councillor Don Savage:** That Bylaw No. 18-2014 receive second reading.

Carried 4-3

Dane Visscher and Manager Laurie Strutt left the Meeting at 11:51 a.m.

Administrator's  
Report  
#349/14

**Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Council accept the Administrator's Report for information as presented.

Carried 7-0

Councillor Ron Zadunayski brought the request from Wounded Warriors for financial support back to the floor.

Donation to  
Wounded Warriors  
#350/14

**Councillor Albert St. Louis:** That Westlock County donate \$2,500.00 to the Wounded Warriors Weekend 2014.

Defeated 1-6

Manager Laurie Strutt returned to the Meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Donation to  
Wounded Warriors  
#351/14

**Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** That Westlock County donate \$1,500.00 to the Wounded Warriors Weekend 2014.

Defeated 2-5

Richard Edwards left the Meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Correspondence  
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9. From Cardston County, a letter dated July 7, 2014 updating on their concerns about and negative experiences with the implementation of the New Home Warranty Program, and what changes they would like the AAMDC to lobby for on behalf of all the municipalities.

New Home Warranty  
Program  
#352/14

**Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Administration draft a letter to Cardston County in support of their concerns regarding the New Home Warranty Program, and present it to Council at the August 12, 2014 Council Meeting for review.

Carried 7-0

Manager Laurie Strutt left the Meeting at 12:15 p.m.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Subdivision & Development Appeal Board**

- A presentation was made by the Municipal Government Board

- **Emergency Management Committee**

- Nothing to report

- **Westlock Regional Municipal Airport Advisory Board**

- Plan to meet jointly with Westlock County, Town of Westlock and the Village of Clyde

- **Westlock Foundation**

- A meeting was held last week
  - There are heating and ventilation issues that are being dealt with

- **Westlock Seed Cleaning Co-Op Ltd.**

- Construction is going well

- **Westlock Regional Waste Management Services Commission**

- The scheduled meeting was postponed

- **Westlock & District FCSS Advisory Board**

- An organizational meeting was held
  - Town Councillor David Truckey is the Chairman and Debbie McCoy is the Vice-Chair

- **Westlock Municipal Library/Yellowhead Regional Library**

- Management has been very effective

- **Tawatinaw Community Futures Development Corporation**
  - Efforts are being made to encourage the City of St. Albert to join
- **Tawatinaw Valley Alpine & Nordic Centre Advisory Board**
  - There have not been any meetings of the Board
  - The Manager's contract is up for renewal
  - Enquiries have been made regarding extending the water line to the Half Pipe
  - A new snow gun may be purchased
- **GROWTH Alberta**
  - Discussion are underway regarding the Business Award Gala
  - The School Expo is scheduled to take place at St. Mary's School
- **Joint Services Committee**
  - Nothing to report
- **Westlock & District Historical Society**
  - Nothing to report
- **Alberta Trail Net**
  - Nothing to report
- **Community Development Committee**
  - Nothing to report
- **Westlock Regional Water Services Commission**
  - Meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. today (July 22)
- **Athabasca Watershed**
  - Nothing to report
- **Local Agricultural Societies**
  - A work bee is being scheduled to repair the bleachers
  - Reeve Massey and Councillors Jim Wiese and Ron Zadunayski have volunteered to help
- **Westlock Drug Task Force**
  - A meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2014
  - Search is on to find a new treasurer
  - There is possibly going to be a name change
  - A budget update was received
  - Kendall Taylor has resigned his position as Chairman
  - Darren Flemmer is the new Chairman

▪ **Public Relations Committee**

-Nothing to report

▪ **ASB Provincial Tour** (Attended by Councillor Ron Zadunayski)

- Visited the JBS Feedlot
- Global Thermal Electric
- Bassano Dam
- Leaf Cutter Bees
- Dairy Farm
- Potato Farm
- TCB Welding & Construction
- Meat Plant
- Crop Research Station
- Canola Farm

Committee Reports  
#353/14

**Councillor Don Savage:** That Council accept the Committee Reports for information as presented.

Carried 7-0

Dennis Halyk entered the Meeting at 12:37 p.m.

In Camera  
#354/14

**Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** That the Meeting go In Camera at 12:37 p.m. to discuss personnel issues and Interim Administrator Rick McDonald, Manager of Finance & Administration Peggy Hardinge, Dennis Halyk and Executive Assistant Cary Mueller remain in the Meeting.

Carried 7-0

Peggy Hardinge, Manager of Finance & Administration left the Meeting at 12:59 p.m.

Dennis Halyk left the Meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Regular Meeting  
#355/14

**Councillor Don Savage:** That Council return to the Regular Meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Carried 7-0

Adjourn  
#356/14

**Councillor Albert St. Louis:** That the Meeting be adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Carried 7-0

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Reeve

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Administrator