

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 28, 2015

Members Present

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

Sue Oberg, Assistant County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, Bill Mills, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure, Kelvin Schram, Manager of Operations, and Jacolyn Tigert, Manager of Agriculture Services were present at the Meeting.

There were a number of people in attendance at the Meeting; Ray Galas, Ken and Noreen Schuster, David Truckey, Tom Vesely and Mike Brietkreuz.

Reeve Bud Massey called the Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Special Community Announcements:

- Members of Council and Administration participated in the Jarvie Community Parade on July 25, 2015.

Agenda Adopted #232/15

Councillor Don Savage: That the Agenda be adopted, as amended:

Add: 13.1 RCMP

Carried 6-0

Minutes Adopted #233/15

Councillor Jim Wiese: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 23, 2015 be adopted as presented.

Carried 6-0

Business Arising From the Minutes:

- Long Island Lake Assessment/Taxation Update.

Ereth Horinek entered the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Long Island Lake Assessment/Taxation Update. #234/15

Councillor Jim Wiese: That the Long Island Lake Assessment/Taxation Update be accepted for information as presented.

Carried 6-0

- Athabasca Landing Trail Update.

Athabasca Landing Trail Update #235/15

Councillor Mel Kroetsch: That the Athabasca Landing Trail Update be accepted for information as presented.

Carried 6-0

- Pembina River District 3 Update

Pembina River District 3 Update 236/15

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: That the Pembina River District 3 Update be received for information as presented.

Carried 6-0

Reeve Bud Massey asked for questions or concerns from the audience:

- Noreen Schuster commented on the lack of Grader activity on her road. She also enquired about the time line for reviewing assessment information.
- Ray Galas expressed concern about Westlock County declaring an Agricultural Disaster. He also enquired about the policy of cleaning of culverts.
- David Truckey commented regarding taxes at Long Island Lake.
- Ereth Horinek voiced concerns about the increase in property taxes at Long Island Lake.
- Tom Vesely commented regarding tax equities.

Members of the Westlock Foodbank entered the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Ereth Horinek left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Representatives from AFSC, Karena Chapotelle, Joeseeph Fedyniak, and Glen Snethun entered the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Tom Vesely left the Meeting at 9:50 a.m.

AFSC Presentation

Glen Snethun presented information regarding AFSC and concerns related to the current drought conditions.

Westlock Foodbank Presentation

Sister Eileen, Elaine Keller, Wanda McMillan, and Sharon Kennedy presented information regarding the Westlock Foodbank.

David Hall and Sheila Willis entered the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Donation to Westlock Foodbank #237/15

Councillor Don Savage: That Westlock County contribute \$1000.00 per month to the Westlock Foodbank for the months of July 2015 to December 2015. The funds will come from contingencies.

Carried 6-0

The representatives of the Westlock Foodbank left at 10:32 a.m.

FHNAS Presentation

Sheila Willis from the Friends of Historical Northern Alberta Society (FHNAS) made a presentation to Council and requested funding to assist with developing a Website which would highlight points of interest in Westlock County and Northern Alberta.

Developmental Strategy Report #238/15

Councillor Jim Wiese: That Administration prepare a report including details on how the proposed Website would benefit Westlock County and their developmental strategy.

Carried 6-0

Sheila Willis left the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Tina Viney, from Shoemaker Viney and Friesen entered the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Jacolyn Tigert Manager of Agricultural Services presented Crop Samples to indicate the severe drought condition in the area.

Declaration of
Agricultural Disaster
in Westlock County
#239/15

Councillor Don Savage: That Council declare a State of Agricultural Disaster in Westlock County and encourages the Provincial and Federal Government Officials to initiate necessary disaster recovery programs which would provide assistance to our agricultural producers.

Carried 6-0

Councillor Jim Wiese left the meeting at 11:03 a.m. and returned at 11:05 a.m.

Public Awareness
#240/15

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: That Westlock County prepare information for Public awareness regarding the problems and concerns when transferring hay and feed from out of Province.

Carried 5-0

ASB Report
#241/15

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: That Council accept the Agricultural Services Report for information as presented.

Carried 6-0

Reeve Massey recessed the Meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Reeve Massey reconvened the Meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Peggy Hardinge Manager of Finance and Administration entered the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

The Representatives of AFSC left the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Tina Viney, from Shoemaker Viney and Friesen presented the 2014 audited Financial Statement and FIR Report for Westlock County.

Financial Statements
#242/15

Councillor Dennis Primeau: That Council accept the 2014 audited Financial Statement and FIR Report for information as presented.

Carried 6-0

Councillor Don Savage left the meeting at 12:05 p.m. and returned at 12:06 p.m.

Tina Viney left the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Mike Brietkreuz and Ken and Noreen Schuster left the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

CUPE representatives Marilyn Mottola, Dennis Sand and Bruinella Mitchell entered the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

In Camera
#243/15

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: That the Meeting go In Camera at 12:07 to discuss personnel issues. CAO Peter Kelly, Assistant CAO Sue Oberg, Director of Engineering and Infrastructure Bill Mills, Manager of Operations Kelvin Schram, Executive Assistants Lisa Germann and Cary Mueller, and CUPE Representatives Marilyn Mottola, Dennis Sand and Bruinella Mitchell shall remain in the meeting.

Carried 6-0

The CUPE Representatives left the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

Mike Breitkreuz re-entered the meeting at 12:22 p.m. and he left the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Regular Meeting
#244/15

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: That Council return to the Regular Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Carried 6-0

Correspondence:

a) From The Summer Village of Larkspur, a request for participation in a Lake Management Plan.

Lake Management
Plan
#245/15

Councillor Jim Wiese: That Council request Administration to prepare and present additional information regarding the request to participate in a Lake Management Plan.

Carried 6-0

b) From Marge Round, a Letter of Thanks for fixing her road.

c) From Premier Notley, a Letter of Thanks.

Correspondence
#246/15

Councillor Don Savage: That the correspondence be accepted for information as presented.

Carried 6-0

Fire Services Report
#247/15

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: That Council accept the Fire Services Report for information as presented.

Carried 6-0

Planning and
Development
#248/15

Councillor Dennis Primeau: That Council accept the Planning and Development Report for information as presented

Carried 6-0

Peace Officer Report
#249/15

Councillor Mel Kroetsch: That Council accept the Peace Officer Report for information as presented.

Carried 6-0

Financial Variance
Report
#250/15

Councillor Jim Wiese: That Council accept the Financial Variance Report for information as presented.

Carried 6-0

MSI Information
#251/15

Councillor Dennis Primeau: That Council accept the MSI Information Report for information as presented.

Carried 6-0

Utilities Report
#252/15

Councillor Don Savage: That Council accept the Utilities Report for information as presented.

Carried 6-0

Public Works Report
#253/15

Councillor Don Savage: That Council accept the Public Works Report for information as presented.

Carried 6-0

Manager Kelvin Schram left the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

Clyde Water
Agreement
#254/15

Councillor Don Savage: That Council accept the recommendation from Administration and authorize negotiations with the Village of Clyde to enter into a Water Services Agreement, based on Option 1.

Carried 6-0

Bridge Maintenance
Tender
#255/15

Councillor Dennis Primeau: That Westlock County award the Tender for Bridge Maintenance to Bridgemen Services Ltd. for \$506,300.00 plus GST of which \$256,000.00 will come from contingencies.

Carried 6-0

Councillor Jim Wiese left the meeting at 2:15 p.m. and returned at 2:17 p.m.

Westlock Library
Letter of Support
#256/15

Councillor Jim Wiese: That Westlock County provide a Letter of Support to the Westlock Library for their CFEP Grant Application for funding for the proposed stair-lift installation at M. Alice. Frose Public Library in Fawcett.

Carried 6-0

Accounts for
Payment
#257/15

Councillor Don Savage: That the Accounts for Payment in the amount of \$1,072,444.79 be authorized for payment.

Carried 6-0

RCMP Discussion
#258/15

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: That Administration provide additional information for Council regarding response times for the RCMP.

Carried 5-1

Bill Mills Manager of Operations, left the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

In Camera
#259/15

Councillor Don Savage: That the Meeting go In Camera at 2:23 p.m. to discuss legal matters and CAO Peter Kelly and Executive Assistants Lisa Germann and Cary Mueller shall remain in the Meeting.

Carried 6-0

Regular Meeting
#260/15

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: That Council return to the Regular Meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Carried 6-0

Airport Agreement
#261/15

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: That Council authorize endorsing the Airport Agreement with the condition that Section 11.5 regarding financial issues, is resolved.

Carried 6-0

Lease Agreement
#262/15

Councillor Don Savage: That Westlock County ratify the Lease Agreement with Horizon North Camp & Catering Partnership with the addition of a clause to offer them First Right of Refusal if an offer to purchase is received for this property.

Carried 6-0

Adjourn
#263/15

Councillor Dennis Primeau: That the Meeting be adjourned the Meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Carried 6-0

Reeve

Administrator