

**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, JUNE 23, 2015**

Members Present

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

Sue Oberg, Assistant County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, Bill Mills, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure and Shirley Moerman, Executive Assistant, were present at the Meeting.

There were a number of people in attendance at the Meeting; a delegation of land owners from Long Island Lake and members of the Westlock Curling Club..

Reeve Bud Massey called the Meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**Special Community Announcements:**

- Pibroch Community is hosting their annual barbecue on Tuesday June 30, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
- Reeve Massey presented a letter from Helmut Jantz thanking Westlock County Council and staff for moving a large rock as requested.

Agenda Adopted #221/15

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

Add: 13.1 Echo Lake  
13.2 ESRD

Carried 7-0

Minutes Adopted #222/15

**Councillor Jim Wiese:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 9, 2015 be adopted as presented.

Carried 7-0

Public Concerns

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

- John Navratil mentioned that he believes the Summer Village Larkspur was formed in 1992 and at that time there was a signed agreement for the residents at Long Island Lake who did not want to join the Summer Village of Larkspur.
- Roger Craig spoke about a 57 % increase in his taxes, roads are graded twice a year. He made a comparison to the services in a hamlet (water and sewer)
- Greta & Lloyd Stelmach commented on the use only being seasonal, therefore their property should be considered recreational and not residential.
- Deborah Holick Ostash referenced the Reeve's Report and that there was no advance notice of the change in assessment classification.
- Susan Vesely is concerned about lack of dialogue prior to receiving the tax notice, being taxed as residential and assessed as recreational and that there are no services provided.

- David Truckey requested that Westlock County pave Secondary Hwy 801; is concerned with the difference in taxes at the Summer Village of Larkspur in comparison to the others outside of the Summer Village boundary and possible Summer Village annexation.
- Morris Victoor is concerned with drainage that he resolved at his cost.
- Gwen Kenderdine has been a property owner since 1960, and is concerned there was no consultation, and that there was an agreement back in 1990 between the residents and the County.
- Ereth Horinek is concerned about the sharp and sudden increase.
- Noreen Schuster asked about the time line regarding the findings and how they will be informed.
- David Schuster is concerned about his property category and not about his assessment.
- Larry McGlone has seen a 66% increase over the past number of years
- Ken Umbach's property has been rezoned by the County a number of times over that last few years and he has not been notified.
- Paula Clark and Steph Gervais from the Westlock Curling Club, inquired about possible grant funding to help with the annual rent that is paid to the Town of Westlock. The short fall for this year is expected to be \$4,000.00.

The delegation left the Meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Reeve Bud Massey recessed the Meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Reeve Bud Massey reconvened the Meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Alberta Trail Net

Representatives from Alberta Trail Net entered the Meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Linda Strong-Watson, George Wane and Fred Wilton, representatives from Alberta Trail Net, had a power point presentation and a funding request for \$5,000.00 per year less the insurance cost, for the next three years, in support of the work of the Athabasca Landing Trail Steering Committee.

Athabasca Landing  
Trail Report  
#223/15

**Councillor Mel Kroetsch:** That Administration prepare a report regarding the Athabasca Landing Trail for the July 28, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried 7-0

Shoemaker, Viney &  
Friesen Appointment  
#224/15

**Councillor Albert St. Louis:** That the appointment scheduled for 10:30 a.m. with Tina Viney, Shoemaker, Viney & Friesen, be deferred to the July 28, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried 7-0

Fire Safety House  
#225/15

**Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** That Westlock County purchase the Fire Safety House "Society Education Trailer" from the Fire Instruction Rescue & Escape Society, for \$1.00.

Carried 5-2

General Holiday  
July 1, 2015  
#226/15

**Councillor Jim Wiese:** That June 29, 2015 be designated as the General Holiday in lieu of Canada Day for the Transportation Services Department hourly employees.

Carried 7-0

Alternate Locations

Possibility of alternate locations for Council Meetings were discussed.

Pembina River  
District 3  
#227/15

**Councillor Don Savage:** That CAO Peter Kelly and Reeve Bud Massey prepare a resolution regarding Off Highway Vehicles being banned during the fire season, for presentation at the Pembina River District 3 Meeting.

Carried 7-0

Accounts for  
Payment  
#228/15

**Councillor Don Savage:** That Council authorize the Accounts for Payment for the amended amount of \$281,728.61.

Carried 7-0

Parks Bylaw Review  
#229/15

**Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** That Administration review the Parks Bylaw No. 19-1992 and report back to Council.

Carried 7-0

ESRD closure of  
Crown Land

Council discussed ESRD closing a portion of Crown Land from June 26, 2015 to July 23, 2015. Additional information will be provided to Council by ESRD at the end of the 28 day closure after they have had a chance to do a review of the situation.

In Camera  
#230/15

**Councillor Albert St. Louis:** That the Meeting go In Camera at 11:55 a.m. to discuss a land issue and CAO Peter Kelly, Sue Oberg, Assistant CAO, Bill Mills, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure and Executive Assistants Cary Mueller and Shirley Moerman shall remain in the Meeting.

Carried 7-0

Bill Mills, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure left meeting at 12:28 p.m.

Regular Meeting  
#231/15

**Councillor Albert St. Louis:** That Council return to the Regular Meeting at 12:46 p.m.

Carried 7-0

Reeve Bud Massey adjourned the Meeting at 12:46 p.m.

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Reeve

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Administrator