

**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 9, 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 Kelvin Schram, Operations Supervisor were present at the Meeting.

John Tymko was in attendance at the Meeting.

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

**Special Community Announcements:**

- The Reeve asked Council, Staff and the Public to rise for a Moment of Silence in honour of the Fallen EPS Constable Daniel Woodall who unfortunately lost his life in the line of duty on Monday of this week.
- Pembina Heights Community is hosting their annual barbecue on Sunday June 14, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
- Long Island Lake Rodeo will be held this Saturday June 13, 2015.
- Busby is celebrating their Centennial Year on Saturday June 13, 2015 and the County float will be completed and participating in the parade.

Agenda Adopted #193/15

**Councillor Jim Wiese:** That the Agenda be adopted, as amended:

- Add: - 7.5 Update re Dust Control on Range Road 265  
- 7.6 Update on Echo Lake and ESRD  
-11.9 Policy Committee

Carried 7-0

Minutes Adopted #194/15

**Councillor Don Savage:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held May 26, 2015 be adopted as presented.

Carried 7-0

Public Concerns

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

- John Tymko voiced concerns regarding the limitation of Council to give direction. He thinks they should have more control. He also voiced concerns regarding potholes on undeveloped road allowances and the Hutterites attaining the gravel pit. Mr. Tymko was advised of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) and the rules and regulations that Council is obligated to adhere to.

Mr. Tymko left the Meeting at 9:29 a.m.

**Consideration of Deferred Business:**

1) Equipment Replacement Update

- Director Bill Mills and Supervisor Kelvin Schram presented an update regarding the cost to replace the engines in Units #1323 and #1327 and the replacement of County equipment

Disposal of County Units 1323 & 1327 #195/15

**Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Council accept the recommendation from Administration and dispose of Unit #1323 and Unit #1327 at public auction and defer the decision regarding the purchase of a new truck until the June 23, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried 6-1

Glen van Dijken, MLA

MLA Glen van Dijken entered the Meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Supervisor of Operations Kelvin Schram, left the Meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Glen van Dijken, MLA for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock discussed various issues and concerns with Council:

- Attending Council Meetings on a quarterly basis
- Turning lanes at Westlock County Industrial Park and possible alternatives that will enable further development
- Quality of life and safety concerns of the residents located near Crown Land
- Paving of the section of Secondary Highway 661 that is not currently paved
- Paving of the entire section of Township Road 590 located within Westlock County to match the adjoining paved sections in Barrhead County and Thorhild County
- Reinstating the Bridge Funding Program
- Infrastructure in rural areas in general not being sufficiently funded in comparison to the urban areas
- Engineering costs of all Municipalities and possible solutions

Doug Whiston-Smith entered the Meeting at 10:01 a.m.

Glen van Dijken left the Meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Reeve Massey recessed the Meeting at 10:29 a.m.

The Meeting reconvened at 10:34 a.m.

Jessica Huppertz Toews, Community Liaison, entered the Meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Westlock Library Presentation and Minister's Award of Excellence for Library Services

Doug Whiston-Smith, Director of Westlock Libraries, presented an overview of the Library operations as well as a Strategic Plan of Service for Westlock Libraries 2014-2019. He also displayed the Minister's Award of Excellence for Library Services that the recently presented to the Westlock Library.

Kathy Lenny, Development Officer, entered the Meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Alan O'Brien entered the Meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Doug Whiston-Smith left the Meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Jessica Huppertz Toews left the Meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Public Hearing  
Pt NW 31-59-26W4

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 a six parcel multi-lot development on Pt. NW 31-59-26-W4.

Alan O'Brien was present as the applicant for this Hearing.

Laurie Strutt, Director of Planning & Community Services, entered the Meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Mr. O'Brien spoke in support of his application.

Bylaw #06/15  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
#196/15

**Councillor Don Savage:** That Bylaw No. 06-2015 be given second reading.

Carried 7-0

Bylaw #06/15  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading  
#197/15

**Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Bylaw No. 06-2015 receive third reading and be finally passed.

Carried 7-0

Bylaw #07/15  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
#198/15

**Councillor Don Savage:** That Bylaw No. 07-2015 be given second reading.

Carried 7-0

Bylaw #07/15  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading  
#199/15

**Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Bylaw No. 07-2015 receive third reading and be finally passed.

Carried 7-0

Alan O'Brien left the Meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Director Laurie Strutt and Development Officer Kathy Lenny left the Meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Jessica Huppertz Toews re-entered the Meeting at 11:09 a.m.

2) Canada 150 Program

Community Liaison Officer Jessica Huppertz Toews presented information regarding 2 proposed Canada 150 Grant applications.

Canada 150 Grants  
#200/15

**Councillor Don Savage:** That Council support the Canada 150 Grant applications as presented:

1. Tawatinaw Valley Alpine & Nordic Centre – Expansion to Facility to Increase Usage for Non-Skiers and Off-Season (\$250,000.00)
2. Long Island Lake Municipal Campground – Expansion of Stalls, Move Tent Area to Day Use, Expand Tent Area for Stalls, Showers, Laundry Facility and Water Treatment Centre (\$400,000.00)

Carried 6-1

Jessica Huppertz Toews left the Meeting at 11:25 a.m.

3) Appointment of Weed/Pest Inspector

Weed/Pest Inspector #201/15

**Councillor Albert St. Louis:** That Council appoint Don Medcke as a Weed and Pest Inspector for Westlock County for 2015.

Carried 7-0

4) Recommendation Regarding Allocation of Funds

Allocation of Funds Purchase Backhoe #202/15

**Councillor Dennis Primeau:** That Council support the option to put \$136,219.00 towards the purchase of a new back hoe for Public Works.

Defeated 3-4

Allocation of Funds Tawatinaw Ski Hill #203/15

**Councillor Albert St. Louis:** That Council support the option to put \$136,219.00 towards the completion of the new chalet at the Tawatinaw Valley Ski Hill.

Councillor Dennis Primeau requested a recorded vote:

Yea:

Nay:

Reeve Bud Massey  
Councillor Ron Zadunayski  
Councillor Albert St. Louis  
Councillor Jim Wiese  
Councillor Don Savage

Councillor Dennis Primeau  
Councillor Mel Kroetsch

Carried 5-2

Reeve Bud Massey recessed the Meeting at 11:42 a.m.

The Meeting reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

Dust Control Project Update

5) Dust Control Project

- Director Bill Mills presented an update regarding a request for dust control on Range Road 265. Traffic Counters will be put in place and a report will be presented at a future Council Meeting.

Echo Lake Update

6) Echo Lake Update

- Administration met with representatives from ESRD and the RCMP. A summary of the Meeting was presented to Council for information. ESRD has scheduled to eliminate public access to the Crown Land located at SW 19-59-23W4 for a period of 28 days after which time other options will be explored.

Licenses/Permits For ATV's #204/15

**Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Administration explore the possibility of inputting a Bylaw to make it a requirement for all ATV's to have a license or permit to operate within the boundaries of Westlock County and present a report to Council for review.

Carried 7-0

Closing of  
Undeveloped Road  
Allowances  
#205/15

**Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** That Administration prepare a report for Council regarding the possible closure of the undeveloped road allowances that access the Crown Land that has been the site of unwanted and unsafe activity as per the delegation that attended the Council Meeting on May 26, 2015.

Carried 7-0

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) Request from Half Moon Lake Community Association for a Letter of Support in principle regarding their Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant application.

Letter of Support  
Half Moon Lake  
#206/15

**Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** That Westlock County provide a letter of support to the Half Moon Lake Community Association for their application for funding to the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) to increase the energy efficiency of the Half Moon Lake Community Hall.

Carried 7-0

- b) A letter of thanks from Westlock Parent Link Centre for the financial support they received from Westlock County.
- c) A thank-you card from Parent Link.
- d) An invitation from Healthy Families Healthy Futures to their Annual General Meeting on June 15, 2015.  
  
- Councillor Mel Kroetsch will attend
- e) An invitation from Fortis to attend the Ponoka Stampede.  
  
- Councillors Don Savage and Mel Kroetsch and their spouses will attend
- f) Information from Alberta Culture and Tourism regarding the 2015 Energize Workshop in Lake Louise.
- g) Information from Alberta Recreation & Parks regarding 2015 ARPA Conference & Energize Workshop in Jasper.

Councillor Albert St. Louis left the Meeting at 12:40 p.m. and returned at 12:44 p.m. to take a phone call.

Correspondence  
#207/15

**Councillor Dennis Primeau:** That the correspondence be accepted for information as presented.

Carried 6-0

Utility Bylaw #10/15  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
#208/15

**Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** That Bylaw No. 10-2015, that being a Bylaw of Westlock County to provide for the levying and collecting of water, sewer and solid garbage waste collection rates and charges to users of those services supplied by Westlock County, receive first reading.

Carried 6-0

- Bylaw #10/15  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
#209/15                   **Councillor Don Savage:** That Bylaw No. 10-2015 be given second reading.  
  
Carried 6-0
- Consent for  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading  
#210/15                   **Councillor Ron Zadunayski:** That consent be given for Bylaw No. 10-2015 to  
receive third reading and be finally passed.  
  
Carried Unanimously 6-0
- Bylaw #10/15  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading  
#211/15                   **Councillor Dennis Primeau:** That Bylaw No. 10-2015 receive third reading and be  
finally passed.  
  
Carried 6-0
- Director of Engineering and Infrastructure Bill Mills presented Council with an update  
on the Transportation Services Department.
- Engineering &  
Infrastructure Report  
#212/15                   **Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Council accept the Engineering and Infrastructure  
Report for information as presented.  
  
Carried 7-0
- Lifting of New  
TVSH Chalet  
#213/15                   **Councillor Don Savage:** That Council accept the recommendation from  
Administration and award the tender to lift the new chalet at the Tawatinaw Valley  
Ski Hill to NCV Industrial for the amount of \$496,513.00 plus GST.  
  
Carried 7-0
- Tansy Incentive  
Program Policy  
No. 11.03.1  
#214/15                   **Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Council approve the Tansy Incentive Program Policy  
No. 11.03 with the amendment:  
  
5.1 - add “or farm unit” to two places that refer to a landowner  
  
Carried 7-0
- Refer Policy #2.02 &  
Policy #3.13 to  
Policy Committee  
#215/15                   **Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Policy No. 2.02 – Code of Conduct for Council  
Members and Policy No. 3.13 – Code of Conduct for Municipal Employees, be  
referred to the Policy Committee for further review.  
  
Carried 7-0
- Planning/Community  
Services Report  
#216/15                   **Councillor Don Savage:** That Council accept the Planning & Community Services  
Report for information as received.  
  
Carried 7-0
- Accounts for  
Payment  
#217/15                   **Councillor Don Savage:** That the Accounts for Payment in the amount of  
\$ 581,496.91 be approved for payment.  
  
Carried 7-0
- Policy Committee  
#218/15                   **Councillor Jim Wiese:** That Council as a Whole be appointed as the Policy  
Committee for Westlock County.  
  
Carried 7-0

In Camera  
#219/15

**Councillor Dennis Primeau:** That the Meeting go In Camera at 1:20 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal issues and CAO Peter Kelly, Sue Oberg, Assistant CAO, Bill Mills, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure and Executive Assistant Cary Mueller shall remain in the Meeting.

Carried 7-0

Regular Meeting  
#220/15

**Councillor Dennis Primeau:** That Council return to the Regular Meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Carried 7-0

Reeve Bud Massey adjourned the Meeting at 2:15 p.m.

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Reeve

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Administrator