

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, MAY 26, 2015

Members Present

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

Sue Oberg, Assistant County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer and Gyani Shrestha, Construction Supervisor were present at the Meeting.

There were a number of members of the public in attendance.

Reeve Bud Massey called the Meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Special Community Announcements:

- Community Garden Plots opened on May 25, 2015.
- Thank-you to volunteer firefighters and staff for the great job they did fighting fires in the recent weeks.
- Thank-you you to the residents for their assistance and co-operation during the recent fires

Agenda Adopted #172/15

Councillor Don Savage: That the Agenda be adopted, as presented.

Carried 7-0

Minutes Adopted #173/15

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held May 12, 2015 be adopted as presented.

Carried 7-0

Public Concerns

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

- Natalie Langkopf presented Council with a petition from the residents in the area of Half Moon Lake and Echo Lake. They have concerns for their safety regarding fires and shooting in the area and are requesting:
 - a) Closure of the public access road at Township Road 592A and Range Road 234
 - b) Immediate Supervision of Echo Lake Campground
 - c) Law Enforcement presence on long weekends and during hunting season
- Bevin McNelly voiced concerns regarding the use of ATV's on Crown Land during the dry season. He would like to see them banned during this time and to have the area monitored more closely and suggested the possibility of hiring a private security company. Mr. McNelly also mentioned the unsupervised Echo Lake Campground.
- Bernice Rennie has concerns that nothing has been done to clean up the area where all the shooting has taken place.
- Jeanne Kallal voiced concerns regarding the fires, shooting, illegal ATV's and Echo Lake.
- Heinz Langkopf requested that a gate be installed at the access to the problem area.

- Ryan Langkopf presented concerns of behalf of residents that were not able to attend the Council Meeting. One of the concerns not previously mentioned was the fences that are being cut or disregarded and the problem it causes with the livestock.

Dwayne Rawson RCMP Staff Sergeant, entered the Meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Administration advised that a report will be prepared regarding these concerns.

Some members of the delegation left the Meeting at 10:04 a.m.

- Graham Clews and Ed Kallal voiced concerns regarding dust control on Range Road 265. They are requesting that Westlock County provide dust control at no cost as this road has high traffic volumes.
- Wayne Cannard spoke regarding dust control on Township Road 590 as well as the need to pull the shoulders, grade less often and possibly change the grading technique.

Councillor Don Savage left the Meeting at 10:18 a.m. and returned at 10:19 a.m.

Reeve Massey recessed the Meeting at 10:31 a.m.

The Meeting reconvened at 10:37 a.m.

RCMP Update

RCMP Staff Sergeant Dwayne Rawson presented Council with an update of activity in the area.

He also provide an update on the Positive Ticketing Program, Partnerships with Youth and Joint Patrol Days.

Erik Nickolson, County Peace Officer entered the Meeting at 10:41 a.m.

RCMP Staff Sergeant Dwayne Rawson also suggested working jointly at a committee level with members of Council to address concerns and make recommendations for consideration.

Laurie Strutt, Director of Planning & Community Services, entered the Meeting at 10:43 a.m. and left at 10:45 a.m.

Staff Sergeant Dwayne Rawson left the Meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Erik Nickolson, County Peace Officer left the Meeting at 10:45 a.m.

The remaining members of the delegation left the Meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Policy No. 3.01 #174/15

Councillor Jim Wiese: That Council approve Personnel Policy No. 3.01 with the following amendments:

- Section 17 – change may to will
- Section 1 – change could and may to will
- Section 19 – delete the words and employees of contractors and any reference to contractors in this section

Councillor Albert St. Louis left the Meeting for a Medical Appointment at 10:50 a.m.

Utility Report
#175/15

Councillor Jim Wiese: That Council accept the budgetary information from the Utilities Department for information as presented as well as request the same report for the next quarter (June 30/15)

Carried 6-0

Transportation
Services Report
#176/15

Councillor Dennis Primeau: That Council accept the Transportation Services Report which includes progress status of Capital Projects as well as concerns previously presented to Council by members of the public, for information as presented.

Carried 6-0

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) E-mail from GROWTH Alberta regarding Golf Contingent June 11, 2015

- Reeve Bud Massey and Assistant CAO Sue Oberg will attend

GROWTH Golf
Contingent
#177/15

Councillor Don Savage: That Westlock County send up to 3 people to golf in the GROWTH Alberta Golf contingent and also supply a food platter.

Carried 6-0

b) Information regarding the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

Canada 150
#178/15

Councillor Dennis Primeau: That Administration search for possible projects that will qualify for funding under the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program.

Carried 6-0

Correspondence
#179/15

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

Carried 6-0

Appointment of
Weed Inspectors
Deferred
#180/15

Councillor Jim Wiese: That the recommendation from Administration to appoint Weed/Pest Inspectors be deferred to the June 9, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried 6-0

Policy 11.22
Weed Control Act
Appeal Panel
#181/15

Councillor Jim Wiese: That Council accept the recommendation from Administration and approve Policy No. 11.22 Weed Control Act Appeal Panel.

Carried 6-0

Policy 11.23
Agricultural Pests
Appeal Committee
#182/15

Councillor Mel Kroetsch: That Council accept the recommendation from Administration and approve Policy No. 11.23 Agricultural Pests Act Appeal Committee

Carried 6-0

Appoint Appeal
Panel & Committee
#183/15

Councillor Jim Wiese: That Council accept the recommendation from Administration and appoint the Municipal Planning Commission as the Agricultural Pests Appeal Committee and the Weed Control Act Appeal Panel.

Carried 6-0

Revise Mill Rate
Bylaw
#184/15

Councillor Jim Wiese: That Council amend the 2015 Mill Rate Bylaw which means collecting an additional tax levy of \$136,219.00 and request Administration to provide 3 options for identifying the expense for which the funds will be allocated, for the June 9, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried 5-1

Cancel July 14, 2015
Council Meeting
#185/15

Councillor Jim Wiese: That the July 14, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council be cancelled due to the Provincial Agricultural Service Board Tour.

Carried 6-0

Amended Mill Rate
Bylaw #09/15
1st Reading
#186/15

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: That Bylaw No. 09-2015, that being a Bylaw of Westlock County to rescind and replace Mill Rate Bylaw No. 08-2015, be given first reading.

Carried 6-0

Bylaw #09/15
2nd Reading
#187/15

Councillor Don Savage: That Bylaw No. 09-2015 receive second reading.

Carried 6-0

Consent for
3rd Reading
#188/15

Councillor Jim Wiese: That consent be given for Bylaw No. 09-2015 to receive third reading and be finally passed.

Carried Unanimously 6-0

Bylaw #09/15
3rd Reading
#189/15

Councillor Don Savage: That Bylaw No. 09-2015 receive third reading and be finally passed.

Carried 6-0

Councillor Albert St. Louis returned to the Meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Accounts for
Payment
#190/15

Councillor Don Savage That the Accounts for Payment in the amount of \$241,258.34 be approved for payment.

Carried 7-0

In Camera
#191/15

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: That the Meeting go In Camera at 12:11 p.m. to discuss legal, land and personnel issues and CAO Peter Kelly, Sue Oberg, Assistant CAO and Executive Assistant Cary Mueller shall remain in the Meeting.

Carried 7-0

Regular Meeting
#192/15

Councillor Ron Zadunayski: That Council return to the Regular Meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Carried 7-0

Reeve Bud Massey adjourned the Meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Reeve

Administrator