

**COUNCIL MINUTES
WOODLANDS COUNTY
April 5, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Council for Woodlands County was held Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at the Regional Municipal Office in Fort Assiniboine, Alberta, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

S. Bonnett
J. Rennie
R. Govenlock
D. McQueen
D. Pritchard

ABSENT:

C. Merrifield
D. Kluin

IN

ATTENDANCE:

L. Mercier, Chief Administrative Officer
L. Renfert, Recording Secretary
G. Frank, Director Planning & Community Services
A. Viersen, MP Peace River Westlock
T. Brittles, Accurate Assessment
C. Meadows, Accurate Assessment
S. Barrett, Accurate Assessment
K. Candy, 3CIS
B. Kerton, Barrhead Leader

CALLED

TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rennie at 7:02 p.m.

ADOPTION

OF AGENDA:

The following amendments were made to the agenda for this meeting:

Move: Water North Coalition (WNC) to Committee of the Whole 10.2

New Business:

Add:

7.10 Alberta Transportation Consultation
7.13 Biomass
7.14 Bylaw 480/16

C-15-192-16

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council adopt the April 5, 2016, agenda as amended.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Presiding Officer's Initials _____
Designated Officer's Initials _____

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2016

Change **Motion C-15-169-16** last line “**Barrhead.**” to “**Mayerthorpe.**”

C-15-193-16

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council adopt the minutes of the March 22, 2016, regular Council meeting as amended.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS: COUNCIL INVITATIONS

Council reviewed and discussed their availability with respect to the invitations received requesting Council representation.

C-15-194-16

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council authorize the attendance of Council to attend the 98th anniversary of the Whitecourt Legion Branch 44 on April 23, 2016, from 1 – 3:30 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-195-16

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council authorize the attendance of Council to attend the Blue Ridge Lumber 2016 Annual Woodlands Open House on April 27th or May 3rd from 4 – 8 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST – PT. ROAD PLAN 822-2836 WITHIN SE 36-60-10-W5M

Council reviewed and discussed J. Sloomweg’s report with respect to the road closure request on a portion of an undeveloped road plan (Plan 822-2836) located within SE 36-60-10-W5M.

C-15-196-16

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council direct administration to further investigate with Alberta Transportation other options available and report to Council.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

DELEGATION(S): ACCURATE ASSESSMENT

Troy Brittles, Chris Meadows and Sean Barrett with Accurate Assessment attended to do a presentation to Council on property assessment.

C-15-197-16

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council accept Accurate Assessment's presentation on assessment as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS: CENTRALIZATION OF INDUSTRIAL ASSESSMENT

(Con't)

C-15-198-16

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council direct administration to send a letter to the minister in support of the Alberta Assessors Association's position as to centralized industrial assessments.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

DELEGATION(S): ARNOLD VIERSEN, MP PEACE RIVER WESTLOCK

Arnold Viersen, MP Peace River Westlock was in attendance to provide Council with an update of what has been happening in Ottawa. MP Viersen reported that the soft wood lumber agreement has expired, he has been given the honor of being Deputy Critic for Rural Canada as well as is a Northern Aboriginal Affairs committee member.

C-15-199-16

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council accept the discussion with Arnold Viersen, MP for Peace River Westlock riding as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RURAL COMMUNICATION UTILITY TOWER STUDY

Kelly Candy, President of 3CIS, was in attendance to discuss the updated and revised rural communication utility tower study.

C-15-200-16

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council adopt the updated Rural Communication Utility Tower Study.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-201-16

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council support Administration's recommendation to begin implementing the tower location and construction in the Anselmo area and maximize the current funding available.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RECESS: Mayor Rennie recessed the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

RECONVENED: Mayor Rennie reconvened the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS: **ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST – PT. ROAD PLAN 2829LX**
(Cont'd) **BETWEEN NW/SW 1-59-10-W5M**

Council discussed the request to close part of road plan 2829LX between NW/SW 1-59-10-W5M.

C-15-202-16

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council deny the request for road closure for Pt. Road Plan 2829LX located between NW/SW 1-59-10-W5M as Alberta Transportation does not support the closure and further direct Administration to discuss with the landowner the option of entering into a lease agreement for the road allowance.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

CAPITAL FACILITY REQUESTS CLARIFICATION

C-15-203-16

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Woodlands County Council to fund 90% of the Goose Lake Recreation Society prioritized projects for \$49,900.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

TOWN OF WHITECOURT – SUBDIVISION REFERRAL W16-333 PLAN
052-4967 BLOCK 4 PUL LOT 11, PLAN 052-4967 BLK 4 LOT 9 (NW 19-
59-11-W5M)

C-15-204-16

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Administration respond to the Town of Whitecourt that Woodlands County does not have any concerns or objections to Subdivision Referral W16-333, Plan 052-4967 Block 4 PUL Lot 11, Plan 052-4967 Blk 4 Lot 9 (NW 19-59-11-W5M).

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONSULTATION – APP PRIORITIES –
WHITECOURT RCMP DETACHMENT**

C-15-205-16

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council endorse the Whitecourt RCMP Detachment Acknowledgement of Consultation regarding the priority issues as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

SELECT NEW COUNCIL RETREAT DATE

C-15-206-16

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council defer the selection of a new Council Retreat date to the next regular Council meeting.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

C-15-207-16

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council proclaim May 15 – 21, 2016, as National Public Works Week within Woodlands County.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

POLICY 3902 HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL

C-15-208-16

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council adopt Policy 3902 – Health, Safety and Environmental policy as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION CONSULTATION

C-15-209-16

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council direct Administration to arrange a teleconference with Alberta Transportation and advise Council of the date and time.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

BIOMASS

C-15-210-16

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council partner with the Town of Whitecourt and approve the unbudgeted expenditure of \$2,500 for Woodlands County's share of the Biomass Feedstock Map and Market Study.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

BYLAW 480/16

Council reviewed Bylaw 480/16 Operating Line of Credit.

C-15-211-16

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council give first reading to Bylaw 480/16.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-212-16

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council give second reading to Bylaw 480/16.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-213-16

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council proceed to third and final reading of Bylaw 480/16.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-214-16

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council give third reading to Bylaw 480/16.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION:

POINTS TO CAPTURE

C-15-215-16

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council accept:

Presiding Officer's Initials _____
Designated Officer's Initials _____

- 5.2 – MP Arnold Viersen;
- 5.3 – Rural Communication Utility Tower Study;
- 7.8 – Acknowledgement of Consultation – APP Priorities Whitecourt RCMP Detachment; and
- 7.11 – National Public Works Week

as the points to capture from the April 5, 2016, Council meeting.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Council reviewed L. Mercier’s report outlining correspondence received by Woodlands County.

C-15-216-16

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council accept the information package dated 21 March 2016 as circulated.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**REPORTS &
QUESTIONS
FROM MEMBERS
OF COUNCIL:**

Council members provided verbal reports from recent committee meetings and events they attended.

C-15-217-16

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council accept the Councillor’s reports, as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**COMMITTEE OF
THE WHOLE:**

C-15-218-16

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council move to an in-camera session at 9:08 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-219-16

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council come out of camera at 9:13 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

SELECTION OF PRIDE VALLEY AGGREGATE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

C-15-220-16

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council appoint, as discussed, the Industry Representatives for the Pride Valley Aggregate Oversight Committee.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-221-16

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council appoint Councillors Bonnett, Govenlock and Kluin as the Council representatives for the Pride Valley Aggregate Oversight Committee.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

WATER NORTH COLITION (WNC)

C-15-222-16

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council accept Councillor McQueen's report as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: C-15-223-16

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Mayor

Secretary