

**COUNCIL MINUTES
WOODLANDS COUNTY
June 7, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Council for Woodlands County was held Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at the Fort Assiniboine Legion in Fort Assiniboine, Alberta, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

S. Bonnett – late arrival at 7:03 p.m.
J. Rennie
R. Govenlock
D. Kluin
D. McQueen
D. Pritchard
C. Merrifield

**IN
ATTENDANCE:**

L. Mercier, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Wharton, Executive Assistant
W. Lacasse, Director Infrastructure Services
G. Frank, Director Planning & Community Services
D. Bachmier, Project Supervisor
J. Sloomweg, Manager, Planning & Development
D. Fortin, Manager, Agricultural Services
B. Kerton, Barrhead Leader
K. Kluin
S. Ainslie
E. Lawton
E. Dabels
W. Lawton
A. Dabels
S. Dabels
S. Jevne
L. Budney
A. O'Brien
B. Breikreitz
D. Breikreitz
C. Redington
L. Redington
J. Dalston
M. Ralston
L. Thompson
T. Thompson

**CALLED
TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rennie at 7:00 p.m.

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

**ADOPTION
OF AGENDA:**

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

New Business:

Add:

7.17 (7) Whitecourt District Chamber Golf Tournament

7.18 Summer Schedule

7.11 Tour Highway 32 - Development

C-15-340-16

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council adopt the June 7, 2016, agenda as amended.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES:**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2016

C-15-341-16

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council adopt the minutes of the May 17, 2016, regular Council meeting as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

BYLAW(S)

BYLAW 482/16 – DEBENTURE – ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ADDITION

C-15-342-16

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council give first reading to Bylaw 482/16 – Debenture – Administration Office Addition Bylaw.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-343-16

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council give second reading to Bylaw 482/16.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-344-16

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council proceed to third and final reading of Bylaw 482/16.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-345-16

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council give third reading to Bylaw 482/16.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

LATE ARRIVAL: Councillor Bonnett entered the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS: TIME EXTENSION REQUEST – SE 28-59-13 W5M – 2009SUB18

C-15-346-16

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council approve the request for a time extension to register subdivision Application 2009SUB18 to December 2, 2018 and this being the final time extension approval.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

COUNTY OF BARRHEAD NO. 11 REFERRAL – NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT 32-2016 – PT NE 26 & PT SE 35-61-5 W5M

C-15-347-16

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Woodlands County respond to the County of Barrhead that Woodlands County has no objection to Development Application 32-2016 and suggest that conditions be considered for mitigation for noise generated from the gravel extraction and crushing operations and tarping of trucks during hauls.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO REVIEW DESIGN GUIDELINES & CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS MANUAL AND POLICY 6120

C-15-348-16

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council establish a Special Council Meeting on June 20, 2016 at 9 am – 12 pm to review Draft Policy 6120 and Draft Design Guidelines and Construction Standards.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

BLUE RIDGE FIRE PUMPER

C-15-349-16

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council authorize administration to purchase a 2016 Fire Pumper Unit for the Blue Ridge Fire Department not to exceed \$500,000.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

NEW WHITECOURT MAINTENANCE SHOP TENDER RESULTS

C-15-350-16

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council awards the construction of the new Whitecourt maintenance shop to South West Design and Construction Ltd. at total cost of \$2,945,000.00 plus GST.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RECREATION MASTER PLAN – FRAMEWORK SETTING WORKSHOP

C-15-351-16

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Woodlands County Council authorizes all of Council to attend the Community workshops being held in June and the Framework Setting Workshop for the development of the Recreation Master Plan on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 5 p.m. at the Whitecourt Administration building.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING: 7:15 P.M. – COMMUNITY STANDARDS BYLAW 477/16

Mayor Rennie gave an overview of the bylaw, issues administration has encountered and how the public hearing works.

Mayor Rennie declared the public hearing for Bylaw 477/16 open at 7:16 p.m.

Joan Slootweg, Manager Planning & Development, reported that there were no written submissions received.

Mayor Rennie opened the floor for verbal submissions on proposed Bylaw 477/16.

Allan O'Brien owner of the Freeman River RV Park advised that he isn't against ball tournaments, however 2-3 of these functions get very loud and go until 3 a.m. He indicated that he has quiet time from 10:30 p.m. to 7

a.m. at his campground and feels that the County should be able to institute this as well.

Kelly Kluin lives in a Country Residential district on 30 acres with trees buffering around her and wanted to know if they were expected to be quiet at 11 pm and also asked if anyone was aware that grass 10 cm long is only 4 inches.

Chris Redington owner of Reddifast suggested that fines were maybe too low. For example a fine for noise at \$100 could allow 10 individuals to easily throw in \$10 each to cover it.

Lori Budney, indicated that there are quads and motorbikes without mufflers that run throughout the day and evenings which is a noise problem.

Lori Thompson indicated that to have an 11 p.m. noise restriction for ball tournaments and other events and functions such as weddings, family reunions isn't realistic. She further stated that bars are allowed to serve alcohol until 1 a.m. with consumption until 2 a.m. and she would not be happy to have a wedding that had to be shut down at 11 p.m. She also indicted there should not be a noise curfew.

Elaine Dabels advised that she was in agreement with Lori Thompson and stated that we were all young once and need to allow the younger people to live. She feels that the noise control issue has gotten out of hand, that these events bring money and people into the community. She further indicated if people are so against any kind of noise on the few events that occur in the community they should go to a retirement home.

Sandra Dabels, indicated that she has trouble sleeping on weekends during ball tournaments as the noise goes until 3 or 4 a.m.

Mayor Rennie declared the public hearing for Bylaw 477/15 be adjourned at 7:29 p.m. until June 8th, 2016 at 7:15 p.m.

RECESS: Mayor Rennie recessed the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

RECONVENED: Mayor Rennie reconvened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS: **COMMUNITY GARDEN**
(Con't)

C-15-352-16

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council direct administration to proceed with the Community Garden project for 2017 and include it in the 2017 budget.

IN-FAVOUR:

Mayor Rennie
Councillor Govenlock
Councillor Bonnett
Councillor Kluin
Councillor McQueen
Councillor Pritchard

OPPOSED:

Councillor Merrifield

CARRIED

VEGETATION CONTROL / MOWING CONTRACT AWARD

C-15-353-16

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Woodlands County Council awards the 2016-18 Vegetation Control/Mowing Contract to A & R Contracting for a total of \$358,400 plus GST.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DUST CONTROL

C-15-354-16

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council deny the request from the resident for an additional 700 metres of dust control.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ANSELMO AGRICULTURAL TRUCK FILL OPTIONS

C-15-355-16

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council direct administration to budget for an automated truck fill system in Anselmo for the 2017 year budget.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-356-16

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council direct administration to look into PFRA and Water for Life as well as any other government grants to expand the Anselmo Agricultural Truck fill system.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-357-16

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council direct administration to send a letter to Lac Ste. Anne County regarding the issues Woodlands County is having at the Anselmo Agricultural Truck fill.

IN-FAVOUR:

Mayor Rennie
Councillor Merrifield
Councillor Bonnett
Councillor Kluin
Councillor McQueen
Councillor Pritchard

OPPOSED:

Councillor Govenlock

CARRIED

ANSELMO HALL GARBAGE BIN USAGE

C-15-358-16

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council directs administration to install a lock on the garbage bin and issue a couple of keys to be kept at Anselmo Hall.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ANSELMO LOW-LEVEL CROSSING CULVERT INSTALLATION

C-15-359-16

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council accept the Anselmo, Low-Level Crossing Culvert Installation Report as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESPONSE FROM MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS ON INDUSTRIAL ASSESSMENT

C-15-360-16

MOVED by Mayor Rennie that Council accept the letter from Municipal Affairs on centralization of industrial assessment as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

LETTER OF SUPPORT – WEST END BUS ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

C-15-361-16

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council directs administration to forward a letter of support to the Town of Mayerthorpe for their Community Partnership Program application for the West End Bus Enhancement Project.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

WESTWARD CENTRE REQUEST

C-15-362-16

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Woodlands County donate the surplus economic development sign to the Whitecourt Agriculture Society to be utilized for an information board at the Westward Centre agriculture grounds.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

APPRECIATION LETTER ON MUNICIPAL TAXES

C-15-363-16

MOVED by Councillor Bonnet that Council accept the e-mail from Alberta Newsprint on their appreciation that there would be no tax increases for 2016.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

COUNCIL INVITATIONS

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

C-15-364-16

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council authorize the attendance of Councillor Govenlock to attend the retirement celebration for Living Waters Catholic Schools Superintendent Carol Lemay on June 10, 2016 at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Whitecourt at 5:30 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-365-16

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council authorize the attendance of Councillor Bonnett to attend the Blue Ridge Golden Age Club pot luck dinner on June 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Blue Ridge Community Hall.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-366-16

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council authorize the attendance of Mayor Rennie to attend Hilltop High School 2016 Graduation Ceremony on June 25, 2016 at the Scott Safety Centre at 3 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-367-16

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council authorize the attendance of Council to attend the Blue Ridge Logging Days Axe Throwing Competition for local politicians on Saturday, September 24, 2016 and send a challenge inviting staff and the Town of Whitecourt to participate.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-368-16

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council authorize the attendance of Councillor Pritchard to attend the Anthony Gordon Memorial Golf Classic on Monday, August 15, 2016 at the Whitecourt Golf & Country Club.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-369-16

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council authorize the attendance of Councillor Bonnett to attend the Mayerthorpe High School 2016 Graduation Ceremony on June 25, 2016 at the Mayerthorpe High School gymnasium at 2 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-370-16

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council accept the Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament as information

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-371-16

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council authorize the attendance of Councillor McQueen to attend the Fort Assiniboine Legion awards on June 15, 2016.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

SUMMER SCHEDULE

C-15-372-16

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council accept the summer schedule discussion as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ROAD TOUR – HIGHWAY 32

C-15-373-16

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council schedule a road tour on June 20th, 2016 from 1 - 2 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION:

POINTS TO CAPTURE

C-15-374-16

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council accept:

- 4.1 – Bylaw 482/16 – Debenture – Administration Office Addition;
- 6.1 – Public Hearing - Community Standards Bylaw 477/16;
- 7.4 – Blue Ridge Fire Pumper;
- 7.5 – New Whitecourt Maintenance Shop Tender Results;
- 7.6 – Recreation Master Plan – Framework Setting Workshop;
- 7.10 – Anselmo Agricultural Truck Fill Options; and
- 7.16 – Appreciation Letter on Municipal Taxes.

as the points to capture from the June 7, 2016, Council meeting.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

C-15-375-16

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council accepts the information package dated 26 May 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-15-376-16

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council accept the Councillor's reports, as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RECESS:

Mayor Rennie recessed the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

RECONVENED:

Mayor Rennie reconvened the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

C-15-377-16

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council move to an in-camera session at 8:43 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-378-16

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council come out of camera at 8:49 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

LAND PURCHASE REQUEST

C-15-379-16

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council approve the request to purchase land, at the cost of 50% of the market value of the 0.137 acre

parcel and 50% of the construction costs to replace access to Plan 152-0806, Blk 1, Lot 1 and further, that administration negotiate the land sale of the remaining 12.89 acres with the company that has an existing offer to purchase.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: C-15-380-16

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Mayor

Secretary