

**COUNCIL MINUTES
WOODLANDS COUNTY
February 7, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Council for Woodlands County was held Tuesday, February 7, 2017, at the Regional Municipal Office in Fort Assiniboine, Alberta, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

S. Bonnett
J. Rennie
R. Govenlock
D. Kluin
D. McQueen
D. Pritchard
C. Merrifield

**IN
ATTENDANCE:**

L. Mercier, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Wharton, Executive Assistant
B. Kerton, Barrhead Leader
C. Brownlee, Whitecourt Communication
J. DeBoer, Whitecourt Communication
C. Dodson, Whitecourt Communication

**CALLED
TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rennie at 7:01 p.m.

**ADOPTION
OF AGENDA:**

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

New Business:

Add:

- 7.1 Council Invitations
 - (2) Agriculture Service Board Appreciation Night
 - (3) RCMP Meeting Invitation
 - (4) Anselmo Firefighter's Valentines Ball
- 7.19 Fort Assiniboine Fire Department Responder Course

Remove:

- 7.2 Great Canadian 150 Rally Checkpoint Invitation
- 7.9 Request for Manager – Blue Ridge Community League

C-15-047-17

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council adopt the February 7, 2017 agenda as amended.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

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

Motion 15-049-17 amended on March 7, 2017, regular Council meeting correctly showing J. Rennie and C. Merrifield opposed to the motion

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2017

C-15-048-17

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council adopt the minutes of the January 17, 2017, regular Council meeting as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

COUNCIL INVITATIONS

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

C-15-049-17

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council accept the Community Lunch Box Society Celebration Night on Saturday, March 4, 2017 as information.

IN FAVOR: R. Govenlock
D. McQueen
S. Bonnett
D. Pritchard
D. Kluin

OPPOSED: J. Rennie
C. Merrifield

CARRIED

C-15-050-17

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council authorize the attendance of Council to attend the Whitecourt Fish & Game Association annual Wild Game Banquet and Dance on March 25, 2017.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-051-17

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council authorize the attendance of Council to attend the ASB Appreciation Night on February 24, 2017.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-052-17

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council direct administration to advise Sgt. Dodds, Barrhead RCMP Detachment that Woodlands County does not require a meeting with RCMP representatives at the AAMDC conference in March.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-053-17

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council authorize the attendance of Council to attend the Anselmo Firefighters Valentines Ball on February 11, 2017.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

AAMDC MEETING INVITATION

C-15-054-17

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council schedule a familiarization tour and meeting with AAMDC executives on May 26, 2017.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

SCHEDULE BUDGET MEETING

C-15-055-17

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council confirm the additional budget deliberation meeting at the Woodlands County Council Chambers in Whitecourt on February 8th from 1 to 4 pm.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

MEETING WITH MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AT AAMDC CONFERENCE

C-15-056-17

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council request to meet with Hon. Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs at the AAMDC 2017 Spring Convention in Edmonton and submit Carbon Tax, Centralized Assessment and Tax Sharing as items for discussion.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

TIME EXTENSION REQUEST 2013SUB03 – PLAN 892-2389 Lot 2 Pt. NE 28-58-13 W5M

C-15-057-17

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council approve the request for a time extension to register Subdivision Application 2013SUB03 to February 20, 2018.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ELECTION 2017 – ADVANCE VOTING

C-15-058-17

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council establish Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. as the date and time for the Woodlands County advance poll.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RECREATION MASTER PLAN AND THE STATE OF RECREATION RESEARCH REPORT DECEMBER 2016

C-15-059-17

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council send the Recreation Master plan and the State of Recreation Research Report dated December 2016 back to the Community Services Committee and consultant for additional ideas that could be incorporated to improve recreation or solve potential issues.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

DELEGATION(S): WHITECOURT COMMUNICATION

C. Brownlee, J. DeBoer and C. Dodson from Whitecourt Communication provided Council with a presentation on an opportunity to provide broadband services to the residents in the Whitecourt rural area.

C-15-060-17

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council accepts the Whitecourt Communication broadband services presentation as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS: VOYAGEUR BRIGADE – FORT ASSINIBOINE VOLUNTEER GROUP
Con't EVENT**

C-15-061-17

MOVED by Mayor Rennie that Council invite the Voyageur Brigade Fort Assiniboine Volunteer Group to the next council meeting to discuss the group's vision and budget for their Canada 150 event.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RECESS: Mayor Rennie recessed the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

RECONVENED: Mayor Rennie reconvened the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS: **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GRANT – CONNECT TO INNOVATE**
Con't

C-15-062-17

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council direct administration to apply for Connect to Innovate grant funds for the Goose Lake area for backbone network.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

GLOBAL PETROLEUM SHOW

C-15-063-17

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council approves \$3,800 for the Economic Development Committee to attend and have a joint booth with the Town of Whitecourt at the Global Petroleum Show in Calgary June 13-15, 2017.

IN FAVOR: J. Rennie
D. Kluin
C. Merrifield
S. Bonnett
D. Pritchard

OPPOSED: R. Govenlock
D. McQueen

CARRIED

COMPLAINT / INQUIRY SUMMARY 2016

C-15-064-17

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council accept the Complaint / Inquiry Summary 2016 as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

WHITECOURT HOSPICE CARE FACILITY

C-15-065-17

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council accept the letter from the Town of Whitecourt to Alberta Health Services regarding the Whitecourt Hospice Care Facility as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

SUPPORT LETTER

C-15-066-17

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council direct administration to forward the letter of support for the used oil materials recycling program to the Minister of Environment & Parks.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

TRANSMISSION LINE RELOCATION

C-15-067-17

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council accept the Altalink proposed 526L Transmission Line Relocation project as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF OILWELL DRILLING CONTRACTORS

C-15-068-17

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council declare February 13, 2017 as Oil and Gas Awareness Day in Woodlands County.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

MILLAR WESTERN REQUEST

C-15-069-17

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council approve Millar Western's request for the storage of up to 30,000 m³ of logs in the CN Pit subject to being able to accommodate the water / sewer lines and snowmobile trail that crosses the pit, as well as the storage of logs at the Masa Pit subject to the roads being maintained and any necessary dust control provided and that school bus routes and times be given priority for safe passage including site clean-up of debris upon removal of logs from both locations.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

FORT ASSINIBOINE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDER COURSE

Administration advised that a responder course has been scheduled by the Fort Assiniboine Fire Department for February 11, 2017 at the cost of \$4,800.00.

C-15-070-17

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council move to an in-camera session at 9:13 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-071-17

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council come out of camera at 9:32 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-072-17

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council approve \$4,800.00 in the 2017 budget for the Fire Department Responder Course taking place in Fort Assiniboine on February 11, 2017.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION:

POINTS TO CAPTURE

C-15-073-17

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council accept:

- 5.1 – Whitecourt Communication;
- 7.7 - Election 2017 – Advance Voting; and
- 7.17 – Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling.

as the points to capture from the February 7, 2017, Council meeting.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

C-15-074-17

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council accepts the information package dated 24 January 2017 as circulated.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

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

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

C-15-075-17

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

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-076-17

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council move to an in-camera session at 9:45 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-077-17

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council come out of camera at 9:56 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: C-15-078-17

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council adjourn the meeting at 9:57 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Mayor

Secretary