

**COUNCIL MINUTES  
WOODLANDS COUNTY  
September 19, 2017**

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The regular meeting of the Council for Woodlands County was held Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at the Municipal Office in Whitecourt, Alberta, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

**MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

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

**IN  
ATTENDANCE:**

L. Mercier, Chief Administrative Officer  
S. Wharton, Executive Assistant  
G. Frank, Director Planning & Community Services  
P. Shokeir, Whitecourt Star  
D. Yagos  
R. Swartzenberger  
C. Grande, Director of Community Services, Whitecourt

**CALLED  
TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rennie at 9:30 a.m.

**ADOPTION  
OF AGENDA:**

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

New Business:

**Add:**

7.1(7)Huestis Demonstration Forest Education Event  
7.1(8)Official Opening for Whitecourt Alberta Supports Centre  
7.1(9)Alberta Newsprint Invitation

Committee of the Whole:

**Add:**

10.1 Land Update

**C-15-493-17**

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council adopt the September 19, 2017 agenda as amended.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

Correction to be made on C-15-481-17 indicating Councillors Bonnett, Govenlock and McQueen opposed to motion.

**C-15-494-17**

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council adopt the minutes of the September 5, 2017, regular Council meeting as amended.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2017**

**C-15-495-17**

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council adopt the minutes of the August 28, 2017, special 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-15-496-17**

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council authorizes Council to attend the Blue Ridge Golden Age Club potluck luncheon on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at the Blue Ridge Community Hall.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-497-17**

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council authorize Mayor Rennie and Councillors McQueen and Kluin to attend the 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of

Bessie Stevens and John & Bessie's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on October 7, 2017 at the Fort Assiniboine Legion Branch 210, at 4:00 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-498-17**

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council authorize Council to attend the grand opening of Living Waters Catholic School's new Ecole St. Joseph School in Whitecourt on November 3, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-499-17**

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council authorize Mayor Rennie and Councillors McQueen, Kluin, Govenlock, Pritchard and Merrifield to attend the Whitecourt Family Violence Breakfast with the Guys event on October 25, 2017 from 7-9 a.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-500-17**

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council authorize Council to attend the Blue Ridge Logging Days Dinner and Axe Throwing Contest event taking place September 22-24, 2017.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-501-17**

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council approve the 2017 Council Swearing in Ceremony with Hon. Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture & Forestry for Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 4 pm at the Woodlands County Council Chambers in Whitecourt.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-502-17**

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council authorize Council to attend the Huetis Demonstration Forest Education Event on September 26, 2017.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-503-17**

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council authorize Council to attend the Official opening of the Whitecourt Alberta Supports Centre at 202 Midtown Mall, 5115-49 Street on October 4, 2017 from 1 – 3 pm.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-504-17**

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council authorize Council to attend the ANC tour taking place October 12, 2017 from 11 am – 1 pm.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**MOBILITY MAP FOR WOODLANDS COUNTY**

Council advised which areas within the County have little or no mobility service.

**C-15-505-17**

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council accepts the amended map as discussed and request Administration to forward it to Telus for a response.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**REGIONAL CARIBOU LETTER**

**C-15-506-17**

Moved by Councillor Bonnett that council endorse adding Mayor Rennie's signature on the regional caribou letter drafted by the Town of Hinton being sent to federal MP Jim Eglinski and Arnold Viersen.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**RECESS:** Mayor Rennie recessed the meeting to tour new office/addition at 9:41 a.m.

**RECONVENED:** Mayor Rennie reconvened the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

**TOUR OF NEW OFFICE / ADDITION**

**C-15-507-17**

Moved by Councillor Bonnett that council accept tour of new office addition as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**DELEGATION(S): LOW LEVEL CROSSING PRESENTATION WITH DARYL YAGOS & RENNAE SWARTZENBERGER**

Daryl Yagos and Rennae Swartzenberger raised concerns and issues with the low level crossing including, debris from repairs washing out and building up just down from crossing which restricts water flow and causing pooling, beaver issues and grates not being replaced quickly.

**C-15-508-17**

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council accept the low level discussion as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION:**

**POINTS TO CAPTURE**

**C-15-509-17**

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council accept:

- 5.2 - Joint Agreement – C. Grande, Director of Community Services Town of Whitecourt;
- 7.2 – Mobility Map for Woodlands County; and
- 7.3 – Regional Caribou Letter.

as the points to capture from the September 19, 2017, Council meeting.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

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

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

**C-15-510-17**

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

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**DELEGATION(S): JOINT USE AGREEMENT**

C. Grande, Director of Community Services with the Town of Whitecourt discussed the joint use agreement with Northern Gateway Schools. Items noted included additional insurance for high risk activities as recommended by both insurance companies, the requirement to have staff available for after hour activities and restriction on what rooms available for use for community organizations.

**C-15-511-17**

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council accept joint use agreement report as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

**C-15-512-17**

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council move to an in-camera session at 10:30 a.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-513-17**

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council come out of camera at 10:40 a.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**LAND UPDATE**

**C-15-514-17**

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council direct administration to discuss options with potential buyer.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT: C-15-515-17**

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

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Mayor

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Secretary