

**COUNCIL MINUTES
WOODLANDS COUNTY
February 21, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Council for Woodlands County was held Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at the Regional Municipal Office in Fort Assiniboine, Alberta, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

C. Merrifield

IN

ATTENDANCE:

L. Mercier, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Wharton, Executive Assistant
W. Lacasse, Director Infrastructure Services
B. Kerton, Barrhead Leader
Sgt. R.W. Dodds, Barrhead RCMP
J. Asterisk, Keepers of the Athabasca
Q. Olson, Voyageur Brigade Fort Assiniboine
E. Graham, Voyageur Brigade Fort Assiniboine
T. Olson, Voyageur Brigade Fort Assiniboine
D. Stevens, Voyageur Brigade Fort Assiniboine

**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:

7.13 Low Level Crossing

Committee of the Whole:

Add:

10.2 Tender Replacement

C-15-083-17

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council adopt the February 21, 2017 agenda as amended.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2017

C-15-084-17

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council adopt the minutes of the February 7, 2017, regular Council meeting as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2017

C-15-085-17

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council adopt the minutes of the February 8, 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-15-086-17

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council authorize the attendance of Council to attend the Blue Ridge Golden Age Club catered luncheon on March 8 at 1:00 pm at the Blue Ridge Community Hall.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-087-17

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council schedule a meeting with Living Waters Catholic Schools Board of Trustees on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-088-17

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council authorize the attendance of Council to attend the Industrial Hemp and Flax – A Growing Northern Alberta Opportunity seminar taking place in Whitecourt on April 4, 2017.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-089-17

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council ratify Councillor Merrifield's attendance at the 2017 Growing the North Conference in Grande Prairie from February 22-23, 2017.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

REQUEST FOR LEASE OR LEASE/PURCHASE OF LAND OPTIONS AT WHITECOURT AIRPORT

C-15-090-17

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council defer the request for lease or lease/purchase of land options at the Whitecourt Airport until the Airport Advisory Committee has made a recommendation to Council.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

APPOINT NEW AUDITOR FOR WOODLANDS COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

C-15-091-17

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council approve the appointment of Louise Ralston as the auditor for the Woodlands County Library Board.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

PERCENT COST RECOVERY ON RESIDENTIAL DUST CONTROL

A discussion ensued regarding the cost recovery on residential dust control and the need for Council to review the fee schedule in its entirety.

C-15-092-17

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council schedule a Council Retreat on April 24, 2017 at the Woodlands County Municipal Office in Whitecourt from 12-3 pm to review the Fee Schedule.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

LANDFILL AND GARBAGE PICK-UP COSTS – COST RECOVERY

C-15-093-17

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council add the Landfill and Garbage Pick-up Costs – Cost Recovery discussion to the April 24, 2017 Council Retreat agenda.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

PEMBINA PIPELINE – ROAD USE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

C-15-094-17

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that direct administration to prepare a Road Use and Indemnity Agreement with an Irrevocable Letter of Credit in the amount of \$200,000.00 to Pembina Pipeline Corporation.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

AAMDC MEETING DATES

Council reviewed and discussed their availability with respect to the alternate dates AAMDC suggested for a meeting with Council and tour of Woodlands County.

C-15-095-17

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council schedule a familiarization tour and meeting with AAMDC executives on June 29th, 2017.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ADVANCE VOTING LOCATIONS

C-15-096-17

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council confirm that the Woodlands County advance polls on Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 12-6 pm be held at the Woodlands County Whitecourt Municipal Office and Fort Assiniboine Regional Office.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ALBERTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

C-15-097-17

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council accept the letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the approval of our application under the

2016/17 Alberta Community Partnership Program for a grant under the Mediation and Cooperative process component as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RESPONSE FROM MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

C-15-098-17

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council accept the letter from the Minister of Transport regarding the planned moratorium on crude oil tankers on British Columbia's North Coast as information.

IN FAVOR: J. Rennie
D. McQueen
S. Bonnett
D. Kluin

OPPOSED: R. Govenlock
D. Pritchard

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

C-15-099-17

MOVED by Mayor Rennie that Council direct administration to meet with the Town of Whitecourt to review possible items for a joint submission for the 16th Annual Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence awards.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

DELEGATION(S): KEEPERS OF THE ATHABASCA

Jule Asterisk, Keepers of the Athabasca provided Council with information on the organization and its mandate regarding the Swan Hills Treatment Centre. Also discussed was SUEZ agreeing to have additional sediment core samples taken and a request for Council to help chose where the sediment core sample in Fort Assiniboine should be taken.

C-15-100-17

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council accepts the Keepers of the Athabasca presentation as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

VOYAGEUR BRIGADE FORT ASSINIBOINE

Quinton Olson, along with Ed Graham, Dallas Stevens and Teresa Olson all members of the Voyageur Brigade Fort Assiniboine volunteer group were in attendance and provided council with their revised budget and the group's plans for the Canada 150 Celebration. Items discussed included,

entertainment, as well as to advise that the Honourable Lois E. Mitchell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta will be in attendance at the Fort Assiniboine celebration on June 28, 2017.

C-15-101-17

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council accept the Voyageur Brigade Fort Assiniboine Volunteer Group presentation as information and approve \$8,750.00 for the Voyageur Brigade Fort Assiniboine 150 Canada Celebration.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

BARRHEAD RCMP DETACHMENT

Sgt R.W. Dodds with the Barrhead RCMP Detachment was in attendance to provide an update of police activity in the Woodlands County area, staffing levels as well as to discuss annual performance plan priorities for 2017.

C-15-102-17

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council accepts the Barrhead RCMP Detachment report as information and confirm the priority issues for the 2017 AAP as Organized Crime – Drug Trafficking, Traffic Enforcement, Visibility of Police.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RECESS: Mayor Rennie recessed the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

RECONVENED: Mayor Rennie reconvened the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

**BUSINESS
ARISING OUT
OF MINUTES:**

Councillor Govenlock asked that Council reconsider the invite to the Community Lunch Box Society Celebration Night on Saturday, March 4, 2017 from the February 7, 2017 Council meeting.

C-15-103-17

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council authorize the attendance of Mayor Rennie to attend the Community Lunch Box Society Celebration Night on Saturday, March 4, 2017.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS: MGA REVIEW – DRAFT REGULATIONS

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C-15-104-17

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council direct administration to bring the MGA regulations back to Council to review once details confirmed.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

LOW LEVEL BRIDGE

A discussion ensued regarding concerns raised by a resident on the low level bridge area.

C-15-105-17

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council accept the discussion on the low level bridge as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION:

POINTS TO CAPTURE

C-15-106-17

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council accept:

- 5.2 – Voyageur Brigade Fort Assiniboine;
- 5.3 – Sgt. R.W. Dodds – Barrhead Detachment RCMP
- 7.8 – Advance Voting Locations;
- 7.6 – Pembina Pipeline – Road Use and Indemnity Agreement; and
- 7.9 – Alberta Community Partnership Program Update.

as the points to capture from the February 21, 2017, Council meeting.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

C-15-107-17

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council accepts the information package dated 15 February 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-15-108-17

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

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**COMMITTEE OF
THE WHOLE:**

C-15-109-17

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council move to an in-camera session at 11:30 a.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-110-17

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council come out of camera at 11:50 a.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-111-17

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council accept the CAO report as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: C-15-112-17

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council adjourn the meeting at 11:51 a.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Mayor

Secretary