

**COUNCIL MINUTES  
WOODLANDS COUNTY  
March 1, 2016**

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The regular meeting of the Council for Woodlands County was held Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at the Municipal Office in Whitecourt, 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 Secretary  
W. Lacasse, Director Infrastructure Services  
L. Manns, Blue Ridge Community League  
E. Rosenchuk, Blue Ridge Community League  
M. Heaven, Whitecourt & District Agricultural Society  
M. Underwood, Whitecourt & District Agricultural Society  
K. Charlebois, The Whitecourt Star  
B. Kerton, Barrhead Leader  
L. McBeth, XM105

**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 (4) Invitation to Meet & Greet with Minister of Energy
- (5) Blue Ridge Golden Age Club Luncheon

7.11 Letter of Support for Victim Services

**C-15-126-16**

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council adopt the March 1, 2016, agenda as amended.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Presiding Officer's Initials \_\_\_\_\_  
Designated Officer's Initials \_\_\_\_\_

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

**C-15-127-16**

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council adopt the minutes of the February 16, 2016, 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-15-128-16**

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council authorize the attendance of Council to participate in the 2016 Canada Parade on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-129-16**

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council authorize the attendance of Council to attend the PC Alberta’s Annual AGM & Convention on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-130-16**

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council authorize the attendance of Council to attend the Woodlands County Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event on Friday, April 22, 2016 at the Westward Community Centre.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-131-16**

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council authorize the attendance of Councillors Govenlock & Pritchard to attend the Meet & Greet with the Minister of Energy on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Forest Interpretive Centre at 10:00 a.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-132-16**

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council authorize the attendance of Council to attend the Blue Ridge Golden Age Club potluck luncheon on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at the Blue Ridge Hall.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OVERVIEW**

**C-15-133-16**

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council accept the Emergency Operations Overview as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**DELEGATION(S): BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY LEAGUE**

Lois Manns and Evelyn Rosenchuk with the Blue Ridge Community League provided Council with an overview of the club's current plans and long term goals including repairs and upgrades required in the community hall.

**C-15-134-16**

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council accepts the Blue Ridge Community League presentation as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**WHITECOURT AND DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Malcolm Heaven and Melvin Underwood with the Whitecourt & District Agricultural Society provided Council with an overview of the club's current plans, 5-year goals membership as well as the number of bookings they had at the hall for 2015 as well as for 2016.

**C-15-135-16**

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council accepts the Whitecourt and District Agricultural Society presentation as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS: 2016 TRADE SHOW BOOTH**

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**C-15-136-16**

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council authorizes Council to work the Woodlands County booth at the Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce Trade show on May 6-8, 2016 and attend the Meet and Greet on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**TENT RENTAL POLICY UPDATE**

**C-15-137-16**

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council accept Policy 1213 – Tent Rental Policy as presented.

**IN-FAVOUR:**

Mayor Rennie  
Councillor Govenlock  
Councillor Bonnett  
Councillor Pritchard  
Councillor Merrifield  
Councillor McQueen

**OPPOSED:**

Councillor Kluin

CARRIED

**CAMPGROUND OPERATIONS – CLARIFICATION POLICY 7002**

**C-15-138-16**

MOVED by Mayor Rennie that Council direct administration to draft a new policy dealing with Campgrounds operated by community organizations.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**RECESS:** Mayor Rennie recessed the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

**RECONVENED:** Mayor Rennie reconvened the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

**GRAVEL CRUSHING AND STOCKPILING – CEMETERY PIT, FORT ASSINIBOINE - UPDATE**

**C-15-139-16**

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council accept the Gravel Crushing and Stockpiling – Cemetery Pit, Fort Assiniboine update report as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**FIRE NEW EXTRA CAB STANDARD BOX 4X4**

**C-15-140-16**

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council direct administration to proceed with the purchase of five (5) new extra cab standard box 4x4 trucks from Leduc Chrysler Jeep for up to \$155,000 plus GST.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ENERGY EAST PIPELINE PROJECT**

**C-15-141-16**

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council adopt the Energy East Pipeline Project support resolution as presented and direct administration to forward to AAMDC to review as an emergent resolution at the spring conference.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**HOSPICE CAPITAL FUNDING**

**C-15-142-16**

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council approve the attached letter regarding hospice capital funding as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**PROCLAMATION – NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK**

**C-15-143-16**

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council proclaim May 1-7, 2016 as North American Occupational Safety and Health Week within Woodlands County.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR VICTIM SERVICES**

**C-15-144-16**

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council direct administration to prepare a letter of support to the province for victim services.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION:**

**POINTS TO CAPTURE**

**C-15-145-16**

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council accept:

- 7.8 – Resolution in Support of Energy East Pipeline Project
- 7.9 – Hospice Capital Funding;
- 7.10 - Proclamation – North American Occupational Safety and Health Week; and
- 7.11 – Letter of Support for Victim Services.

as the points to capture from the March 1, 2016, Council meeting.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

**C-15-146-16**

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council accepts the information package dated 18 February 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-15-147-16**

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

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**RECESS:**

Mayor Rennie recessed the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

**RECONVENED:**

Mayor Rennie reconvened the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

**COMMITTEE OF  
THE WHOLE:**

**C-15-148-16**

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council move to an in-camera session at 9:05 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-149-16**

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council come out of camera at 9.28 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**BENEFITS PLAN**

**C-15-150-16**

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council accept the Benefits Plan discussion as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**BARRHEAD POOL**

**C-15-151-16**

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council direct administration to add the Barrhead Pool to the next Council Retreat agenda.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

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

**C-15-152-16**

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council direct administration to bring a resolution forward to close a portion of Road Plan 822-2836 within SE 36-60-10 W5M north of the creek.

**IN-FAVOUR:**

Mayor Rennie  
Councillor Kluin  
Councillor Bonnett  
Councillor Pritchard  
Councillor McQueen

**OPPOSED:**

Councillor Merrifield  
Councillor Govenlock

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT: C-15-153-16**

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

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Mayor

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Secretary