

**COUNCIL MINUTES  
WOODLANDS COUNTY  
May 3, 2016**

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The regular meeting of the Council for Woodlands County was held Tuesday, May 3, 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 Assistant  
W. Lacasse, Director Infrastructure Services  
G. Frank, Director Planning & Community Services  
T. Musser, Director Corporate Services  
B. Kerton, Barrhead Leader  
A. Peurd, XM105  
P. Kovich, MRPCN  
B. Martin, Dr.  
H. Bablitz, Dr.

**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 (7) Invitation to Whitecourt Pond Stocking event

7.10 Emergency Services Billing

7.11 Wildland Park Issues

7.12 Special Meeting

Committee of the Whole:

10.1 Airport Concerns

**C-15-260-16**

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council adopt the May 3, 2016, agenda as amended.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2016**

**C-15-261-16**

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council adopt the minutes of the April 19, 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-15-262-16**

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council authorize the attendance of Mayor Rennie to attend the Retirement Celebration for Gary & Eileen on May 17, 2016 at the Whitecourt Golf & Country Club from noon – 2 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-263-16**

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council authorize the attendance of Councillor Kluin to attend the annual Barrhead & District Beef & Sheep Achievement Day Show & Sale on May 30, 2016 at the Barrhead Ag. Barn commencing at 10 a.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-264-16**

MOVED by Mayor Rennie that Council authorize the attendance of Councillor Pritchard to attend the the Northern Health Summit in Peace River on June 16-17, 2016.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-265-16**

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council accept the Disney's Approach to Leadership of Excellence taking place on May 31 in Edmonton or June 2 in Red Deer as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-266-16**

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council authorize the attendance of Councillors McQueen and Kluin to meet with RCMP Chief Superintendent Shahin Mehdizadeh on May 10<sup>th</sup> in Barrhead, at the Barrhead RCMP Detachment.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-267-16**

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council authorize the attendance of Mayor Rennie to attend the Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal Awards on May 29, 2016 at the Grey Eagle Resort and Casino in Calgary.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-268-16**

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council authorize the attendance of Councillor Govenlock to the Whitecourt Pond stocking event taking place on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and to accept the Kids Fishing Day on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**COUNT OF BARRHEAD NO 11 REFERRAL – NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT 24-2016 – PT NE 29-61-5 W5M**

**C-15-269-16**

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Woodlands County respond to the County of Barrhead that Woodlands County has no objection to Development Application 24-2016 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

**LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY REFERRAL – ROAD CLOSURE PLAN  
4565MC IN SW 18-57-9 W5M**

**C-15-270-16**

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Woodlands County respond to Lac Ste. Anne County that Woodlands County has no objection or concerns with road closure 5709182001 for Plan 4565MC located in SW 18-57-9 W5M.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**INTER-MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR SUBDIVISION  
2007SUB31 – DEER PARK ESTATES (NW 18-59-11 W5M)**

**C-15-271-16**

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that administration endorse the Inter-municipal services agreement for Subdivision 2007SUB31 Deer Park Estates (NW 18-59-11 W5M) and forward it to the Town of Whitecourt to be further endorsed.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**FLOOD MITIGATION FUNDING**

**C-15-272-16**

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council direct administration to look into funding programs on flood plan compensation with the federal and provincial governments and report back to Council.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**AIRPORT LANDING FEE IMPLEMENTATION**

Council reviewed and discussed administration's report on the airport landing fee costs.

**C-15-273-16**

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council accepts the Airport Landing Fee Implementation report as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**DELEGATION(S): MCLEOD RIVER PRIMARY CARE NETWORK**

Persa Kovich, Dr. Harvey Bablitz and Dr. Brad Martin with the McLeod River Primary Care Network provided Council with an overview of the

organization including the communities it services, number of patients, physicians, staff and clinics as well as the services and programs available through MRPCN.

**C-15-274-16**

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council accepts the presentation from McLeod River Primary Care Network (MRPCN) on their organization as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS:** **BUDGET AS REVISED**  
(Con't)

Administration provided a revised hard copy of the budget and reviewed same with Council.

**C-15-275-16**

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council adopts the 2016 Budget as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**BYLAW(S)** **BYLAW 481/16 – 2016 MILL RATE**

Administration provided a revised copy of Bylaw 481/16 for Council to review.

**C-15-276-16**

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council give first reading to Bylaw 481/16 – 2016 Mill Rate.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-277-16**

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council give second reading to Bylaw 481/16.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-278-16**

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council proceed to third and final reading of Bylaw 481/16.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-279-16**

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council give third reading to Bylaw 481/16.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**RECESS:** Mayor Rennie recessed the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

**RECONVENED:** Mayor Rennie reconvened the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

**VICTIMS OF CRIME FUND CORRESPONDENCE**

**C-15-280-16**

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council accept the letter of response from the Minister of Alberta Justice & Solicitor General on Victims of Crime Fund as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**CHAMPION FEED**

Councillor Kluin expressed concern over the closure of the champion feed site in Barrhead and requested council consider advising Champion Feed of their disappointment in this decision.

**C-15-281-16**

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council direct Mayor Rennie and Councillor Kluin to set up a meeting with neighbouring municipalities and Champion Feed to discuss the closure of the Barrhead site.

**IN-FAVOUR:**

Mayor Rennie  
Councillor Govenlock  
Councillor Bonnett  
Councillor Kluin  
Councillor Merrifield  
Councillor McQueen

**OPPOSED:**

Councillor Pritchard

CARRIED

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES BILLING**

Councillor Kluin indicated that the Fort Assiniboine Fire Department is called out routinely to attend accidents in the Sandhills area and asked administration to look at options to invoice ATV owners.

### **C-15-282-16**

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council direct administration to look at options to invoice ATV owners for accident costs and to bring the options back to Council.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

## **WILDLAND PARK ISSUES**

Councillor Kluin advised council that there are numerous issues in the Sandhills caused by ATV riders.

### **C-15-283-16**

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council direct administration to send a letter to Alberta Justice & Solicitor General, and Environment and Parks regarding issues in the Wildland Park/Sandhills area due to ATV as well as a letter to Alberta Transportation to improve maintenance on the highway leading into the park.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

### **C-15-284-16**

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council cancel the special council meeting scheduled for May 5, 2016.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

## **CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION:**

## **POINTS TO CAPTURE**

### **C-15-285-16**

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council accept:

- 4.1 – Bylaw 481/16 – 2016 Mill Rate
- 5.1 – McLeod River Primary Care Network (MRPCN);
- 7.7 – Airport Landing Fee Implementation;
- 7.9 – Champion Feed; and

- 7.10 – Emergency Service Billing.

as the points to capture from the May 3, 2016, Council meeting.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

**C-15-286-16**

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council accepts the information package dated 29 April 2016 as circulated.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-287-16**

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council direct administration to review the Minister Award for Municipal Excellence application criteria to possibly nominate Woodlands County.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

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

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

**C-15-288-16**

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council direct Mayor Rennie to schedule a tour of ANC for Councillor’s Pritchard and Bonnett.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-289-16**

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

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**CONFLICT  
DECLARED**

Councillor Merrifield declared a conflict to item 10.1 as he sits on the appeal board and left the meeting at 9:21 p.m.



**COMMITTEE OF  
THE WHOLE:**

**C-15-290-16**

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council move to an in-camera session at 9:21 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**C-15-291-16**

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council come out of camera at 9.48 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**AIRPORT CONCERNS**

**C-15-292-16**

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council accept the airport discussion as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT: C-15-293-16**

MOVED by Councillor McQueen that Council adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

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Mayor

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Secretary