

**COUNCIL MINUTES
WOODLANDS COUNTY
April 18, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Council for Woodlands County was held Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at the Regional Municipal Office in Fort Assiniboine, Alberta, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

J. Rennie

IN

ATTENDANCE:

L. Mercier, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Wharton, Executive Assistant
G. Frank, Director Planning & Community Services
S. Oberg, Director Corporate Services
B. Kerton, Barrhead Leader
H., Magus, Barrhead Community Victim Services
B. Garby, Barrhead Community Victim Services
B. Wells, Wellsprings Family Resource & Crisis Centre
J. Pletz, Wellsprings Family Resource & Crisis Centre

**CALLED
TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor McQueen at 9.31 a.m.

**ADOPTION
OF AGENDA:**

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

New Business:

Add:

7.16 Culverts

C-15-184-17

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council adopt the April 18, 2017 agenda as amended.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2017

C-15-185-17

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council adopt the minutes of the March 28, 2017, regular Council meeting as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS: RESERVE TRANSFERS

C-15-186-17

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council approves the transfer of reserves in 2016 as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

WHITECOURT WOODLANDS TOURISM 2017 BUDGET

C-15-187-17

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council defer the Whitecourt Woodlands Tourism 2017 Budget until after the Council Retreat.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

BYLAW(S) BYLAW 493/17 – 2017 TAX RATES

C-15-188-17

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council give first reading to Bylaw 493/17 – 2017 Tax Rates Bylaw.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-189-17

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council give second reading to Bylaw 493/17 – 2017 Tax Rates Bylaw.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-190-17

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council proceeds to third and final reading to Bylaw 493/17.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-191-17

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council give third reading to Bylaw 493/17 – 2017 Tax Rates Bylaw.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS: COUNCIL INVITATIONS
(Con't)

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

C-15-192-17

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council authorize Mayor Rennie's attendance at St. Joseph School 2017 Graduation Ceremony on June 30th, 2017 at the Millar Centre at 1:00 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-193-17

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council accept the P.A.R.T.Y. Program conference as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-194-17

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council authorizes Council's attendance at the consultation sessions with First Nations on land and natural resource management on April 26th in Edmonton.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-195-17

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council authorize Councillor Kluin's attendance at the Swan Hills 50th Anniversary Celebration taking place May 26, 27 & 28th, 2017.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

DELEGATION(S): BARRHEAD COMMUNITY VICTIM SERVICES

Heidi Magus, Program Manager with Barrhead Community Victim Services and Betty Garby, Board Chairman provided council with a presentation and

overview on the organization. Items discussed were the area the organization serves, who and what services they supply and support, partners they work with, funding, expenses, challenges the organizations faces, fundraising efforts as well as donations.

C-15-196-17

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council approves an unbudgeted expenditure of \$1000 for Barrhead Community Victim Services.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-197-17

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council direct administration to include the Barrhead Community Victim Services funding discussion in the 2018 budget deliberations.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

WELLSPRING FAMILY RESOURCE & CRISIS CENTRE

Becky Wells, Executive Director with Wellsprings Family Resource & Crisis Centre and Joyce Pletz provided council with a presentation and overview on the organization. Information provided included emergency services, accommodation, counseling provided, clients served, public education seminars and second stage housing plans.

C-15-198-17

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council accept the Wellspring Family Resource & Crisis Centre presentation as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

RECESS: Deputy Mayor McQueen recessed the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

RECONVENED: Deputy Mayor McQueen reconvened the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS: ROAD CONCERNS AT COTTONWOOD

Con't

C-15-199-17

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council accept the road concerns at Cottonwood report as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

BROADBAND UTILITY TOWER PROJECT

C-15-200-17

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council direct administration to continue to hold the Broadband Utility Tower Project until further information is provided by Service Alberta and Telus.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

2017 CAPITAL REQUESTS UPDATED COMMUNITY GROUPS

C-15-201-17

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council accept the updated 2017 Budget for the Facility Enhancement Grants Capital Items as presented in Appendix "B" and direct administration to help Blue Ridge Community League and Fort Assiniboine Friendship Club to find other solutions for the flower planters and cougar case.

IN FAVOR: C. Merrifield
S. Bonnett
D. McQueen
D. Kluin
R. Govenlock

OPPOSED: D. Pritchard

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE RESIGNATION

C-15-202-17

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council accepts the Community Services Committee resignation of member at large T. Baker as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

VOLUNTEER & SENIOR APPRECIATION POLICY UPDATE

C-15-203-17

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council approves updated policy 1907 – Volunteer and Senior Appreciation to reflect a bi-annual event.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-204-17

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council develops a Councillor Recognition Policy as per the recommendation of the Community Services Committee.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

2017 SENIOR'S WEEK EVENT

C-15-205-17

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council endorse the preselected date of Thursday, June 8, 2017 for the 2017 Woodlands County Senior's Week event.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-206-17

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council approves Council's attendance to the 2017 Senior's Week event on Thursday, June 8, 2017.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

2017 SUMMER PARADE DATES

C-15-207-17

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council approve Council to attend the July 1st parade in Whitecourt and the August 19 parade in Fort Assiniboine and Councillors Kluin and McQueen to attend the August 12 parade in Barrhead and Councillors Bonnett and Pritchard to attend the August 12 parade in Mayerthorpe.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

FCM – LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

C-15-208-17

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council approve supporting the FCM Legal Defense Fund in the amount of \$103.99.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

2017 PROVINCIAL ASB SUMMER TOUR

A discussion ensued regarding policy and attending conferences.

C-15-209-17

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council authorize Councillor Pritchard to attend the 2017 Provincial ASB Summer tour.

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

DEFEATED

2017 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TRADE FAIR WEEKEND

C-15-210-17

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council authorizes Council to work the Woodlands County booth at the Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce Trade Show on May 12-14, 2017 and authorizes Council to attend the Meet and Greet event on May 12, 2017.

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

CARRIED

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE IN NORTHERN ALBERTA

C-15-211-17

MOVED by Councillor Merrifield that Council direct administration to prepare a letter of support for the Town of Peace River and surrounding municipalities in their quest for an emergency meeting with the Minister of Health to discuss Air Ambulance service in Northern Alberta.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

PRIVATE PROPERTY SPRAYING

C-15-212-17

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council accepts the private property spraying report as information.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

CULVERTS

Councillor Govenlock expressed concerns over a number of blocked culverts that could cause flooding concerns.

C-15-213-17

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council accept the culvert discussion as information

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION:

POINTS TO CAPTURE

C-15-214-17

MOVED by Councillor Pritchard that Council accept:

- 4.1 – Bylaw 493;
- 5.1 – Barrhead Community Victim Services
- 5.2 – Wellsprings Family Resource and Crisis Centre
- 7.5 – Broadband Utility Tower Project;
- 7.8 – Volunteer & Senior Appreciation Policy Update;
- 7.9 – 2017 Senior's Week Event
- 7.14 – Letter of Support for Air Ambulance Service in Northern Alberta; and
- 7.15 – Private Property Spraying.

as the points to capture from the April 18, 2017, Council meeting.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

C-15-215-17

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council accepts the information package dated 13 April 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-15-216-17

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

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**COMMITTEE OF
THE WHOLE:**

C-15-217-17

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council move to an in-camera session at 12:05 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C-15-218-17

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council come out of camera at 12:12 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

EDC MEMBER AT LARGE

C-15-219-17

MOVED by Councillor Govenlock that Council direct administration to proceed as directed.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

DUST CONTROL REQUEST

C-15-220-17

MOVED by Councillor Bonnett that Council approve the request for 200m of dust abatement along PT NE-20-59-12 W5 as per policy 5102.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: C-15-221-17

MOVED by Councillor Kluin that Council adjourn the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Mayor

Secretary