

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN BRAZEAU COUNTY ON TUESDAY MARCH 7, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Reeve C. Brooks called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT

B. Guyon, Reeve (by telephone)
D. Wiltse, Councillor
D. Ekstrom, Councillor
C. Brooks, Councillor
A. Heinrich, Councillor
K. Westerlund, Councillor (by telephone)
K. Edney Chief Administrative Officer
T. Scharfl, Executive Assistant
J. Grainger, Customer Service/Administrative Assistant
K. MacInnis, Corporate Communications Coordinator (by telephone)

URGENT ADDITIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition to and Adoption of Agenda

111/23-03-07

Moved by K. Westerlund to approve the agenda with the following additions:

32. Meeting Dates
 - d) Invitation for Reeve to attend and speak at Physician Recruitment Appreciation Dinner March 30th, 2023
 - e) Invitation for Councillor Westerlund to attend Alberta's Geothermal Opportunity March 23, 2023 Calgary, Alberta
 - f) Bucking the Trend Symposium April 27&28 - D. Ekstrom
33. Closed Session
 - b) Recreation Agreement Town of Drayton Valley *FOIP Section 21*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of Minutes

112/23-03-07

Moved by D. Wiltse to approve the minutes of the Council meeting as amended with the time correction on page 12.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS
ARISING**

Business Arising

Follow Up Action List

K. Edney reviewed the status of the action items.

113/23-03-07

Moved by D. Ekstrom to receive the Follow Up Action List for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works

Cape Seal and Cement Stabilization Tender Results

A. Saltesz presented the Cape Seal and Cement Stabilization tender results.

114/23-03-07

Moved by A. Heinrich to table the discussion and direct Administration to bring the Parview Estates Development Agreement to Council today prior to the discussion continuing.

IN FAVOUR

- A. Heinrich
- C. Brooks
- D. Ekstrom

OPPOSED

- K. Westerlund
- B. Guyon
- D. Wiltse

MOTION LOST

115/23-03-07

Moved by K. Westerlund to direct Administration to proceed in awarding the Cape Seal and Cement Stabilization tender for ROAD-0282 Range Road 83, ROAD-0262 Township Road 485, ROAD-0202B Township Road 494, ROAD-0237 Range Road 73, ROAD-0283 Parview Estates, ROAD-0135 Range Road 53, and ROAD-0293 Range Road 80 to West-Can Seal Coating Inc. in the amount of \$3,433,675.90.

IN FAVOUR

- K. Westerlund
- B. Guyon
- D. Wiltse
- D. Ekstrom

OPPOSED

- C. Brooks

CARRIED

Annual Household Hazardous Waste Round Up

A. Saltesz presented the breakdown of costs associated with including the Lodgepole and Cynthia transfer stations in the 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up Event.

116/23-03-07 Moved by D. Wiltse to receive the Household Hazardous Waste Report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moose Hill Bridge Costs

A. Saltesz presented information regarding the maintenance and repairs required for the Moose Hill Bridge and costs associated with completing the repairs in-house or with external contractors.

117/23-03-07 Moved by D. Ekstrom to direct Administration to proceed with maintenance on Bridge File 70530 as specified in Table 1 on page 25 of the March 7, 2023 agenda package.

IN FAVOUR

- D. Wiltse
- B. Guyon
- D. Ekstrom
- C. Brooks
- K. Westerlund

OPPOSED

- A. Heinrich

CARRIED

Deputy Reeve C. Brooks called for a break at 9:53 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing

Bylaw 1134-23 to Rezone a Portion of NE 30-47-4-W5M from Agricultural (AG) to Agricultural Holdings (AGH)

118/23-03-07 Moved by B. Guyon that the regular Council meeting of March 7, 2023 proceed into public hearing for Bylaw 1134-23 at 10:00 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M. Martindale presented Bylaw 1134-23 for second and third reading.

Public Input: None

119/23-03-07 Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular Council meeting of March 7, 2023 come out of public hearing at 10:04 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

120/23-03-07 Moved by A. Heinrich to give second reading to Bylaw 1134-23.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

121/23-03-07 Moved by K. Westerlund to give third reading to Bylaw 1134-23.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT**

Planning and Development

White Paper: Cryptocurrency Mining Operations Understanding Issues and Impacts in Brazeau County

K. Sterling presented the draft White Paper and related information Council requested to be obtained from the Minister.

122/23-03-07 Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administrative to set up a meeting with the appropriate ministers to discuss this White Paper.

D. Ekstrom offered a friendly amendment “and to adopt the White Paper”

A. Heinrich accepted the amendment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE

Finance

Bylaw 1136-23 Designated Officers

C. Swap presented the revised bylaw reflecting the recent change in position title for the Director of Corporate Services.

123/23-03-07 Moved by D. Ekstrom to give first reading to Bylaw 1136-23.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

124/23-03-07 Moved by K. Westerlund to give second reading to Bylaw 1136-23.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

125/23-03-07 Moved by A. Heinrich to go to third reading of Bylaw 1136-23.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

126/23-03-07 Moved by D. Wiltse to give third reading to Bylaw 1136-23.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023 Outstanding Account Write-Offs

C. Swap presented the annual outstanding accounts that have been deemed uncollectible.

127/23-03-07 Moved by D. Wiltse that Council approves the 2023 outstanding account write-offs as presented, in the amount of \$3,418.31.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Committee Reports

Agricultural Service Board Member's Report (ASB)

Councillor D. Ekstrom provided a report regarding the Agricultural Service Board

Municipal Planning Commission Member's Report (MPC)

Councillor D. Wiltse provided a report regarding the Municipal Planning Commission.

West Central Airshed Society

Councillor D. Wiltse provided a report regarding the West Central Airshed Society.

Yellowhead Regional Library Board

Councillor D. Wiltse provided a report regarding the Yellowhead Regional Library Board.

Breton and District Family Community Support Services (FCSS)

No Report

Brazeau Seniors Foundation Report

Councillor C. Brooks provided a report regarding the Brazeau Seniors Foundation.

Drayton Valley Municipal Library Board

Councillor C. Brooks provided a report regarding the Drayton Valley Library Board.

Drayton Valley and District FCSS

No Report

Breton Municipal Library Board

Councillor A. Heinrich provided a report regarding the Breton Municipal Library Board.

Eagle Point/Blue Rapids Parks Council (EPBR)

No Report

Pembina Area Synergy Group

Councillor K. Westerlund provided a report regarding the Pembina Area Synergy Group.

Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee

Councillor K. Westerlund provided a report regarding the Community Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee.

Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre (EPAC)

No Report

DV and District Community Learning Association Board (DVDCLAB)

No Report

Alternative Land Use Service Partnership Advisory Committee (ALUS PAC)

Reeve B. Guyon provided a report regarding the ALUS committee.

Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant Board

Reeve B. Guyon provided a report regarding the Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant.

North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance

Reeve B. Guyon provided a report regarding the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance.

FCM Sustainable Communities Conference

Reeve B. Guyon submitted a report on the FCM Conference he attended.

128/23-03-07 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the Councillor Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEETING
DATES**

Meeting Dates

WEC/Investment Attraction Strategy Session

129/23-03-07 Moved by K. Westerlund to set the WEC Strategy Session for half a day on April 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Firefighter for an Afternoon

130/23-03-07 Moved by K. Westerlund to receive 32. b) for information and for Council to attend the Firefighter for an Afternoon event on April 6, 2023 with no charge.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Telephone Town Hall Minister Schultz

131/23-03-07 Moved by K. Westerlund to ratify Council's attendance at the Minister Telephone Town Hall on March 1, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Physician Recruitment Appreciation Dinner

132/23-03-07 Moved by A. Heinrich to authorize the Reeve and/or designate to attendance the Physician Recruitment Appreciation Dinner March 30, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Guyon left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Alberta's Geothermal Opportunity March 23, 2023

133/23-03-07 Moved by D. Wiltse to authorize Councillor Westerlund's attendance at the Alberta Geothermal Opportunity March 23, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bucking the Trend Symposium

134/23-03-07 Moved by D. Wiltse to authorize D. Ekstrom's attendance at the Bucking the Trend Symposium on April 27 & April 28, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Public Input Session

Deputy Reeve C. Brooks opened the Public Input Session at 11:00 a.m.

Tara Harris indicated she was running for Division 1 and brought forward concerns she has heard while campaigning. First, the residents on RR 83 north of 621 are angry as they have to pay for dust control while the rental of Easyford Park increases the traffic. The County is receiving revenue while residents are paying for dust control. Secondly, she heard from several senior citizens that indicated that snow removal of driveways was not being done.

Garry Mastre spoke to Council's debates on the policy for subdivisions with a 5th parcel out and asked why they would not still require an area structure plan and water study? He suggested simplifying it. He spoke to paving for subdivisions and asked if council was going to pay the developers that paved their own roads or were required to pave them after all lots had been sold.

Allan Taylor asked when the video streaming would start running in the council chambers. He agreed that snow plowing is not getting done. He commented on the policy for subdivisions with a 5th parcel out was brought up before COVID and there was supposed to be public consultation; he think this should still happen.

Deputy Reeve C. Brooks closed the Public Input Session at 11:07 a.m.

135/23-03-07

Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to be prepared to speak to the questions presented today by the ratepayers.

IN FAVOUR

A. Heinrich
K. Westerlund
C. Brooks

OPPOSED

D. Wiltse
D. Ekstrom

CARRIED

Ratepayer Questions

K. Edney responded that he can bring back a report regarding the dust control policy to the next meeting. Regarding snow removal he would need more specific information and locations to be able to respond. Regarding the video streaming he commented that Administration is still waiting on the supply of parts and updated pricing. The other questions are related to Council policy and he could not speak to such.

136/23-03-07

Moved by A. Heinrich to allow Tara Harris to speak.

IN FAVOUR

A. Heinrich
D. Wiltse
C. Brooks
K. Westerlund

OPPOSED

D. Ekstrom

CARRIED

Tara Harris stated that the Easyford residents she spoke with were all on Range Road 83 north of Hwy 621.

137/23-03-07

Moved by D. Wiltse to direct Administration to bring the Dust Control Policy to the April 4, 2023 meeting.

IN FAVOUR

D. Wiltse
D. Ekstrom
K. Westerlund
C. Brooks

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

CARRIED

Deputy Reeve C. Brooks called for a break at 11:21 a.m.

K. Westerlund left the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

B. Guyon returned to the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

DELEGATION

Delegations

Drayton Valley and Breton RCMP Update

Cpl. Bryan Northeisz and S/Sgt. Dwayne Moore provided reports on the activities of the detachments and the 2022 third quarter crime statistics for Council's review.

138/23-03-07 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the RCMP Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CLOSED
SESSION**

Closed Session

139/23-03-07 Moved by D. Ekstrom that the regular Council Meeting of March 7, 2023 proceed into closed session at 1:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:
a) Council-1 Policy *FOIP Section 19*
b) Recreation Agreement Town of Drayton Valley *FOIP Section 21*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

140/23-03-07 Moved by D. Ekstrom that the regular Council Meeting of March 7, 2023 come out of closed session at 2:57 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deputy Reeve C. Brooks called for a break at 2:57 p.m. to allow the public ample time to return and the meeting resumed at 3:04 p.m.

141/23-03-07 Moved by B. Guyon to direct Administration to draft the Council-1 policy with revisions as discussed in closed and bring back to the April 4, 2023 meeting for final approval.

IN FAVOUR

D. Wiltse

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

C. Brooks

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

CARRIED

142/23-03-07

Moved by D. Wiltse to direct Administration to reply to the Town of Drayton Valley's Recreation Agreement proposal with changes as discussed in closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

143/23-03-07

Moved by B. Guyon that the regular Council Meeting of March 7, 2023 adjourn at 3:06 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve

Executive Assistant