

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN BRAZEAU COUNTY ON TUESDAY 2021 02 02

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve B. Guyon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT

B. Guyon, Reeve
H. Swan, Councillor
D. Wiltse, Councillor
M. Gressler, Councillor
A. Heinrich, Councillor
K. Westerlund, Councillor
S. McKerry, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
T. Scharfl, Executive Assistant
C. Whalen, Finance Coordinator
K. MacInnis, Corporate Communications Coordinator (by telephone)

ABSENT

S. Wheale, Councillor

ADDITION TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition to and Adoption of Agenda

078/21-02-02

Moved by M. Gressler to approve the agenda with the following additions:

10. Agricultural Services
 - a) Appendix A: Comparative Subsidy Programs
 - i. Comments from Councillor S. Wheale
 - ii. Letter from residents
 - iii. Calculations from Councillor H. Swan

13. General Matters
 - b) Tax Rebate - Councillor K. Westerlund
 - c) Drayton Valley Chamber of Commerce request for letter of Support - Councillor K. Westerlund
 - d) Climate Action Policies ADM-23, ADM-24, ADM-25, ADM-26
 - e) COVID - Reeve B. Guyon

35. Closed Session
 - a) Land Purchase - Councillor D. Wiltse *FOIP Section 17*
 - b) Law Enforcement - Councillor K. Westerlund *FOIP Section 20*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

Adoption of Minutes

079/21-02-02 Moved by K. Westerlund to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS
ARISING**

Business Arising

Follow Up Action List

S. McKerry reviewed the status of the action items.

S. Wheale joined the meeting by telephone at 9:08 a.m.

080/21-02-02 Moved by H. Swan to receive the Follow Up Action List for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**URGENT
ITEMS**

Urgent Items

None

**CITIZEN APPRECIATION
AWARD**

Citizen Appreciation Award

K. Westerlund presented a Citizen Appreciation Award to Chris Besse for his volunteer neighbourhood snow removal, garbage removal and outdoor rink maintenance efforts in Rocky Rapids.

CAO REPORT

CAO Report

Procedural Bylaw 1072-21

S. McKerry presented the updated procedural bylaw for Council's review.

081/21-02-02 Moved by K. Westerlund to give first reading to Bylaw 1072-21.

IN FAVOUR

H. Swan

B. Guyon

K. Westerlund

D. Wiltse

M. Gressler

OPPOSED

S. Wheale

A. Heinrich

CARRIED

082/21-02-02 Moved by M. Gressler to give second reading to Bylaw 1072-21.

IN FAVOUR

H. Swan
B. Guyon
K. Westerlund
D. Wiltse
M. Gressler

OPPOSED

S. Wheale
A. Heinrich

CARRIED

083/21-02-02 Moved by D. Wiltse to go to third reading for bylaw 1072-21.

IN FAVOUR

H. Swan
B. Guyon
K. Westerlund
D. Wiltse
M. Gressler

S. Wheale

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

MOTION FAILED AS UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUIRED

Council-6 Policy Member-at-Large Appointments

S. McKerry presented Council-6 Policy for Council's review.

084/21-02-02 Moved by M. Gressler to direct Administration to look into training for LARB and CARB and not having to train as many people and limiting the costs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS/
APPOINTMENTS**

Delegations/Appointments

Smoky Lake County Regional Heritage Board

Kyle Schole and Jordan Ruegg presented the Canadian Heritage Rivers Project.

S. Wheale left the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 9:54 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing: Bylaw 1070-20

085/21-02-02 Moved by K. Westerlund that the regular Council meeting of February 2, 2021 proceed into public hearing at 10:02 a.m. for Bylaw 1070-20.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chandra Dyck presented Bylaw 1070-20 to Rezone Pt NW 26-48-4-W5M from Agriculture to Agricultural Holdings.

Public Input: None

086/21-02-02 Moved by K. Westerlund that the regular Council meeting of February 2, 2021 come out of public hearing at 10:05 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

087/21-02-02 Moved by M. Gressler to give second reading to Bylaw 1070-20.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

088/21-02-02 Moved by K. Westerlund to give third reading to Bylaw 1070-20.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT**

Planning and Development

Canadian Heritage Rivers System Designation (CHRS)

Council reviewed updated information on the CHRS designation.

089/21-02-02 Moved by D. Wiltse to bring back Marc's motion 053/21-01-19.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

053/21-01-19 Moved by M. Gressler to direct Administration to send a letter of support with the Reeve's signature for the Nomination of the North Saskatchewan River designation under the Canadian Heritage River System.

090/21-01-19 Moved by A. Heinrich to table Motion 053/21-01-19 until March 2, 2021 and that Administration provide Council with the South Sask. Regional Plan and North Sask. Regional Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CAO REPORT

Council-6 Policy Member-at-Large Appointments

091/21-01-19 Moved by K. Westerlund to receive 5. b) Council-6 Policy Member-at-Large for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Town of Drayton Valley Mediator

092/21-02-02 Moved by K. Westerlund to acknowledge and accept the Town of Drayton Valley's mediator Mr. Andrew Fulton.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

093/21-02-02 Moved by K. Westerlund to add to the agenda item 35. c) Negotiations with IDP and ICF with Town of Drayton Valley *FOIP* 21.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works

Advance Warning Flashers Highway 621

L. Fischer presented updated information on the advance warning signs on HWY 621.

094/21-02-02 Moved by H. Swan to receive the update report on Hwy 621 for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Undeveloped Road Allowance Closure SE 26-48-5-W5M

L. Fischer presented a proposed road closure bylaw for closing approximately 550m of undeveloped road allowance east of SE 26-48-05-W5M.

Reeve B. Guyon declared pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 10:42 a.m. and Deputy Reeve K. Westerlund assumed the chair.

095/21-02-02 Moved by H. Swan to receive the report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deputy Reeve K. Westerlund called for a break at 10:51 a.m.

K. Westerlund left the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:02 a.m. with Reeve B. Guyon as the chair.

K. Westerlund absent.

**PUBLIC INPUT
SESSION**

Public Input Session

Reeve B. Guyon opened the Public Input Session at 11:01 a.m.

Allan Taylor asked what the definition of a petition was. He commented that the 2021 campground group lottery was illegal. He would like to see the campground lottery stopped immediately and would like an answer by the end of today. He spoke to concerns with coal mining and asked what steps is the County taking? He spoke to spraying weeds and asked what are big farmers and why should they get anything? Why are we supporting something that is the responsibility of the landowners? Why are we putting out this money? He stated that the program was not fair and Council should deny the rebate altogether. He asked when Council will allow people to come into the meetings. He would like to see the names of the big farmers that participate in the program.

Mike Mueller agreed with Allan Taylor in that the weed issue is the landowner's responsibility and in legislation; however, weeds are still out of control. He commented that the rebate program is a good step in education and encouraging weed control. He stated he took around a letter, not a petition, to support the program. He talked to many people and only one did not support it. He asked if the program was working and are residents killing more weeds than before? He feels that many people would not act on weed control without the program. He recommended that Council continue the program for another couple years at least and expressed the need for education with the rebate program.

Reeve B. Guyon closed the Public Input Session at 11:19 a.m.

096/21-02-02 Moved by A. Heinrich to add to the agenda Modeste Creek Campground, Coal Mining and Weed Spraying as Items 13. f), g) and h).

M. Gressler offered a friendly amendment to add spraying under 10. a) and leave the others as 13. f) and g).

A. Heinrich accepted the amendment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**AGRICULTURE
SERVICES**

Agriculture Services

C. Pankonin presented the proposed Herbicide Rebate Program Policy.

097/21-02-02 Moved by D. Wiltse to take item l) out of the proposed Herbicide Rebate Program Policy and bring to final budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K. Westerlund returned to the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

S. Wheale returned to the meeting at 11:51 a.m.

S. Wheale left the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

098/21-02-02 Moved by M. Gressler to direct Administration to revise the Herbicide Rebate Program Policy based on the discussion today and bring back to the March 2, 2021 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 12:33 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 1:10 p.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services

Charter of Rights and Freedoms

K. MacInnis provide information regarding the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and how that would relate to COVID health regulations.

099/21-02-02 Moved by D. Wiltse to receive the update report on the Charter of Rights and Freedoms for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FIN-7 Grant Application - Drayton Valley Pony Club

L. Chambers presented a request from the Drayton Valley Pony Club for funding for hosting of the Prince Philip Games in June 2021.

100/21-02-02 Moved by K. Westerlund to approve providing support to the Drayton Valley Pony Club in the amount of \$1,000.00 from FIN-7 Funding, for the hosting of the Prince Philip Games in June 2021.

H. Swan offered a friendly amendment to remove "FIN-7" and direct Administration to determine an appropriate account for the funds to come from.

K. Westerlund accepted amendment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE

Finance

Appointment of Returning Officer

C. Swap presented Donna Palmer as the candidate for Returning Officer.

101/21-02-02 Moved by A. Heinrich to appoint Donna Palmer as Brazeau County's Returning Officer for the 2021 Municipal Election as of March 1, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Setting Tax Recovery Sale Reserve Bids

C. Swap presented recommendations for the reserve bids for each property in the upcoming tax recovery sale.

102/21-02-02 Moved by D. Wiltse to establish the reserve bids as recommended by Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. for Roll 501111 and Roll 000743.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bank Reconciliation Statement as of December 31, 2020

103/21-02-02 Moved by H. Swan to receive the bank reconciliation statement as of December 31, 2021 for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**GENERAL
MATTERS**

General Matters

Tax Implications Discussion

K. Westerlund raised the issue that the well drilling tax has been removed completely.

104/21-02-02 Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to write a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs advising that the input Brazeau County provided on well drilling tax was not for it to be permanently removed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tax Rebate

K. Westerlund requested Council start the discussion regarding the 30% rebate prior to final budget.

S. Wheale joined the meeting at 2:01 p.m. by telephone.

105/21-02-02 Moved by M. Gressler to set a Council meeting for tax rebate discussion for March 23, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Drayton Valley Chamber of Commerce Request for Letter of Support

K. Westerlund presented a request for support from the Chamber of Commerce regarding lobbying the Province to allow business to reopen.

106/21-02-02 Moved by M. Gressler to receive 13. c) for information.
IN FAVOUR
A. Heinrich
S. Wheale
H. Swan
B. Guyon
D. Wiltse
M. Gressler
OPPOSED
K. Westerlund
CARRIED

Climate Action Policies ADM-23, ADM-24, ADM-25, ADM-26

S. McIntosh presented policies amended as per Council's requests.

S. Wheale left the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

107/21-02-02 Moved by M. Gressler to approve policy ADM-23 as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

108/21-02-02 Moved by H. Swan to approve policy ADM-24 as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

109/21-02-02 Moved by H. Swan to approve policy ADM-25 as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

110/21-02-02 Moved by M. Gressler to approve policy ADM-26 as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Coal Mining

To be reviewed at the February 16, 2021 Council meeting.

Modeste Creek Campground

Council discussed the zoning and usage of the Modeste Creek group campground.

Reeve B. Guyon declared pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 2:12 p.m. and Deputy Reeve K. Westerlund assumed the chair.

111/21-02-02 Moved by M. Gressler to allow the group site rentals lottery to proceed and restrict the campground to 20 units for 2021 season.

IN FAVOUR
H. Swan
K. Westerlund
D. Wiltse
M. Gressler

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

CARRIED

Deputy Reeve K. Westerlund called for a break at 2:20 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 2:27 p.m. with Reeve B. Guyon as chair.

**CORRESPONDENCE
ITEMS**

Correspondence/Items for Information

RCMP "K" Division re: virtual Meeting October 29, 2020 follow up

112/21-02-02 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the RCMP correspondence for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M.D. of Bonnyville re: Stronger Western Canadian Municipal Advocate

113/21-02-02 Moved by D. Wiltse to direct Administration to write a letter to FCM stating Council's disappointment in representation and copy it to the MD of Bonnyville and the RMA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Town of Drayton Valley re: Recreation Board

114/21-02-02 Moved by M. Gressler to receive the Town of Drayton Valley correspondence for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Committee Reports

Agricultural Service Board Member's Report (ASB)

No report.

Municipal Planning Commission Member's Report (MPC)

No report.

Brazeau Seniors Foundation Report

No report.

Drayton Valley Municipal Library Board

No report.

Breton Municipal Library Board

No report.

West Central Airshed Society

Councillor H. Swan provided a report regarding the West Central Airshed Society.

Yellowhead Regional Library Board

No report.

Drayton Valley and District FCSS

No report.

North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance

No report.

Eagle Point/Blue Rapids Parks Council (EPBR)

No report.

Pembina Area Synergy Group

Councillor H. Swan 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)

Councillor K. Westerlund provided a report regarding the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre Committee.

Northern Mayors Group

No report.

Breton and District Family Community Support Services (FCSS)

No report.

Alternative Land Use Service Partnership Advisory Committee (ALUS PAC)

No report.

Recreation Board

No report.

Chamber of Commerce

Councillor D. Wiltse provided a report regarding the Chamber of Commerce.

Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant Board

No report.

115/21-02-02 Moved by M. Gressler to receive the Councillor Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting Dates

Final Budget Meeting dates April 7 & 8, 2021

116/21-02-02 Moved by K. Westerlund to set April 7 and 8, 2021 as final budget meetings from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Special Council Meeting for session with mediator Mr. Sutherland

117/21-02-02 Moved by M. Gressler to set February 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. as a Special Council meeting for mediation discussions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Alberta Counsel Budget 2021 February 25, 2021 Webinar

118/21-02-02 Moved by K. Westerlund to authorize Council to attend the Alberta Counsel webinar.

IN FAVOUR

H. Swan

B. Guyon

K. Westerlund

D. Wiltse

M. Gressler

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

CARRIED

119/21-02-02 Moved by H. Swan to add to agenda the two Telephone Town Halls.

IN FAVOUR

H. Swan

B. Guyon

D. Wiltse

K. Westerlund

M. Gressler

**MEETING
DATES**

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

CARRIED

Town Halls February 3 and 4, 2021

120/21-02-02

Moved by H. Swan to authorize Council to attend the telephone Town Halls Feb 3 and Feb 4 with Premier Kenney and Dr. Hinshaw.

IN FAVOUR

H. Swan

B. Guyon

D. Wiltse

K. Westerlund

M. Gressler

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

CARRIED

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 3:06 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 3:19 p.m.

**CLOSED
SESSION**

Closed Session

121/21-02-02

Moved by M. Gressler that the regular Council Meeting of February 2, 2021 proceed into 'closed session' at 3:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

a) Land Purchase *FOIP Section 17*

b) Law Enforcement *FOIP Section 20*

c) Negotiations IDP and ICF Town of Drayton Valley *FOIP 21*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

122/21-02-02

Moved by B. Guyon that the regular Council Meeting of February 2, 2021 come out of 'closed session' at 4:53 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 4:54 p.m. to allow the public ample time to return and the meeting resumed at 5:00 p.m.

123/21-02-02

Moved by D. Wiltse direct Administration to research the land matter as discussed in closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

124/21-02-02

Moved by K. Westerlund accept the law enforcement update as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

125/21-02-02 Moved by H. Swan to accept the negotiation discussion for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

126/21-02-02 Moved by K. Westerlund that the regular Council Meeting of February 2, 2021 adjourn at 5:01 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Reeve



Interim Chief Administrative Officer