

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN BRAZEAU COUNTY ON TUESDAY 2022 01 18

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve B. Guyon called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

PRESENT

B. Guyon, Reeve
R. Swap, Councillor
D. Wiltse, Councillor (by telephone)
D. Ekstrom, Councillor
C. Brooks, Councillor
A. Heinrich, Councillor (by telephone)
K. Westerlund, Councillor
S. McKerry, Interim 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

001/22-01-18

Moved by A. Heinrich by to approve the agenda with the following additions:

7. Community Services

a) Letter of concern from Mr. McCabe re: Modeste Campground

10. Public Works

d) Councillor Road Request Update - D. Ekstrom

12. General Matters

Remove c) Council Mileage - A. Heinrich

d) Live Stream Video Recordings of Council - A. Heinrich

Move 12. d) Fireworks item to follow the CAO report

13. Correspondence

c) Lynn Oberle re: RMA

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

Adoption of Minutes

002/22-01-18 Moved by C. Brooks to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2021 Council meeting as amended: *Motion 1124/21-12-21 remove the word "been."*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS
ARISING**

Business Arising

Follow Up Action List

S. McKerry reviewed the status of the action items.

003/22-01-18 Moved by R. Swap to accept the Follow Up Action List as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CAO REPORT

CAO Report

Role of Ex-Officio

S. McKerry provided information regarding the ex-officio role and authority granted to the Reeve as defined by the Municipal Government Act, County Bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order and other practices from surrounding municipalities.

004/22-01-18 Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the Role of the Ex-Officio report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fireworks

R. Swap would like to change the bylaw conditions for fireworks to include better communication to let neighbours know when fireworks are being discharged and to extend the 200 m radius.

005/22-01-18 Moved by K. Westerlund to bring the Fireworks Bylaw back to next agenda and direct Administration to advertise in June and December the fireworks regulations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Video Feeds from Arbitration Hearing

S. McKerry requested direction on how Council would like to make the videos accessible from the arbitration hearings with the Town of Drayton Valley, to the public.

006/22-01-18 Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to provide the links to arbitration hearing on the website and to make them available upon request.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

007/22-01-18 Moved by K. Westerlund to provide a summary of the legal costs to date for the arbitration hearing for the next council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 9:50 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Bylaw 1093-21

008/22-01-18 Moved by D. Wiltse that the regular Council meeting of January 18, 2022 proceed into public hearing for Bylaw 1093-21 at 10:00 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Dyck presented Bylaw 1093-21 to amend the area of the Environmental Reserve Easement on NE 36-49-7-W5M for second and third readings.

Public Input: None

009/22-01-18 Moved by K. Westerlund that the regular Council meeting of January 18, 2022 come out of public hearing at 10:03 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

010/22-01-18 Moved by A. Heinrich to give second reading to Bylaw 1093-21.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

011/22-01-18 Moved by K. Westerlund to give third reading to Bylaw 1093-21.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Planning and Development

Land Use Bylaw - Data Centre Considerations

K. Sterling presented a report on considering bringing data centre development to Brazeau County.

Presentation paused.

Public Hearing Modest Campground

012/22-01-18 Moved by D. Ekstrom that the regular Council meeting of January 18, 2022 proceed into public hearing for Modeste Campground at 10:16 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Input:

Amanda Haggart lives straight north of Modeste Campground and asked what is the vision for the park? She would like a yield sign as she had run into traffic issues with park visitors and her farm equipment; she has concerns with the loudness of campground and asked if it will be manned and open seven days a week.

Lynn Oberle commented that this project has never had a profit and with the issue of sewage from Breton in the creek, he feels this park is of no value to the County and suggested shutting it down.

Reeve read out loud the letter from Peter McCabe at the request of Allan Taylor.

Allan Taylor referred to the history of the campground; he feels the campground was developed without consultation with the residents; it has never made a profit to operate; he has had more than one issue with this campground including the walls of his house vibrating from the music; he feels the campground it not feasible and commented that no one enforces the noise bylaw.

Councillor A. Heinrich raised concern from a resident that no longer has access to the area for public enjoyment and that that person's big question was what was the plan or future for the park.

013/22-01-18 Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular Council meeting of January 18, 2022 come out of public hearing at 10:33 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Hearing Bylaw 1096-21

014/22-01-18 Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular Council meeting of January 18, 2022 proceed into public hearing for Bylaw 1096-21 at 10:35 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M. Martindale presented Bylaw 1096-21 to rezone a portion of Pt NE 35-47-05-W5M from Agricultural to Agricultural Holdings.

Public Input: None

015/22-01-18 Moved by K. Westerlund that the regular Council meeting of January 18, 2022 come out of public hearing at 10:38 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

016/22-01-18 Moved by C. Brooks to give second reading to Bylaw 1096-21.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

017/22-01-18 Moved by K. Westerlund to give third reading to Bylaw 1096-21.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Planning and Development

Land Use Bylaw - Data Centre Considerations

K. Sterling continued her presentation and requested Council's direction if they wished to allow and regulate data centres within County.

018/22-01-18 Moved by C. Brooks to direct Administration to conduct further research on data centres as discussed in Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Public Input Session

Reeve B. Guyon opened the Public Input Session at 11:00 a.m.

Pete Calvert expressed concern with the length of time it took to remove the snow from Range Road 83, although the graders were scraping ice off the paved roads rather than plowing the snow off the roads. He commented that global warming and the sun will melt the ice. People need to slow down on the roads when it is icy.

Arnold Schmidt from Cynthia raised issue with snow removal and suggested hiring local people to clear out the little areas in small communities. He is concerned that one side of the street has no parking signs and his neighbours are upset because they cannot sell properties if there is no parking. He suggested widening the road. He asked about the big field in Cynthia and if the community could establish a food growing operation on this land.

Allan Taylor raised concern with the WEC presentation attended in closed and thinks this was incorrect and asked if the code of conduct meeting is open to the public.

Reeve B. Guyon closed the Public Input Session at 11:15 a.m.

Amendment to Land Use Bylaw Map 49-7 C Storage Container Overlay

K. Sterling presented a request for first reading of Bylaw 1097-21, which would allow the Intermunicipal Development Plan area to be consistent with the recently adopted Brazeau County and Town of Drayton Valley Intermunicipal Development Plan.

019/22-01-18 Moved by A. Heinrich to give first reading to Bylaw 1097-21 and set the public hearing for 10:00 a.m. on February 22, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services

Reeve B. Guyon declared pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Councillor C. Brooks assumed the chair.

Modeste Campground

Council discussed the future operation of the Modeste Campground considering the public input.

020/22-01-18 Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the report and comments from Public Hearing for information.

IN FAVOUR

D. Wiltse

R. Swap

D. Ekstrom

C. Brooks

K. Westerlund

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

CARRIED

Councillor C. Brooks called for a break at 11:48 a.m.

Councillor D. Wiltse joined the meeting in person at 12:52 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m. with Reeve B. Guyon as chair.

**DELEGATIONS/
APPOINTMENTS**

Magna Engineering Wastewater Services Presentation

Gideon Mentie made a presentation to Council regarding innovative water and sewer solutions.

021/22-01-18 Moved by D. Ekstrom to receive the presentation from Magna Engineering for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES**

Berrymoor Campground

L. Chambers provided information on the development of the Berrymoor Campground.

022/22-01-18

Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to research if the lands the Berrymoor Campground are on is properly zoned for day use and boat launch and if a public hearing was held and if not book one.

IN FAVOUR

D. Wiltse

R. Swap

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

C. Brooks

A. Heinrich

OPPOSED

K. Westerlund

CARRIED

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 2:03 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 2:08 p.m.

K. Westerlund left the meeting at 2:03 p.m. rejoined the meeting by telephone at 2:08 p.m.

**AGRICULTURAL
SERVICES**

Agricultural Services

AG-3 Herbicide Rebate Program

D. McCann presented a recommendation to Council from the Agricultural Service Board to remove the cap from the AG-3 Herbicide Rebate Policy.

023/22-01-18

Moved by D. Ekstrom to amend clause j) in the AG-3 Herbicide Rebate Program Policy from \$1,600 to \$5,000.

IN FAVOUR

D. Wiltse

R. Swap

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

K. Westerlund

C. Brooks

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works

Twp 494 Road Closure

L. Fischer provided updated information on the progress of the segment of road allowance proposed for closure adjacent to the SE 25-49-07-W5M.

024/22-01-18

Moved by D. Wiltse have a closure for lease on Twp 494.

IN FAVOUR

D. Wiltse

R. Swap

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

C. Brooks

K. Westerlund

OPPOSED

B. Guyon

CARRIED

Alberta Wastewater Innovative Grant

L. Fischer requested Council direction regarding the Alberta Wastewater Innovative Grant.

025/22-01-18

Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the report for information

IN FAVOUR

C. Brooks

A. Heinrich

OPPOSED

K. Westerlund

D. Wiltse

R. Swap

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

DEFEATED

026/22-01-18

Moved by D. Wiltse to set aside \$618,000.00 for a new wastewater system with funds coming from unrestricted reserves.

IN FAVOUR

D. Wiltse

R. Swap

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

K. Westerlund

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

C. Brooks

CARRIED

Snow Removal

S. McKerry presented a comparison of snow accumulation over the last six years. L. Fischer presented current operational procedures. Council discussed the current snow removal policy and options to supplement including contracting equipment.

027/22-01-18 Moved by C. Brooks to direct Administration to draft a policy for snow removal, based on input Council has given today and bring back to the February 8, 2022 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

028/22-01-18 Moved by C. Brooks to explore Leduc county's practices and bring a report to Council for February 8, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

029/22-01-18 Moved by R. Swap to direct Administration to bring a demonstration of the Track the Plow app for February 8, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Road Requests

D. Ekstrom presented notices of motions for Council to consider for February 8, 2022.

...to budget \$268,000 for the in-house construction of 1.4 km of road on Twp Road 474, between RR 52 and RR 53, with funds coming from MSI, gas tax, then unrestricted reserves, building to commence spring/summer of 2022

... to secure a five year term loan at 2.41% from the government of Alberta for \$1,500,000 for a contracted out bridge file culvert installation on Twp Road 474 between RR 52 and RR 53 construction commencing in the spring/summer of 2022. Funds to repay the principal plus interest of this GOA loan, coming from MSI, gas tax, then unrestricted reserves.

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 4:29 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 4:34 p.m.

**GENERAL
MATTERS**

General Matters

Solar Club Violet Grove Solar Array

S. McKerry presented information on the floating wetland project and the amount of power being consumed and exported to the grid.

030/22-01-18 Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration set up a separate account for revenue generated from the Violet Grove Solar array and sign up the Violet Grove Solar Array for the solar club vendors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

031/21-01-18 Moved by D. Ekstrom to direct Administration to bring back a governance policy on the Solar Revenue Reserve Account.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Western Economic Corridor (WEC) Planning

S. McIntosh presented a request for direction on how Council wishes to move forward on building out the Western Economic Corridor.

032/22-01-18 Moved by C. Brooks to direct Administrative to move forward building out the Western Economic Corridor as a Brazeau County initiative under Economic Development to ensure that the development of the Western Economic Corridor is under Brazeau County leadership.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Video Recordings of Council Meetings

A. Heinrich requested Council reconsider live stream video of Council meetings.

033/22-01-18 Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to follow through with installing the video conferencing recording for Council meetings.

IN FAVOUR

K. Westerlund

A. Heinrich

C. Brooks

OPPOSED

D. Wiltse

R. Swap

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

DEFEATED

**CORRESPONDENCE
ITEMS**

Correspondence/Items for Information

RMA re: Benefits of membership

034/22-01-18 Moved by D. Wiltse to receive the correspondence from RMA for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lynn Oberle re: Code of Conduct

035/22-01-18 Moved by D. Ekstrom to receive the correspondence from Mr. Oberle for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lynn Oberle re: RMA Critique

036/22-01-18 Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the correspondence from Mr. Oberle for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COUNCILLOR
REPORTS**

Councillor Reports

Reeve B. Guyon reported that he attended:

- Council Strategy Session
- ALUS
- PACT Meeting Policy Support
- Regular Council Meeting x 2
- Arbitration Hearing x 3
- Meeting with Town of Drayton Valley
- Western Economic Corridor Presentations

Councillor D. Ekstrom reported that he attended:

- Budget Meeting
- Commissioner for Oaths Training
- Regular Council Meeting x 2
- ASB Town Hall
- MPC
- ASB Meeting
- Western Economic Corridor Presentations

Councillor A. Heinrich reported that he attended:

- **Budget Meeting**
- **Breton FCSS**
- **Regular Council Meeting x 2**
- **Arbitration Hearing**
- **ASB**
- **Western Economic Corridor Presentations**

Councillor K. Westerlund reported that she attended:

- **Budget Meeting/PACT Committee**
- **Minister of Health PACT Meeting**
- **YRL Board of Trustees Meeting**
- **Regular Council Meeting x 2**
- **Arbitration Hearing x 3**
- **Western Economic Corridor Investors Meeting**

Councillor R. Swap reported that he attended:

- **Budget Meeting**
- **Commissioner of Oaths Training**
- **Regular Council Meeting x 2**
- **Drive to Residents to Deal with Concern**
- **RCMP Public Meeting**
- **Arbitration Hearing x 3**
- **ASB Meeting**
- **Western Economic Corridor Investors Meeting**

Councillor C. Brooks reported that he attended:

- **Budget Meeting x 2**
- **Commissioner of Oaths Training**
- **Regular Council x 2**
- **MPC**
- **WCAS**
- **Chamber of Commerce**
- **Western Economic Corridor Presentations**

Councillor D. Wiltse reported that she attended:

- **Budget Meeting**
- **FCSS Conference x 2**
- **FCSS Grant Allocation Meeting**
- **Regular Council Meeting x 2**
- **EPBR Christmas Gathering - no charge**
- **MPC Meeting/Arbitration**
- **Arbitration Hearing x 2**
- **Western Economic Corridor Investors Meeting**

037/22-01-18 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the Councillor Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEETING
DATES**

Meeting Dates

Request for Joint Supper Meeting with Wild Rose School Board April 26, 2022.

038/22-01-18 Moved by R. Swap to accept the invitation from the Wild Rose School Board for a joint supper meeting and including busing policy as a discussion item on April 26, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Emerging Trends in Municipal Law February 10 or 17, 2022

039/22-01-18 Moved by K. Westerlund to authorize all of Council to attend the virtual option Brownlee LLP Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Seminar.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association 2022 Conference May 9 - 11, 2022
Canmore Alberta**

040/22-01-18 Moved by K. Westerlund to authorize two members of Council to attend the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association 2022 Conference May 9 - 11, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Invitation to meeting with Minister McIver Municipal Affairs

041/22-01-18 Moved by A. Heinrich accept the invitation from Minister McIver and list the topic of arbitration process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CLOSED
SESSION**

Closed Session

042/22-01-18 Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular Council Meeting of January 18, 2022 proceed into 'closed session' at 5:17 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- a) Union Negotiation Update *FOIP Section 19*
- b) Arbitration Discussion *FOIP Section 21*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

043/22-01-18 Moved by C. Brooks that the regular Council Meeting of January 18, 2022 come out of 'closed session' at 5:40 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 5:40 p.m. to allow the public ample time to return and the meeting resumed at 5:45 p.m.

044/22-01-18 Move by K. Westerlund to approve the Collective Agreement between Brazeau County and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local No. 955 covering the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024 based on the terms of the memorandum of understanding accepted by the Union.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

045/22-01-18 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the Arbitration update for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

046/22-01-18 Moved by C. Brooks that the regular Council Meeting of January 18, 2022 adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve

Interim Chief Administrative Officer