

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN BRAZEAU COUNTY ON TUESDAY 2022 02 08**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve B. Guyon called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**PRESENT**

B. Guyon, Reeve  
R. Swap, Councillor  
D. Wiltse, Councillor  
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)

**DELEGATIONS/  
APPOINTMENTS**

**Delegations/Appointments**

**RCMP**

S/Sgt. Erin Matthews Detachment Commander Drayton Valley and S/Sgt. Dwayne Moore Detachment Commander Breton/Thorsby provided detachment activity and statistical updates.

**URGENT ADDITIONS  
AND ADOPTION  
OF AGENDA**

**Addition to and Adoption of Agenda**

- 054/22-02-08** Moved by D. Ekstrom to approve the agenda with the following additions:
5. Delegations
    - RCMP Drayton Valley Reports
  
  9. Community Services
    - b) Modeste Campground
      - Correspondence from residents
  
  12. General Matters
    - b) Letter of Support for Truckers - D. Wiltse
    - c) Natural Burials - D. Wiltse
    - d) Arbitration Statement - A. Heinrich

13. Correspondence  
d) Correspondence from Lynn Oberle moved to Closed Session item 35 e). *FOIP Section 17* - D. Ekstrom

35. Closed Session  
d) Personnel *FOIP Section 19* - B. Guyon

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADOPTION OF  
MINUTES**

**Adoption of Minutes**

**055/22-02-08** Moved by A. Heinrich to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022 Regular Council meeting as amended: *page 12 "Gerhart" change to "Haggart", page 17 "for" change to "from," page 18 Motion 033/22-01-18 indicate C. Brooks voted In Favour.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**056/22-02-08** Moved by D. Wiltse to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022 Special Council meeting as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS  
ARISING**

**Business Arising**

**Township Road 474 between RR 52 and RR 53**

D. Ekstrom spoke to the project and encouraged Council to consider his proposed motions from the last meeting.

**057/22-02-08** Moved by D. Ekstrom 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.

**058/22-02-08** Moved by R. Swap to table motion 057/22-02-08 until March 8, 2022.

**IN FAVOUR**

R. Swap  
B. Guyon  
D. Ekstrom  
C. Brooks  
K. Westerlund

**OPPOSED**

A. Heinrich  
D. Wiltse

**CARRIED**

**CLOSED  
SESSION**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break 10:32 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 10:38 a.m.

**Closed Session SOS Media Campaign**

**059/22-02-08** Moved by K. Westerlund that the regular Council Meeting of February 8, 2022 proceed into 'closed session' at 10:39 a.m. for the purpose of discussing: SOS Media Campaign *FOIP Section 16*.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(A. Heinrich absent from the vote)

Tara Middlemiss and Rob Mulligan joined the closed session for the purpose of discussing the SOS Media Campaign.

**060/22-02-08** Moved by D. Ekstrom that the regular Council Meeting of February 8, 2022 come out of 'closed session' at 11:07 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 11:08 a.m. to allow the public ample time to return and the meeting resumed at 11:11 a.m.

**PUBLIC INPUT  
SESSION**

**Public Input Session**

Reeve B. Guyon opened the Public Input Session at 11:12 a.m.

Les Huber asked each Councillor if they know how much money they had in 2017 in reserves? Do you know how much you have left at present time? Why is Council ignoring roads on the priority list and no longer following the set criteria and why roads being overruled when Council deems. If efficient, Council would know best what is in their areas. The Reeve has his own list of priorities. The County finances are deteriorating, and none of that money is left to replace graders or repair roads. The County lost the arbitration hearing and the County has not made a statement regarding the legal fees. The County still plans to build equipment trails and borrow money. Residents should be asking the present Council to resign due to poor management of funds. Council has spent \$43 million dollars since 2017 plus the yearly tax money.

Kelly Robb spoke in opposition to motion 1023/21-12-01 to allocate \$250,000.00 to developing Twp Road 492. Her family is the only resident on east end and the road is closed to local traffic. Five landowners are opposed to this motion. She has been in direct contract with A. Heinrich and believes this road request is based on a sole landowner request. She is concerned that their quarter would have the most impact, with tree removal, and noise issues. The road request was to move farm equipment and emergency access, her family has had no issues and has been farming for 25 years. They chose country living and do not desire access and noise. Her possible solution is - don't do it. Use this money elsewhere. This has always been closed road and she does not see the need for it to not be.

Dixie Taylor expressed her sadness and devastation while watching the County going downhill and going broke. We were one of the richest counties and Council doing nothing. She asked them to stop all major spending while we get back on our feet. Council will be held responsible for the County's downfall and have to face the people that trusted and elected them.

Amanda Haggart spoke to her letter regarding Modeste Campground. She discussed the intersection of Highway 39 at RR 52 and that she was in an accident three years ago and would like something done with that intersection. She feels that is where she is going to die and suggested installing a traffic circle.

Allan Taylor spoke to fireworks and modest campground. He agrees with Amanda and has raised this concern many times before and nothing has been done. He asked if Council even knows where that campground is in relation to his house. He feels that nobody cares. He further mentioned that a road allowance cannot be gated or locked.

Safronie Hanas commented that he lives on Twp 492 at 6528 Twp Road 492 and has had several issues with Telus, Fish and Wildlife and fire department going to the wrong address and is concerned that an ambulance would waste time trying to find him. He agreed that the road upgrade may cause a little more traffic, but that is what roads are built for, not to lock them. There should never be a gate across a county road and he has never seen another one. This road should be opened and maintained for public travel. The school bus will not go through and he understands why. He would like the road open for the safety of himself and his family. He would appreciate if Council would follow through with the project.

Lynn Oberle noticed on the agenda that Council was considering a letter of support for the truckers, and pointed out that letter would be in support of illegal actions. Mandates are for public safety similar to stop signs and it is not Council's place to support this action.

Kelly Robb followed up to Mr. Hanas' comments, and noted that they are less than 1 km up from RR 65, she understands the issue with emergency vehicles, but she is concerned that the County would be taking their driveway and trees.

Reeve B. Guyon closed the Public Input Session at 11:41 a.m.

#### **Follow Up Action List**

S. McKerry reviewed the status of the action items.

**061/22-02-08** Moved by C. Brooks to approve the Follow Up Action List as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**FIRE SERVICES**

**Fire Services**

**Fireworks Information Update**

T. Thompson provided a report regarding rules and regulations for how the County deals with the blowing off of fireworks.

**062/22-02-08** Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the fireworks report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT**

**Planning and Development**

**Planning and Development Policy PD-7 – Environmental Reserve Dedication**

K. Sterling presented the updated PD-7 Environmental Reserve Dedication Policy for Council’s review and approval.

**063/22-02-08** Moved by D. Ekstrom to postpone PD-7 to the September 12, 2022 Council meeting.

R. Swap offered a friendly amendment “to wait until the Agricultural Service Board has had a chance to review the policy.”

D. Ekstrom accepted the amendment.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 12:15 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 12:50 p.m.

**DELEGATIONS/  
APPOINTMENTS**

**Delegations/Appointments**

**North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance**

Mary Ellen Shain, M.Sc. provide an update for Brazeau County on their key projects and the Riparian Health Action Plan.

**064/22-02-08** Moved by D. Ekstrom to accept the NSWA presentation for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Area Structure Plan Review**

K. Sterling presented a review of the current area structure plans in the County and requested Council’s priority list to update these plans.

**065/22-02-08** Moved by C. Brooks to approve the priority list of Area Structure Plan updates as recommended by Administration.

A. Heinrich offered friendly amendment “subject to budget availability.”

C. Brooks accepted the amendment.

D. Wiltse offered a friendly amendment “with focus on the current ASP and then reassess the list after budget”

C. Brooks did not accept the amendment.

**IN FAVOUR**

A. Heinrich  
C. Brooks  
K. Westerlund

**OPPOSED**

D. Wiltse  
R. Swap  
B. Guyon  
D. Ekstrom

**DEFEATED**

**Subdivision Research SE 31-49-07-W5M**

K. Sterling presented the history of the subdivision of the lands SE 31-49-07-W5M.

K. Westerlund declared pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

**066/22-02-08** Moved by R. Swap to move Subdivision Research SE 31-49-07-W5M to the March 8, 2022 Council agenda.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

K. Westerlund returned to the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Community Services**

**Berrymoor Campground**

C. Loose and L. Chambers presented a request to amend the scope of LAIM-0022 Berrymoor Day Use and Campground and to develop the day use area only.

**067/22-02-08** Moved by K. Westerlund to amend the scope of LAIM-0022 Berrymoor Day Use and Campground to only develop the day use area at a cost of \$57,147 and to return the remaining funds to the parks Restricted Surplus.

**068/22-02-08**

Moved by A. Heinrich to table this motion until after the discussion on Modeste Campground.

**IN FAVOUR**

A. Heinrich

**OPPOSED**

D. Wiltse

R. Swap

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

C. Brooks

K. Westerlund

**DEFEATED**

Vote on original motion **067/22-02-08**

**IN FAVOUR**

D. Wiltse

R. Swap

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

C. Brooks

K. Westerlund

**OPPOSED**

A. Heinrich

**CARRIED**

**Modeste Campground**

C. Brooks presented the concept of turning Modeste Campground into a wildlife preserve.

**069/22-02-08**

Moved by C. Brooks to direct Administration to explore the possibility of turning the Modeste Campground into a wildlife preserve with a potential ALUS project.

**IN FAVOUR**

C. Brooks

A. Heinrich

**OPPOSED**

D. Wiltse

R. Swap

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

K. Westerlund

**DEFEATED**

**FINANCE**

**Finance**

**Bank Reconciliation Statement as of December 31, 2021**

**070/22-02-08** Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the bank reconciliation statement as of December 31, 2021 for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Tax Recovery Sale Reserve Bids**

C. Swap presented a request for Council to set the reserve bids for the tax sale properties.

**071/22-02-08** Moved by C. Brooks to establish the reserve bids as recommended by Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. on each property up for tax sale as presented on page 158.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 2:53 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 3:02 p.m.

**Aquatic Facility Capital Contribution**

C. Swap presented a report for all funds the County has contributed directly to the new pool.

**072/22-02-08** Moved by R. Swap to direct Administration to send a response to the individual letters received regarding the Aquatic Facility Capital contribution with the summary information.

**IN FAVOUR**

D. Wiltse  
R. Swap  
B. Guyon  
D. Ekstrom  
K. Westerlund  
A. Heinrich

**OPPOSED**

C. Brooks

**CARRIED**

**Arbitration Legal Costs**

C. Swap presented the summarized cost to date for the arbitration proceedings.

**073/22-02-08** Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the Arbitration Legal Cost summary for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Public Works**

**Track the Plow Demonstration**

A. Saltesz presented a demonstration of the Track the Plow Program.

**Leduc County's Grader Operations**

A. Saltesz presented a report on Leduc County's winter grading practices.

**074/22-02-08**

Moved by C. Brooks to accept the report regarding Leduc County snow removal practices for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Winter Road Maintenance Level of Service**

A. Saltesz and S. McKerry presented a request for Council to set a level of service directive for winter road maintenance.

**075/22-02-08**

Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to gather the information Leduc County policy content prior to February 26, 2022.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**076/22-02-08**

Moved by D. Wiltse to direct Administration to research the availability of contractors, when necessary, for snow clearing and road maintenance program in the Hamlets of Cynthia and Lodgepole.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Equipment Tenders**

A. Saltesz presented equipment tenders for Council's approval.

**077/22-02-08**

Moved by D. Wiltse to increase EQP-0088 T110W Wing Plow budget to \$22,800.00 with required funds coming from Restricted Surplus - Equipment Replacement and direct Administration to proceed in awarding the equipment tenders as recommend:

EQP-0082 - T30P Plow Replacement \$13,195.00 Ogun Manufacturing Inc.

EQP-0088 - T110W Wing Plow Replacement \$22,800.00 Commercial Truck Equipment

VEH-0038 & VEH-0039 - T105 & T112 ¾ Ton Pickup Truck Replacement \$57,985.00 Drayton Valley Ford

VEH-0040 - T115 Plow Truck Replacement with Box & Hydraulic System Part A \$187,997.00 Western Star and Part B \$56,420.00 Industrial Machine Inc.

EQP-0086 - M132 Small Grader Replacement \$460,000.00 Brandt Tractor Ltd.

EQP-0085 - M138 Large Grader Replacement \$555,000.00 Brandt Tractor Ltd.

EQP-0084 - Steamer Truck (T32) Replacement \$99,000.00 HINO Central.

**IN FAVOUR**

D. Wiltse

R. Swap

B. Guyon

C. Brooks

K. Westerlund

A. Heinrich

**OPPOSED**

D. Ekstrom

**CARRIED**

**In-house Road Projects**

C. Brooks asked to open the discussion on giving Public Works direction with the in-house road crews.

**078/22-02-08** Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the discussion on in-house roads for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**GENERAL  
MATTERS**

**General Matters**

**Airport Request to Waive Fee to Amend Land Use Bylaw**

R. Swap presented a request for a fee to be waived for the Drayton Valley Airport to amend the land use bylaw.

**079/22-02-08** Moved by D. Wiltse to defer the Aerodrome request to waive fees discussion to the next Council meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 5:15 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 5:36 p.m.

**Council Strategic Plan**

C. Brooks requested Council change wording within the strategic plan to the value statement from "our indigenous neighbours" to "our neighbours."

D. Ekstrom requested to remove "by the thousands" and change "superior service" to "quality service."

**Letter of Support for Truckers**

No action

**Natural Burials**

D. Wiltse raised the concept of allowing natural burials with no chemicals to the County.

**080/22-02-08** Moved by D. Wiltse to direct Administration to research natural burials in Brazeau County.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Arbitration Ruling Statement**

**081/22-02-08** Moved by D. Ekstrom receive the arbitration ruling statement discussion for information.

**IN FAVOUR**

D. Wiltse

R. Swap

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

C. Brooks

K. Westerlund

**OPPOSED**

A. Heinrich

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE  
ITEMS**

**Correspondence/Items for Information**

**Alberta Transportation re: widening, intersection improvements and mowing**

**082/22-02-08** Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the correspondence from Alberta Transportation for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Minister of Municipal Affairs re: Meeting at RMA follow up**

**083/22-02-08** Moved by D. Ekstrom to receive the correspondence from Municipal Affairs for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RCMP re: Follow up from meeting**

**084/22-02-08** Moved by D. Wiltse to receive the correspondence from RCMP for information.

**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)**

No report.

**Drayton Valley Municipal Library Board**

Councillor R. Swap provided a report regarding the Drayton Valley Municipal Library Board.

**085/22-02-08**

Moved by R. Swap to direct Administration to research the options of an independent library.

**IN FAVOUR**

D. Wiltse  
R. Swap  
B. Guyon  
D. Ekstrom  
C. Brooks  
K. Westerlund

**OPPOSED**

A. Heinrich

**CARRIED**

**Brazeau Seniors Foundation Report**

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

**Breton Municipal Library Board**

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

**West Central Airshed Society**

Councillor C. Brooks provided a report regarding the West Central Airshed Society.

**Yellowhead Regional Library Board**

Councillor K. Westerlund provided a report regarding the Yellowhead Regional Library Board.

**Drayton Valley and District FCSS**

No report.

**North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance**

No report.

**Eagle Point/Blue Rapids Parks Council (EPBR)**

Councillor D. Wiltse provided a report regarding the EPBR Parks Council.

**Pembina Area Synergy Group**

Councillor A. Heinrich provided a report regarding the Pembina Area Synergy Group.

**086/22-02-08** Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to research the effects of Bill 77.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**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.

**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 C. Brooks provided a report regarding the Chamber of Commerce.

**087/22-02-08** Moved by K. Westerlund that Brazeau County become a member of the Chamber of Commerce at a membership fee of \$75.00.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**088/22-02-08** Moved by K. Westerlund to remove Chamber of Commerce from Council committees.

**IN FAVOUR**

D. Wiltse

R. Swap

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

C. Brooks

A. Heinrich

**OPPOSED**

K. Westerlund

**CARRIED**

**Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant Board**

No report.

**Police and Crisis Team**

Councillor K. Westerlund provided a report regarding Police and Crisis Team.

**DV and District Community Learning Association Board (DVDCLAB)**

No report.

**089/22-02-08** Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the Councillor Reports for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 6:17 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 6:39 p.m.

**MEETING  
DATES**

**Meeting Dates**

**Code of Conduct Workshop**

**090/22-02-08** Moved by A. Heinrich to set February 28, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. as Code of Conduct Workshop.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RMA 101 Webinars Feb 3, 7, 18, 25, 2022**

No action

**CLOSED  
SESSION**

**Closed Session**

**091/22-02-08** Moved by R. Swap that the regular Council Meeting of February 8, 2022 proceed into 'closed session' at 7:01 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- a) Moon Valley Cemetery Agreement *FOIP Section 25*
- b) Slo Pitch Agreement *FOIP Section 25*
- c) Easyford Hall Agreement *FOIP Section 25*
- d) Council Code of Conduct *FOIP Section 17*
- e) Lynn Oberle re: Arbitration *FOIP Section 17*
- f) Personnel *FOIP Section 19*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**092/22-02-08** Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular Council Meeting of February 8, 2022 come out of 'closed session' at 9:14 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 9:14 p.m. to allow the public ample time to return and the meeting resumed at 9:20 a.m.

**093/22-02-08** Moved by D. Wiltse to execute the Moon Valley Cemetery agreement as discussed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**094/22-02-08** Moved by D. Ekstrom to execute the Brazeau Sports Park Ball Diamonds Lease Contract Agreement as discussed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**095/22-02-08** Moved by A. Heinrich to accept Easyford Hall Agreement update for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**096/22-02-08** Moved by R. Swap to direct Administration to proceed with the Council Code of Conduct issues as discussed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**097/22-02-08** Moved by C. Brooks to accept the discussion on personnel as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**098/22-02-08** Moved by K. Westerlund that the regular Council Meeting of February 8, 2022 adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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Reeve



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Executive Assistant