

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN BRAZEAU COUNTY ON TUESDAY JUNE 6, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PRESENT**

B. Guyon, Reeve  
G. Gunderson, Councillor  
D. Wiltse, Councillor  
D. Ekstrom, Councillor  
C. Brooks, Councillor  
A. Heinrich, Councillor  
K. Westerlund, Councillor  
K. Edney Chief Administrative Officer  
T. Scharfl, Executive Assistant  
A. Martin, Administrative Intern  
K. MacInnis, Corporate Communications Coordinator (by telephone)

**URGENT ADDITIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Addition to and Adoption of Agenda**

**323/23-06-06**

Moved by D. Wiltse to approve the agenda with the following additions and deletions:

9. Agricultural Services
  - b) Delete - Pesticide Container Site
  - b) Water for Agricultural Purposes - K. Westerlund
10. Community Services
  - a) Parade Budget
12. General Matters
  - a) ALS Walk and Proclamation of June as ALS Month June 10, 2023 11 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Adoption of Minutes**

**324/23-06-06**

Moved by K. Westerlund to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2023 Council meeting as amended motion 312/23-05-23 "Moved by D. Wiltse" and motion 313/23-05-23 "Moved by C. Brooks to."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS  
ARISING**

**Business Arising**

**Follow Up Action List**

K. Edney reviewed the status of the action items.

**325/23-06-06** Moved by D. Ekstrom to receive the Follow Up Action List for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CAO REPORT**

**CAO Report**

**Fire Status Update**

K. Edney provided an update on the current wildfire situation.

**326/23-06-06** Moved by A. Heinrich to set a Special Council meeting in closed for a Fire Review on June 13, 2023 at 9 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**327/23-06-06** Moved by G. Gunderson to receive the Fire Status Report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**AGRICULTURAL  
SERVICES**

**Agricultural Services**

**ALUS-1 Guiding Framework Policy**

L. Chambers presented a report regarding proposed revisions to the ALUS-1 Guiding Framework Policy.

**328/23-06-06** Moved by K. Westerlund to change pasture for adaptive multi-paddock grazing to maximum of \$15 within the ALUS-1 Guiding Framework Policy.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**329/23-06-06** Moved by K. Westerlund to change the payment to indicate "maximum" dollars per acre within the ALUS-1 Guiding Framework Policy for traditional ALUS projects.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Water for Agricultural Purposes**

Councillor K. Westerlund presented concerns from residents regarding the availability of water on the west side of the North Saskatchewan River for agricultural purposes.

**330/23-06-06** Moved by K. Westerlund to direct Administration to investigate non-potable water availability options on the west side of the river.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Community Services**

**Parade Budget**

L. Chambers requested a budget increase to \$10,000 for parade items.

**331/23-06-06** Moved by D. Wiltse to increase the parade budget up to \$10,000.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**FINANCE**

**Finance**

**Bank Reconciliation Statement as of April 30, 2023**

C. Swap presented the bank statement as of April 30, 2023.

**332/23-06-06** Moved by C. Brooks to accept the bank statement as of April 30, 2023 for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 9:47 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 9:55 a.m.

**GENERAL MATTERS**

**General Matters**

**ALS Walk and Proclamation of June as ALS Month**

**333/23-06-06** Moved by K. Westerlund to authorize the Reeve and/or designated to speak at the ALS Walk and to proclaim June as ALS Month in Brazeau County.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Committee Reports**

**Agricultural Service Board Member's Report (ASB)**

No Report

**Municipal Planning Commission Member's Report (MPC)**

No Report

**West Central Airshed Society**

No Report

**Yellowhead Regional Library Board**

No Report

**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 G. Gunderson provided a report regarding the Drayton Valley Library Board.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Public Hearing**

**Bylaw 1143-23 Rezone SW 27-49-9-W5M from Agricultural (AG) to  
Agricultural Holdings (AGH)**

Reeve B. Guyon declared pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 10:02 a.m. Deputy Reeve K. Westerlund assumed the chair.

**334/23-06-06** Moved by D. Wiltse that the regular Council meeting of June 6, 2023 proceed into public hearing for bylaw 1143-23 at 10:02 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. Dyck presented Bylaw 1143-23 for second and third reading.

Public Input:

B. Guyon, applicant spoke to the requirement for a high-water table study and stated he would rather just admit that there is a high-water table, and suggested the County put the caveat on the lands preventing basements from being installed rather than have him go through the expense of the study. He would be willing to pay for the study as long as the County paid him back if there was not a high-water table. He spoke further to the slope of the land, the fence line, and the moss and the clay underneath. He indicated there is some swamp areas on the lands.

Administration advised that the high-water table study condition would be dealt with at the time of the subdivision process, and not with the rezoning bylaw.

Mr. Huber stated he was not against the subdivision, but expressed concerns with road upgrading being difficult to get for those that need versus building a road for subdivisions which are not necessary.

**335/23-06-06** Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular Council meeting of June 6, 2023 come out of public hearing at 10:12 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**336/23-06-06** Moved by A. Heinrich to give second reading to Bylaw 1143-23.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**337/23-06-06** Moved by D. Wiltse to give third reading to Bylaw 1143-23.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

**Committee Reports**

**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)**

Councillor K. Westerlund provided a report regarding the EPBR Parks Council.

**Pembina Area Synergy Group**

No Report

**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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Public Hearing**

**Bylaw 1144-23 to Rezone Pts SE 16-49-8-W5M from Agricultural (AG) to Agricultural Holdings (AGH)**

Reeve B. Guyon declared pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Deputy Reeve K. Westerlund assumed the chair.

**338/23-06-06** Moved by D. Ekstrom that the regular Council meeting of June 6, 2023 proceed into public hearing for Bylaw 1144-23 at 10:15 a.m.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. Dyck presented Bylaw 1144-23 for second and third reading.

Public Input: none

**339/23-06-06** Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular Council meeting of June 6, 2023 come out of public hearing at 10:21 a.m.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**340/23-06-06** Moved by D. Ekstrom to give second reading to Bylaw 1144-23.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**341/23-06-06** Moved by C. Brooks to give third reading to Bylaw 1144-23.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon returned to the meeting at 10:21 a.m. and resumed the chair.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Committee Reports**

#### **ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC)**

No Report

#### **Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant Board**

No Report

#### **North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance**

No Report

#### **Technology Innovation and Investment Attraction Committee**

No Report

**342/23-06-06** Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the Councillor Reports for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **MEETING DATES**

### **Meeting Dates**

**Black Gold Gala 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pembina-Cardium Oilfield June 23, 2023  
(deferred from May 23, 2023)**

**343/23-06-06** Moved by K. Westerlund to purchase a table at the Black Gold Gala on June 23, 2023 for \$1,200.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Cancellation of Summer Council Meetings**

**344/23-06-06** Moved by K. Westerlund to cancel the July 4, 2023 and August 1, 2023 regular Council meetings.

**IN FAVOUR**

G. Gunderson

D. Wiltse

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

C. Brooks

K. Westerlund

**OPPOSED**

A. Heinrich

**CARRIED**

**CLOSED  
SESSION**

**Closed Session**

**345/23-06-06** Moved by K. Westerlund that the regular Council Meeting of June 6, 2023 proceed into closed session at 10:35 A.M. for the purpose of discussing:

a) Personnel – *FOIP Section 19*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**346/23-06-06** Moved by C. Brooks that the regular Council Meeting of June 6, 2023 come out of closed session at 11:02 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 11:03 a.m. to allow the public ample time to return and the meeting resumed at 11:08 a.m.

**PUBLIC INPUT  
SESSION**

**Public Input Session**

Reeve B. Guyon opened the Public Input Session at 11:08 a.m.

Greg Hayduk resident along RR 71 reported that the fire directly impacted his property destroying 90 acres and his shop. He managed to save his house. They were fortunate to have equipment and resources to begin reclamation on their lands; however, he is concerned with people in the County that don't have resources and asked what is the County going to do for them? He spoke to all the complaints regarding the management of the fire and suggested a joint committee with community input to try to

prevent this type of disaster from happening again. He proposed also including a report, with input from decision makers, and have this shared publicly to squash rumors and give people the reasoning behind the decisions made. He feels there are many questions that need to be answered like, why the original fire was not controlled? He stated that there is equipment such as tank trucks and cats in town and asked is there a plan in place to allow those resources to help? He believes there was an opportunity missed to prevent the fire from growing and there should be a discussion to fix the issues. He cautioned that with hot dry conditions continuing this could happen all over again.

Reeve B. Guyon closed the Public Input Session at 11:21 a.m.

**347/23-06-06** Moved by A. Heinrich to add to the agenda under meeting dates a discussion on fire investigations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**348/23-06-06** Moved by K. Westerlund to bring the 1:15 p.m. delegation forward to now.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DELEGATIONS/  
APPOINTMENTS**

**Delegations/Appointments**

**Warming Hearts**

Marty Prentice and Kenton Penner gave a presentation on the Warming Hearts Centre to make Council aware of their existence and what they do for the community.

**349/23-06-06** Moved by A. Heinrich to accept the presentation on Warming Hearts Centre for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CLOSED  
SESSION**

**Closed Session**

**350/23-06-06** Moved by C. Brooks that the regular Council Meeting of June 6, 2023 proceed into closed session at 11:57 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

a) Personnel – *FOIP Section 19*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**351/23-06-06** Moved by C. Brooks that the regular Council Meeting of June 6, 2023 come out of closed session at 1:17 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 1:18 p.m. to allow the public ample time to return and the meeting resumed at 1:29 p.m.

**352/23-06-06** Moved by K. Westerlund to direct Administration to proceed as directed in closed on personnel.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MEETING  
DATES**

Meeting Dates

Fire Investigation

**353/23-06-06** Moved by D. Ekstrom to set June 26, 2023 for a public Town Hall meeting at 6 p.m. regarding the recent Wildfire at the Buck Creek Community Hall serving beef on bun.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**354/23-06-06** Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular Council Meeting of June 6, 2023 adjourn at 1:52 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

  
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Reeve

  
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Executive Assistant