

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN BRAZEAU COUNTY ON TUESDAY 2022 03 08

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
D. Ekstrom, Councillor
C. Brooks, Councillor
A. Heinrich, Councillor
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)

AWARDS

Reeve B. Guyon recognized Jenna Durkee as the recipient of the APWA Emerging Leader Award

URGENT ADDITIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition to and Adoption of Agenda

149/22-03-08

Moved by D. Ekstrom to approve the agenda with the following additions:

6. Planning
 - c) Crypto Mining - R. Swap
7. Public Works
 - f) Speed Assessment Twp Rd 502b near RR 64 - C. Brooks
 - g) Road Counts - D. Wiltse
10. Community Services
 - c) Library Establishment - additional information
11. Finance
 - c) Ratification of Budget Discussions March 1 & 2 - Request for Council Decision attached

- 12. General Matters
 - b) Provincial Coal Policy Review
 - c) Council Agenda Package - C. Brooks
- 13. Correspondence
 - b) Lynn Oberle re: attendance at meeting denied
 - c) Les Huber re: Mission Statement
- 33. Meeting Dates
 - a) Date Selection for: Road Priorities Planning Session
- 34. Closed Session
 - c) Arbitration *FOIP Section 21*
 - d) Code of Conduct *FOIP Section 19*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CLOSED
SESSION**

Closed Session

150/22-03-08 Moved by R. Swap that the regular Council Meeting of March 8, 2022 proceed into 'closed session' at 9:08 a.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- a) Personnel *FOIP Section 19*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

151/22-03-08 Moved by D. Ekstrom that the regular Council Meeting of March 8, 2022 come out of 'closed session' at 10:03 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 10:03 a.m. to allow the public ample time to return and the meeting resumed at 10:08 a.m.

152/22-03-08 Moved by R. Swap to accept the personnel discussion for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

Adoption of Minutes

153/22-03-08 Moved by D. Wiltse to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022 Council meeting as amended:
Page 11 Motion 108/22-03-08 "work" and Page 21 "April 20 & 21"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS/
APPOINTMENTS**

Delegations/Appointments

Drayton Valley Health Foundation

Colleen Sekura provided a presentation on the role of the Drayton Valley Health Foundation with the community including how they raise money and the projects they support. She invited Council to participate in the medieval event on May 7, 2022.

154/22-03-08 Moved by C. Brooks to receive the Drayton Valley Health Foundation presentation for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT**

Planning and Development

Land Use Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 1099-22 to Rezone Pt. NW 3-50-6-W5M from Agricultural (AG) to Agricultural Holdings (AGH)

C. Dyck presented Bylaw 1099-22 for first reading.

155/22-03-08 Moved by D. Wiltse to give first reading to Bylaw 1099-22 and schedule the public hearing for 10:00 a.m. April 5, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Research on Area Structure Plan requirements and the number of parcels subdivided per quarter section

K. Sterling requested Council direction regarding the Area Structure Plan requirements.

156/22-03-08 Moved by A. Heinrich to table this discussion until we get a template for a fifth parcel out.

IN FAVOUR

A. Heinrich
D. Wiltse
B. Guyon
D. Ekstrom
C. Brooks
K. Westerlund

OPPOSED

R. Swap

CARRIED

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 11:02 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 11:10 a.m.

**PUBLIC INPUT
SESSION**

Public Input Session

Reeve B. Guyon opened the Public Input Session at 11:10 a.m.

Courtney Hoffman and Sheldon Musiyowski announced that the men's and lady's Slo Pitch teams made it to the Nationals in the Yukon. They will discuss grant opportunities with the Community Services department. They further announced that they are hosting a tournament June 1-2, 2022.

Arnold Kellgren asked if the County is going to be participating in the 2 billion-tree program? He also raised concerns with a bitcoin mining operation that started up in the County that is creating excessive noise located at 14-7-50-08-W5M.

Duane Movald presented Council with a hypothetical situation, if he was a landowner and would like different access to his land, even though he has access, then become a Councillor, bypassed 17 other requests, promoted his own project, decided borrowing would be fine, and maybe administration would find grants, what would be Council's reaction be to take part in that scenario? He raised concerns with the Twp 474 Road project between RR 52 and RR 53 including, safety, water issues, and ongoing maintenance of a road that runs on top of a waterway. He left Council with a thought: if you buy a cow during a drought, and decide to keep the cow, you are committed to increased costs of feed.

Les Huber spoke to Council's values, workshops, private meetings, warranty costs of roads, money and reserve management, amounts spent in last years, and his hope the direction of Council will change and not go in debt. He requested answers to his letter.

Reeve B. Guyon closed the Public Input Session at 11:34 a.m.

157/22-03-08 Moved by A. Heinrich to add crypto currency and Les Huber's questions to the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS
ARISING**

Follow Up Action List

158/22-03-08 Moved by D. Ekstrom to accept the follow up action list as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT**

Planning and Development

Crypto Mining

R. Swap raised concern with the crypto mining operation on 14-7-50-08-W5M and the response he received from Alberta Energy Regulators.

159/22-03-08 Moved by R. Swap to direct Administration to draft a letter that will cover all issues with crypto currency mining and send to the appropriate people.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works

Hamlet of Cynthia Lagoon Refurbishments Tender

A. Saltesz presented the Hamlet of Cynthia Lagoon Refurbishment Tender recommending Parkway Enterprises for approval.

K. Westerlund left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

160/22-03-08 Moved by A. Heinrich to proceed with awarding the Hamlet of Cynthia Lagoon Refurbishment Tender to Parkway Enterprises Ltd., with additional funding of \$167,029 coming from unrestricted reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 12:04 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 12:44 p.m.

Equipment Tender Results

A. Saltesz presented the tender results for the replacement garbage bin truck chassis and roll off system and requested approval to proceed with securing the purchase of a used vehicle to replace the steamer truck.

K. Westerlund returned to the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

161/22-03-08 Moved by D. Ekstrom to direct Administration to proceed in awarding Part A of the equipment tender for VEH-0041 Garbage Bin Truck Replacement to Western Star Trucks Ltd. in the amount of \$185,998.00 and Part B to Universal Handling Equipment Company Ltd. in the amount of \$82,497.00.

IN FAVOUR

A. Heinrich

D. Wiltse

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

C. Brooks

K. Westerlund

OPPOSED

R. Swap

CARRIED

162/22-03-08 Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to proceed in securing a replacement vehicle for EQP-0084 T32 Steamer Truck, up to the approved budget amount of \$140,175.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Brooks proposed rescinding Council's motion that dictates tenders coming back to Council for approval.

2022 Household Hazardous Waste Round Up

A. Saltesz presented a recommendation to proceed with partnering with the Village of Breton and utilize the old county shop yard for the 2022 Hazardous Waste Round Up.

163/22-03-08 Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to proceed in partnering with the Village of Breton and to utilize the old shop yard for the 2022 Household Hazardous Waste Round Up event, scheduled for the dates and times presented.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

C. Brooks

CARRIED

Active Transportation Fund

A. Saltesz provided information regarding project eligibility for the Active Transportation Fund.

164/22-03-08 Moved by D. Wiltse to direct Administration explore possibilities to access most of the \$400 million in the Active Transportation Fund for walking trails.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Twp 474 Bridge Update

A. Saltesz provided information on the design of Twp Rd 474.

165/22-03-08 Moved by D. Wiltse to receive the report on Twp Rd 474 for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Speed Assessment Twp Rd 502B near RR 64

C. Brooks requested a speed assessment for safety on Twp Road 502B.

166/22-03-08 Moved by C. Brooks to direct Administration to do a speed assessment on Twp Rd 502B near RR 64.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Road Counts

D. Wiltse requested road counts for a week to ten days on RR 83 and Twp 485 over the long weekend for information purposes.

167/22-03-08 Moved by D. Wiltse to direct Administration to conduct road counts for two weeks on recreation roads Range Road 83 south of 621 and Township Road 485 towards the horse trails starting the Wednesday before the May long weekend for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 1:51 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 1:58 p.m.

Reeve B. Guyon declared pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 1:58 p.m. Deputy Reeve D. Wiltse assumed the chair.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services

Willey West Automatic Barrier Gate

L. Chambers requested additional funds for the Willey West Automatic Barrier Gate as the tender came in higher than budgeted.

168/22-03-08 Moved by C. Brooks to receive the Willey West Barrier Gate report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lodgepole Rink Renovations

L. Chambers presented a request for the scope of the Lodgepole Rink Renovation project to change considering successfully receiving grant funding.

169/22-03-08 Moved by C. Brooks to direct Administration to proceed with the full scope of LIAM-0016 Lodgepole Rink Renovations and add \$87,248 (CFEP Funding) to the project from grants.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon returned to the meeting at 2:09 p.m. and resumed the chair.

Library Establishment

L. Chambers presented information regarding the County establishing an independent library and ramification of costs associated.

Discussion to continue during closed session.

FINANCE

Finance

ADM-19 Amended Tax Refund Policy

C. Swap presented an amended policy to expedite the refund of taxes for properties affected by catastrophic events.

170/22-03-08 Moved by C. Brooks to approve the amended ADM-19 Tax refund Policy as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Solar Revenue Reserve Account

C. Swap presented proposed parameters for the creation of a solar revenue reserve account for Council's consideration.

171/22-03-08 Moved by C. Brooks to allocate the solar revenue fund to general expenses and to have annual reporting on the revenue made through the program.

IN FAVOUR

K. Westerlund

C. Brooks

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

D. Wiltse

R. Swap

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

DEFEATED

172/22-03-08 Moved by A. Heinrich to approve the parameters of the solar revenue account as amended to remove the words "sustainable or environmentally innovative" from the first clause.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

C. Brooks

CARRIED

Ratification of Budget Discussions from March 1 & 2 Workshops

C. Swap presented a summary of the discussions from the March 1 and 2 workshops and proposed motions to ratify the decisions.

173/22-03-08

Moved by D. Wiltse that Council direct Administration to remove ROAD-0232 (RR 85) from the Road Request List.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

CARRIED

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 2:48 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 2:58 p.m.

174/22-03-08

Moved by D. Ekstrom to approve the operating budget changes discussed during the March 1 and 2 budget workshop including the increase in campground fees, parade promotional items, DV snow club, mowing, campground arborist, Sporks Park shale, Brazeau County app and Express Newsletter (as on page 8 of the additions).

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

CARRIED

175/22-03-08

Moved by K. Westerlund to allocated \$400,000.00 in 2023 budget for the SB90 program for subdivision hardtop.

IN FAVOUR

D. Wiltse

R. Swap

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

C. Brooks

K. Westerlund

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

CARRIED

176/22-03-08

Moved by D. Ekstrom that Council direct Administration to remove committed funding in the 2022 Budget for bridge files BF71545, BF13214, and BF70530, with a total budget impact of \$626,250.

IN FAVOUR

D. Wiltse

R. Swap

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

C. Brooks

K. Westerlund

CARRIED

177/22-03-08

Moved by D. Ekstrom that Council direct Administration to continue work on the Wastewater Innovation Grant, with a budget impact of \$618,000 for 2022.

IN FAVOUR

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

D. Wiltse

R. Swap

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

C. Brooks

K. Westerlund

CARRIED

178/22-03-08

Moved by C. Brooks that project ROAD-0262 be voted on separately.

IN FAVOUR

C. Brooks
A. Heinrich

OPPOSED

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

DEFEATED

179/22-03-08

Moved by R. Swap that Council approve the scope changes for ROAD-0282, ROAD-0202B, ROAD-0237, ROAD-0283, ROAD-0262 to do soil cement stabilization for 2022 at a total cost of \$1,126,711.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

CARRIED

180/22-03-08

Moved by D. Wiltse to delay the SB90 program until necessary access to the product can be constructed for a budget reduction of \$400,000 in 2022.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

K. Westerlund
A. Heinrich

CARRIED

**GENERAL
MATTERS**

General Matters

Airport Update

R. Swap gave a report on the upcoming improvement plans at the airport including 11 new sites at for hangers, a training facility and air touring company.

Coal Decision

B. Guyon reviewed the provincial decision regarding the provincial coal policy.

R. Swap left the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

181/22-03-08 Moved by D. Ekstrom to receive the Coal Decision brief for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R. Swap returned to the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

D. Wiltse left the meeting at 3:46 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

Council Agendas

Council discussed not including visuals in the council agendas.

182/22-03-08 Moved by C. Brooks to direct Administration to limit the presentation slides allowed in the agenda.

IN FAVOUR

D. Wiltse

R. Swap

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

C. Brooks

K. Westerlund

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

CARRIED

Les Huber re: Mission Statement

183/22-03-08 Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to answer the letter from Mr. Huber and have it signed by the Reeve.

IN FAVOUR

A. Heinrich

C. Brooks

K. Westerlund

OPPOSED

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

**CORRESPONDENCE
ITEMS**

Correspondence/Items for Information

**Lynn Oberle re: ASB Policy and Purpose, Lynn Oberle re: meeting attendance denied
Les Huber re: Mission Statement**

184/22-03-08 Moved by K. Westerlund to receive items 13. a) b) c) for information.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

CARRIED

**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.

Brazeau Seniors Foundation Report

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

Drayton Valley Municipal Library Board

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

Breton Municipal Library Board

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

West Central Airshed Society

No Report

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

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)

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

Breton and District Family Community Support Services (FCSS)

No Report

Alternative Land Use Service Partnership Advisory Committee (ALUS PAC)

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

Recreation Board

No Report

Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant Board

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

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

185/22-03-08 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the Councillor Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEETING
DATES**

Meeting Dates

Road Priority Planning Session

186/22-03-08 Moved by C. Brooks to table the road priority planning session date selection to the next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 4:18 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 4:23 p.m.

**CLOSED
SESSION**

Closed Session

187/22-03-08 Moved by D. Ekstrom that the regular Council Meeting of March 8, 2022 proceed into 'closed session' at 4:27 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- a) Library Agreement *FOIP Section 16, 21 and 25.*
- b) Arbitration *FOIP Section 21*
- c) Code of Conduct *FOIP Section 19*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

188/22-03-08 Moved by D. Ekstrom that the regular Council Meeting of March 8 2022 come out of 'closed session' at 5:28 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 5:29 p.m. to allow the public ample time to return and the meeting resumed at 5:31 p.m.

189/22-03-08 Moved by D. Wiltse to accept the library discussion as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

190/22-03-08 Moved by K. Westerlund to accept the arbitration discussion as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

191/22-03-08 Moved by C. Brooks to accept the code of conduct discussion as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

192/22-03-08

Moved by D. Ekstrom that the regular Council Meeting of March 8, 2022 adjourn at 5:33 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Reeve



Executive Assistant