

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, IN BRAZEAU COUNTY ON MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve B. Guyon called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

PRESENT

B. Guyon, Reeve
H. Swan, Councillor
D. Wiltse, Councillor (by telephone)
M. Gressler, Councillor
S. Wheale, Councillor
A. Heinrich, Councillor
K. Westerlund, Councillor
J. Whaley, CAO
C. Whalen, Finance Coordinator
T. Kwirant, Executive Assistant

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of the Agenda

0635/20-08-24 Moved by K. Westerlund to adopt the agenda as amended:
4. Closed Session
b) Inter-governmental relations *FOIP 21*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ASSESSMENT MODEL REVIEW

Assessment Model Review

Reeve B. Guyon and Deputy Reeve K. Westerlund updated Council and the public on the recent meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding Assessment Model Review.

D. Wiltse disconnected from the meeting at 1:58 p.m. and reconnected at 2:00 p.m.

0636/20-08-24 Moved by A. Heinrich to write an open letter to Minister Madu and copy the Premier that none of their options are acceptable, we need a better time line and we expect them to serve the people of Alberta before making decisions without proper consultation.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

S. Wheale

CARRIED

0637/20-08-24 Moved by S. Wheale that Council set a date of September 8, 2020 in the morning for a meeting with oil companies with Brazeau County to discuss a new assessment options.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0638/20-08-24 Moved by H. Swan that Council set a date of September 4, 2020 in the afternoon for a meeting with service companies with Brazeau County to discuss a new assessment options.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break 2:46 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 2:56 p.m.

**CLOSED
SESSION**

Closed Session

0639/20-08-24 Moved by M. Gressler that the Special Council meeting of August 24, 2020 go into closed session at 2:56 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

a) Inter-municipal Funding *FOIP Section 21*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K. Westerlund left the closed session at 3:42 p.m. and rejoined by telephone at 3:45 p.m.

0640/20-08-24 Moved by S. Wheale that the Special Council Meeting of August 24, 2020 come out of closed session at 3:59 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 4:00 p.m. to allow the public ample time to return and meeting resumed at 4:05 p.m.

0641/20-08-24 Moved by D. Wiltse to approve the Integrated Project Delivery Presentation for the Aquatic Facility as presented.

IN FAVOUR

B. Guyon

D. Wiltse

K. Westerlund

M. Gressler

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich
S. Wheale
H. Swan

CARRIED

0642/20-08-24

Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to draft a letter for Reeve's signature for recreation cost sharing concerns based on proposed assessment model changes and provincial downloading.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

S. Wheale

CARRIED

0643/20-08-24

Moved by H. Swan to allow any residents present to speak at this time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC INPUT:

Phyllis Schmitt - Expressed that she was disturbed about the early discussion regarding assessment review as we knew nothing about what this was about. This should have been blasted across the county with the press. She is concerned, and glad Council is taking a position but Council should do more communication with the public. She would like to see and know about the Minister Madu meeting. She would like to see it publicized. She indicated everyone is going to go down the tubes, and she would like to see the details of the meeting in all publications available to the county and bring the public in. She suggested Kara get the RMA on it and all the municipalities involved to use the force of numbers to get things done. She believes Council is going to listen the oil companies, but encouraged Council to listen to people. When you write the letters make them as tough possible. This has to stop. We need a solution for us not for the government.

Allan Taylor - Commented that we are all in a mess over this. Council needs to realize that instead of champagne and caviar they will be having rhubarb punch and sardines. The Minister's reply to the letter about regionalization is a joke. He thinks that the Town has money and we give them a lot of money for recreation. Where is the rest of the money that the County is not contributing coming from? The County should put a cap on it. Have you allowed for maintenance? He suggested the RMA should get the

other municipalities to riot and that one county cannot do this alone. They are not scared to fight. He thanked CTV news, but we need more people.

He is cautious on this pool thing. Where is it going to be built? This will not bring people to Town. The only thing that will bring people to the area is jobs. He asked that Council not leave stuff behind or keep residents in the dark as they get frustrated.

Lynn Oberle – Spoke to the linear discussion and that people are totally on wrong track. Oil and gas belongs to all of us. This is not Mr. Madu's decision they do what we tell them end of story. He further asked, where was the publication for this meeting? Where is money coming from for the pool, and maintenance of? There has been no data provided. He mentioned there is only 15, 000 people combined between the Town and County. Pools are not self-supporting. Who is going to pay for the maintenance? He referenced a pool in Germany. He told Council if they were going into business with the Town then they are doing business with the wrong people. Council doesn't have a clue where the millions they give them go. To his knowledge the County has only asked once in the 25 years and Council should insist on it. Council has no oversight and yet keeps giving them money. This came up in the last review of the County. It would be cheaper to run a bus to Stony Plain. In response to the argument that building a pool is that somebody might make it into the Olympics is ridiculous. Only one out every 10,000 kids make it to the pro level in hockey. He was upset that the residents knew nothing about the meeting and he heard it through the grape vine. Council has an obligation to let us know what is going on and they no business being in closed session - we have a right to know the debate.

Jason Kennedy - Commented that he didn't think the pool was a surprise as it has been prepared for a while. Council had to stick their necks out and he believes kids deserve a place to go. He encouraged and commended Council for the decision and knows it comes at a cost. He spoke concerning linear assessment and that dealing with oil companies might be tough, mostly due to the fact that they have already side stepped the County. The oil companies didn't ask for Council's opinion. Hopefully more people will step up and maybe with the other counties this will get some people motivated. He thanked Council for their hard work.

0644/20-08-24 Moved by A. Heinrich that the Special Council meeting proceed into closed session at 4:32 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:
Inter-governmental relations *FOIP Section 21*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0645/20-08-24 Moved by S. Wheale that the Special Council meeting come out of closed session at 4:56 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 4:59 p.m. to allow the public ample time to return and meeting resumed 5:00 p.m.

0646/20-08-24 Moved by S. Wheale to receive for information the inter-governmental discussion.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEETING DATES

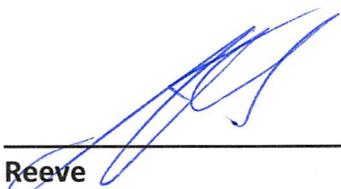
Meeting Dates

Joint Council Gathering August 25, 2020 9:00 a.m. Location Change to CETC

0647/20-08-24 Moved by M. Gressler to agree to the change in location for the joint session August 25, 2020.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

0648/20-08-24 Moved by M. Gressler that the Special Council meeting of August 24, 2020 adjourn at 5:00 p.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer