

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN BRAZEAU COUNTY ON TUESDAY 2020 09 15**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS**

G. Long, Drayton Valley and District Free Press

**ADDITION TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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**0695/20-09-15**

Moved by K. Westerlund to approve the agenda with the following additions and amendments:

6. Delegations - Move Global Public Affairs to 9:45 a.m. and Drayton Valley and District Free Press to 9:30 a.m.
9. Agricultural
  - a) Fence Line Mowing
14. Correspondence
  - c) Mr. Les Huber regarding Public Works Committee
38. Meeting Dates - Move to Following the Global delegation
39. Closed Session
  - c) Intergovernmental Relations *FOIP Section 21*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADOPTION OF  
MINUTES**

**Adoption of Minutes**

**0696/20-09-15** Moved by K. Westerlund to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2020 Council meeting as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS  
ARISING**

**Business Arising**

**Follow Up Action List**

J. Whaley reviewed the status of the action items

**0697/20-09-15** Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the Follow Up Action List for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**URGENT  
ITEMS**

**Urgent Items**

None

**CAO REPORT**

**CAO Report**

**Regionalization Impacts**

J. Whaley presented information including what the County has contributed to the Town of Drayton Valley in the past and the impact forced regionalization would have to the County.

**0698/20-09-15** Moved by D. Wiltse to receive the Regionalization Impact Report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**FIRE SERVICES**

**Fire Services**

**Status Update June, July, August 2020**

T. Thomson presented the Fire Department Stats for June, July and August.

**Motor Vehicle Collision Follow Up Report**

T. Thomson presented information regarding high collision areas within Brazeau County from 2009 - 2019.

**0699/20-09-15** Moved by M. Gressler to receive the Fire Department Stats Report and the Motor Vehicle Collision Report as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**0700/20-09-15** Moved by M. Gressler to request Administration to add the motor vehicle collision map and data in the next appropriate newsletter.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**0701/20-09-15** Moved by K. Westerlund to add to the agenda 13. a) Request for shoulder mowing to Alberta Transportation.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DELEGATIONS/  
APPOINTMENTS**

**Delegations/Appointments**

**Drayton Valley and District Free Press**

Brandy Fredrickson presented the newspaper's 2019 - 2020 circulation statistics

**0702/20-09-15** Moved by S. Wheale to receive the report from the Drayton Valley and District Free Press for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 9:40 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 9:50 a.m.

**Global Public Affairs - Strategy Update**

Brian Senio provided a legislature update and discussed advocacy priorities with Council.

**0703/20-09-15** Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the report from Global Public Affairs for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MEETING  
DATES**

**Meeting Dates**

**Strategy Session with Global Public Affairs**

**0704/20-09-15** Moved by K. Westerlund to set Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. as the meeting with Global Public Affairs to discuss strategy prior to meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 10:27 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 10:36 a.m.

S. Wheale absent.

**AGRICULTURE**

**Agriculture**

**Mowing Program**

B. Guyon questioned the mowing of the shoulders to fence line of the roads and which contract was cancelled during final budget.

**0705/20-09-15** Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the shoulder mowing discussion for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Public Works**

**Twp Road 474 cost estimate and letter of response to Mr. Taylor**

L. Fischer presented the letter sent to Mr. Taylor in response to his inquiries regarding the repairs on Township Road 474 from RR 53 to RR 54.

**0706/20-09-15** Moved by D. Wiltse to receive the letter regarding costs of Twp 474 to Mr. Taylor for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2020 Construction Projects**

L. Fischer presented the 2020 Construction Projects update.

S. Wheale joined the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

**PUBLIC INPUT  
SESSION**

**Public Input Session**

Reeve B. Guyon opened the Public Input Session at 11:03 a.m.

Les Huber spoke to the terrible and disastrous condition of the roads and maintenance as a whole. He commented that the washouts and roads are not being fixed as Council continues to do their own pet peeve projects.

Allan Taylor commented on the provincial government giving away money to major oil companies. He questioned the Reeve's statement at the August 13 public meeting where the Reeve said he would fight the changes to linear assessment the same way as Bighorn and asked how that fight was proceeding? He commented that the Bighorn is now a mess and now we have a UCP government. He questioned what Council was doing to notify people about the linear tax grab? He feels only 700 people know what is going on. Has Council been talking to the residents? He was very impressed with another county that put up billboards and suggested Brazeau County do the same. He questioned Council's secret meetings and asked why Council met with those guys and not ratepayers? He commented that Council needs to get out more. He agreed that Hwy 39 is bad for farm machinery accidents.

Garry Mastre said to Reeve that right from the beginning he has been asking for solutions, the oil companies have been given everything for last 10 years and there is nothing left. He commented that Council is going to see a new minister and would like to hear their solutions? He said the answer is “no” and the Province has to stop giving money away. He guaranteed when Council get back from meeting with the minister the answer will be the same from the Province. Tell them they won’t get elected next time. The big oil companies are leaving. He questioned the work at the Rocky Rapids dump and why everything the County tries to do takes three times as long as it used to. He said there are no solutions.

Reeve B. Guyon closed the Public Input Session at 11:30 a.m.

### **2020 Construction Projects**

Discussion ensued on the 2020 Construction Project report.

**0707/20-09-15** Moved by D. Wiltse to request Administration to look into the cost of chip sealing.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**0708/20-09-15** Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the 2020 construction projects report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **FINANCE**

### **Finance**

#### **Update Policing Support Information**

C. Swap presented the breakdown of the funding Brazeau County provides for policing support outside our own Peace Officers.

**0709/20-09-15** Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the policing cost report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **Assessment Services Contract Extension**

C. Swap presented the request for contract extension with Accurate Assessment Group for the provision of assessment services.

**0710/20-09-15** Moved by K. Westerlund to approve the contract extension with Accurate Assessment Group for the provision of assessment services for the 2021 to 2023 years.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES**

**Community Services**

**Recreation and Culture Cost-Sharing between the Town of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County**

L. Chambers presented the Recreation and Culture Cost-Sharing agreement for Council's review.

**0711/20-09-15** Moved by M. Gressler to table the discussion until after the Closed Session.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 12:14 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 12:25 p.m.

M. Gressler and K. Westerlund absent.

**CLOSED  
SESSION**

**Closed Session**

**0712/20-09-15** Moved by S. Wheale that the regular Council Meeting of September 15, 2020 proceed into 'closed session' at 12:26 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- a) Analysis of Calls at Fire Station 3 *FOIP Section 17*
- b) Legal Expenses CAO Review *FOIP Section 19*
- c) Intergovernmental Relations *FOIP Section 21*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

M. Gressler joined the meeting and the closed session at 12:26 p.m.

L. Chambers joined the closed session at 12:26 p.m. to discuss Intergovernmental Relations *FOIP Section 21*

K. Westerlund joined the meeting and the closed session at 12:27 p.m. by telephone.

L. Chambers left the closed session at 12:46 p.m.

T. Thomson joined the closed session at 12:47 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Analysis of Calls at Fire Station 3 *FOIP Section 17*.

T. Thomson left the closed session at 1:17 p.m.

**0713/20-09-15** Moved by D. Wiltse that the regular Council Meeting of September 15, 2020 come out of 'closed session' at 1:21 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 1:22 p.m. to allow the public ample time to return and the meeting resumed at 1:32 p.m.

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES**

**Community Services**

**Recreation and Culture Cost-Sharing between the Town of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County**

**0677/20-09-01** Moved by D. Wiltse to direct Administration to include in the previous motioned letter to let Drayton Valley know that Brazeau County will be decreasing the recreation cost sharing dollars to match the police funding increase cost starting in 2021 on an ongoing basis and further to include any more downloading or loss of income to the County may result in further cost sharing decreases.

D. Wiltse requested to withdraw her motion.

**0677/20-09-01 MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**0714/20-09-15** Moved by D. Wiltse that the recreation cost sharing go to \$83.43 per capita in 2020 and to \$58.49 per capita in 2021 and onwards.

**IN FAVOUR**

B. Guyon  
A. Heinrich  
D. Wiltse

**OPPOSED**

H. Swan  
S. Wheale  
M. Gressler  
K. Westerlund

**DEFEATED**

**0715/20-09-15** Moved by H. Swan to not accept Administration's recommendation and to set the recreation cost sharing to \$58.49 per capita for 2020 and moving forward.

**IN FAVOUR**

A. Heinrich  
S. Wheale  
H. Swan  
B. Guyon  
K. Westerlund

**OPPOSED**

D. Wiltse  
M. Gressler

**CARRIED**

**0716/20-09-15** Moved by H. Swan to accept the inter-municipal discussion for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**0717/20-09-15** Moved by D. Wiltse to accept the Fire Services report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**0718/20-09-15** Moved by A. Heinrich to take the legal fees for the CAO evaluation from the Economic Development Reserve.

**IN FAVOUR**

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

**OPPOSED**

K. Westerlund  
S. Wheale

**CARRIED**

**Drayton Valley Library Bylaws**

L. Chambers presented the Library Bylaws as requested by Council.

**0719/20-09-15** Moved by A. Heinrich to accept the Library Bylaw report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**GENERAL  
MATTERS**

**General Matters**

**Mowing Alberta Transportation**

K. Westerlund requested Council send a letter to Alberta Transportation requesting shoulder to tree line mowing and to include the collision data Fire Services presented.

**0720/20-09-15** Moved by K. Westerlund to send a letter to Alberta Transportation requesting shoulder to tree line mowing along Highway 39 due to high wildlife accidents with vehicles.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**CORRESPONDENCE  
ITEMS**

**Correspondence/Items for Information**

**Drayton Valley Libraries Letter of Apology**

**0721/20-09-15** Moved by S. Wheale write a letter to Doug Whistance-Smith the librarian cc'ing the Town Mayor and CAO and the Chair of the Library Board Lyndara Cowper-Smith, emphasizing that it is inappropriate for the librarian to solicit Board members as that is a Council decision.

S. Wheale requested to remove her motion

**0721/20-09-15 MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**0722/20-09-15** Moved by M. Gressler to receive the letter from the Library for information.

**IN FAVOUR**

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

**OPPOSED**

S. Wheale

**CARRIED**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 2:20 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 2:34 p.m.

**North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance Municipal Contribution**

**0723/20-09-15** Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the letter from NSWA for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Les Huber Public Works Committee Consideration**

**0724/20-09-15** Moved by M. Gressler to receive the letter from Mr. Huber for information.

**IN FAVOUR**

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

**OPPOSED**

K. Westerlund

S. Wheale

**CARRIED**

**COUNCILLOR  
REPORTS**

**Councillor Reports**

Reeve B. Guyon reported that he attended:

- Meeting with Minister of Environment
- Meeting with MLA
- Public Meeting Breton
- Public Meeting Brazeau
- Budget Workshop
- Regular Council Meeting
- Business Input on Assessment Impacts and Solutions
- Meeting with Municipal Affairs
- Meeting with Museum Executive
- Special Council Meeting
- Meeting with Minister Panda and MLA
- Signing documents and cheques
- Meeting with Eavor

Councillor S. Wheale reported that she attended:

- Town Hall Meeting at Breton
- Town Hall Meeting County Shop
- Budget Workshop
- Regular Council Meeting
- Special Council Meeting
- Joint Council Gathering

Councillor A. Heinrich reported that he attended:

- Town Hall Breton
- Town Hall County
- Birchwood AGM - no charge
- Budget Update
- Regular Council Meeting
- ASB Meeting
- MPC Meeting
- Special Council Meeting
- Joint Council Session

Councillor K. Westerlund reported that she attended:

- Special Council Meeting
- ALUS Committee meeting
- Meeting with Minister Nixon
- Town Hall Meeting Breton

- Town Hall Meeting County Shop
- Budget Workshop
- Regular Council Meeting
- Business Community Advisory Meeting
- Agricultural Service Board
- Meeting with Minister Madu
- DV and District Historical Society Meeting
- Special Council Meeting
- Joint Council meeting with Town of Drayton Valley

Councillor H. Swan reported that she attended:

- Town Hall Breton
- Town Hall County
- Budget Workshop
- Council Meeting
- ASB Meeting
- MPC Meeting
- Museum Visit
- Special Council Meeting
- Joint Council Gathering

Councillor M. Gressler reported that he attended:

- Budget Meeting
- Council Meeting
- MPC
- FCSS
- Special Council Meeting
- Joint Council Gathering

Councillor D. Wiltse reported that she attended:

- Breton Town Hall
- Brazeau Town Hall
- Budget Workshop
- Regular Council Meeting
- Library Board
- Special Council Meeting
- Joint Council Gathering

**0725/20-09-15**

Moved by M. Gressler to receive the Councillor Reports for information.

**IN FAVOUR**

A. Heinrich

H. Swan

B. Guyon

K. Westerlund

D. Wiltse

M. Gressler

**OPPOSED**

S. Wheale

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

**Committee Reports**

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

No report

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

Councillor A. Heinrich provided a report regarding the Municipal Planning Commission.

**Brazeau Seniors Foundation Report**

Councillor M. Gressler provided a report regarding the Brazeau Seniors Foundation.

**Drayton Valley Municipal Library Board**

Councillor D. Wiltse provided a report regarding the Drayton Valley Municipal Library Board.

**Breton Municipal Library Board**

No report

**West Central Airshed Society**

No report

**Yellowhead Regional Library Board**

No report

**Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)**

Councillor M. Gressler provided a report regarding the FCSS committee.

**North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance**

No report

**North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance Steering Committee**

No report

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

No report

**Pembina Area Synergy Group**

No report

**Pembina Sentinel Air Monitoring (PSAM)**

No report

**Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee**

No report

**Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre (EPAC)**

No report

**Northern Mayors Group**

No report

**Breton and District Family Community Support Services (FCSS)**

No report

**Alternative Land Use Service Partnership Advisory Committee (ALUS PAC)**

Councillor K. Westerlund provided a report regarding the ALUS committee.

**Alberta Hemp Alliance**

No report

**Recreation Board**

No report

**Chamber of Commerce**

No report

**Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant Board**

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

**0726/20-09-15**

Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the Councillor Reports for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**0727/20-09-15**

Moved by K. Westerlund that the regular Council Meeting of  
September 15, 2020 adjourn at 3:06 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer