

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN BRAZEAU COUNTY ON TUESDAY 2021 04 06**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PRESENT**

B. Guyon, Reeve  
H. Swan, Councillor (by telephone)  
D. Wiltse, Councillor  
S. Wheale, Councillor  
M. Gressler, Councillor  
A. Heinrich, Councillor  
K. Westerlund, Councillor (by telephone)  
S. McKerry, Interim Chief Administrative Officer  
T. Scharfl, Executive Assistant  
J. Grainger, Customer Service/Administrative Assistant  
K. MacInnis, Corporate Communications Coordinator (by telephone)

**ADDITION TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Addition to and Adoption of Agenda**

**264/21-04-06** Moved by K. Westerlund to approve the agenda with the following additions:

6. Lars Sander-Green - presentation cancelled

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Adoption of Minutes**

**265/21-04-06** Moved by M. Gressler to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2021 Special Council meeting as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**266/21-04-06** Moved by A. Heinrich to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 Regular Council Meeting as amended: *Page 17 Motion 198/21-03-02 "of" should be "for"*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**267/21-04-06** Moved by D. Wiltse to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 Special Council Meeting as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 268/21-04-06** Moved by S. Wheale to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2021 Special Council Meeting as presented.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 269/21-04-06** Moved by M. Gressler to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021 Special Council Meeting as presented.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 270/21-04-06** Moved by H. Swan to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2021 Special Council Meeting as presented.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 271/21-04-06** Moved by K. Westerlund to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2021 Special Council Meeting as presented.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 272/21-04-06** Moved by A. Heinrich to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2021 Special Council Meeting as amended: *Motion 254/21-03-23*  
*"Moved by A. Heinrich"*  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 273/21-04-06** Moved by D. Wiltse to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2021 Special Council Meeting Rebate Discussion as presented.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 274/21-04-06** Moved by M. Gressler to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2021 Special Council Meeting as presented.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS  
ARISING**

**Business Arising**

**Follow Up Action List**

S. McKerry reviewed the status of the action items.

- 275/21-04-06** Moved by S. Wheale to receive the Follow Up Action List for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**URGENT  
ITEMS**

**Urgent Items**

None

**CAO REPORT**

**CAO Report**

**Public Disclosure Policy**

S. McKerry presented the risks that the municipality may encounter with the releasing of personal information for every rebate/subsidy program the municipality provides.

**DELEGATIONS/  
APPOINTMENTS**

**Delegations/Appointments**

**Government Relations Update**

Brian Senio presented updated information on the government relations matters he has been working on behalf of Brazeau County.

**Road Access Request**

Catherine Bamsey presented her request for private access to her land.

**276/21-04-06** Moved by H. Swan to direct Administration to bring the road request list for Council's review at the budget meeting April 7, 2021.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Open-pit Coal Mines in the Eastern Slopes**

Jim Stelfox presented on the downstream effects of coal mining.

S. Wheale left the meeting at 10:01 a.m. and returned at 10:06 a.m.

S. Wheale left at 10:19 a.m. and returned at 10:24 a.m.

**Environmental Impacts of Coal Mining**

Colton Vessy presented on the environmental impacts of coal mining.

**277/21-04-06** Moved by M. Gressler to accept the coal mining impact presentations for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 10:59 a.m. 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.

Allan Taylor suggested video broadcasting for council meetings; spoke to his concerns with coal mines and reviewed newspaper articles regarding the impact of coal mining. He suggested Council review the costs and revenue of Modeste Campground before making a decision.

Marc St. Laurent spoke to coal mining and the lack of communication through Fish and Wildlife.

Reeve B. Guyon closed the Public Input Session at 11:16 a.m.

**Public Disclosure Policy**

Discussion continued on the potential Public Disclosure Policy.

**278/21-04-06** Moved by M. Gressler to receive the Public Disclosure Policy discussion for information.

**IN FAVOUR**

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

**OPPOSED**

A. Heinrich  
S. Wheale

**CARRIED**

**AGRICULTURE  
SERVICES**

**Agriculture Services**

**Herbicide Rebate Program Policy**

Council discussed the Herbicide Rebate Program Policy for final approval.

**279/21-04-06** Moved by M. Gressler to approve AG-3 Herbicide Rebate Program Policy less item k) on page 171.

M. Gressler requested his motion be withdrawn.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**280/21-04-06** Moved by M. Gressler to remove item k) from the AG-3 Policy.

**IN FAVOUR**

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

**OPPOSED**

A. Heinrich  
S. Wheale

**CARRIED**

**281/21-04-06**

Moved S. Wheale to keep item 2. e) as presented originally, within AG-3 Herbicide Rebate Program Policy and reads *“applicants are eligible for the rebate for the application of a registered herbicide listed on the Herbicide Rebate Application, as per label directions”*.

**IN FAVOUR**

A. Heinrich  
S. Wheale

**OPPOSED**

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

**DEFEATED**

**282/21-04-06**

Moved by M. Gressler to approve AG-3 as presented and amended.

**IN FAVOUR**

B. Guyon  
K. Westerlund  
D. Wiltse  
M. Gressler

A. Heinrich

**OPPOSED**

S. Wheale  
H. Swan

**CARRIED**

**283/21-04-06**

Moved by M. Gressler to add to the AG-3 application *“all other chemicals must be approved by the County Ag Fieldman.”*

**IN FAVOUR**

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

**OPPOSED**

A. Heinrich  
S. Wheale

**CARRIED**

**Municipal Mountain Pine Beetle Program**

N. Chambers presented an update report on the approved grant received for the Mountain Pine Beetle Program.

**284/21-04-06** Moved by S. Wheale to receive the Mountain Pine Beetle Program report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Alberta Invasive Species Council Sponsorship Request**

N. Chambers presented the request from the Agricultural Service Board for sponsorship of the Alberta Invasive Species Council for \$1000.

**285/21-04-06** Moved by D. Wiltse to approve the Bronze level sponsorship of \$1000 to the Alberta Invasive Species Council with funds coming from GL 02-11-00-222.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Alberta Trapper's Association Donation**

N. Chambers presented a request from the Agricultural Service Board for a donation to the Alberta Trapper's Association.

**286/21-04-06** Moved by D. Wiltse to approve a donation of \$2500 to the Alberta Trapper's Association, Drayton Valley Trapper's Local with funds to come from 02-11-00-222.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 12:12 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 1:03 p.m.

**287/21-04-06** Moved by S. Wheale to add 35. b) *Personnel FOIP Section 19* to the agenda.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT**

**Planning and Development**

**Environmental Reserves and Environmental Reserve Easements**

C. Dyck presented an update report on Environmental Reserve parcels and easements.

**288/21-04-06** Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to bring back a report outlining how to lessen restrictions regarding environmental easements and reserves, in current agreements and policies, for Council's review for May 4, 2021.

**IN FAVOUR**

A. Heinrich  
S. Wheale  
B. Guyon  
K. Westerlund  
D. Wiltse  
M. Gressler

**OPPOSED**

H. Swan

**CARRIED**

**289/21-04-06**

Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to adjust the policies in the Municipal Development Plan to lessen restrictions regarding environmental easements and reserves for Council's review July 6, 2021.

**IN FAVOUR**

A. Heinrich  
S. Wheale  
B. Guyon  
D. Wiltse

**OPPOSED**

H. Swan  
K. Westerlund  
M. Gressler

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Public Works**

**Construction Tender - Lodgepole & Township Road 494**

L. Fischer presented the tender results for construction tender Lodgepole and Township Road 494.

**290/21-04-06**

Moved by S. Wheale to direct Administration to proceed in awarding the construction tender for the overlay projects in Lodgepole and Twp Rd 494 to Ledcor Highways with the extended scope as discussed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 3:04 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 3:10 p.m.

**Riverside Horse Trails - Access Road Gravel Request**

L. Fischer presented a request for gravelling and maintaining the access road into the Riverside Horse Trails.

**291/21-04-06**

Moved by D. Wiltse to direct Administration to proceed with the one time re-gravelling of the access road into the Riverside Horse Trails off of Range Road 91 out of the operating budget.

**IN FAVOUR**

A. Heinrich

S. Wheale

B. Guyon

K. Westerlund

D. Wiltse

M. Gressler

**OPPOSED**

S. Wheale

**CARRIED**

**High Water Usage: 4906 - 54 Ave Cynthia**

L. Fischer gave an update report on the investigation into a high water usage issue in Cynthia.

**292/21-04-06**

Moved by S. Wheale receive the High Water Usage report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021 Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up**

L. Fischer presented the dates and updated information regarding the 2021 hazardous waste round-up.

**293/21-04-06**

Moved by M. Gressler to approve the 2021 Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up for the east side of the River at the old shop in May as suggested.

D. Wiltse offered a friendly amendment to change "east" to "west"

M. Gressler accepted the amendment.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**294/21-04-06**

Moved by S. Wheale to direct Administration to discuss with the Village of Breton moving up the date for their hazardous waste round-up to align with provincial grants and lower costs.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**Grader Naming Contest**

H. Swan presented the idea of a grader naming contest for kids.

**295/21-04-06** Moved by H. Swan to direct Administration to bring back a framework for a grader naming contest.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Community Services**

**FIN-7 Culture Grant Application - Drayton Valley Fine Arts Society**

L. Chambers presented a funding request from the Drayton Valley Fine Art Society.

**296/21-04-06** Moved by D. Wiltse to approve providing support to the Drayton Valley Fine Art Society in the amount of \$500 from FIN-7 Cultural Funding.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Modeste Creek Campground**

L. Chambers presented updated information on the 2021 operations of the Modeste Campground.

**297/21-04-06** Moved by M. Gressler to receive the Modeste Creek Campground report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**FINANCE**

**Finance**

**Bank Reconciliation Statement as of February 28, 2021**

**298/21-04-06** Moved by S. Wheale to receive the Bank Reconciliation Statement as of February 28, 2021 for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**GENERAL MATTERS**

**General Matters**

**Disaster Recovery Funds**

K. Westerlund raised concern with the municipality now being responsible for 10% of disaster recovery funds.

**299/21-04-06** Moved by H. Swan to direct Administration to draft a resolution to RMA to refuse the downloading of disaster funding from the Province.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**300/21-04-06** Moved by S. Wheale to direct Administration to draft a letter to MP Jim Carr opposing the federal downloading of disaster recovery funding.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**301/21-04-06** Moved by K. Westerlund to add Emergency Advisory Committee of Council meeting under meeting dates.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Donation to Chamber of Commerce Mother's Day Gift Baskets**

D. Wiltse requested a donation of \$250 towards the Chamber of Commerce Mother's Day Gift Baskets.

**302/21-04-06** Moved by D. Wiltse that Council approve \$250 toward gift certificates to the Chamber of Commerce passport program.

**IN FAVOUR**

H. Swan

B. Guyon

K. Westerlund

D. Wiltse

M. Gressler

**OPPOSED**

S. Wheale

A. Heinrich

**CARRIED**

**303/21-04-06** Moved by A. Heinrich to add Coal Concerns as item 13. c) to the agenda.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**304/21-04-06** Moved by A. Heinrich to send the Coal Presentations from today's agenda to Minister Nixon, Premier Kenney and MLA Mark Smith for their serious consideration.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORRESPONDENCE  
ITEMS**

**Correspondence/Items for Information**

**Office of the Prime Minister re: Site Rehabilitation Program**

**305/21-04-06** Moved by H. Swan to receive the letter from the office of the Prime Minister for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Town of Drayton Valley re: Western Economic Corridor**

**306/21-04-06** Moved by S. Wheale to receive the letter from the Town of Drayton Valley for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Phyllis Schmitt and Lynn Oberle re: Coal Mines**

**307/21-04-06** Moved by M. Gressler to receive all three letters from Phyllis Schmitt and Lynn Oberle for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**308/21-04-06** Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to draft a letter under the Reeve's signature in response to the letter on page 274.

**IN FAVOUR**

A. Heinrich

H. Swan

B. Guyon

K. Westerlund

D. Wiltse

**OPPOSED**

M. Gressler

S. Wheale

**CARRIED**

**Minister of Municipal Affairs re: Well Drilling Tax**

**309/21-04-06** Moved by S. Wheale to receive the letter from Municipal Affairs for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Minister of Municipal Affairs re: Mediation Matching Grant**

**310/21-04-06** Moved by D. Wiltse to direct Administration to send a letter to the Province asking if we can use the mediation surplus grant funds towards arbitration.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Minister of Sonya Savage re: Coal Mining**

**311/21-04-06** Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the letter from Minister Savage for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Town of Drayton Valley re: Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement**

**312/21-04-06** Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the letter from the Town of Drayton Valley for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**COUNCILLOR  
REPORTS**

**Councillor Reports February 2021**

Reeve B. Guyon reported that he attended:

- Regular Council Meeting x 2
- Special Council, Mediation, Premier Town Hall
- ALUS
- Arbitration and RMA Meeting
- MLA Meeting and Mediation
- RMA Provincial Policing Meeting
- Special Council, Mediation, Warburg Seed Cleaning
- RMA Provincial Budget, Mediation

Councillor S. Wheale reported that she attended:

- Regular Council Meeting by telephone (no charge)
- Mediation by telephone (no charge)
- Special Council Meeting, Mediation
- Regular Council Meeting
- ASB
- Breton Library
- Drayton Valley Library
- Special Council Meeting and Mediation
- RMA Provincial Budget
- Special Council Meeting

Councillor A. Heinrich reported that he attended:

- Regular Council Meeting x 2
- Mediation
- MPC
- Mediation
- Mediation
- EPBR Park Council
- RMA Townhall and Special Council

Councillor K. Westerlund reported that she attended:

- Regular Council Meeting x 2
- Mediation
- MPC
- Mediation
- Brownlee Emerging Trends Law Seminar

- Mediation
- Ag Mental Health Webinar
- Special Council

Councillor H. Swan reported that she attended:

- Regular Council Meeting x 2
- Mediation
- Telephone Townhall Premier
- Greywood Forage Webinar
- Mediation
- ASB
- Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Seminar
- Mediation
- Do More Ag Mental Health
- Special Council Meeting

Councillor M. Gressler reported that he attended:

- Regular Council Meeting x 2
- Mediation
- MPC
- Mediation
- Mediation
- RMA Virtual Budget, Special Council, Virtual Premier re: Budget

Councillor D. Wiltse reported that she attended:

- Regular Council Meeting x 2
- Mediation
- Ag Mental Health Workshop
- Mediation
- ASB
- Chamber of Commerce
- Town Hall Meeting
- Mediation
- Ag Mental Health Workshop
- FCSS Breton
- RMA Virtual Town Hall/Special Council Meeting

**313/21-04-06**

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MEETING  
DATES**

**Meeting Dates**

**RMA Member Visit 2021**

**314/21-04-06** Moved by S. Wheale to request a longer familiarization meeting with RMA for July or August 2021.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Emergency Advisory Council Committee Meeting**

**315/21-04-06** Moved by S. Wheale to set the Emergency Advisory Council Committee meeting for April 20, 2021.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 4:39 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 4:46 p.m.

**CLOSED  
SESSION**

**Closed Session**

**316/21-04-06** Moved by S. Wheale that the regular Council Meeting of April 6, 2021 proceed into 'closed session' at 4:46 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- a) Mediation/Arbitration Update *FOIP Section 21*
- b) Personnel *FOIP Section 19*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**317/21-04-06** Moved by S. Wheale that the regular Council Meeting of April 6, 2021 come out of 'closed session' at 5:10 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 5:11 p.m. to allow the public ample time to return and the meeting resumed at 5:15 p.m.

**318/21-04-06** Moved by S. Wheale to receive the mediation/arbitration update for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**319/21-04-06** Moved by S. Wheale to set a date for an interim CAO Update.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**320/21-04-06**

Moved by M. Gressler that the regular Council Meeting of April 6, 2021 adjourn at 5:16 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

  
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**Reeve**

  
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**Interim Chief Administrative Officer**