

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN BRAZEAU COUNTY ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

B. Guyon, Reeve
D. Wiltse, Councillor
D. Ekstrom, Councillor
C. Brooks, Councillor
A. Heinrich, Councillor
K. Westerlund, Councillor
C. Swap, Director of Corporate Services
T. Scharfl, Executive Assistant
J. Grainger, Customer Service/Administrative Assistant
K. MacInnis, Corporate Communications Coordinator (by telephone)

AWARDS

Council presented Dave Chambers with his 5-Year Long-Service Award

URGENT ADDITIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition to and Adoption of Agenda

075/23-02-21

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

15. Meeting Dates
 - g) FCM Toronto - K. Westerlund
16. Closed Session
 - a) ICF Agreement Town of Drayton Valley *FOIP 21*
 - b) Council per Diems *FOIP 19*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of Minutes

076/23-02-21

Moved by D. Wiltse to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2023 Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS
ARISING**

Business Arising

Follow Up Action List

C. Swap reviewed the status of the action items.

077/23-02-21 Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the Follow Up Action List for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FIRE SERVICES

Fire Services

Fire Department November and December 2022 Stats

T. Thomson presented information on the activities of the Fire Services Department during the months of November and December 2022.

078/23-02-21 Moved by C. Brooks to receive the Fire Services report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Station 3 Drayton Valley Parking Lot Upgrade

079/23-02-21 Moved by K. Westerlund that Council contributes a payment of \$10,000 to assist in the upgrade of the parking lot at Station 3 in Drayton Valley which will come from the Fire Department restricted surplus budget.

IN FAVOUR

D. Wiltse
C. Brooks
K. Westerlund

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich
D. Ekstrom
B. Guyon

MOTION LOST

FINANCE

Finance

Bank Reconciliation Statement as of January 31, 2023

080/23-02-21 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the bank reconciliation statement as of January 31, 2023 for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works

2023 Equipment Tender Results

A. Saltesz presented tender results for T108 Pickup Truck Replacement and A57 Mower Replacement.

081/23-02-21 Moved by A. Heinrich that Council direct Administration to proceed in awarding the equipment tender for VEH-0045 T108 Pickup Truck Replacement to Stetson Motors in the amount of \$75,999.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

082/23-02-21 Moved by D. Wiltse that Council direct Administration to proceed in awarding the equipment tender for EQP-0090 A57 Mower Replacement to Martin Deerline in the amount of \$53,397.96.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Country Club Estates Signage Repairs

A. Saltesz presented cost estimates to complete the required repairs to the Country Club Estates signs.

083/23-02-21 Moved by D. Wiltse to table the signage repairs report until the policy is brought back in May 2023, and to include hamlets within the policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up

A. Saltesz and D. Mulroy presented information on the 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Round-up.

084/23-02-21 Moved by D. Wiltse to direct Administration to look into the cost of having a hazardous waste round up at Lodgepole and Cynthia transfer stations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT**

Planning and Development

White Paper: Cryptocurrency Mining Operations

K. Sterling presented the final edits to the Cryptocurrency White Paper for Council's approval.

085/23-02-21 Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to request from the Minister the table spoken of in the June 22, 2022 letter for Council to better understand the information provided.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Municipal Development Plan (MDP) – Area Structure Plan and Subdivision Policies

K. Sterling presented options to amend the MPD Policies 11, 13, and 14 to allow for the fifth subdivision on a quarter section of land without an Area Structure Plan.

Discussion paused for delegation presentation.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works

Temporary Road Closure Request Lafarge Canada Inc.

A. Saltesz and Brock Helm of Lafarge Canada Inc. presented a request for temporary road closure at the Berrymoor Pit.

C. Brooks left the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

086/23-02-21 Moved by A. Heinrich to request the applicant provide the future plans of the lands within 2 weeks to a month and then Council will reconsider the road closure.

IN FAVOUR

A. Heinrich
D. Wiltse
B. Guyon
D. Ekstrom

OPPOSED

K. Westerlund

CARRIED

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 10:51 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 11:03 a.m. with C. Brooks in attendance.

**PUBLIC INPUT
SESSION**

Public Input Session

Reeve B. Guyon opened the Public Input Session at 11:02 a.m.

Reeve B. Guyon spoke to the County's philosophy regarding tax rebates and citizen service and that Council has absolutely no plans to revise the land use bylaw and does not support the smart cities theory that is currently being rumored.

Michael Turner from Hawkridge Water Solutions spoke to his Cynthia facility and patent technology. He is working with the landowner Mitch Lambert and expressed concern with the zoning in the Hamlet of Cynthia.

Garry Mastre complimented Council on the article in the newspaper regarding “smart cities.” He commented that Council states they represent the people but he hasn’t seen that happening. He mentioned the hat rule and how the rule came out of the blue. There are people that have not received answers on weed spraying rebates and roads. He noted that council has spent more on lawyers than ever before and is making decisions on its own without having meetings with the public. He feels the RMA should be able to control the government. He told Council to get out there and get talking to the people; that the 30% tax rebate is not enough to brag about because industry gets a bigger amount than the little guy does.

Louise Allchurch from the Metis Society expressed concern that they didn’t know about any of these projects. She asked why are they secret? Why are they not being notified about the new projects? Is Council supposed to regulate them? She commented that the public find out through the back door about these companies coming and things are being debated without the public being notified. She commented that Council goes to all these meetings and is getting paid to do this but are you bringing back reports to notify the public? Can we get copies of these reports? She sees people going to meetings and expects to see better reporting. She noted that Council works for the people and should remember that.

Mitch Lambert stated that he owns three businesses in Cynthia and that the County has been wonderful to him and his staff. He thanked Council for the rebates and thanked the staff for being kind. He would like to start a fourth business to employ more people recycling plastics. He expressed concern with existing land uses and the conflicting maps. He would like to see his project move forward as soon as possible and he appreciates being in Brazeau County.

Reeve B. Guyon closed the Public Input Session at 11:32 a.m.

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT**

Planning and Development

Municipal Development Plan (MDP) – Area Structure Plan and Subdivision Policies

Discussion continued.

087/23-02-21 Moved by A. Heinrich to add to the agenda under Meeting Dates 15. h) to set a date for discussion on Municipal Development Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**GENERAL
MATTERS**

General Matters

Policy Review

C. Brooks request a review of the Public Works Policies monthly.

088/23-02-21 Moved by C. Brooks to direct Administration to bring forward polices of concern as workloads allow.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rotary Club Community Needs Assessment Survey

089/23-02-21 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive request for information and decline to participate in the survey.

IN FAVOUR

A. Heinrich
B. Guyon
D. Ekstrom

OPPOSED

K. Westerlund
D. Wiltse
C. Brooks

MOTION LOST

090/23-02-01 Moved by D. Wiltse to respond in writing to the Rotary Club that Council will not be participating in the survey for community needs assessment as this is a role for their membership.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

C. Brooks

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE
ITEMS**

Correspondence/Items for Information

Response to Correspondence from Rhonda Lees

091/23-02-21 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the response to Rhonda Lees for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Reports

Reeve B. Guyon attended:

- ASB Conference Grande Prairie x 4
- Regular Council Meeting
- Pembina Zone Meeting
- NSWA

Councillor D. Ekstrom attended:

- MPC
- ASB
- Regular Council Meeting

Councillor A. Heinrich attended:

- ASB
- Regular Council Meeting

Councillor K. Westerlund attended:

- Western Economic Development Meeting with O'Chiese First Nations
- Minister Jean and RCMP K Division
- Eagle Point Blue Rapids Park Council Meeting
- Regular Council Meeting and Physician Recruitment Committee
- ASB Conference x 3
- Zone 3 Meeting
- Elanor Pickup Arts Centre Committee

Councillor C. Brooks attended:

- Western Economic Corridor Meeting with O'Chiese First Nation
- Regular Council Meeting
- Brazeau Foundation/Library Board
- Pembina Zone Meeting

Councillor D. Wiltse attended:

- WEC Meeting Red Deer
- MPC
- Know B 4
- Council Meeting and Travel to Grande Prairie
- ASB Conference x 3
- Pembina Zone Meeting
- YRL Orientation

092/23-02-21

Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the Councillor Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 12:16 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 1:36 p.m.

DELEGATIONS

Delegations

Birchwood RV Resort

Robert Weston presented the proposed development of the Birchwood RV Resort.

093/23-02-21 Moved by C. Brooks to receive the Birchwood RV Resort presentation for information.

Drayton Valley & District FCSS Internal Programs

Jennifer Fynn and Lola Strand presented updated information on the Drayton Valley and District FCSS internal programs and activities.

094/23-02-21 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the FCSS presentation for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEETING DATES

Meeting Dates

Proposed Final Budget Discussion

095/23-02-21 Moved by D. Wiltse to set April 12 & 14, 2023 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. as final budget meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

096/23-02-21 Moved by D. Wiltse to set the mill rate April 18, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WEC/Recovery Announcement

097/23-02-21 Moved by A. Heinrich to ratify Council attendance at the WEC Announcement on Feb 15, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

098/23-02-21 Moved by K. Westerlund to add to the agenda item 15. i) meeting with Reeve and consultant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

O'Chiese Chief meeting with Reeve Guyon

099/23-02-21 Moved by K. Westerlund to approve the Reeve's attendance at a meeting with the O'Chiese Chief March 13, 14, 16 or 17th.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bucking the Trend Symposium

100/23-02-21 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive item 15. e) for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Volunteer Appreciation Night

101/23-02-21 Moved by K. Westerlund to authorize Council's attendance at the FCSS Volunteer Appreciation Night April 20, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCM Toronto

102/23-02-21 Moved by K. Westerlund to authorize Reeve and two councillors to attend the FCM conference in Toronto May 25-28, 2023.

IN FAVOUR

D. Wiltse

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

C. Brooks

K. Westerlund

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

CARRIED

Discussion on MPD

103/23-02-21 Moved by D. Wiltse to have the MDP Subdivision discussions on March 27, 2023 with a 9 a.m. start.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

104/23-02-21 Moved by K. Westerlund to ratify the Reeve's meeting with the consultant and Baseline Element.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 2:27 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 2:38 p.m.

**CLOSED
SESSION**

Closed Session

105/23-02-21 Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular Council Meeting of February 21, 2023 proceed into closed session at 2:38 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:
a) ICF Agreement Town of Drayton Valley *FOIP 21*
b) Council per Diems *FOIP 19*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

106/23-02-21 Moved by C. Brooks that the regular Council Meeting of February 21, 2023 come out of closed session at 3:21 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 3:21 p.m. to allow the public ample time to return and the meeting resumed at 3:36 p.m.

107/23-02-21 Moved by D. Wiltse to follow legal's recommendation with regards to the Recreation Agreement with the Town of Drayton Valley, while continuing with the judicial review.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

CARRIED

108/23-02-21 Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the discussion on Council per Diems for information.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

CARRIED

109/23-02-21 Moved by D. Ekstrom to ratify K. Westerlund's expenditure for dinner with the Member of Parliament.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

110/23-02-21

Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular Council Meeting of February 21, 2023 adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve

Executive Assistant

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