

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN BRAZEAU COUNTY ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

B. Guyon, Reeve
G. Gunderson, Councillor
D. Wiltse, Councillor
D. Ekstrom, Councillor
C. Brooks, Councillor
A. Heinrich, Councillor
K. Westerlund, Councillor
K. Edney Chief Administrative Officer
T. Scharfl, Executive Assistant
R. Bijeau, Administrative Assistant
K. MacInnis, Corporate Communications Coordinator (by telephone)

CITIZEN AWARD

Citizen Award

Council presented a Citizen Award to Tuff Rupertus in recognition of his bravery during a emergency situation.

URGENT ADDITIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition to and Adoption of Agenda

502/23-09-05

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

12. General Matters

b) Twp Road 494 and RR 73 ditching - K. Westerlund

c) **10:50 a.m.** Video Presentation Twp Road 474 - D. Ekstrom

13. Correspondence

a) James Coombs re: Twp Road 474

b) Tarina Johnson re: Twp Road 474

c) T. Hoffman re: Twp Road 474

32. Meeting Dates

c) FCSS Tour - September 25th, 2023

d) Red Deer Casino Grand Opening - September 8, 2023

33. Closed Session

b) Personnel *FOIP Section 19*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

503/23-09-05 Moved by D. Ekstrom to allow Allan Smith to address Council.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Allan Smith from Breton Community expressed his opinion and engaged Council in conversation on the importance of constructing Township Road 474 between Range Road 52 and 53.

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

Adoption of Minutes

504/23-09-05 Moved by D. Ekstrom to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2023 Council meeting as amended: motion 475/23-08-15 add the words "make them aware of"; motion 484/23-08-15 add the word "date", and; Page 17 correction "Rob Hoffarth" not Ralph.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS
ARISING**

Business Arising

Follow Up Action List

K. Edney reviewed the status of the action items.

505/23-09-05 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the Follow Up Action List for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CAO REPORT

CAO Report

Buck Creek Wildfire After-Action Review

K. Edney presented the tender results in response to the request for proposals to conduct an After-Action Review of the County and Towns' response to the Buck Creek Wildfire.

506/23-09-05 Moved by G. Gunderson that Council approves the expenditure of \$28,352 to complete the Buck Creek Wildfire After-Action Review funded through the Corporate Services budget under Professional and Special Services GL 02-12-00-239.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

507/23-09-05 Moved by K. Westerlund to direct Administration to look into Fire Training for Council and come back with potential dates.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works

Engine Retarder Brakes Signage (Lodgepole)

A. Saltesz requested confirmation of the request for signage prohibiting engine retarder brakes within the Hamlet of Lodgepole.

508/23-09-05 Moved by D. Wiltse to direct Administration to put a third sign into the entrance into Lodgepole at Avenue 54 and Hwy 620.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 9:56 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 10:01 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Bylaw 1156-23

509/23-09-05 Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular Council meeting of September 5, 2023 proceed into public hearing for Bylaw 1156-23 at 10:01 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M. Martindale presented Bylaw 1156-23 to Rezone a Portion of Lot 1 Plan 942 1038 within SW 20-48-8-W5M from Agricultural (AG) to Agricultural Holdings (AGH) for second and third readings.

Public Input: None

510/23-09-05 Moved by K. Westerlund that the regular Council meeting of September 5, 2023 come out of Public Hearing at 10:07 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

511/23-09-05 Moved by D. Wiltse to give second reading to Bylaw 1156-23.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

512/23-09-05 Moved by K. Westerlund to give third reading to Bylaw 1156-23.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

513/23-09-05 Moved by K. Westerlund to move agenda item 7. b) forward.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw 1157-23 to Rezone Portions of Parts of SW 23-48-8-W5M from Agricultural Holdings (AGH)/Direct Control (DC) to Direct Control (DC)/Agricultural (AG)

M. Martindale presented Bylaw 1157-23 for first reading.

514/23-09-05 Moved by K. Westerlund to give first reading to Bylaw 1157-23 and schedule a public hearing for October 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works

Watson Property Investigation

A. Saltesz gave an update on the agreement with Obsidian Energy to maintain the lease road for the Watsons and information regarding off-site levies and local improvement taxes.

515/23-09-05 Moved by G. Gunderson to accept the update report to Council for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Walking Path Line Painting Options

A. Saltesz presented options and costs for line painting of the walking path along the Ring Road.

516/23-09-05 Moved by C. Brooks to direct Administration to paint around the bend on the walking path on the Ring Road in the concerned area and to put up two appropriate educational signs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Range Road 73, Twp Road 502 to 510

K. Westerlund expressed concern with the condition of Range Road 73 and the improper use of soil cement causing the road to fail. She inquired if there was budget remaining for this project and what options are available to rectify the issue.

517/23-09-05 Moved by K. Westerlund to table item 6. d) Range Road 73, Twp Road 502 to 510 to allow Administration to gather information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MATTERS

General Matters

Video Presentation

D. Ekstrom presented a video presentation in support of construction of Township Road 474 between Range Road 52 and 53.

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 10:59 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 11:05 a.m.

**PUBLIC INPUT
SESSION**

Public Input Session

Reeve B. Guyon opened the Public Input Session at 11:06 a.m.

Allan Ekstrom spoke on behalf of a group of residents (Julia Tweedle, Holly Ekstrom, Laurel Spaulding, Ian Ekstrom, Gail Amendt, Alison Donald, Nolan Osbeck) in favour of construction of Township Road 474 between Range Road 52 and 53.

Pete Calvert spoke to the conditions of Range Road 83 south of Hwy 620 busting up and requested line painting on the road.

Holly Ekstrom spoke to the construction of Township Road 474 between Range Road 52 and 53 and expressed her confusion as to why Council was considering the alternative route proposed on Twp Road 473 and implored Council to approve the original design of Township Road 474 between Range Road 52 and 53.

Morris Movald spoke to the video played and indicated his disagreement with the construction of Township Road 474 between Range Road 52 and 53 and in favour of an alternative route.

Julia Tweedle spoke to Township Road 474 between Range Road 52 and 53 project being approved in 2018 and asked why it was delayed.

Allan Taylor spoke to the 200 signatures on the petition in favour of Township Road 474 between Range Road 52 and 53 not being a good representative of the entire population and indicated that all highways are dangerous when hauling farm equipment. He spoke about weeds and the designation of municipal and provincial regulations for noxious and prohibited noxious weed control and that it is the responsibility of the landowners to control them. He expressed concerns with the herbicide rebate program applications.

Duane Movald spoke in opposition of Township Road 474 between Range Road 52 and 53 project, weeds, and road maintenance.

Holly Ekstrom indicated that expropriation is important to make the proper ditching for drainage.

Alison Donald expressed that any road will be used once built, sighting Township Road 484 as an example.

Reeve B. Guyon closed the Public Input Session at 11:36 a.m.

TOWNSHIP ROAD 474

518/23-09-05 Moved by G. Gunderson to add showing a video on Township Road 474 to the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The video failed to play due to technical difficulties.

519/23-09-05 Moved by D. Ekstrom to add to the agenda the reconsideration of the motion to expropriation on Township Road 474 under General Matters item d).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

520/23-09-05 Moved by D. Ekstrom to move item 12. d) forward to now.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

521/23-09-05 Moved by D. Ekstrom that Council reconsider motion 452/23-07-18 "*Moved by D. Wiltse to direct Administration to proceed with expropriation of land needed for Township Road 474 Construction between RR 52 and RR 53. DEFEATED*"

522/23-09-05 Moved by K. Westerlund to table motion 521/23-09-05 until Administration can gather information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 12:02 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 12:51 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works

Range Road 73

A. Saltesz presented options and estimated costs to remedy Range Road 73.

523/23-09-05 Moved by K. Westerlund to direct Administration to budget an additional \$190,000 for soil cement for RR 73, to be completed in 2023, subject to weather, staff and product availability.

IN FAVOUR

G. Gunderson
D. Wiltse
B. Guyon
D. Ekstrom
K. Westerlund

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich
C. Brooks

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS/ APPOINTMENTS

Delegations/Appointments

North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA)

Scott Millar and Rosey Radmanovich virtually presented an overview and highlights from 2023 on the NSWA's programs.

524/23-09-05 Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the NSWA presentation for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE

Finance

Bank Reconciliation Statement

C. Swap presented the bank statement as of July 31, 2023.

525/23-09-05 Moved by D. Wiltse to receive the bank statement for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request to Waive Tax Penalties for Roll# 839500

C. Swap presented a request from a resident to forgive their late penalties.

526/23-09-05 Moved by D. Ekstrom to waive the penalties for Tax Roll# 839500.

IN FAVOUR

D. Ekstrom

G. Gunderson

OPPOSED

K. Westerlund

D. Wiltse

A. Heinrich

B. Guyon

C. Brooks

DEFEATED

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 2:00 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 2:10 p.m.

**GENERAL
MATTERS**

General Matters

Suggested agenda item for Sept 25, 2023 Pembina Zone Meeting

G. Gunderson reported that he is working on having Margaret MacKay speak at the Pembina Zone meeting regarding information on the four Canadian men that were arrested on allegations that they conspired to kill Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) officers during the Canada convoy protest at the Coutts border.

527/23-09-05 Moved by G. Gunderson to direct Administration to write a letter from Council to Member of Parliament Gerald Soroka to ask what the process is for the "Coutts 4."

IN FAVOUR

G. Gunderson
D. Wiltse
B. Guyon
K. Westerlund

OPPOSED

C. Brooks
A. Heinrich
D. Ekstrom

CARRIED

Township Road 494 and Range Road 73 Ditching

K. Westerlund raised a resident's concerns regarding drainage near Sunset Acres.

528/23-09-05

Moved by G. Gunderson that Administration contact the landowner on Township Road 494 regarding ditches to work out an agreement to correct the drainage issue.

K. Westerlund offered a friendly amendment to add the name "Trevor Gruninger."

D. Ekstrom offered a friendly amendment "under the oversight of Public Works."

G. Gunderson accepted the amendments.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CLOSED
SESSION**

Closed Session

529/23-09-05

Moved by C. Brooks that the regular Council Meeting of September 5, 2023 proceed into closed session at 2:37 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- a) Legal *FOIP Section 24*
- b) Personnel *FOIP Section 19*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Joseph Redman, legal counsel Shores Jardine (by telephone) and Adam Saltesz, Acting Director of Public Works joined the closed session at 2:38 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Legal *FOIP Section 24*.

Joseph Redman, legal counsel with Shores Jardine left the closed session at 3:12 p.m.

Adam Saltesz, Acting Director of Public Works left the closed session at 3:14 p.m.

530/23-09-05 Moved by C. Brooks that the regular Council Meeting of September 5, 2023 come out of closed session at 3:51 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 3:51 p.m. to allow the public ample time to return and the meeting resumed at 3:57 p.m.

531/23-09-05 Moved by D. Ekstrom to proceed with litigation settlement as recommended by legal counsel.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

532/23-09-05 Moved by A. Heinrich to proceed with posting for the Director of Public Works and return to Council with budget amount once timing is determined.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Committee Reports

533/23-09-05 Moved by A. Heinrich to postpone the Committee Reports to the September 19, 2023 agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works

Township Road 474 from Range Road 52 to 53

534/23-09-05 Moved by D. Ekstrom to take from the table motion 521/23-09-05.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A. Saltesz, Acting Director of Public Works answered Council's questions regarding the reasons to expropriate the land required to construct Township Road 474 between Range Road 52 and 53, and the concerns with building the road within a 66-foot right-of-way.

TABLED MOTION

521/23-09-05 Moved by D. Ekstrom that Council reconsider motion 452/23-07-18 "*Moved by D. Wiltse to direct Administration to proceed with expropriation of land needed for Township Road 474 Construction between RR 52 and RR 53. DEFEATED*"

IN FAVOUR

D. Wiltse
B. Guyon
D. Ekstrom

OPPOSED

- A. Heinrich
- G. Gunderson
- C. Brooks
- K. Westerlund

DEFEATED

535/23-09-05

Moved by C. Brooks to direct Administration to investigate options other than Township Road 474 between Range Road 52 and 53, including 474a and any other appropriate options.

A. Heinrich offered a friendly to include "Township Road 473"

C. Brooks accepted the amendment.

IN FAVOUR

- D. Wiltse
- B. Guyon
- A. Heinrich
- G. Gunderson
- C. Brooks
- K. Westerlund

OPPOSED

- D. Ekstrom

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence

James Coombs re: Township Road 474; Tarina Johnson re: Township Road 474; T. Hoffman re: Township Road 474

536/23-09-05

Moved by D. Ekstrom to receive all the correspondence items for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEETING DATES

Meeting Dates

Joint Evening Meeting November 28, 2023 - Wild Rose School Division, Village of Breton, Town of Drayton Valley, Brazeau County

537/23-09-05

Moved by K. Westerlund to accept the invitation for a joint session with the Wild Rose School Division, Village of Breton and Town of Drayton Valley on November 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor's Gala October 5, 2023

538/23-09-05 Moved by K. Westerlund purchase a table for Council to attend the Mayor's Gala October 5, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

539/23-09-05 Moved by G. Gunderson to purchase a second table for the Mayor's Gala to give to the Town staff.

IN FAVOUR

K. Westerlund

G. Gunderson

C. Brooks

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

D. Wiltse

DEFEATED

FCSS Tour - September 25th, 2023

540/23-09-05 Moved by K. Westerlund to authorize Council to attend FCSS Tour.

IN FAVOUR

G. Gunderson

D. Wiltse

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

C. Brooks

K. Westerlund

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

CARRIED

Grand Opening Red Deer Resort & Casino

541/23-09-05 Moved by D. Ekstrom to authorize G. Gunderson and K. Westerlund to attend the Grand Opening of the Red Deer Resort and Casino September 8, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

542/23-09-05

Moved by D. Ekstrom that the regular Council Meeting of September 5, 2023 adjourn at 4:47 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve

Executive Assistant

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