

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN BRAZEAU COUNTY ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve B. Guyon called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PRESENT

B. Guyon, Reeve
R. Swap, Councillor
D. Wiltse, Councillor
D. Ekstrom, Councillor
C. Brooks, Councillor
A. Heinrich, Councillor
K. Westerlund, Councillor
T. Scharfl, Executive Assistant
J. Grainger, Customer Service/Administrative Assistant
C. Swap, Chief Financial Officer/Acting CAO

ADDITION TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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911/22-11-17 Moved by D. Wiltse to approve the agenda with additions:
1. Easyford Community Centre Usage report
2. Fire Services Bunker Gear additional information.
11. New Pavement - R. Swap
12. Rotary Ditching - R. Swap
13. Road Stabilization - R. Swap
14. Code of Conduct Meeting Date - B. Guyon

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

912/22-11-17 Moved by K. Westerlund to bring item 3. e) Fire Services forward.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OPERATING BUDGET

2023 Interim Budget Introduction/Orientation/Review

Fire Services

T. Thomson presented the 2023 proposed operating budget for the Fire Services Department.

Council and CAO's Office

C. Swap presented the Council and CAO Office budgets.

Agricultural Services

E. McAdam presented the Agricultural Services operating budget.

Community Services

L. Chambers presented the Community Services operating budget.

913/22-11-17 Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to inquire from the Town of Drayton Valley what the rationale is for the increase to the ECDC budget and if it is related to attendees or operating expenses.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 10:09 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 10:21 a.m.

Corporate Services

C. Swap presented the Corporate Services operating budget.

Planning Services

L. Chambers presented the Planning Services operating budget.

Public Works

A. Saltesz presented the Public Works operating Budget.

**CLOSED
SESSION**

Closed Session

914/22-11-17 Moved by D. Ekstrom that the Council Budget Meeting of November 17, 2022 proceed into closed session at 10:55 a.m. for the purpose of discussing:
a) CAO Contract *FOIP S. 19*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K. Edney joined the meeting and the closed session via telephone at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of discussing CAO Contract *FOIP Section 19*.

915/22-11-17 Moved by C. Brooks that the Council Budget Meeting of November 17, 2022 come out of closed session at 11:23 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 11:23 a.m. to allow the public ample time to return and the meeting resumed at 11:32 a.m.

916/22-11-17 Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the CAO Contract Discussion for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Works

A. Saltesz continued the Public Works operating Budget presentation.

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 12:01 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 12:43 p.m.

Public Works

A. Saltesz continued the Public Works operating Budget presentation.

Cash Flow

C. Swap presented the Cash Flow section of the 2023 budget and a review of the reserve accounts.

New Pavement

R. Swap suggested eliminating all new paving and pavement overlays from the budget due to the significant cost.

917/22-11-17 Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to create a pavement preservation strategy and to bring it back for February 7, 2023.

IN FAVOUR

A. Heinrich

D. Wiltse

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

C. Brooks

K. Westerlund

OPPOSED

R. Swap

CARRIED

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 1:51 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 2:11 p.m.

918/22-11-17 Moved by K. Westerlund to add STIP Funding to the agenda under 15 and adjournment to 16.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

919/22-11-17 Moved by A. Heinrich to add Breton snow plowing to the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Pavement

920/22-11-17 Moved by R. Swap to direct Administration no new pavement or overlays for the 2023 year.

Motion not accepted by the Reeve

921/22-11-17 Moved by R. Swap to add pavement discussion to the agenda.

922/22-11-17

Moved by A. Heinrich to table the motion to the next meeting.

IN FAVOUR

A. Heinrich

K. Westerlund

OPPOSED

D. Wiltse

R. Swap

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

C. Brooks

DEFEATED

VOTE ON original motion **921/22-11-17**

IN FAVOUR

D. Wiltse

R. Swap

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

C. Brooks

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

K. Westerlund

CARRIED

923/22-11-17

Moved by R. Swap that there is no pavement or overlays for 2023 budget.

C. Brooks offered a friendly amendment to add the word "capital" before "budget"

R. Swap accepted the amendment

IN FAVOUR

D. Wiltse

R. Swap

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

C. Brooks

K. Westerlund

CARRIED

Rotary Ditching

924/22-11-17

Moved by R. Swap to direct Administration to discontinue the rotary ditching program for the 2023 year.

A. Heinrich offered a friendly amendment to add the word "option, for ditch drainage" and remove "2023"

R. Swap accepted the amendment.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

K. Westerlund
C. Brooks

CARRIED

Road Stabilization

925/22-11-17

Moved by R. Swap to direct Administration to cap the roads that have already had stabilization done.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

C. Brooks

CARRIED

Code of Conduct Meeting Date

926/22-11-17

Moved by D. Ekstrom to direct Administration to arrange a meeting with the County solicitor regarding code of conduct reports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Village of Breton Grading

A. Heinrich suggested the County assist the Village of Breton with snow removal.

927/22-11-17

Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to contact the Village of Breton to see what assistance they are requiring for snowplow.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

928/22-11-17

Moved by A. Heinrich that the Council Budget Meeting of November 17, 2022 adjourn at 3:05 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve

Executive Assistant