

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
March 11, 2020**

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT WERE: Reeve: Richard Simard, Jousard
Deputy Reeve: Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
Councillor: Donald Bissell, Enilda/Big Meadow
Donald Charrois, HP East/Banana Belt
Ken Killeen, Kinuso
Robert Nygaard, Faust
Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
Fern Welch, Grouard

Absent: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie

Administration: Jordan Panasiuk, CAO
Heather Nanninga, Director of Corporate Services
Pat Olansky, Director of Planning & Development
Victoria Zahacy, Recording Secretary
Donna Duchesneau, Public Works Coordinator

Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Simard called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**ADDITIONS TO
THE AGENDA:**

2020-05-123 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the March 11, 2020 agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

2020-05-124 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the February 26, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

ACTION LIST:

2020-05-125 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the action list be received for information.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS:

2020-05-126 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the following Staff Reports be received for information:

- Director of Corporate Services
- Director of Planning & Development
- Director of Public Works

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:***HIGH PRAIRIE FIRE DEPARTMENTS ANNUAL BALL:***

2020-05-127 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that Reeve Simard or his alternate be approved to attend and provide a few words on behalf of Big Lakes County during the High Prairie Fire Department's Annual Ball taking place on April 25, 2020 at the High Prairie Elks Rodeo Grounds. The County will also present a gift in the amount of \$500 in recognition of their 75th Anniversary.

CARRIED

ROAD TOUR:

2020-05-128 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that administration be directed to schedule the Road Tour for Friday, March 27, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. from the Big Lakes County Office and that the presented route, be approved as amended.

CARRIED

CORPORATE SERVICES:***CHEQUE LIST:***

2020-05-129 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that cheques #84630 to #84709 in the amount of \$729,195.51 for the period ending February 24, 2020 and cheques #84710 to #84722 in the amount of \$72,735.36 for the period ending February 26, 2020 be received for information.

CARRIED

GROUARD SENIORS COMMUNITY CLUB (GSCC)- OPERATING GRANT:

2020-05-130 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the Grouard Seniors Community Club be approved for their operating grants at the budgeted amounts for the 2020 year.

CARRIED

HIGH PRAIRIE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY - SPONSORSHIP:

2020-05-131 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that a 2020 Events sponsorship grant in the amount of \$300 be approved to sponsor the Muttin Bustin' at the High Prairie Agricultural Society's Spring Amateur Rodeo.

CARRIED

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:***ANNUAL COUNTY BBQ:***

2020-05-132 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the Annual County Barbecue be held on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at the County Administration Office in High Prairie.

CARRIED

A break was taken from 10:35 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

ST. VLADIMIRS' CEMETARY ASSOCIATION

2020-05-133 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the County forgo support of the St. Valdimirs' Cemetery Association request for additional grant funding under Cemetery grant.

CARRIED

FAUST OSMOSE SITE (RECREATIONAL LEASE APPLICATION NO. REC190003):

2020-05-134 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that Council accepts Alberta Environment & Parks restrictions for development of trails at the Faust Osmose Site and that Administration proceed with the Level 2 First Nation Consultation, the Historic Resources Impact Assessment, and Wildlife Survey.

DEFEATED

2020-05-135 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that administration be directed to schedule a meeting with Alberta Environment and Parks to discuss walking trail options along the shoreline of Lesser Slave Lake in the Hamlet of Faust.

CARRIED

PEACE AIRSHED ZONE ASSOCIATION (PAZA) & PEACE RIVER AIR MONITORING PROGRAM (PRAMP):

2020-05-136 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the presentation from Peace Airshed Zone Association (PAZA) & Peace River Air Monitoring Program (PRAMP) at the February 25, 2020 Council meeting be received for information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS:

BUFFALO BAY-HORSE LAKE FLOOD SILTATION RELIEF PROJECT:

2020-05-137 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that administration be directed to contact the Alberta Minister of Environment & Parks to request a meeting to request:

- 1. A value-added engineering workshop be held and
- 2. A sediment monitoring program be considered for the delta to better understand the processes and the impacts to the highly important local ecosystem.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

2020-05-138 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the information/correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 12:43 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

2020-05-139 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the meeting go into closed session at 12:44 p.m. to discuss personnel matters as per section 27, Freedom of Information and Protection Act.

CARRIED

2020-05-140 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the meeting come out of closed session at 1:02 p.m.

CARRIED

2020-05-141 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the report be received for information.

ADJOURNMENT:

2020-05-142

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the meeting be adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Richard Simard, Reeve

Jordan Panasiuk, CAO