

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
March 10, 2021**

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Administration: Pat Olansky, Acting CAO/ Director of
Planning & Development
Brett Hawken, Director of Community &
Protective Service
Eunice McCauley, Human Resources Manager
Dave McReynolds, Interim Director of Corporate
Services
Vic Abel, Director of Planning and Development
Jessica Plante, Recording Secretary
Victoria Zahacy, Communications Coordinator

Delegation: Laura Frost, Alberta Environment
Norbert Raffael, Environment and Parks

Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Matthews called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**ADDITIONS TO
THE AGENDA:**

It was noted that Councillor Simard attend the meeting by Zoom.

2021-05-069 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the March 10, 2021 agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

2021-05-070 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the February 24, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

ACTION LIST:

2021-05-071 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the action list be received for information.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS:

2021-05-072 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the following Staff Reports be received for information:

- Director of Planning & Development
- Director of Public Works
- Director of Community & Protective Services

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:***REALice HOT FLOOD WATER ALTERNATIVE:***

2021-05-073 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the purchase of the REALice Hot Flood Water Alternative in the amount of \$5,000 be approved and to be funded from the Recreation Reserve, contingent on the approval from the Town of High Prairie and provincial grant funding.

CARRIED

Councillor Stewart stepped out of the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

CENTRALIZED AMBULANCE DISPATCH – REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO:

2021-05-074 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the discussion regarding the centralization of ambulance dispatch for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo be received for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Stewart returned to the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

DELEGATION:

A.B.

ENVIRONMENT: Laura Frost, Land Management Specialist Lands Division – North Slave Lake area and Norbert Raffael, Interim Resource Manager – Peace River Watershed Air and Watershed Stewardship Branch with Alberta Environment asked Council to think about the County's recreational plans for the area and determine if there are any partnership opportunities for developing trails.

Administration to work with Ms. Frost to schedule a brainstorming session to discuss recreational opportunities in the County.

Deputy Reeve Marx asked about the Winagami Provincial Park wading pool and the status of it reopening. Ms. Frost to provide County administration with Cal McLeod's contact information.

A break was taken from 10:49 a.m. to 11:04 a.m.

Councillor Simard did not return to the meeting.

CORPORATE SERVICES:***CHEQUE LISTS:***

2021-05-075 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that cheques #88020 to #88114 in the amount of \$316,343.20 for the period ending February 24, 2021 be received for information.

CARRIED

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

2021-05-076 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that Councillor Nygaard, Reeve Matthews and Deputy Reeve Marx as alternate, the Chief Administrative Officer, and the Director of Emergency Management be appointed to the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

OPTION TO LEASE AND SIRE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR PART OF PLAN 972 1719, BLOCK 6, LOT 3MR IN THE HAMLET OF JOUSSARD FOR TELUS CELL TOWER:

2021-05-077 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Big Lakes County be approved to entre into an Option to Lease and Site Agreement with TELUS for the installations of a cell tower at Plan 972 1719, Block 6, Lot 3MR in the Hamlet of Jousard as presented.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES:

MEMBER AT LARGE APPOINTMENT – INTERMUNICIPAL WEED AND PEST APPEAL COMMITTEE:

2021-05-078 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that Douglas McCauley be appointed as a member at large to the Intermunicipal Weed and Pest Appeal Committee for a 1-year term ending January 1, 2022.

CARRIED

STARS – SPONSORSHIP:

2021-05-079 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the 2021 sponsorship pledge payment in the amount of \$25,000 be fulfilled to STARS.

CARRIED

2021-05-080 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that an annual sponsorship commitment for four (4) years; 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025 to STARS in the amount of \$25,000 each year be approved.

CARRIED

INFORMATION/ CORRESPONDENCE:

2021-05-081 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the information/ correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

A break was taken to 11:35 a.m. to 11:46 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

2021-05-081 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting be adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

CARRIED

Ken Matthews, Reeve

Pat Olansky, Acting CAO