

**BIG LAKES COUNTY  
COUNCIL MEETING**

March 13, 2019

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 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  
David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie  
Ken Killeen, Kinuso  
Robert Nygaard, Faust  
Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/Gilwood  
Fern Welch, Grouard

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

Delegations: Dan Sekulich

Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

**CALL TO ORDER:** Reeve Simard called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**ADDITIONS TO  
THE AGENDA:**

**2019-05-134** **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the March 13, 2019 agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINUTES:**

**2019-05-135** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the February 27, 2019 Regular Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS ARISING  
FROM MINUTES:**

**ACTION LIST:**

**2019-05-136** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the action list be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Welch arrived to the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**2019-05-137** **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the following staff reports be received for information:

- Chief Administrative Officer
- Director of Planning & Development
- Director of Corporate Services
- Director of Public Works

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADMINISTRATION:*****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE TOWN OF H.P.:***

**2019-05-138** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the discussion regarding Economic Development within the Town of High Prairie be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***RCMP DOG HANDLER POSITION:***

**2019-05-139** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that Council continues to support a RCMP dog handler position in the Big Lakes County area.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A break was taken from 10:46 a.m. to 11:04 a.m.

***LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR NWSAR-ABMI NW  
COLLABORATIVE CARIBOU RANGES RESEARCH PROJECT:***

**2019-05-140** **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that administration be directed to write a letter of support for the NWSAR-ABMI NW Collaborative Caribou Ranges Research Project.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**2019-05-141** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that cheques #80654 to #80765 in the amount of \$569,702.10 for the period ending February 27, 2019 be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***PENALTIES BYLAW 02-2019:***

**2019-05-142** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that first reading be provided to Penalties Bylaw 02-2019.

**CARRIED**

**2019-05-143** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that second reading be provided to Penalties Bylaw 02-2019.

**CARRIED**

***COYOTE ACRES 4-H CLUB  
SPONSORSHIP:***

**2019-05-144** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that a 2019 event sponsorship grant in the amount of \$200 be approved for the Coyote Acres 4-H Club.

**CARRIED**



**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

***COUNTY-OWNED LOTS IN GROUARD:***

- 2019-05-145**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that administration be directed to proceed with the following:
1. Closure of unnecessary rights-of-way and consolidate with adjacent properties;
  2. Consolidate the lagoon property and subdivision of the lagoon area and redistricting in the Hamlet of Grouard.

**CARRIED**

- 2019-05-146**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that Councillor Welch and Deputy Reeve Matthews be appointed to the Grouard land review task force.

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

***SPRAY EXEMPTION POLICY UPDATE:***

- 2019-05-147**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the amendments to the Spray Exemption Policy ASB-05 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***FARM FAMILY AWARD POLICY:***

- 2019-05-148**      **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the Farm Family Award Policy number be amended to ASB-15.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:52 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Councillor Welch did not return to the meeting.

**INFORMATION/  
CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 2019-05-149**      **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the information/correspondence be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DELEGATION:**

- D. SEKULICH:** Dan Sekulich presented council with concerns regarding his proposed development agreement for road construction as part of the subdivision requirement.

- 2019-05-150**      **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that administration be directed to bring back additional information regarding the concerns addressed by Dan Sekulich regarding his proposed development agreement.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**IN CAMERA:**

**2019-05-151**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that the meeting go into camera at 1:42 p.m. to discuss labour matters as per section 27, Freedom of Information and Protection Act.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*In Attendance – In Camera:*

*Big Lakes County Council*

*Jordan Panasiuk, CAO*

**2019-05-152**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that the meeting come out of camera at 2:52 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2019-05-153**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that Council accepts the terms of the evaluation as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**2019-05-154**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the meeting be adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

  
Richard Simard, Reeve  
Jordan Panasiuk, CAO