

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING**
March 27, 2019

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, March 27, 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
Robert Nygaard, Faust
Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/Gilwood

Absent: Ken Killeen, Kinuso
Fern Welch, Grouard

Administration: Jordan Panasiuk, CAO
Heather Nanninga, Director of Corporate Services
Victoria Zahacy, Recording Secretary
Pat Olansky, Director of Planning & Development
Ian Willier, Utilities Manager

Delegations: S/Sgt. Warren Wright, RCMP
Canadian Motorcycle Tourism Association

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:**

2019-06-155 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the March 13, 2019 agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES:

2019-06-156 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the March 13, 2019 Regular Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

ACTION LIST:

2019-06-157 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the action list be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE SERVICES:

CHEQUE LISTS:

2019-06-158 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that cheques #80766 to #80897 in the amount of \$1,941,029.57 for the period ending March 13, 2019 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS – FEBRUARY 28, 2019:

2019-06-159 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the Statement of Operations for the two months ended February 28, 2019 be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GRANT FUNDING POLICY AMENDMENTS:

2019-06-160 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that Council forgoes any amendments to the policy Admin-55- Grant Funding Policy.

CARRIED

SCHEDULE OF FEES BYLAW AMENDMENT:

2019-06-161 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that first reading be provided to bylaw 04-2019 Schedule of Fees Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-06-162 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that second reading be provided to bylaw 04-2019 Schedule of Fees Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-06-163 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that unanimous approval be proceed to third and final reading for Bylaw 04-2019 Schedule of Fees Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-06-164 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that third reading be provided to bylaw 04-2019 Schedule of Fees Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PENALTIES BYLAW 02-2019:

2019-06-165 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that third and final reading to Bylaw No. 02-2019 be approved with the following amendments:
Paragraph 2.2 shall read "A penalty rate of 14.5% shall be imposed on all outstanding taxes remaining unpaid after the last business day in January of the previous year. For any unpaid taxes and tax arrears, the penalty amount referenced herein will be levied and added to the taxes on the first business day of February." Paragraph 3.1 shall read "Every Business Day; as stated in paragraph 1.4 until the conclusion of regular business hours at 4:00 p.m.

CARRIED

H.P. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – SPONSORSHIP:

2019-06-166 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that a 2019 event sponsorship grant in the amount of \$300 be approved for the High Prairie Agricultural Society's Spring Amateur Rodeo.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H.P. ABORIGINAL INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE– SPONSORSHIP:

2019-06-167

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD that a 2019 event sponsorship grant in the amount of \$300 be approved for the High Prairie Aboriginal Interagency Committee's Spring 5th Annual Traditional Pow Wow.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY – SPONSORSHIP:

2019-06-168

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS that administration be directed to support the Municipal District of Opportunity's 1st Annual Canadian Diabetes Charity Golf Tournament with a \$500 sponsorship grant and a promotional item.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A break was taken from 10:50 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

DELEGATION:

RCMP:

S/Sgt. Warren Wright with the High Prairie RCMP detachment presented council with an update on the High Prairie and Faust detachments and the dog handler position.

**CORPORATE
SERVICES CON'T:**

EAST PRAIRIE METIS SETTLEMENT – SPONSORSHIP:

2019-06-169

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS that a 2019 Event sponsorship grant in the amount of \$200 be approved for the East Prairie Metis Settlement Annual Quad Rally.

RESCINDED

2019-06-170

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD that a promotional item in the amount of \$150 be approved for the East Prairie Metis Settlement Annual Quad Rally.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC TIME:

Barry Boivert from Kin-Merc presented to council regarding the Big Lakes County tax penalty.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:12p.m. and reconvened at 12:50p.m.

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT:**

SALE OF OLD ENILDA FIRE HALL:

2019-06-171

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX that administration be directed to enter into an agreement for Plan 2415HW, Block B and sold to the Enilda & District Society for Recreation & Culture for one dollar (\$1.00).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION:

CANADIAN MOTORCYCLE TOURISM

ASSOCIATION: Renee Charbonneau with the Canadian Motorcycle Tourism Association approached council for funding support for the Veteran Memorial Gardens and provided council with an update on a classroom program, a day in the life of a NW Alberta soldier.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT CON'T:

SUBDIVISION 16-21:

2019-06-172 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the report regarding Subdivision 16-21, Dan Sekulich, Developer be received for information and that administration be directed to write a letter to Mr. Sekulich.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC LAND SALE BID RESULTS

PLAN 772 2085, Block 2 Lot 38 (HAMLET OF GROUARD):

2019-06-173 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that Council accepts the bid from Audrey Cloutier in the amount of \$7,500 plus GST for the purchase of Plan 772 2085, Block 2, Lot 38 in the Hamlet of Grouard, and that the County enters into an agreement for Sale of Land with Audrey Cloutier.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FIRST READING – LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT 05-2019:

2019-06-174 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that first reading be given to Bylaw 05-2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-06-175 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that a Public Hearing for Bylaw 05-2019 be set for April 24, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Big Lakes County Administration Building.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-06-176 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that notices of the Public Hearing related to Bylaw 05-2019 be placed in the South Peace News.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNUAL COUNTY BBQ:

2019-06-177 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the Annual County Barbecue be held on June 20, 2019 at the County Administration Office in High Prairie.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MUNICIPAL AWARENESS & COMMUNITY BARBEQUES:

2019-06-178 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that the County forgoes the Municipal Awareness & Community Barbecue events and incorporate an interactive municipal awareness display as part of the Annual County Barbecue event in June.

DEFEATED

2019-06-179 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that administration be directed to move the Annual County Barbecue into the hamlets.

DEFEATED

2019-06-180

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS that administration be directed to setup an interactive municipal awareness display at one event per year that is located in the east end of the County.

CARRIED

Councillor Stewart left the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS:

WHEEL LOADER – CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT:

2019-06-181

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS that a 2019 Capital Budget for the supply and delivery of one new Wheel Loader be increased by \$82,023 to be funded from the Equipment Replacement Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-06-182

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS that the Request for Quotation for one new Wheel Loader be awarded to Strongco in the amount of \$382,023.00 excluding GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A break was taken from 2:07 p.m. to 2:16 p.m.

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

2019-06-183

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD that the information/correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN CAMERA:

2019-06-184

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS that the meeting go into camera at 2:16 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
Victoria Zahacy, Recording Secretary

2019-06-185

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD that the meeting come out of camera at 2:46 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-06-186

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS that administration be directed to send a letter of support to the three municipalities involved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-06-187

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS that administration be directed to provide a list of council attended events and activities that should be considered volunteer hours and not a per diem.

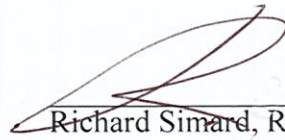
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

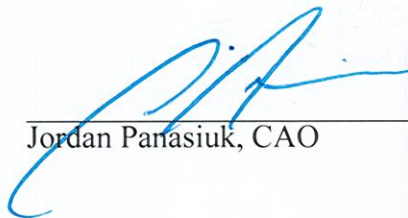
2019-06-188

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS that the meeting be adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Richard Simard, Reeve



Jordan Panasiuk, CAO