

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING**

April 14, 2021

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Absent: Richard Simard, Joussard

Administration: Jordan Panasiuk, CAO (Zoom)
Pat Olansky, Director of Planning & Development
Brett Hawken, Director of Community & Protective Service
Eunice McCauley, Human Resources Manager (Zoom)
Dave McReynolds, Interim Director of Corporate Services (Zoom)
Vic Abel, Director of Public Works (Zoom)
Victoria Zahacy, Communications Coordinator (Zoom)
Jessica Plante, Recording Secretary
Donna Duchesneau, Public Works Coordinator

Delegation: Constable Tyler Bell, RCMP
Constable Sherrie Choo, RCMP
Jodi Bloomer-Kaput, Canadian Fiber Optics

Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

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

**ADDITIONS TO
THE AGENDA:**

2021-07-107 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the April 14, 2021 agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

2021-07-108 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the March 24, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

ACTION LIST:

2021-07-109 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the action list be received for information.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS:

2021-07-110 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the following Staff Reports be received for information:

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

CARRIED

DELEGATION:

RCMP: Constable Tyler Bell and Constable Sherrie Choo presented Council with a Drug Enforcement presentation.

The meeting recessed for lunch break 12:03 p.m. at and reconvened at 12:39 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Marx did not return to the meeting.

CORPORATE SERVICES:**CHEQUE LISTS:**

2021-07-111 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that a Special Council meeting be scheduled for April 30, 2021 at the Big Lakes County Council Chambers for the purpose of adopting the 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets.

CARRIED

Councillor Stewart stepped out of the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

2021-07-112 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that cheques #88209 to #88274 in the amount of \$1,260,170.00 for the period ending March 24, 2021 be received for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Stewart returned to the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**AMENDMENT TO GENERAL SERVING STANDARDS POLICY #ADMIN-61:**

2021-07-113 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that that the General Serving Standards Policy # ADMIN-61 be amended as follows:

Section 3.1.1 Rural Roadway Classification

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| Country Residential/Bareland Condominium Roadway | |
| • Right of Way Width | 25 meters |
| • Surface Type | Gravel (less than 10 lots)
Asphalt (10 or more lots when the connecting roadway is also asphalt surfaced).
Gravel surfacing is acceptable if the connecting roadway is also gravel. |
| • Finished Road top Width | 7.5 meters |
| • Access Restrictions: | All accesses to be on internal roadways except where topographical constraints limit access |
| • Approach Width | 6 meters (finished road top) |

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION:

2021-07-114 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the meeting go into closed session at 1:14 p.m. to negotiations as per section 27, Freedom of Information and Protection Act.

CARRIED

Councillor Welch stepped out of the meeting at 1:24 p.m. and returned at 1:28 p.m.

2021-07-115 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the meeting come out of closed session at 1:57 p.m.

CARRIED

A break was taken from 1:57 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Marx returned to the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CON'T:

Councillor Nygaard declared pecuniary interest and was placed in the Zoom waiting room at 2:04 p.m.

2021-07-116 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that a notice of proposed development for application 21-D0021 be given in accordance with the Public Notification Bylaw.

CARRIED

Councillor Nygaard returned to the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS:

2021-07-117 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that administration be directed to create a road closure bylaw and schedule a public hearing at a future date with regards to the road closure and lease of a portion of the road allowance between NW 33-77-16-W5 and SE 4-78-16-W5.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES:

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AND PLAN RENEWAL WITH ALBERTA WILDFIRE:

2021-07-118 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the Mutual Aid Agreement and Plan Renewal with Alberta Wildfire be approved for signature.

CARRIED

CANADIAN FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FEDERATION (CFFF):

2021-07-119 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that a sponsorship grant in the amount of \$500 for the Northern Trek for Canadian Fallen Firefighters Federation (CFFF) be approved.

CARRIED

INFORMATION/ CORRESPONDENCE:

2021-07-120 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the information/ correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION:

2021-07-121 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the meeting go into closed session at 2:26 p.m. to negotiations and governmental relations as per section 27, Freedom of Information and Protection Act.

CARRIED

2021-07-122 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that the meeting come out of closed session at 2:57 p.m.

CARRIED

2021-07-123 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that administration be directed to send a letter to Heart River Housing advising council's position on the Pleasantview Lodge Addition in High Prairie.

CARRIED

2021-07-124 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that Council agrees to the legal negotiations as presented.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

2021-07-125 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the meeting be adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

CARRIED

Ken Matthews, Reeve

Jordan Panasiuk, CAO