

**BIG LAKES COUNTY  
COUNCIL MEETING**  
April 22, 2020

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building and by Zoom in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, April 22, 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  
David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie  
Robert Nygaard, Faust  
Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/Gilwood  
Fern Welch, Grouard

Administration: Jordan Panasiuk, CAO  
Heather Nanninga, Director of Corporate Services  
Pat Olansky, Director of Planning & Development  
Jessica Martinson, Recording Secretary  
Vic Abel, Director of Public Works  
Brett Hawken, Acting Director of Community  
& Protective Service  
Balaji Selvaraj, IT Administrator  
David Sturgeon, Fire Chief

Delegations: Gregory Cummings, Alberta Health Services  
S/Sgt. Warren Wright, RCMP  
Pat Rehn, MLA

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

**ADDITIONS TO  
THE AGENDA:** Delegation – Pat Rehn, MLA – 11:30 a.m.  
Personnel Matters – In Camera

**2020-08-173** **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the April 22, 2020 agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES:**

**2020-08-174** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the April 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING  
FROM MINUTES:**

***ACTION LIST:***

**2020-08-175** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the action list be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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

**2020-08-176** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that cheques #84964 to #85088 in the amount of \$539,665.10 for the period ending April 8, 2020 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

***STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS:***

**2020-08-177** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the Statement of Operations for the three months ended March 31, 2020 be accepted for information.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATION:*****ALBERTA HEALTH***

**SERVICES:** Gregory Cummings with Alberta Health Services provide Council with an update on COVID-19.

**RCMP:** S/Sgt. Warren Wright with the High Prairie RCMP presented Council with an update on the policing situation and how they are dealing with COVID-19.

**CORPORATE SERVICES CON'T:*****JOUSSARD HOMESTEADERS: ADDITIONAL NAMED INSURANCE PROGRAM:***

**2020-08-178** **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the Joussard Homesteaders be permitted to be listed as an additional named insured under the Big Lakes County insurance policy as managed by RMA Insurance.

**CARRIED**

**2020-08-179** **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that administration be directed to bring forward information regarding the Additional Named Insured program.

**CARRIED**

***LETTER OF SUPPORT TO TELUS:***

**2020-08-180** **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that Council approves a letter of support to Telus for their CRTC Broadband Fund Application.

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC WORKS:*****ROMEO DUCHESNEAU WATER LEAK, JOUSSARD:***

**2020-08-181** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the sewer charges from the March-April billing in the amount of \$844.21 be forgiven due to a water leak on the property of Romeo Duchesneau in the Hamlet of Joussard.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Welch left the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

**DELEGATIONS CON'T:**

**PAT REHN, MLA:** Pat Rehn, MLA presented to council on the status update with COVID-19.

The meeting recessed for lunch break at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened at 12:31 p.m.

**CORPORATE SERVICES CON'T:**

***TAX INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN:***

**2020-08-182**      **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that a tax installment payment plan bylaw be brought forward to the April 29 special council meeting structured to include all outstanding tax amounts and waive new penalties on all outstanding tax amounts.

**CARRIED**

***MINIMUM TAX:***

**2020-08-183**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the 2020 tax bylaw include minimum taxes of \$10 per parcel of leased farmland five acres and under, and \$50 for all other properties.

**CARRIED**

***TAX DEADLINES:***

**2020-08-184**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that a deferral of all 2020 taxes be approved to October 1, 2020 and that an amending bylaw be brought forward for Council’s consideration at the April 29, 2020 Special budget meeting.

**CARRIED**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**2020-08-185**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the meeting go into closed session at 1:47 p.m. to discuss personnel matters as per section 27, Freedom of Information and Protection Act.

**CARRIED**

**2020-08-186**      **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the meeting come out of closed session at 2:25 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**2020-08-187**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the personnel matters be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**2020-08-188**      **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the meeting be adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Richard Simard, Reeve

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Jordan Panasiuk, CAO