

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
May 26, 2021**

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, May 26, 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
Ken Killeen, Kinuso
Robert Nygaard, Faust
Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
Fern Welch, Grouard

Absent: Richard Simard, Jousard

Administration: Jordan Panasiuk, CAO
Brett Hawken, Director of Community & Protective Service
Dave McReynolds, Interim Director of Corporate Services (Zoom)
Eunice McCauley, Human Resources Manager (Zoom)
Jessica Plante, Recording Secretary
Pat Olansky, Director of Planning & Development
Vic Abel, Director of Public Works
Jason Cottingham, Fire Chief

Delegation: Meghan Payne, Lesser Slave Watershed Council
Phil Dirks, Metrix Group
Paul McLauchlin, President, RMA
Tom Burton, District Director, RMA
Gerald Rhodes, Executive Director, RMA
Tasha Blumenthal, Director External Relations & Advocacy, RMA

Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

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

**ADDITIONS TO
THE AGENDA:**

The delegation from Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) has been changed to 1:30 p.m.

2021-11-178

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN that the May 26, 2021 agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

2021-11-179

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART that the May 12, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

ACTION LIST:

2021-11-180 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the action list be received for information.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

2022 STARS CALENDAR FUNDRAISING PROGRAM:

2021-11-181 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that Council agrees to participate in the 2022 STARS calendar fundraising program.

CARRIED

CORPORATE SERVICES:

CHEQUE LIST:

2021-11-182 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that cheques #88505 to #88602 in the amount of \$362,840.26 for the period ending May 12 2021 be received for information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS:

CAPITAL BUDGE AMENDMENT – LAND ACQUISITION:

2021-11-183 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the 2021 Capital Budget be amended to add \$7,500 to Land Acquisition, funded from the General Transportation Reserve.

CARRIED

2021-11-184 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that administration be directed to bring forward other policy alternatives for subdivision and land acquisitions.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES:

ICF FIRE SERVICE REVISIONS:

2021-11-185 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Council accepts the revisions under the Fire Service in the Town of High Prairie and Big Lakes County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) agreement.

CARRIED

FIRE SERVICE – LEVEL OF SERVICE POLICY:

2021-11-186 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the Fire Service – Levels of Service Policy Fire-04 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

GREEN LIGHT BYLAW:

2021-11-187 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that first reading be given to the Green Light Bylaw 09-2021.

CARRIED

2021-11-188 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that second reading be given to the Green Light Bylaw 09-2021.

CARRIED

2021-11-189 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that unanimous approval be provided to proceed to third and final reading for the Green Light Bylaw 09-2021.

CARRIED

2021-11-190 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that third reading be given to the Green Light Bylaw 09-2021.

CARRIED

PUBLIC ORDER BYLAW AMENDMENT:

2021-11-191 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that first reading be given to the Public Order Bylaw 07-2021.

CARRIED

2021-11-192 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that second reading be given to the Public Order Bylaw 07-2021 as amended.

CARRIED

2021-11-193 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that unanimous approval be provided to proceed to third and final reading for the Public Order Bylaw 07-2021

CARRIED

2021-11-194 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that third reading be given to the Public Order Bylaw 07-2021 as amended.

CARRIED

LARRY DAHLGREN MEMORIAL WALLEYE TOURNAMENT - SPONSORSHIP:

2021-11-195 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that a 2021 events sponsorship grant in the amount of \$300 be provided to the Larry Dahlgren Memorial Walley Tournament.

CARRIED

A break was taken from 10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

DELEGATIONS:

LESSER SLAVE WATERSHED

COUNCIL: Meghan Payne, Executive Director with the Lesser Slave Watershed Council presented Council with an update on the Water Quality Monitoring, West Prairie River Riparian Intactness and Risk Assessment, Watershed Resiliency Program, Swan River Watershed Initiative and Engaging communities using COVID.

The meeting recessed for lunch break at 11:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

2021-11-196 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the information/
correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

METRIX GROUP: Phil Dirks with Metrix Group LLP presented Council with the 2020
Audited Financial Statements.

2021-11-197 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the 2020 Audited
Financial Statements be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Deputy Reeve Marx stepped out of the meeting at 2:12 p.m. and returned
at 2:24 p.m.

RMA: Paul McLaughlin, President, Tom Burton, District Director, Gerald
Rhodes, Executive Director and Tasha Blumenthal, Director External
Relations & Advocacy from the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA)
joined the meeting to hear about Council’s concerns and highlighted
projects that RMA can work on with the municipality.

2021-11-198 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the delegation from the
Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) be received for information.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

2021-11-199 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the meeting be adjourned
at 2:33 p.m.

CARRIED

Ken Matthews, Reeve

Jordan Panasiuk, CAO