

**BIG LAKES COUNTY  
COUNCIL MEETING**

October 9, 2019

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Administration: Jordan Panasiuk, CAO  
Vic Abel, Director of Public Works  
Dave McReynolds, Director of Corporate Services  
Pat Olansky, Director of Planning & Development  
Victoria Zahacy, Communications Coordinator  
Jessica Martinson, Recording Secretary  
Brett Hawken, Municipal Intern

Delegations: Pioneer Thresherman's Association  
Telus

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:**

Closed Session - Legal Negotiations

**2019-18-498**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGARRD** that the October 9, 2019 agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES:**

**2019-18-499**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the September 11, 2019 Regular Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING  
FROM MINUTES:**

***ACTION LIST:***

**2019-18-500**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the action list be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**2019-18-501** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that the following staff reports be received for information:

- Director of Corporate Services
- Director of Planning & Development
- Director of Public Works

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION:*****REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY:***

**2019-18-502** **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that Reeve Simard or his alternate be approved to attend and provide a few words on behalf of the County during the Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Ceremony taking place on November 11, 2019 at 10:45 a.m.

**CARRIED**

***KEEPERS OF THE ATHABASCA FLOWING WORKSHOP SERIES:***

**2019-18-503** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the Keepers of the Athabasca's Flowing Workshop Series report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATION:*****PIONNER THRESHERMAN'S***

**ASSOCIATION:** Len Parke and Henry Nyberg with Pioneer Thresherman's Association asked council for an update and status on the Triangle Waterline.

**ADMINISTRATION CON'T:*****ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING DATE:***

**2019-18-504** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the Organizational meeting of Council be scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2019 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Big Lakes County Council Chambers.

**CARRIED**

***GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDING DISTRIBUTION:***

**2019-18-505** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the funding from the 2019 Big Lakes Charity Golf Tournament be allocated as follows:

- \$5,000 Hearth and Stroke Foundation
- \$5,000 Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation
- \$8,085.40 High Prairie Hospital Foundation
- \$4,165.20 Swan Hill's Hospital Foundation

**CARRIED**

A break was taken from 10:41 a.m. to 10:59 a.m.

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

**2019-18-506** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that cheques #83149 to #83201 in the amount of \$269,628.47 for the period ending September 18, 2019 be received for information.

**CARRIED**



Councillor Welch returned to the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

***RESOLUTION REGARDING SHALLOW GAS TAX RELIEF:***

**2019-18-507**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that

Pursuant to Section 347 of the Municipal Government Act, for properties identified in the appendix – Summary of Tax Relief by Company, attached to and forming part of the Council minutes, Council authorizes the:

- Cancellation and/or refund of the 2019 property taxes paid or owing so as to reduce by 35 percent property taxes levied as per section 353(2) of the Municipal Government Act, which includes municipal property taxes levied, requisitions detailed in section 326(1)(a) and 359 (1)(2) as well as special taxes levied under section (382) (1) where the tax rate is based on assessment.
- Cancellation and/or refund of tax penalties associated with the 2019 property taxes levied as per section 353(2) of the Municipal Government Act.

**CARRIED**

***M.D. OF SMOKY RIVER - LETTER OF SUPPORT:***

**2019-18-508**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the letter of support for the Municipal District of Smoky River be received for information.

**CARRIED**

***NORTHERN LAKES COLLEGE LETTER OF SUPPORT:***

**2019-18-509**

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that administration be directed to send a letter of support to Northern Lakes College to assist with their Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program application.

**CARRIED**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT:**

***DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION – 19-D0103- DIRECT CONTROL DISTRICT:***

Councillor Nygaard declared pecuniary interest and stepped out of the meeting at 11:10 a.m. as Councillor Nygaard has an interest in the Development Permit Application 19-D0103 - Direct Control.

**2019-18-510**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that Public notice be posted in a conspicuous place at SW 16-73-11-W5 (Bay Shore Resort) which the proposed development will be situated and on County social media sites stating that a decision on development permit application 19-D0103 pursuant to a Direct Control District is to be made at that eh October 23, 2019 Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Nygaard returned to the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

***BYLAW NO. 09-2019 – TO ADOPT THE BLC/ TOWN OF  
HIGH PRAIRIE INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN:***

**2019-18-511**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that second reading be given to Town of High Prairie Intermunicipal Development Plan Adopting Bylaw 09-2019.

**CARRIED**

**2019-18-512**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that third reading be given to Town of High Prairie Intermunicipal Development Plan Adopting Bylaw 09-2019.

**CARRIED**

***CHRISTMAS ANGELS HAMPER POLICY FCSS-02:***

**2019-18-513**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the Christmas Angels Hamper Policy #FCSS-02 be amended as presented.

**CARRIED**

***BYLAW NO. 17-2019 – TO ADOPT THE BLC/ M.D. OF SMOKY RIVER INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK:***

**2019-18-514**      **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that second reading be provided to Bylaw 17-2019 to adopt the Big Lakes County/ Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework.

**CARRIED**

**2019-18-515**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that third reading be provided to Bylaw 17-2019 to adopt the Big Lakes County/ Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework.

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

***HEART RIVER HOUSING REQUEST FOR USED VEHICLE:***

**2019-18-516**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the Heart River Housing request for acquisition of a used Public Works pick-up truck at a discounted price be received for information.

**CARRIED**

***ASB 16- AGRICULTURAL GRANTS – SCHEDULE A:***

**2019-18-517**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that council approves the amendment to the ASB Policy 16 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**INFORMATION/ CORRESPONDENCE:**

**2019-18-518**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the information and correspondence be received for information.

**CARRIED**

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:51 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

**DELEGATIONS:**

**TELUS:**      Brian Bettis and Tabitha Olson from Telus presented Council with a tower proposal.

Councillor Welch returned to the meeting at 1:23 p.m.



**CLOSED SESSION:****2019-18-519**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the meeting go into closed session at 1:52 p.m. to discuss legal negotiations as per section 27, Freedom of Information and Protection Act and in accordance with section 197 (2) of the Municipal Government Act.

**CARRIED*****In Attendance – In Camera:***

*Richard Simard, Reeve  
Ken Matthews, Deputy Reeve  
Ann Stewart, Councillor  
Robert Nygaard, Councillor  
Donald Bissell, Councillor  
Fern Welch, Councillor  
Donald Charrois, Councillor  
Ken Killeen, Councillor*

*The following staff were in attendance to provide information and/or administrative support:*

*Jordan Panasiuk, CAO  
Jessica Martinson, Executive Assistant*

**2019-18-520**

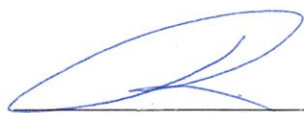
**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that the meeting come out of closed session at 2:24 p.m.

**CARRIED****2019-18-521**

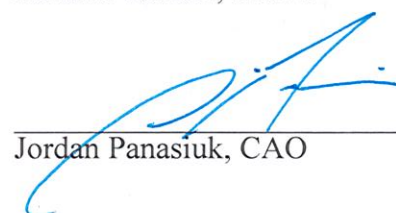
**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that administration be directed to proceed with the legal negotiations as discussed.

**CARRIED****ADJOURNMENT:****2019-18-522**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the meeting be adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

**CARRIED**


Richard Simard, Reeve



Jordan Panasiuk, CAO