

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING**
August 26, 2020

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, August 26, 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
Vic Abel, Director of Public Works
Brett Hawken, Acting Director of Community & Protective Service
Jessica Plante, Recording Secretary
Eunice McCauley, Human Resources Manager
Victoria Zahacy, Communications Coordinator
Katie Ellwood, Grants Officer

Delegations: Jim & Cheryl Sheldon, Farm Family Award
Sydney Saitz, Bursary Recipient
Deanna Basarab, Workforce Consultant

Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

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

A moment of silence was held for Councillor Brian Rosche and Loren Killeen.

**ADDITIONS TO
THE AGENDA:**

Helipad meetings
Land Negotiations – In Camera

2020-17-419 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL** that the August 26, 2020 agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

2020-17-420 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the August 12, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

ACTION LIST:

2020-17-421 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the action list be received for information.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:***REGULAR MEETINGS – ELECTRONIC MEANS:***

2020-17-422 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that due to extenuating circumstances Council authorizes Councillors to attend the September to December 2020 Regular meetings in person or by electronic means.

CARRIED

HELIPAD MEETINGS:

2020-17-423 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that a secret ballot be taken for the purpose of choosing recipients for the Helipad Construction Project.

CARRIED

Councillor Stewart, Councillor Welch and Deputy Reeve Matthews expressed interest in sitting on the Helipad Construction Project.

A secret ballot was taken.

2020-17-424 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that Deputy Reeve Matthews and Councillor Welch be appointed to attending meetings related to the construction of the Helipad project.

CARRIED

2020-17-425 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that the secret ballots to be destroyed.

CARRIED

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

2020-17-426 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that cheques #85889 to #85971 in the amount of \$728,241.18 for the period ending August 5, 2020 and cheques #85972 to #86057 in the amount of \$193,649.34 for the period ending August 12, 2020 be received for information.

CARRIED

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS – JULY 31, 2020:

2020-17-427 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the Statement of Operations for the seven months ended July 31, 2020 be accepted for information.

CARRIED

HEART RIVER HOUSING LOAN REQUEST – LODGE ADDITION:

2020-17-428 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that the discussion on the 10-year loan to Heart River Housing be tabled until later in the meeting.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:***FARM FAMILY AWARD:***

Jim and Cheryl Sheldon were presented with the 2020 Farm Family Award.

A break was taken from 10:56 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Councillor Charrois stepped out of the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

BURSARY RECIPIENT:

Sydney Saitz was presented with a cheque for the bursary award.

BUSINESS SUPPORT***NETWORK:***

Deanna Basarab presented Council with information on a proposed business support network which would connect on a regular basis to assist with building strong partnerships within the business community to address common current local and regional workplace challenges.

CORPORATE**SERVICES CON'T:*****MUNICIPAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM (MSP) FUNDING:*****2020-17-429**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD that the following list of Municipal Sustainability Program funding priorities be approved:

Project	Details	Explanation	Eligibility Criteria Met
BF 73393	\$585,000	Replacement of damaged/aged culvert	Ü
Enilda road reconstruction	\$300,357	Repairs to the road extending between RR160 – Railway Ave to CN tracks (Approx. 158 m)	Ü
Swan Hills Airport Reno/Retrofit	Exact cost unidentified.	Renovations and repairs as needed	Ü

CARRIED**PUBLIC TIME:**

P. & C. CARRIER: Peter & Carolyn Carrier presented Council with concerns regarding steel posts and uncut grass located on Plan 1255ET, Block 1, Lot 8. Mr. & Mrs. Carrier live on Plan 1255ET, Block 1, Lot 9 and would like to have the posts removed or have posts installed on the east side of the creek. Administration to bring forward a report to the next Council meeting.

RCMP:

S/Sgt. Warren Wright with the RCMP presented Council with an update on the dog handler position which is located in the Hamlet of Faust.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened at 12:34 p.m.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:***EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO LEASE COUNTY OWNED LANDS – PLAN 5688MC, BLOCK 2, LOT 11; HAMLET OF GROUARD:*****2020-17-430**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH that the County enter into a one (1) year lease with Clay Sutherland with an option to renew for a further five (5) years for Lot 11, Block 2, Plan 5688MC, for a fee of \$50 per year, plus applicable property taxes.

CARRIED***LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT 15-2020 – THIRD READING:*****2020-17-431**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART that Land Use Bylaw Amendment Bylaw #15-2020 be approved for third reading.

CARRIED**PUBLIC WORKS:*****WATER LEAK – CLAY SUTHERLAND - HAMLET OF GROUARD:*****2020-17-432**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX that the sewer charges from the July – August billing in the amount of \$483.42 be forgiven due to a water leak on the property of Clay Sutherland in the Hamlet of Grouard.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES:

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMOKY RIVER AND THE TOWN OF HIGH PRAIRIE:

2020-17-433 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that administration be approved to enter Big Lakes County into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Municipal District of Smoky River and the Town of High Prairie.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

2020-17-434 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the information/correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

2020-17-435 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that administration be directed to send a letter to Hon. Tyler Shandro, Minister of Health regarding the Alberta Medical Association and Physician Locum Services.

CARRIED

HEART RIVER HOUSING LOAN REQUEST – LODGE ADDITION CON'T:

2020-17-436 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the discussion regarding 10-year loan to Heart River Housing in the amount up to \$7 million be tabled for further information.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION:

2020-17-437 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MARX** that the meeting go into closed session at 12:52 p.m. to discuss land negotiations matters as per section 27, Freedom of Information and Protection Act.

CARRIED

2020-17-438 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the meeting come out of closed session at 1:27 p.m.

CARRIED

2020-17-439 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that Council approves the recommended route and that administration be directed to proceed as discussed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

2020-17-440 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MATTHEWS** that the meeting be adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

CARRIED

Richard Simard, Reeve

Jordan Panasiuk, CAO