

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING**
June 23, 2021

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT WERE: Deputy Reeve: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
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: Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
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
Balaji Selvaraj, IT Administrator

Delegation: Everett Samuelson, Kinuso Fire Department

Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER: Deputy Reeve Marx called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

DELEGATION:

***KINUSO FIRE
DEPARTMENT:***

Everett Samuelson with the Kinuso Fire Department presented Council with a proposal to purchase the old Kinuso Fire Hall.

**ADDITIONS TO
THE AGENDA:**

Delegation – Kinuso Fire Department

2021-13-224

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART that the June 23, 2021 agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

2021-13-225

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BISSELL that the delegation from Everett Samuelson with the Kinuso Fire Department be received for information.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

2021-13-226

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS that the June 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

ACTION LIST:

2021-13-227 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the action list be received for information.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

RAIL SAFETY WEEK:

2021-13-228 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the resolution to support Public-Rail Safety Week September 20-26, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

IT SUPPORT SERVICE – INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK (ICF):

2021-13-229 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) agreement be approved with the addition of intermunicipal IT Services.

CARRIED

2021-13-230 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the IT Technician position be approved to be funded from the operating contingency reserve for the remainder of 2021 and the regular operating budget for subsequent years.

CARRIED

Councillor Welch stepped out of the meeting at 10:38 a.m. and returned at 10:39 a.m.

**CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

CHEQUE LIST:

2021-13-231 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that cheques #88701 to #88799 in the amount of \$339,035.06 for the period ending May 26, 2021 be received for information.

CARRIED

A break was taken from 10: 41 a.m. to 11:01 a.m.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

POLICY PW-20 LAND ACQUISITION & DEDICATION FOR ROAD WIDENING:

2021-13-232 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that no changes be made to Policy PW-20 Land Acquisition & Dedication for Road Widening and the report be received for information.

CARRIED

LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT 12-2021 – FIRST READING:

2021-13-233 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that first reading be given to Bylaw 12-2021.

CARRIED

2021-13-234 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that a Public Hearing for Bylaw 12-2021 be set for July 14, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the Big Lakes County Administration Building.

CARRIED

2021-13-235 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that notices of the Public Hearing related to Bylaw 12-2021 be advertised in accordance with the Public Notification Bylaw 15-2019.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES:

RETURN OF SERVICE BURSARY:

2021-15-236 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that secret ballots be taken for the purpose of choosing a recipient for the 2021 Return of Service Bursary.

CARRIED

A secret ballot was taken.

2021-15-237 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that applicant B – Kerri Gardner be approved to receive the 2021 return of service bursary.

CARRIED

2021-15-238 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the secret ballots for the purpose of choosing a recipient for the 2021 Return of Service Bursary be destroyed.

CARRIED

BIG LAKES COUNTY GOLF TOURNAMENT:

2021-13-239 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that a budget overage of \$5,000 be approved for the 2021 Big Lakes County Golf Tournament scheduled for August 26, 2021.

CARRIED

2021 ANNUAL GREENVIEW CHARITY CLAY SHOOT:

2021-13-240 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that a sponsorship grant in the amount of \$500 be approved for the 2021 Annual Greenview Charity Clay Shoot.

CARRIED

COURAGEOUS COMPANIONS – SPONSORSHIP:

2021-13-241 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that that Council forgo the request for sponsorship from the Courageous Companions.

CARRIED

INFORMATION/ CORRESPONDENCE:

2021-13-242 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the information/ correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION:

2021-13-243 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the meeting go into closed session at 11:24 a.m. to discuss negotiations as per section 27, Freedom of Information and Protection Act.

CARRIED

2021-13-244 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the meeting come out of closed session at 11:36 a.m.

CARRIED

2021-13-245 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that administration be directed to proceed with the negotiations as discussed.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed for lunch break at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12:59 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW 03-2021:

2021-13-246 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the public hearing for Bylaw 03-2021 be called to order at 1:01 p.m.

CARRIED

2021-13-247 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 1:17 p.m.

CARRIED

2021-13-248 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that first reading for Bylaw #03-2021 be received for information.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

2021-13-249 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHARROIS** that the meeting be adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

CARRIED

David Marx, Deputy Reeve

Jordan Panasiuk, CAO

**PUBLIC HEARING
(Road Closure Bylaw 03-2021)
June 23, 2021**

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Public Hearing for Road Closure Bylaw 03-2021 held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Deputy Reeve: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
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: Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
Richard Simard, Jousard

Administration: Jordan Panasiuk, CAO
Eunice McCauley, Human Resources Manager (Zoom)
Jessica Plante, Recording Secretary
Vic Abel, Director of Public Works
Donna Duchesneau, Public Works Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER: Deputy Reeve Marx called the public hearing to order at 1:01 p.m.

A request to close and lease 692 meters of undeveloped road allowance was received from Blackhurst Ranch Ltd. adjacent to the north boundary of NE 33-77-16-W5. In order to lease the road allowance, it must first be closed by a Road Closure Bylaw and approved by Alberta Transportation.

The closure and lease of the road allowance was advertised in the local newspaper, social media and Big Lakes County's website. Letters were sent to adjacent landowners and to appropriate referral agencies. Responses from referral agencies have been received. A comment against this road closure has been received.

Deputy Reeve Marx called for comments from the public. Hazel Vicklund and Rene Jr. Cunningham from Peavine Metis Settlement spoke against the road closer.

The public hearing was closed at 1:17 p.m.

David Marx, Deputy Reeve

Jordan Panasiuk, CAO