

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
November 10, 2021**

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

PRESENT WERE: Reeve: Robert Nygaard, Faust
Deputy Reeve: Jim Zabolotniuk, N. Gilwood/Triangle
Councillor: Tyler Airth, HP East/Banana Belt
Jeff Chalifoux, Grouard
Roberta Hunt, Kinuso
Richard Mifflin, Jousard
Lane Monteith, Enilda/Big Meadow
Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
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Administration: Jordan Panasiuk, CAO
Eunice McCauley, Human Resources Manager
Jessica Plante, Recording Secretary
Mo Choudhary, Director of Corporate Services
Pat Olansky, Director of Planning & Development
Vic Abel, Director of Public Works
Brett Hawken, Director of Community & Protective Services (Zoom)
Bronte Collett, Communications Coordinator

Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

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

**ADDITIONS TO
THE AGENDA:**

2021-23-467 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the November 10, 2021 agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

Ms. Olansky introduced Marge Hayland as the new home support worker.

MINUTES:

2021-23-468 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTEITH** that the October 26, 2021 Organizational Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Mr. Panasiuk noted that motion 2021-22-461 should read "December 8, 2021" rather than "December 10, 2021".

2021-23-469 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the October 27, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

ACTION LIST:

2021-23-470 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the action list be received for information.

CARRIED

DELEGATION:

***HIGH PRAIRIE &
DISTRICT VICTIMS
SERVICES:***

Jennifer Zatko, Board Chair & Sandra Bembridge with the High Prairie & District Victim Services presented Council with a request for yearly grant funding of up to \$25,000 split between the Town of High Prairie and Big Lakes County to hire an additional support worker to help with the increased amount of open case files the Victim Services offices carries.

Mr. Panasiuk noted that the request would be discussed at the next Intermunicipal Committee with the Town of High Prairie.

STAFF REPORTS:

2021-23-471 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the following Staff Reports be received for information:

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

CARRIED

A break was taken from 11:11 a.m. to 11:22 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION:

REGULATORY RECOMMENDATIONS OF UNPAID INDUSTRY TAXES:

2021-23-472 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that the Regulatory Recommendations for Unpaid Taxes and corresponding briefing document be approved as an advocacy priority.

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS:

***ROAD CLOSURE AND LEASE
ROAD ALLOWANCE ADJACENT TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF NW 21-75-15-W5:***

2021-23-473 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that administration be directed to create a road closure bylaw and schedule a public hearing with regards to the road closure and lease of the road allowance between SW 28-75-15-W5 and NW 21-75-15-W5.

CARRIED

RURAL WATER FUNDING PLAN:

2021-23-474 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that administration be directed to incorporate rural water funding as part of a larger asset and level of service discussion.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed for lunch break at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT 20-2021:

2021-23-475 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the public hearing for Bylaw 20-2021 be called to order at 12:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve Nygaard closed the public hearing 12:52 p.m.

2021-23-476 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that second reading be given to Land Use Bylaw Amendment 20-2021.

CARRIED

2021-23-477 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that third reading be given to Land Use Bylaw Amendment 20-2021.

CARRIED

A break was taken at 12:55 p.m. to 1:01 p.m.

DELEGATION: Mr. Zahacy returned to the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

KIN MERC OIL & GAS:

Barry Boisvert with Kin Merc Oil & Gas presented Council with a request to have his tax penalties waved.

LONG RUN

EXPLORATION: Kurtis Averill, Surface/Environmental Coordinator with Long Run Exploration presented Council with a request to have their tax penalties waved.

PUBLIC WORKS CON'T:

REQUEST FOR FLAGPOLE AND CANADIAN FLAG HAMLET OF JOUSSARD:

2021-23-478 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTEITH** that the request for the installation of a flagpole and Canadian Flag in the Hamlet of Joussard be received for information.

CARRIED

GRADER OPERATIONS COST ANALYSIS:

2021-23-479 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that administration be directed to prepare a cost analysis on insourcing vs. outsourcing grader operations for Council's consideration.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES:

FIRESMART GRANT SUPPORT:

2021-23-480 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that Council supports the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) grant application for Firesmart funding.

CARRIED

LETTER OF SUPPORT – COMMUNITY FUTURES ALBERTA DIGITAL ECONOMY PROGRAM APPLICATION:

2021-23-481 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that a letter of support for Community Futures Lesser Slave Lake Region (CFLSL) be approved for their application to the Alberta Digital Economy Program.

CARRIED

FEBRUARY 2022 FISHING TOURNAMENT – SPONSORED EVENT AND/OR GRANT FUNDED:

2021-23-482 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that Council supports a month long, ice fishing tournament in February 2022 on Slave Lake with the condition that its is 100% sponsor funded or grant funded.

CARRIED

SCHEDULE OF FEES BYLAW- AG RENTAL PROGRAM UPDATES:

2021-23-483 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE ZABOLOTNIUK** that administration be directed to sell all the equipment from the ASB Rental Program:

- a. TRS: Tree Spade
- b. LC1: Loading Chute HP
- c. K LC2: Loading Chute Kinuso
- d. K CS1: Cattle Squeeze Kinuso
- e. CS2: Cattle Squeeze HP
- f. SPR3: Ground sprayer HP
- g. SPR2: Trailer Sprayer HP
- h. SPR1: Trailer Sprayer HP
- i. WSP: Wire Spooler
- j. TF1: Tree Fogger- HP
- k. RFID Tag Reader
- l. Forage Sampler
- m. Scare Cannons
- n. Skunk Trap
- a. LR2: Land Roller- H.P
- b. K LR1: Land Roller- Kinuso
- c. PP4: Post Pounder- H.P
- d. K PP3: Post Pounder- Kinuso
- e. BA1: Bran Applicator- model 62
- f. BA2: Bran Applicator- model 60
- g. X1: Post Hole Auger- H.P
- h. QS: Quad Seeder- HP

DEFEATED

2021-23-484 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that administration be directed to bring forward a request to the ASB to explore different options for the ASB Rental Program.

CARRIED

LABOUR MARKET PARTNERSHIP GRANT:

2021-23-485 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that Council approves Big Lakes County be a partner for the Labor Market Partnership Grant application with Community Futures and Alberta Labor and Immigration.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

2021-23-486 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the information/correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

A break was taken from 2:37 p.m. to 2: 43 p.m.

CALENDAR:

2021-23-487 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that a Special Council meeting be scheduled for Wednesday, December 15, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Big Lakes County Council Chambers for the purpose of adopting the 2022 Interim Capital and Operating budgets with the option for members of the public to join.

CARRIED

2021-23-488 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) meeting be scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Big Lakes County Council Chambers.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION:

2021-23-489 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that the meeting go into closed session at 2:59 p.m. to discuss negotiations matters as per section 27, Freedom of Information and Protection Act.

CARRIED

2021-23-490 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIOUX** that the meeting come out of closed session at 3:26 p.m.

CARRIED

2021-23-491 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that Council approves the TIPP extension to three years but decline to waive penalties for Long Run Exploration.

CARRIED

2021-23-492 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that Council approves the TIPP extension to three years but decline to waive penalties for Kin Merc Oil & Gas.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

2021-23-493 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the meeting be adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

CARRIED

Robert Nygaard, Reeve

Jordan Panasiuk, CAO

**PUBLIC HEARING
(Land Use Bylaw Amendment 20-2021)
November 10, 2021**

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Public Hearing for Land Use Bylaw Amendment 20-2021 held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, commencing at 12:30 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Reeve: Robert Nygaard, Faust
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Vic Abel, Director of Public Works
Bronte Collett, Communications Coordinator
Amanda Backs, Development Officer
Lucia Girard, Taxation & Assessment
Sherry Monteith, Receptionist

Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Nygaard called the public hearing to order at 12:30 p.m.

Big Lakes County has received an application from Paul Driedger on behalf of Northern Road Builders, to redistrict SE 26-74-18-W5 west of High Prairie from the Agricultural (AG) District to the Rural Industrial (RI) District.

It came to the attention of the Planning and Development department that extensive excavation and site grading was taking place on this parcel. Upon inspection and investigation, site was determined that Northern Road Builders was preparing the site to use for large truck parking including a portable fuel tank to complement their logging operations in the High Prairie region. The County has since received a development permit application for the proposed development on a 12-acre portion of this parcel.

The SE26-74-18-W5 is currently within the Agriculture District. Trucking operations is neither permitted nor discretionary in this district. Trucking operation is defined in the Land Use Bylaw as a parcel of land this is used to store trucks and related equipment (may include a maintenance shop/garage and office) and is a permitted use under the Rural Industrial District.

There are other properties within the Rural Industrial District in this area. Ms. Olansky reviewed the applicable policies for industrial lands within the County's Municipal Development Plan.

Council gave first reading to Bylaw Amendment 20-2021 at the October 13, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

Notice of the public hearing were advertised on the County website, Facebook page and placed on the bulletin board of the County Administration Office. Letters were also sent to adjacent landowners. Ms.

Olansky read aloud a letter from Alberta Delivery Services, Transportation branch accepting the proposed amendment to Agricultural District (AG) to Rural Industrial District (RI).

Reeve Nygaard called for comments from the public. Gary Couch, Louise Couch and Shawn Poole spoke against the proposed amendment and Paul Driedger spoke in favor of the development.

The public hearing was closed at 12:52 p.m.

Robert Nygaard, Reeve

Jordan Panasiuk, CAO