

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
December 16, 2021**

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Special Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Thursday, December 16, 2021 beginning at 9:00 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 (Zoom)
Richard Mifflin, Joussard
Lane Monteith, Enilda/Big Meadow
Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
Garrett Zahacy, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie

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
Kim Moore, Grants Officer

Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Nygaard called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2021-26-528

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX that the Waiver of Notice of Meeting and Business Conducted as it for the special council meeting be signed.

CARRIED**2021-26-529**

MOVE BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN that the 2022 interim capital budget be approved with the total of \$9,699,459:

- Administration projects - \$64,000
- Fire projects - \$1,020,000
- Public works – Bridge projects – \$2,552,355
- Public works – Land projects - \$1,312,000
- Public works – Road projects - \$ 2,119,279
- Public works – Vehicles and equipment – \$2,524,072
- Public works – Airport projects – \$32,753
- Public works – Utilities projects – \$75,000

CARRIED**2021-26-530**

MOVE BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN that the 2022 interim capital budget be tabled with the total of \$9,699,459 until later in the meeting for further discussion:

- Administration projects - \$64,000
- Fire projects - \$1,020,000
- Public works – Bridge projects – \$2,552,355
- Public works – Land projects - \$1,312,000
- Public works – Road projects - \$ 2,119,279
- Public works – Vehicles and equipment – \$2,524,072
- Public works – Airport projects – \$32,753
- Public works – Utilities projects – \$75,000

CARRIED**OPERATING
GRANTS:****2021-26-531**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART that the approved budgeted amounts for the following Community Groups who are late applicants.

- Kinuso Community Association - \$65,672
- Central Slave Lake Agricultural Society - \$10,500
- Sunset House Community Hall - \$5,000

CARRIED**2021-26-532**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH that the community groups listed below receive the funding as listed below for 2021.

- High Prairie Agricultural Society – \$10,000
- High Prairie Food Bank – \$3,000
- Salt Prairie Settlement Cemetery - \$1,000 budgeted amount

CARRIED**2022 INTERIM BUDGETS:**

Mr. Choudhary presented Council with the Capital budget.

Councillor Zahacy stepped out of the meeting at 10:43 a.m. and returned at 10:46 a.m.

A break was taken from 10:48 a.m. to 11:04 a.m.

Councillor Hunt stepped out of the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Councillor Stewart stepped out of the meeting at 11:45 a.m. and returned at 11:48 a.m.

The meeting recessed for lunch break at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12:34 p.m. Councillor Hunt returned to the meeting.

Councillor Airth returned to the meeting at 12:37 p.m.

2021-26-533

MOVE BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN that the 2022 interim capital budget be brought back to the floor for discussion with the total of \$9,699,459 with the following allocations as amended:

- Administration projects - \$64,000
- Fire projects - \$1,020,000
- Public works – Bridge projects – \$2,552,355
- Public works – Land projects - \$1,312,000
- Public works – Road projects - \$ 2,119,279
- Public works – Vehicles and equipment – \$2,524,072
- Public works – Airport projects – \$32,753
- Public works – Utilities projects – \$75,000

CARRIED**2021-26-534**

MOVE BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN that the 2022 interim capital budget be approved as a total of \$10,699,459 with the following allocations as amended:

- Administration projects - \$64,000
- Hamlet Upgrades - \$1,000,000
- Fire projects - \$1,020,000
- Public works – Bridge projects – \$2,552,355
- Public works – Land projects - \$12,000
- Public works – Land projects (Spruce Point Park Marina) - \$1,300,000
- Public works – Road projects - \$ 2,119,279
- Public works – Vehicles and equipment – \$2,524,072
- Public works – Airport projects – \$32,753
- Public works – Utilities projects – \$75,000

CARRIED

Councillor Airth requested a recorded vote:

***In Favor:** Reeve Nygaard, Deputy Reeve Zabolotniuk Councillor Zahacy, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Mifflin, Councillor Monteith, Councillor Chalifoux and Councillor Hunt*

***Opposed:** Councillor Airth*

2021-26-535

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART that Big Lakes County Council approves a request to reconsider motion 2021-25-523 with regards to the 2022 interim operating budget as the motion has been amended.

CARRIED

Councillor Airth requested a recorded vote:

In Favor: Reeve Nygaard, Deputy Reeve Zabolotniuk Councillor Zahacy, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Mifflin, Councillor Monteith, Councillor Chalifoux and Councillor Hunt

Opposed: Councillor Airth

2021-26-536

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN that the 2022 interim operating budget be approved with the following totals:

- Operating revenue \$32,689,279
- Operating expense \$29,972,647
- Repayment of principal on long-term debt \$559,839
- Contributions to capital reserves \$1,832,500
- Contributions to operating reserves \$324,293
- Withdrawals from reserves for capital activities \$6,456,672
- Withdrawals from operating \$1,300,000
- Amortization expense \$8,890,000

CARRIED

Councillor Airth requested a recorded vote:

In Favor: Reeve Nygaard, Deputy Reeve Zabolotniuk Councillor Zahacy, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Mifflin, Councillor Monteith, Councillor Chalifoux and Councillor Hunt

Opposed: Councillor Airth

ADJOURNMENT:

2021-26-537

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX that the meeting be adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

CARRIED

Robert Nygaard, Reeve

Jordan Panasiuk, CAO