

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
March 9, 2022**

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

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| <u>PRESENT WERE:</u> | 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 |
| | | Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/ Gilwood |
| | | Garrett Zahacy, Prairie Echo/ Salt Prairie |
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| | Absent: | Lane Monteith, Enilda/ Big Meadow |
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| | Administration: | Vic Abel, Director of Public Works |
| | | Brett Hawken, Director of Community & Protective Services |
| | | Dave McReynolds, Interim Director of Corporate Services (Zoom) |
| | | Eunice McCauley, Human Resources Manager |
| | | Jessica Plante, Recording Secretary |
| | | Amanda Backs, Development Officer |
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| | Press: | Richard Froese, South Peace News |

Reeve Nygaard acknowledges the Grouard Mission School Victims.

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

**ADDITIONS TO
THE AGENDA:**

2022-05-098 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that the March 9, 2022 agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

2022-05-099 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the February 23, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

ACTION LIST:

2022-05-100 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the action list be received for information.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS: Councillor Stewart stepped out of the meeting at 10:53 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

2022-05-101 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that the following Staff Reports be received for information:

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

CARRIED

A break was taken from 10:57 a.m. to 11: 12 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION:

REGULAR MEETINGS – ELECTRONIC MEANS:

2022-05-102 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that due to extenuating circumstances Council authorizes Council to attend the April 2022 to December 2022 Regular Meetings in person or by electronic means.

CARRIED

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

OPTION TO LEASE PART OF PLAN 992 5621, BLOCK 1, LOT 1 IN THE HAMLET OF FAUST FOR TELUS CELL TOWER:

2022-05-103 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that Big Lakes County enter into an Option to Lease and Site Lease Agreements with TELUS for the installation of a cell tower at Plan 992 5621, Block 1, Lot 1 in the Hamlet of Faust as presented.

CARRIED

LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT #07-2022:

2022-05-104 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that first reading be given to Bylaw #07-2022.

CARRIED

2022-05-105 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that a Public Hearing for Bylaw #07-2022 be set for April 13, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Big Lakes County Administration Building.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES:

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHAGRINING PROGRAM (EVCP) - GRANT:

2022-05-106 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that support be approved for the application for one Level 3, fast charging station located in Kinuso at the County Administration Building parking lot through the Electric Vehicle Charging Program (EVCP) grant based on 100% grant funding.

CARRIED

2022-05-107 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that administration be directed to apply for an additional charging station located in the Hamlet of Jousard through the Vehicle Charging Program (EVCP) grant based on 100% grant funding.

CARRIED

HIGH PRAIRIE ELKS PRO RODEO – SPONSORSHIP:

2022-05-108 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that a 2022 event sponsorship grant in the amount of \$2,000 be approved for the High Prairie Elks 60th Anniversary Pro Rodeo.

CARRIED

PUBLIC TIME:

J. PADDON: John Paddon attend the Council meeting to provide Council with information on the upcoming Gun & Sportsman Show scheduled to take place on May 14 & 15, 2022.

ASB

DELEGATION: George Blackhurst and Brianne Brault attended the meeting to introduce themselves as they are members at-large on the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened at 12:32 p.m.

Councillor Stewart and Councillor Chalifoux did not return to the meeting.

COMMUNITY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES CON'T:***HIGH PRAIRIE FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION - SPONSORSHIP:***

2022-05-109 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ZAHACY** that Council supports the Annual Gun & Sportsman Shaw through a sponsorship grant of \$600. This includes providing promotional items, reserving a 10 x 10 booth at \$250, as well as purchase two Dinner tickets for \$40, two extra wristbands at \$5 each and a sponsorship donation of \$300 for a total of \$600.

CARRIED

PRAIRIE VIEW OUTREACH SCHOOL – SPONSORSHIP:

2022-05-110 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE ZABOLOTNIUK** that a sponsorship grant in the amount of \$500 be approved for the Prairie View Outreach School and that administration be directed to reflect this in the 2022 Final Budget.

CARRIED

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM AG RENTAL PROGRAM:

2022-05-111 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ZAHACY** that Council approves the reallocation of \$12,500 from the Ag Rental Program to be put towards creating a full time Assistant Agricultural Fieldman and that Council increases the 2022 budget by \$19,000 to supplement the remaining costs of the full time position.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

2022-05-112 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that administration be directed to bring forward a Request for Decision to the next Council meeting to look at having the glass recycling bins removed from the hamlets and that administration be directed to being back a cost analysis on the cost of the recycling bins.

CARRIED

2022-05-113 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the information/correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

2022-05-114

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH that the meeting be adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

CARRIED

Robert Nygaard, Reeve

Vic Abel, Acting CAO