

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
March 23, 2022**

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 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 (Zoom)
 Richard Mifflin, Jousard
 Lane Monteith, Enilda/ Big Meadow
 Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/ Gilwood

 Absent: Garrett Zahacy, Prairie Echo/ Salt Prairie

 Administration: Jordan Panasiuk, CAO
 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 (Zoom)
 Jessica Plante, Recording Secretary
 Amanda Backs, Development Officer

 Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Nygaard called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**ADDITIONS TO
THE AGENDA:**

2022-06-115 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLLIN** that the March 23, 2022 agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

2022-06-116 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the March 9, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

FROM MINUTES: Deputy Reeve Zabolotniuk arrived at the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

ACTION LIST:

2022-06-117 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the action list be received for information.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:***HEALTH CARE LOBBYING PRIORITIES:***

- 2022-06-118** **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE ZABOLOTNIUK** that Council approves the following Health Care Priorities in the following order and that administration be directed to add the topics to Council's briefing document:
1. Obstetrics
 2. Cancer Treatment
 3. Helipad

CARRIED***RMA CONFERENCE FEES – COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX:***

Councillor Chalifoux declared pecuniary interest and stepped out of the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

- 2022-06-119** **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE ZABOLOTNIUK** that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Convention registration fee be waived and that the hotel cancellation fee be paid by Councillor Chalifoux.

CARRIED

Councillor Chalifoux returned to the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

BIG LAKES CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT:

- 2022-06-120** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that the Big Lakes Charity Golf Tournament be approved for Thursday, August 18, 2022 at the High Prairie & District Golf Course.

CARRIED

- 2022-06-121** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that Councillor Hunt be appointed as the Council representative on the Big Lakes Charity Golf organizing committee.

CARRIED**CORPORATE SERVICES:*****2021 YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:***

- 2022-06-122** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that the 2021 Year End Financial Statements be received for information.

CARRIED**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:*****LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT 08-2022 – FIRST READING:***

- 2022-06-123** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that first reading be provide to Land Use Bylaw Amendment 08-2022.

CARRIED

- 2022-06-124** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that a Public Hearing for Bylaw 08-2022 be set for April 13, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Big Lakes County Administration Building.

CARRIED

LETTER OF SUPPORT – RED SKY INLAND MARINA:

2022-06-125 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that a letter of support be approved for Red Sky in support of their application under the Water Act for construction of an inland marina in the Hamlet of Jousard.

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – SUBDIVISION FILE#21-15 – PLAN 102 5222, LOT A:

2022-06-126 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the Development Agreement for Subdivision File #21-15 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

A break was taken from 11:13 a.m. to 11: 32 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS:

RECYCLING:

2022-06-127 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the report on recycling be received for information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC TIME:

J. WAIKLE: James Waikle attended to request that Council consider waiving the NSF fees that were charged to his mother’s tax accounts.

PUBLIC WORKS CON’T:

GRADER CONTRACTS – FUEL ADJUSTMENT REQUEST:

2022-06-128 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the two grader maintenance contracts be amended to reduce the fuel rate adjustment period from every six months to every month.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed for lunch break at 12:23 p.m. and reconvened at 12:58 p.m.

DELEGATION:

HIGH PRAIRIE CURLING CLUB: Darla Driscoll, President and John Chapman, Treasure with the High Prairie Curling Club presented Council with a request for funding in the amount of \$50,000.

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

2022-06-129 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the information/correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING:

BYLAW 21-2021, ROAD CLOSURE AND LEASE- UNDEVELOPED ROAD ALLOWANCE ADJACENT TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF NW 21-75-15-W5:

2022-06-130 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTEITH** that the public hearing for Bylaw 21-2021 be called to order at 1:30 p.m.

CARRIED

2022-06-131 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that the public hearing for Bylaw 21-2021 be closed at 1:44 p.m.

CARRIED

2022-06-132 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that first reading be given to Bylaw 21-2021.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

2022-06-133 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE ZABOLOTNIUK** that the meeting be adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

CARRIED

Robert Nygaard, Reeve

Jordan Panasiuk, CAO

**PUBLIC HEARING
(Bylaw # 21-2021)
March 23, 2022**

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Public Hearing for Bylaw 21-2021 held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

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	Amanda Backs, Development Officer
	Donna Duchesneau, Public Works Coordinator
Press:	Richard Froese, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Nygaard called the public hearing to order at 1:30 p.m.

A road allowance lease application was received from Harold and Diane Bellerose to lease the road allowance adjacent to the north boundary of their property at NW 21-75-15-W5 for farming purposes.

In order to lease the road allowance to the applicant the County must first close the road allowance to public travel with a Road Closure Bylaw and have the closure approved by Alberta Transportation. This process includes referrals to utility companies/ land agencies, notification to adjacent landowners, and a public hearing where the public can attend to voice any concerns with the closure.

Once the bylaw is completed, a three-year road allowance lease agreement would be signed by the applicant with an annual lease fee charged. Currently the rate is set at \$35.00 per half mile (800 m) of road allowance.

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. Response from the referral agencies have been received. Comments regarding this road closure have been received.

Reeve Nygaard asking if any submissions had been submitted opposed or in favor. Ms. Duchesneau read aloud a letter from Vicki Besler.

Reeve Nygaard called for comments from the public. William Albert Joseph Brule spoke against the proposed bylaw.

The public hearing was closed at 1:44 p.m.

Robert Nygaard, Reeve

Jordan Panasiuk, CAO