

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING**
August 9, 2023

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, 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
	Lane Monteith, Enilda/ Big Meadow
	Richard Mifflin, Jousard
	Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/ Gilwood
	Garrett Zahacy, Prairie Echo/ Salt Prairie
Administration:	Jerry Gautreau, Chief Administrative Officer
	David Reynolds, Deputy CAO/ Director of Corporate Services
	Kevin Cymbaluk, Director of Public Works
	Mary Brust, Animal Control Officer
	Amanda Backs, Development Officer
	Janelle Carlson, Recording Secretary
	Samantha Smith, Grants Officer
Delegation:	Marie Renee Charbonneau, Canadian Motorcycle Tourism Association
Press:	Richard Froese, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Nygaard called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Closed Session – Legal Matters

2023-16-353 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that the August 9, 2023, agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES: Amendment to include that Councillor Hunt attended the July 26, 2023, Regular Council meeting by zoom.

2023-16-354 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE ZABOLOTNIUK** that the July 26, 2023, Regular Council Meeting minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

ACTION LIST:

2023-16-355 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that the action list be received for information.

CARRIED

DELEGATION:***CANADIAN MOTORCYCLE
TOURISM***

ASSOCIATION: Marie Renee Charbonneau with the Canadian Motorcycle Tourism Association joined at 11:00 a.m. via zoom presented Council with a request for community event grant for their event remembering the Italian campaign which will be honoring the 80th anniversary of the Italian campaign and the Battle of Ortona and 55 regional soldiers killed in action.

A break was taken from 11:10 a.m. to 11:24 a.m.

STAFF REPORTS:

2023-16-356 **MOVED BY REEVE NYGAARD** 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

ADMINISTRATION:***RAIL SAFETY WEEK:***

2023-16-357 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that the resolution/proclamation to support Pubic – Rail Safety week September 18-24, 2023 be approved.

CARRIED

COUNCIL PROCEDURAL BYLAW – BYLAW NUMBER: C-11-2023:

2023-16-358 **MOVED BY REEVE NYGAARD** for the following revisions be made to the Procedural Bylaw C-11 2023:

- Section 33.3 – Quorum is met if attending electronically and/or physically.
- Section 35 – To delete this section.

DEFEATED

The meeting recessed for lunch break at 12:13 p.m. and reconvened at 12:46 p.m.

2023-16-359 **MOVED BY REEVE NYGAARD** for the following revisions be made to the Procedural Bylaw C-11 2023:

- Section 22 – To be deleted.

DEFEATED

2023-16-360 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that third reading be given to Procedural Bylaw C-11-2023, with grammar & renumbering revisions as needed.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE REPORT POLICY COUNC-10:

2023-16-361 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the policy Council-10 Councillor Attendance Report Policy be approved with the following amendments:

- Councilors are to produce a non-mandatory report (Schedule A) at their discretion, which will be placed under the correspondence / information section on the Council Agenda.

CARRIED

CORPORATE SERVICES:***SUBSISTENCE AND TRAVEL EXPENSE AND ALLOWANCES:***

2023-16-362 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the amendments to the Subsistence and Travel Expense and Allowances policy Admin-10 be approved.

CARRIED

GRANT POLICY REVISIONS:

2023-16-363 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE ZABOLOTNIUK** that the revisions made to the Grant Policy Admin-55 be approved.

CARRIED

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:***LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT C-14-2023 – FIRST READING:***

Councilor Chalifoux stepped out of the meeting at 1:50 p.m. and returned at 1:53 p.m.

2023-16-364 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that first reading be given to Land Use Bylaw Amendment C-14-2023.

CARRIED

Councillor Hunt stepped out of the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

2023-16-365 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that a Public Hearing for Bylaw C-14-2023 be set for September 13, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Big Lakes County Administration Building.

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS:***HORSE LAKES AND BUFFALO BAY WATER MANAGEMENT:***

Councilor Hunt returned to the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

2023-16-366 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ZAHACY** that option 2 and 3 provided by Alberta Environment and Parks report, be supported and recommended for implementation to Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation by Big Lakes County. At a minimum, option 2 should have annual funds allocated.

CARRIED

2023-16-367 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTEITH** that the proposed “helicopter flight” of the Buffalo Bay/Horse Lakes area, approved February 8, 2023, be re-scheduled until 2024, subject to availability of Ministers to attend.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

2023-16-368 **MOVED BY REEVE NYGAARD** that the information / correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ZAHACY that the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for August 23, 2023, be cancelled due to Councillor Hunt and Councillor Airth’s inability to attend, but to move forward with scheduled Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) meeting.

DEFEATED

CLOSED SESSION:

2023-16-369 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that the meeting go into closed session at 2:23 p.m. to discuss legal matters as per section 27, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED

2023-16-370 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the meeting come out of closed session at 2:39 p.m.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

2023-16-371 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the meeting be adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Robert Nygaard, Reeve

Jerry Gautreau, Chief Administrative Officer