

**BIG LAKES COUNTY  
COUNCIL MEETING**  
October 11, 2023

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, October 11, 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
Absent:	Garrett Zahacy, Prairie Echo/ Salt Prairie
Administration:	David Reynolds, Interim CAO/ Director of Corporate Services
	Kevin Cymbaluk, Director of Public Works
	Sylvia Jezewski, Community Services & Planning Assistant
	Jessica Plante, Recording Secretary
	Kimberly Moore, Communications Coordinator
Press:	Richard Froese, South Peace News

**CALL TO ORDER:** Reeve Nygaard called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**ADDITIONS TO  
THE AGENDA:**

**2023-21-425**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTEITH** that the October 11, 2023, agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES:**

**2023-21-426**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the October 25, 2023, Special Council Meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2023-21-427**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that the October 27, 2023, Regular Council Meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING  
FROM MINUTES:**

***ACTION LIST:***

**2023-21-428**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that the action list be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**2023-21-429**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that administration be directed to bring forward information on the rural addressing signage program and that administration investigate the rural addressing signage bylaw.

**CARRIED**

**2023-18-430**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that the following Staff Reports be received for information:

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

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION:*****2023 STRATEGIC PLAN:***

**2023-21-431**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that Council adopts the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan as presented.

**CARRIED**

A break was taken from 10:59 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.

***REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY:***

**2023-21-432**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that Reeve Nygaard or his alternate be approved to attend and provide a few words on behalf of the County during the Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Ceremony taking place on November 11, 2023, at 10:45 a.m. at the Legion Hall.

**CARRIED**

**CORPORATE SERVICES:*****CENTRAL SLAVE LAKE AGRICULTURE SOCIETY – EMERGENCY CAPITAL GRANT FUNDING REQUEST:***

**2023-21-433**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that Council supports the Central Slave Lake Agricultural Society, located in Kinuso, through emergency capital grant funding in the amount of \$2,144.64, based on Grants policy ADMIN-55.

**CARRIED**

***COMMUNITY FUTURES LESSER SLAVE LAKE REGION – SPARK THE NORTH PARTNER EVENT SPONSORSHIP:***

Administration noted that the Community Futures Lesser Slave Lake Region “Spark the North” event has been cancelled.

***HIGH PRAIRIE COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION ASSOCIATION – CHRISTMAS TREE CONTEST PARTICIPATION:***

**2023-21-434**      **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that Council approves the County’s participation in the High Prairie Community Beautification Association’s Tree Decoration Contest taking place December 1, 2023.

**CARRIED**

**INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

**2023-21-435**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the information and correspondence be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**NOTICE OF MOTION:*****AG RENTAL PROGRAM:***

Councillor Hunt read aloud her notice of motion regarding the agricultural rental program. Council debated the notice of motion.

**2023-21-436**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that administration reevaluate the Agricultural Rental Program and keep in mind the complaints that were presented and the small farmer who use the program and that administration seek direction from the Agricultural Services Board (ASB) for a recommendation with a deadline of May 1, 2024.

**CARRIED**

The meeting recessed for lunch break at 12:16 p.m. and reconvened at 12:58 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**2023-21-437**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the meeting go into closed session at 12:58 p.m. to consider the following confidential items pursuant to the following sections of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

- Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy - Section 17

**CARRIED**

**2023-21-438**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the meeting come out of closed session at 1:57 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**2023-21-439**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the November 8, 2023 Regular Council meeting be cancelled.

**CARRIED**

A break was taken from 1:58 p.m. to 2:01 p.m.

**2023-21-440**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the meeting go into closed session at 2:02 p.m. to consider the following confidential items pursuant to the following sections of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

- Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy - Section 17

**CARRIED**

**2023-21-441**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that the meeting come out of closed session at 2:59 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**2023-21-442**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that the meeting be adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Robert Nygaard, Reeve

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David Reynolds, Interim CAO