

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING**
November 22, 2023

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT WERE: Reeve: Tyler Airth, HP East/ Banana Belt
Deputy Reeve: Lane Monteith, Enilda/ Big Meadow
Councillor: Jeff Chalifoux, Grouard
Richard Mifflin, Jousard
Robert Nygaard, Faust
Jim Zabolotniuk, N. Gilwood/ Triangle

Absent: Roberta Hunt, Kinuso
Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/ Gilwood
Garrett Zahacy, Prairie Echo/ Salt Prairie

Administration: David Reynolds, Interim CAO/ Executive Director of Corporate Services
Kevin Cymbaluk, Executive Director of Operations
Pat Olansky, Executive Director of Community Services & Planning
Jessica Plante, Recording Secretary
Janelle Carlson, Recording Secretary
Samantha Smith, Grants Officer

Delegation: McIntosh Perry: Delon Young and Morris Wadman
Len Parke and Henry Nyberg with Pioneer Threshermans Association
Alain Blanchette
Mike Zatorsky with Faust Community League
Jule Asterisk with the Society of High Prairie Regional Environmental Action Committee

Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

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

**ADDITIONS TO
THE AGENDA:**

Council was advised that the delegation from Bob Plante has been cancelled.

2023-24-522

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD that the November 22, 2023, agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

2023-24-523

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN that the October 24, 2023, Organizational Meeting minutes and October 25, 2023, Regular Council Meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

ACTION LIST:

2023-24-524 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MONTEITH** that the action list be received for information.

CARRIED

DELEGATION:

***PIONEER
THRESHERMANS
ASSOCIATION:***

Len Parke with the Pioneer Threshermans Association attended Council to receive an update on the Triangle Waterline Project. McIntosh Perry consultants, Delon Young project director and Morris Wadman, presented on the Triangle/Guy/Sunset House Domestic Water Service Expansion Study, addressing that they are in the preliminary stages. March 2025 is the projected final submission date.

A break was taken at 11:02 a.m. to 11:14 a.m.

STAFF REPORTS:

2023-24-525 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the following Staff Reports be received for information:

- Executive Director of Corporate Services
- Executive Director of Community Services & Planning
- Executive Director of Operations

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

PROCEDURAL BYLAW 16-2023:

2023-24-526 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that first reading be provided to the Procedural Bylaw 16-2023.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed for lunch break at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12:31 pm.

DELEGATION CON'T:

***FAUST COMMUNITY
LEAGUE:***

Mike Zatorsky attended before Council on behalf of the Faust Community League, to present the consideration of donating the community tractor to their organization. Mr. Zatorsky expressed the value of keeping the community tractor within Faust for members to utilize.

2023-24-527 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that administration be directed to bring back information and revisit the policy regarding the Hamlet Community Tractors at the December 13, 2023, Regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE REPORT:

2023-24-528 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ZABOLOTNIUK** that administration bring back the Councilor Attendance Report policy for review.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY RAIL ADVOCACY ALLIANCES UPDATE:

2023-24-529 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that Council agrees to remain a part of the Community Rail Advocacy Alliance (CRAA) for the 2024 year and that administration be directed to include the membership fee of \$2,000 into the 2024 budget.

DEFEATED

2023-24-530 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that administration bring forward additional information on the Community Rail Advocacy Alliance (CRAA) for the December 13, 2023, Regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

SWAN HILLS TREATMENT CENTRE WORKING COMMITTEE:

2023-24-531 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MONTEITH** to table the creation of the working committee for the Swan Hills Treatment Centre appointments to until the December 13th, 2023, Regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY SERVICES & PLANNING:***PUBLIC ORDER BYLAW:***

2023-24-532 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that first reading be provided to Public Order Bylaw 15-2023.

CARRIED

2023-24-533 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that second reading be provided to Public Order Bylaw 15-2023.

CARRIED

2023-24-534 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that unanimous approval to proceed to third and final reading for Public Order Bylaw 15-2023.

DEFEATED

DELEGATION CON'T:***H.P. REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION***

COMMITTEE: Jule Asterisk with the Society of High Prairie Regional Environmental Action Committee presented council with information regarding the changes in the financial responsibility for some waste management coming to Alberta. These changes are called Extended Producer Responsibility with these changes it will save municipalities money as manufacturers and producers pick up some of the costs.

COMMUNITY SERVICES & PLANNING CON'T:

RURAL ADDRESSING:

2023-24-535 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that administration bring forward a cost estimate to purchase and install municipal address signs for areas missing rural address signage within the County, to 2024 budget deliberations.

CARRIED

2023-24-536 **MOVED BY COUNCILOR CHALIFOUX** that administration be directed to collaborate with external emergency services to ensure that addressing is directly aligned.

CARRIED

2023-24-537 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that administration bring forward Bylaw 2020-03 for Council to review.

CARRIED

Councilor Mifflin stepped out of the meeting at 2:03 p.m. and returned at 2:05 p.m.

OPERATIONS:

2024 ROAD CONSTRUCTION REQUESTS AND REVIEWS ROAD CONSTRUCTION POLICY #PW-13:

2023-24-538 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ZABOLOTNIUK** that that Council consider construction of road and pavement projects for possible construction in 2024 as part of the 2024 budget.

CARRIED

TERMS OF REFERENCE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD:

2023-24-539 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that administration be directed to bring forward a bylaw amendment for the December 13, 2023, Regular Council meeting to amend the limited mandatory ASB meetings and allow them to meet at such intervals to ensure the roles and responsibilities are being achieved, as per section 13 and 14 of the bylaw.

CARRIED

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:

2023-24-540 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the information and correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION:

A break was taken at 2:58 p.m. and reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

2023-24-541 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that the meeting go into closed session at 3:05 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 Business Interest of a Third Pary - Section 16

CARRIED

2023-24-542 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that the meeting come out of closed session at 3:34 p.m.

CARRIED

2023-24-543 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTEITH** that Council forego funding for the Kinosayo Museum until an announcement regarding grant funding from Green and Inclusive Community Buildings has been made.

CARRIED

2023-24-544 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that Council retain approved funding in the amount of \$113,300 in the Kinuso Hamlet Upgrade Reserve for the Kinosayo Museum.

CARRIED

2023-24-545 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that Council receive the Property/Building and Materials Executive Summaries for the Kinosayo Museum for information.

CARRIED

2023-24-546 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NYGAARD** that Council doesn't cancel Cody Gallagher's property tax penalties.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

2023-24-547 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that the meeting be adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

CARRIED

Tyler Airth, Reeve

David Reynolds, Interim CAO