

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

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, February 9, 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
Richard Mifflin, Jousard
Lane Monteith, Enilda/Big Meadow
Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
Garrett Zahacy, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie

Administration: Jordan Panasiuk, CAO
Brett Hawken, Director of Community & Protective Services
Bronte Collett, Communications Coordinator (Zoom)
Eunice McCauley, Human Resources Manager (Zoom)
Vic Abel, Director of Public Works
Jessica Plante, Recording Secretary
Dave McReynolds, Interim Director of Corporate Services (Zoom)
Pat Olansky, Director of Planning & Development
Sylvia Jezewski, Admin Assistant
Amanda Backs, Development Officer (Zoom)
Jason Cottingham, Fire Chief
Luci Martinson, Deputy Fire Chief

Delegations: Gerald Teerling, Ratepayer
Shane Knutson, Red Sky
S/Sgt. Bryce Tarzwell, Detachment Commander
Myles Brown, Senior Fisheries Biologist
Kayedon Wilcox, AEP Northwest
Regional Fisheries Manager
Kristy Wakeling, Area Fish Biologist

Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Nygaard called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**ADDITIONS TO
THE AGENDA:**

Closed Session – Negotiations

2022-03-046

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART that the February 9, 2022, agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

2022-03-047

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX that the January 26, 2022, Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

ACTION LIST:

2022-03-048 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ZABOLOTNIUK** that the action list be received for information.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

G. TEERLING: Gerald Teerling presented Council with a request to consider waving his \$500 development permit penalty for his development located at NE 36-72-19-W5.

RED SKY CONDO: Shane Knutson with the Red Sky Condominium presented Council with a request to have Council consider a relaxation the to the minimum development standards for his new development phase.

RCMP: S/Sgt. Bryce Tarzwell, Detachment Commander attended the Council meeting for a meet and greet and identify he had sent out some stats for the area.

STAFF REPORTS:

2022-03-049 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that the following Staff Reports be received for information:

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

CARRIED

PUBLIC TIME:

***HP MEDICAL
CLINIC:***

Judy Johnston, with the High Prairie Medical Clinic presented Council with information regarding the struggles they are having regarding the hiring of a doctor to the High Prairie Medical Clinic and advised of the potential closer of the clinic.

The meeting recessed for lunch break at 12:07 p.m. and reconvened at 12:47 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION:

***INVITATION TO HON. NATE HORNER, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE,
FORESTRY AND RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:***

2022-03-050 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that administration be directed to send a letter/invitation to Hon. Nate Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Economic Development to attend a tour of the Swan Hills Treatment Centre.

CARRIED

CORPORATE SERVICES:

SCHEDULE OF FEES BYLAW 03-2022:

2022-03-051 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ZABOLOTNIUK** that third reading be given to the Schedule of Fees Bylaw 03-2022.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING:***PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING FOR BYLAW 01-2022 TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESERVE LANDS (PLAN 3707KS; LOT P1 AT WINAGAMI LAKES PROVINCIAL PARK):***

2022-03-052 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the public hearing for Bylaw 01-2022 be called to order at 1:00 p.m.

CARRIED

2022-03-053 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the public hearing for Bylaw 01-2022 be closed at 1:13 p.m.

CARRIED

2022-03-054 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that Bylaw 01-2022 be received for information.

CARRIED

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:***REQUEST TO AMEND RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR PLAN 5688MC, BLOCK 2, LOT 13 (HAMLET OF GROUARD):***

2022-03-055 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the County enter into a new one-year rental agreement with Mr. Albert Auger to allow him to park up to four vehicles on Plan 5688MC, Block 2, Lot 13 at a rate of \$50.00 per year plus property taxes, with an option to renew for a further five year.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS CON'T:

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ENVIRONMENT: Myles Brown, Senior Fisheries Biologist, Kaydon Wilcox, AEP Northwest Regional Fisheries Manager, Kristy Wakeling, Area Fish Biologist with Alberta Environment presented Council with information on the Lesser Slave Lake fish stocks and management.

PUBLIC WORKS:***SPEED BYLAW REQUEST:***

2022-03-056 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ZABOLOTNIUK** that the speed bylaw request from Rhonda Van Rootselaar be received for information.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES:***FIRE SERVICE REVIEW SUMMARY:***

2022-03-057 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that the fire service review report be received for information.

CARRIED

2022-03-058 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that administration be directed to bring back a volunteer firefighter cost comparison of "pay-on-call" versus the current pay structure.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

2022-03-059 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTEITH** that the information/correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

A break was taken from 3:23 p.m. to 3:35 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

2022-03-060 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the meeting go into closed session at 3:35 p.m. to discuss personal matters/negotiations as per section 27, Freedom of Information and Protection Act.

CARRIED

2022-03-061 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that the meeting come out of closed session at 4:29 p.m.

CARRIED

2022-03-062 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that the meeting proceed past 4:30 p.m.

CARRIED

2022-03-063 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the meeting go into closed session at 4:30 p.m. to discuss personal matters/negotiations as per section 27, Freedom of Information and Protection Act.

CARRIED

2022-03-064 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that the meeting come out of closed session at 5:09 p.m.

CARRIED

2022-03-065 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the closed session discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

2022-03-066 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that administration be directed to proceed with option 1 as discussed during the closed session.

DEFEATED

2022-03-067 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that the closed session discussion be received for information.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

2022-03-068 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTEITH** that the meeting be adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

CARRIED

Robert Nygaard, Reeve

Jordan Panasiuk, CAO

**PUBLIC HEARING
(Bylaw 01-2022)
February 9, 2022**

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Public Hearing for Bylaw 01-2022 held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Reeve: Robert Nygaard, Faust
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Amanda Backs, Development Officer (Zoom)

Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Nygaard called the public hearing to order at 1:00 p.m.

Council gave first reading to Bylaw 01-2022 at the January 12, 2022 meeting.

Amendment #1: Replace the term “landowner” with “lessee”. The Government of Alberta is the landowner and would not be the party to apply for a license of occupation on environmental reserve lots Plan 3707KS, Lot P1. This is consistent with the wording used in the Cottage Lot Lease Agreement with Alberta Environment & Parks.

Amendment #2: Replace the term “property” with “recreational cottage lot lease.” This is also consistent with the wording used in the Cottage Lease Agreement with Alberta Environment & Parks.

The purpose of Bylaw 0-2022 is to allow the County to enter into a License of Occupation with adjacent leaseholders in Winagami Lake Provincial Park for use of Plan 370KS, Lot 1, an environmental reserve lot owned by the County.

The Municipal Government Act, Section 671 requires environmental reserve lands to “be left in its natural state or be used as a public park.” There is provision within the Act (section 676(1)) to authorize the lands to be used for a purpose other than those stated in MGA Section 671(1).

This bylaw will address a situation whereby a cottage lot leaseholder is unable to sell their cabin because Alberta Environment & Parks has indicated that lease reassignment will not be done until the stairway in question is “legitimized.” The County’s solicitor has indicated that the bylaw and license of occupation is the correct way to legitimize the stairway.

Notice of the public hearing were advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 606 and the hearing was advertised in accordance with MGA Section 230 and the County’s Public Notification Bylaw #15-2019.

Reeve Nygaard asking if any submissions had been submitted opposed or in favor. Ms. Olansky presented Council with 3 letters of opposition which were distributed and read aloud.

Reeve Nygaard called for comments from the public. No one was in attendance.

The public hearing was closed at 1:13 p.m.

Robert Nygaard, Reeve

Jordan Panasiuk, CAO