

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

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, February 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
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
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
Amanda Backs, Development Officer
Jason Cottingham, Fire Chief
Luci Martinson, Deputy Fire Chief

Delegations: Josh Friesen, Community Futures Lesser Slave Lake
Trevor Cisaroski, High Prairie Fire Chief

Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Nygaard called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**ADDITIONS TO
THE AGENDA:**

2022-04-069 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that the February 23, 2022 agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

2022-04-070 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTEITH** that the February 9, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

ACTION LIST:

- 2022-04-071** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the action list be received for information.
CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION:

HIGH PRAIRIE SCHOOL DIVISION REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT:

- 2022-04-072** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that administration be directed to send a letter of support to Hon. Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education and Hon. Jason Copping, Minister of Health to support mental health services for the High Prairie School Division.
CARRIED

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

BYLAW 04-2022 TO REVISE ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW 28-2019:

- 2022-04-073** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that first reading be given to Bylaw #04-2022 to revise Road Closure Bylaw 28-2019.
CARRIED

Councillor Chalifoux requested a recorded vote:

In favor: Reeve Nygaard, Deputy Reeve Zabolotniuk, Councillor Zahacy, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Mifflin, Councillor Monteith, Councillor Airth and Councillor Hunt.

Opposed: Councillor Chalifoux

- 2022-04-074** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTEITH** that second reading be given to Bylaw #04-2022 to revise Road Closure Bylaw 28-2019.
CARRIED

- 2022-04-075** **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE ZABOLOTNIUK** that Council unanimously agree to proceed to third reading of Bylaw #04-2022.
DEFEATED

- 2022-04-076** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that administration be directed to bring forward the land sale to a Committee of the Whole meeting for further information.
CARRIED

BYLAW 05-2022 TO REVISE ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW 27-2019:

- 2022-04-077** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that first reading be given to Bylaw #05-2022 to revise Road Closure Bylaw 27-2019.
CARRIED

- 2022-04-078** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTEITH** that second reading be given to Bylaw #05-2022 to revise Road Closure Bylaw 27-2019.
CARRIED

- 2022-04-079** **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE ZABOLOTNIUK** that Council unanimously agree to proceed to third reading of Bylaw #05-2022.
DEFEATED

DELEGATIONS:***COMMUNITY FUTURES******LESSER SLAVE******LAKE:***

Josh Friesen, with Community Futures Lesser Slave Lake presented Council with an update on the Community Futures program and provided information on the beautification loan program proposal.

A break was taken from 10:52 a.m. to 11:02 a.m.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT CON'T:***FIRST READING – LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT 06-2022:***

2022-04-080 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that the discussion on Bylaw 06-2022 be tabled until later in the meeting for additional information.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR PRIVATE ROAD MAINTENANCE:

2022-04-081 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that the County does not accept a proposition from Andy Jack Caron for the County to provide maintenance, including grading, snow ploughing and graveling, of the private roadway within SW 12-73-9-W5.

CARRIED

REQUEST TO FORGIVE PENALTY FOR UNAUTHORIZED DEVELOPMENT:

2022-04-082 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE ZABOLOTNIUK** that the County does not forgive the \$500.00 penalty for unauthorized development at NE 36-72-19-W5.

CARRIED

REVIEW OF LAND USE BYLAW PROPERTY LINE SETBACKS:

2022-04-083 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that administration be directed to prepare a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw (LUB) to add setback distances for accessory buildings as presented.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed for lunch break at 12: 06 p.m. and reconvened at 12:31 p.m.

DELEGATIONS**CON'T:*****HIGH PRAIRIE******FIRE CHIEF:***

Trevor Cisaroski, High Prairie Fire Chief presented Council with an update on the High Prairie Fire Department operations and presented Council with information regarding the 2022 High Prairie Fire Operating budget.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT CON'T:***REQUEST FOR VARIANCE TO THE GENERAL SERVICING STANDARDS POLICY – RED SKY CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT (HAMLET OF JOUSSARD)***

2022-04-084 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that the request for a variance to the General Servicing Standards policy for the new phase of Red Sky Bareland Condominium subdivision be tabled for additional information as presented.

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS:

CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT – SHOP HOIST:

2022-04-085 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that a capital budget amendment in the amount of \$45,000 be approved for replacement of the Four Point Hoist at the shop from the General Transportation Reserve.

CARRIED

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT CON'T:

FIRST READING – LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT 06-2022:

2022-04-086 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE ZABOLOTNIUK** that Bylaw 06-2022 be brought back to the floor for discussion and further information.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION:

2022-04-087 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that the meeting go into closed session at 1:16 p.m. to discuss negotiations as per section 27, Freedom of Information and Protection Act.

CARRIED

2022-04-088 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that the meeting come out of closed session at 1:30 p.m.

CARRIED

2022-04-089 **MOVED BY REEVE NYGAARD** that first reading not be given to Bylaw 06-2022.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES:

SYNTHETIC FERTILIZER LETTER OF SUPPORT:

2022-04-090 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that Council sends a letter of support to Honorable Steven Guibeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change promoting best management practices around synthetic fertilizer, rather than reduction of the synthetic fertilizer use.

CARRIED

COURAGEOUS COMPANIONS – SPONSORSHIP:

2022-04-091 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that Council forgo the support of the request for Courageous Companions Sponsorship.

CARRIED

A break was taken from 1:42 p.m. 1:56 p.m.

Councillor Chalifoux returned to the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

GRIZZLY BEAR SURVEY LETTER:

2022-04-092 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that Council sends a letter of support with amendments to Honourable Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks and Honourable Nate Horner, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry regarding Greenview's request for the provincial government to do grizzly population survey in Bear Management Area (BMA) 7 and 2.

CARRIED

HIGH PRAIRIE AND DISTRICT GOLF CLUB – SPONSORSHIP:

2022-04-093 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE ZABOLOTNIUK** that the sponsorship for High Prairie & District Golf Club be received for information.

CARRIED

FIRE GUARDIAN APPOINTMENT:

2022-04-094 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE ZABOLOTNIUK** that Mr. William Lesiuk be appointed as a Fire Guardian to act as a Forest Officer on behalf of Big Lakes County within the prescribed Non-Protection Area to issue fire permits for the 2022 Fire Season under the Forest Prairie Protection Act from March 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022.

CARRIED

APPOINTING BIG LAKES COUNTY MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR:

2022-04-095 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that Brett Hawken be appointed as the Big Lakes County municipal inspector under the Weed Control Act.

CARRIED

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

2022-04-096 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that the information/correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

2022-04-097 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTEITH** that the meeting be adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

CARRIED

Robert Nygaard, Reeve

Jordan Panasiuk, CAO