

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING**

April 12, 2023

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, April 12, 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
 Richard Mifflin, Jousard
 Lane Monteith, Enilda/ Big Meadow
 Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/ Gilwood

 Absent: Garrett Zahacy, Prairie Echo/ Salt Prairie

 Administration: Jerry Gautreau, CAO
 Kevin Cymbaluk, Director of Public Works
 Brett Hawken, Director of Community &
 Protective Services
 Pat Olansky, Director of Planning &
 Development
 David Reynolds, Director of Corporate
 Services
 Jessica Plante, Recording Secretary
 Eunice McCauley, Human Resources
 Manager

 Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Nygaard called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

**ADDITIONS TO
THE AGENDA:**

2023-08-141 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTEITH** that the April 12, 2023,
RECINDED agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2023-08-142 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that motion 2023-08-141 be
 rescinded.

CARRIED

Administration added the following reports to the agenda:

- Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Asset Management Course
- Winagami Wading Pool
- Nomination of a candidate for Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Quasi-Judicial Review Board
- Removal of the Rural Renewal Stream Program Update

2023-08-143 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the April 12, 2023, agenda be
 adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

2023-08-144 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that the March 8, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes, the March 17, 2023, Special Council Meeting Minutes, and the March 29, 2023, Special Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

ACTION LIST:

2023-08-145 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the action list be received for information.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS:

2023-08-146 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the staff reports be tabled until later in the meeting.

CARRIED

DELEGATION:

PIONEER THRESHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION:

Henry Nygaard, President of the Pioneer Thresherman's Association, and Dale Nelson attended before Council to find out the status of the waterline to the triangle hall and the residents within the Aggie area. Mr. Cymbaluk advised that a grant has been approved with the Municipal District of Greenview and the Municipal District of Smoky River to conduct a study that would provide water to all three municipalities.

Louise Liebenberg advised Council that the residents within the area are looking for a secure commitment from the County. Other residents in attendance spoke in favor of having a waterline installed.

Reeve Nygaard thanked the residents for attending.

STAFF REPORTS CON'T:

2023-08-147 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the discussion on staff reports be brought back to the table for further discussion.

CARRIED

2023-08-148 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that administration be directed to bring forward the Animal Control Bylaw with the incorporation of regulations for cats in the Hamlets.

CARRIED

2023-08-149 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** 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:***MAY 24, 2023, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – CANCELLATION:***

2023-08-150 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that the May 24, 2023, Regular Council meeting be cancelled.

CARRIED

HIGH PRAIRIE & DISTRICT MUSEUM - INVITATION:

2023-08-151 **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 a special celebratory tea at the High Prairie & District Museum to honor the people who created the history book "Trails We Blazed Together" on May 13, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

CARRIED

CORPORATE SERVICES:***CANADIAN FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS' FOUNDATION NORTHERN TREK-SPONSORSHIP FUNDING REQUEST:***

2023-08-152 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that Council agrees to support the Northern Trek for the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation though sponsorship funding in the amount of \$500.00.

DEFEATED

FARM SAFETY CENTRE – SPONSORSHIP FUNDING REQUEST:

2023-08-153 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that the Farm Safety Centre program be tabled for further information.

DEFEATED

2023-08-154 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that a sponsorship grant in the amount of \$553.00 be approved to support the Farm Safety Centre program.

DEFEATED

GROUARD SENIORS COMMUNITY CLUB – HAMLET CLEANUP SPONSORSHIP:

2023-08-155 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that a sponsorship grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 be approved for the Grouard Seniors Community Club for the Grouard Hamlet Cleanup.

CARRIED

JOUSSARD HOMESTEADERS' SOCIETY – EMERGENCY CAPITAL GRANT FUNDING REQUEST:

2023-08-156 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that Council agrees to support the Joussard Homesteaders Society's request for emergency grant funding for the purchase of a new commercial range in the amount of \$5,000.00.

CARRIED

PUBLIC FORUM:

SCOTT SINCLAIR: Scott Sinclair attended before Council as a representative running in the upcoming election for the United Conservative Party (UCP) leadership race as a contender for the UCP nomination for Lesser Slave Lake MLA.

The meeting recessed for lunch break at 12:12 p.m. and reconvened at 12:57 p.m.

CORPORATE SERVICES CON'T:

NORTHWEST REGIONAL SKILLS CANADA COMPETITION:

2023-08-157 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that Council forgoes sponsorship support for the 2023 North West Regional Skill Canada Competition being held by Skills Canada, Alberta in Fairview.

CARRIED

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

ANNUAL COUNTY BARBEQUE:

2023-08-158 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that the Annual Barbeque be held on Thursday, June 22, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the County Administration Office in High Prairie.

CARRIED

POLICY REVIEW – FCSS-03 WALL OF FAME POLICY:

2023-08-159 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that Council approves the FCSS-03 Wall of Fame policy as presented.

CARRIED

LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT 05-2023 – FIRST READING:

2023-08-160 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTIETH** that first reading be given to Bylaw 05-2023.

CARRIED

2023-08-161 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that a Public Hearing for Bylaw 05-2023 be set for May 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Big Lakes County Administration Building.

CARRIED

RMA ELECTED OFFICIALS WORKSHOP:

2023-08-162 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that members of Council be approved to attend the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Elected Officials Workshop taking place on April 20, 2023 in Grande Prairie, Alberta.

CARRIED

RMA'S QUASI-JUDICIAL REVIEW BOARD:

2023-08-163 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that Councillor Airth be approved to be nominated for the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Quasi-Judicial Review Board.

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS:

2023 CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT – GRAVEL TRUCK AND GRAVEL BOX:

2023-08-164 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that the 2023 Capital Budget be increased by \$12,000.00 for the supply and delivery of one new tandem axle gravel truck and gravel box to be funded from the Equipment Replacement Reserve.

CARRIED

2023 CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT – PLOW TRUCK AND PLOW TRUCK ATTACHMENTS:

2023-08-165 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE ZABOLOTNIUK** that the budget amendment request be received for information and the plow truck and attachments not be purchased.

DEFEATED

2023-08-166 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that the 2023 Capital Budget be increased by \$42,000.00 for the supply and delivery of one new tandem axle plow truck and plow truck attachments to be funded from the Equipment Replacement Reserve.

CARRIED

ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW 21-2021 – CLOSURE AND LEASE OF UNDEVELOPED ROAD ALLOWANCE ADJACENT TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF NW 21-75-15-W5:

2023-08-167 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that second reading be given for Bylaw 21-2021 for the road closure and lease of the undeveloped road allowance adjacent to the north boundary of NW 21-75-15-W5.

CARRIED

2023-08-168 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that third reading be given for Bylaw 21-2021 for the road closure and lease of the undeveloped road allowance adjacent to the north boundary of NW 21-75-15-W5.

CARRIED

ROADATA ENHANCED SERVICES – PROVINCIALY INTEGRATED ROAD USE SYSTEM APPROVALS:

2023-08-169 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the County enter into an agreement to continue working with TRAVIS-MJ and Roadata on Commercial Vehicle Road Use Integrated permitting, for another 5 years.

CARRIED

2023-08-170 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the Schedule of Fees Bylaw 08-2023 be updated to reflect a \$25.00 per permit charge, paid to the County, for road use permits processed through the TRAVIS-MJ and Roadata system.

CARRIED

SCHEDULE OF FEES BYLAW 08-2023:

2023-08-171 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the Bylaw 08-2023 Schedule of Fees Bylaw be tabled for further information.

CARRIED

A break was taken from 1:55 p.m. to 2:02 p.m.

2023-08-172 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the Bylaw 08-2023 Schedule of Fees Bylaw be brought back to the tabled for discussion.

CARRIED

2023-08-173 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that first reading be given to Bylaw 08-2023 Schedule of Fees Bylaw.

CARRIED

2023-08-174 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that second reading be given to Bylaw 08-2023 Schedule of Fees Bylaw.

CARRIED

2023-08-175 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTIETH** that unanimous consent be given to Bylaw 08-2023 Schedule of Fees Bylaw to proceed to third reading.

CARRIED

2023-08-176 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that third reading be given to Bylaw 08-2023 Schedule of Fees Bylaw.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES:

WILD BOAR BYLAW NO. 06-2023:

2023-08-177 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that first reading be provided to the Wild Boar Bylaw No. 06-2023.

CARRIED

2023-08-178 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that second reading be provided to the Wild Boar Bylaw No. 06-2023.

CARRIED

2023-08-179 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that unanimous consent be provided to the Wild Boar Bylaw No. 06-2023 to proceed to third and final reading.

CARRIED

2023-08-180 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE ZABOLOTNIUK** that third reading be provided to the Wild Boar Bylaw No. 06-2023.

CARRIED

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION OF MEETING SPACE TO PEACE COUNTRY BEEF AND FORAGE ASSOCIATION (PCBFA):

2023-08-181 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that Council accepts to provide an in-kind contribution of ad hoc meeting space to Peace Country Beef and Forage Association (PCBFA) for small board room #2 at the Big Lakes County Administration building so they can provide occasional professional services to Big Lakes County residents estimated 6 times a year.

CARRIED

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT RENUMERATION POLICY – FIRE-03 - RESCIND:

2023-08-182 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTEITH** that the Volunteer Fire Department Remuneration Policy Fire-03 be rescinded.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

2023-08-183 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the information / correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION:

2023-08-184 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that the meeting go into closed session at 2:24 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters as per section 27, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED

2023-08-185 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the meeting come out of closed session at 3:36 p.m.

CARRIED

2023-08-186 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that Council supports the Memorandum of Agreement between Big Lakes County and Swan River First Nation for the purpose of providing Animal Control Services to Swan River First Nation.

CARRIED

2023-08-187 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that Council converts the Bylaw Enforcement Position to a Peace Officer Position through an agreement with the Town of High Prairie and include the financial impacts in the 2023 final budget.

DEFEATED

Councillor Chalifoux requested a recorded vote.

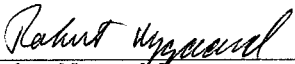
In favor: Councillor Mifflin, Councillor Hunt, Reeve Nygaard

Opposed: Deputy Reeve Zabolotniuk, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Monteith, Councillor Airth, Councillor Chalifoux

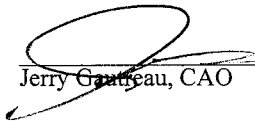
ADJOURNMENT:

2023-08-188 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that the meeting be adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

CARRIED



Robert Nygaard, Reeve



Jerry Gauthreau, CAO