

**BIG LAKES COUNTY  
COUNCIL MEETING**  
July 13, 2022

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, July 13, 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 (Zoom) 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 Jessica Plante, Recording Secretary David Reynolds, Director of Corporate Services Pat Olansky, Director of Planning & Development Vic Abel, Director of Public Works Mary Brust, Animal Control Officer
Delegation:	Colbi Pratt, Return of Service Bursary
Press:	Chris Clegg, South Peace News

**CALL TO ORDER:** Reeve Nygaard called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

Training Session  
Closed Session – Personnel Matters

**2022-15-306** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTEITH** that the July 13, 2022, agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES:**

**2022-15-307** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that June 22, 2022, Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATION:**

***RETURN OF SERVICE***

***BURSARY:*** Colbi Pratt was presented with the Return of Service Bursary award.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

***ACTION LIST:***

**2022-15-308** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the action list be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**STAFF REPORTS:** Councillor Zahacy stepped out of the meeting at 10:57 a.m. to 10:59 a.m.

Councillor Mifflin stepped out of the meeting at 11:00 a.m. to 11:02 a.m.

**2022-15-309** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that administration be directed to bring forward the Financial Control and Procurement policy Admin-06 to review the terms of bidding criteria for Council approval if only one bid is received.

**CARRIED**

**2022-15-310** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** 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**

A break was taken from 11:20 a.m. to 11: 34 a.m.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

***POLICY REVIEW – W&S-02 CAPITAL WATER/SEWER IMPROVEMENTS:***

**2022-15-311** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that Policy W&S 02 Capital Water/ Sewer Improvements be rescinded.

**CARRIED**

***GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES:***

**2022-15-312** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the briefing document on restoring grants in lieu of taxes for social housing be approved.

**CARRIED**

**2022-15-313** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the report on past advocacy efforts be received for information.

**CARRIED**

***HAMLET UPGRADE PROGRAM:***

**2022-15-314** **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE ZABOLOTNIUK** that Council agrees in principle to the following projects for the Hamlet upgrade program and directs administration to bring forward additional details including cost and design and operations:

**Enilda**

- Walking Trails

**Grouard**

- No projects within current policy

**Joussard:**

- Solar Street Lighting Lakeview Drive (Lakeview Drive to Southwest Shore)
- Solar Street Lighting (TWP Rd 724A/Rge Rd 142 Southwest Shore to Hwy 2)
- 3 Flag Poles

**Kinuso:**

- Corner of Centre Street/Railroad Ave Basketball Nets and Pavement refinishing
- Community Park at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Swan Ave

**Faust:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Ave (the Flats) Curb and gutter
- Railroad Ave to HWY 2 – water and sewer extension

**DEFEATED**

2022-15-315

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that Council amends the Hamlet Upgrade Policy PW-23 to remove the requirement that new capital projects only include infrastructure that is under care and control of the County.

**CARRIED**

The meeting recessed for lunch break at 12:26 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Councillor Hunt did not return to the meeting.

2022-15-316

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that council agrees in principle to the following projects for the Hamlet upgrade program and directs administration to bring forward additional details including cost and design and operations for the following projects:

**Enilda**

- Walking Trails
- Bowling Alley Parking Lot Paving
- Skating rink paving
- Community bulletin board with planters

**Grouard**

- Outdoor rink pavement and access

**Joussard:**

- Solar Street Lighting Lakeview Drive (Lakeview Drive to Southwest Shore)
- Solar Street Lighting (TWP Rd 724A/Rge Rd 142 Southwest Shore to Hwy 2)
- 3 Flag Poles

**Kinuso:**

- Corner of Centre Street/Railroad Ave Basketball Nets and Pavement refinishing
- Community Park at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Swan Ave
- Ag hall cement drainage and parking blocks

**Faust:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Ave (the Flats) Curb and gutter
- Railroad Ave to HWY 2 – water and sewer extension

**DEFEATED**

2022-15-317

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ZAHACY** that Council agrees in principle to the following projects for the Hamlet upgrade program and directs administration to bring forward additional details including cost and design and operations:

**Enilda**

- Walking Trails

**Grouard**

- Community Hall

**Joussard:**

- Solar Street Lighting Lakeview Drive (Lakeview Drive to Southwest Shore)
- Solar Street Lighting (TWP Rd 724A/Rge Rd 142 Southwest Shore to Hwy 2)
- 3 Flag Poles

**Kinuso:**

- Corner of Centre Street/Railroad Ave Basketball Nets and Pavement refinishing
- Community Park at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Swan Ave

**Faust:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Ave (the Flats) Curb and gutter
- Railroad Ave to HWY 2 – water and sewer extension

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL TRAINING:**

2022-15-318

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the regular Council meeting for July 27, 2022 be cancelled.

**CARRIED**

**LOBBYIST SERVICES:**

**2022-15-319** **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE ZABOLOTNIUK** that the report regarding Lobbyist Services be received for information, and that Council approves the following top three lobbying priorities:

- Obstetrics
  - Horse Lakes Flooding
  - Northern Lights Wind Power Project – Potentia Renewables
- And, that Council approves the following as its secondary priorities:
- Senior's housing
  - Dog handler
  - Rural water funding

**CARRIED****CORPORATE SERVICES:****RETURN OF SERVICE BURSARY – RECIPIENT UPDATE:**

**2022-15-320** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that the report regarding Return of Service Bursary Recipient update be received for information.

**CARRIED****STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS – MAY 2022:**

Councillor Stewart stepped out of the meeting at 2:09 p.m. to 2:11 p.m.

**2022-15-321** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the Statement of Operations – May 2022 be received for information.

**CARRIED****PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:****REQUEST TO LEASE COUNTY LAND FROM FAUST VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SOCIETY:**

**2022-15-322** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that the County enters into a lease agreement with the Faust Volunteer Fire Department Society for an 80' x 80' area within Plan 2187ET, Block 7, Lot 1 within the Hamlet of Faust for an outdoor community splash park.

**CARRIED**

A break was taken from 2:28 p.m. to 2:33 p.m.

**LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT 13-2022 – FIRST READING:**

**2022-15-323** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that first reading be given to Land Use Bylaw Amendment 13-2022.

**CARRIED**

**2022-15-324** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that a Public Hearing for Bylaw 13-2022 be set for August 10, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Big Lakes County Administration Building.

**CARRIED****COMMUNITY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES:****ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW AMENDMENT – CAT REGULATIONS:**

**2022-15-325** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that 1<sup>st</sup> reading be approved for Bylaw 14-2022 and that administration be directed to bring back information regarding the cat licensing, low-income spay/neuter program and trap-spay/neuter-release program.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Airth stepped out of the meeting at 3:20 p.m. to 3:22 p.m.

**INFORMATION/**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**2022-15-326**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTEITH** that the information/  
correspondence be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**2022-15-327**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that the meeting go into  
closed session at 3:26 p.m. to discuss personnel matters as per section 27,  
Freedom of Information and Protection Act.

**CARRIED**

**2022-15-328**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the meeting come out of  
closed session at 4:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**2022-15-329**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that Council directs the  
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to bring forward evaluation  
documents as requested.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**2022-15-330**            **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE ZABOLOTNIUK** that the meeting be  
adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Robert Nygaard, Reeve

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Jordan Panasiuk, CAO