

**BIG LAKES COUNTY  
COUNCIL MEETING**  
September 28, 2022

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

**PRESENT WERE:** 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

Absent: Robert Nygaard, Faust

Administration: Pat Olansky, Acting CAO/Director of Planning & Development  
Brett Hawken, Director of Community & Protective Services  
Jessica Plante, Recording Secretary  
David Reynolds, Director of Corporate Services  
Vic Abel, Director of Public Works  
Eunice McCauley, Human Resources Manager

Delegations: Trevor Cisaroski, Town of High Prairie Fire Chief

Press: Richard Froese, South Peace News

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

**ADDITIONS TO  
THE AGENDA:**

Alberta Crime Prevention Grant Letter of Support – Town of High Prairie  
Closed Session- Personnel Matters  
High Prairie Redwings moved to October 12

**2022-20-438** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that the September 28, 2022, agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES:**

**2022-20-439** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the September 14, 2022, Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING  
FROM MINUTES:**

***ACTION LIST:***

**2022-20-440** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the action list be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**CORPORATE SERVICES:*****STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS – AUGUST 2022:***

**2022-20-441**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the Statement of Operations – August 2022 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATION:*****HIGH PRAIRIE***

***FIRE CHIEF:***        Trevor Cisaroski, Town of High Prairie Fire Chief presented the High Prairie Fire Chief Semi-Annual Report to the County.

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:*****LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT #23-2022 – FIRST READING:***

**2022-20-442**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that first reading be given to Bylaw 23-2022.

**CARRIED**

**2022-20-443**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that a Public Hearing for Bylaw 23-2022 be set for October 26, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Big Lakes County Administration Building.

**CARRIED**

***REQUEST TO LEASE MUNICIPAL RESERVE LAND:***

**2022-20-444**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the request from Armand and Doris Soucy to lease part of Plan 0829170; Block 5; Lot 16MR be denied.

**CARRIED**

***MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT #20-2022 – SECTION 3.11 ALTERNATIVE ENERGY:***

**2022-20-445**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that Bylaw 20-2022 Municipal Development Plan Amendment – Section 3.11 Alternative Energy be tabled for further information.

**CARRIED**

***REQUEST TO PURCHASE ENVIRONMENTAL RESERVE LAND:***

**2022-20-446**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the request from Kevin & Lise Sloan to purchase all or part of Plan 832 3067, Lot 5ER be denied.

**CARRIED**

***BIG LAKES REGIONAL EMERGENCY PARTNERSHIP – RESPONSE PLAN, EMERGENCY SOCIAL SERVICES PLAN AND BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN:***

**2022-20-447**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that the 2022 Big Lakes Regional Emergency Partnership Plan be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2022-20-448**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the 2022 Big Lakes County Emergency Social Services Plan be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2022-20-449**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTEITH** that the 2022 Big Lakes County Business Continuity Plan be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

A break was taken from 11:02 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

**COMMUNITY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES:**

***REGISTERED NURSE (RN) PROGRAM AT NORTHERN LAKES COLLEGE:***

**2022-20-450**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTEITH** that the Registered Nurse (RN) Program at Northern Lakes College briefing note be approved, and that administration be directed to sending it to Alberta Health Service.

**CARRIED**

***OBSTETRICS- HIGH PRAIRIE HOSPITAL BRIEFING NOTE:***

**2022-20-451**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ZAHACY** that the Obstetrics – High Prairie Hospital briefing note be approved.

**CARRIED**

***GRANTS IN LIEU OF SOCIAL HOUSING BRIEFING NOTE:***

**2022-20-452**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the Grants in Lieu of Social Housing briefing note be approved.

**CARRIED**

***DOG HANDLER POSITION BRIEFING NOTE:***

**2022-20-453**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ZAHACY** that the Dog Handler Position briefing note be approved.

**CARRIED**

***SUPPORT RCMP OVER PROPOSED ALBERTA PROVINCIAL POLICE SERVICE BRIEFING NOTE:***

**2022-20-454**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that the support RCMP over new proposed Alberta policing briefing note be approved.

**CARRIED**

***SWAN HILLS WASTE TREATMENT CENTRE BRIEFING NOTE:***

**2022-20-455**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the Swan Hills Waste Treatment Centre briefing note be approved.

**CARRIED**

***FARM FAMILY AWARD:***

**2022-20-456**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the Blackhurst family be approved to be nominated to receive the 2022 Farm Family of the Year Award for Big Lakes County.

**CARRIED**

***ALBERTA CRIME PREVENTION GRANT LETTER OF SUPPORT – TOWN OF HIGH PRAIRIE:***

**2022-20-457**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that a letter of support be approved for the Town of High Prairie's application for the Alberta Crime Presentation Grant.

**CARRIED**

**INFORMATION/  
CORRESPONDENCE:**

**2022-20-458**            **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the information/correspondence be received for information.

**CARRIED****CLOSED SESSION:**

**2022-20-459** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that the meeting go into closed session at 11:49 a.m. to discuss personnel matters as per section 27, Freedom of Information and Protection Act.

**CARRIED**

**2022-20-460** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the meeting come out of closed session at 12:20 p.m.

**CARRIED**

The meeting recessed for lunch break at 12:21 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

**2022-20-461** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTEITH** that the meeting go into closed session at 1:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters as per section 27, Freedom of Information and Protection Act.

**CARRIED**

**2022-20-462** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that the meeting come out of closed session at 1:45 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**2022-20-463** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that a Special Council meeting be scheduled for Friday, October 7, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Big Lakes County Administration Building in Council Chambers for the purpose of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) recruitment.

**CARRIED****ADJOURNMENT:**

**2022-20-464** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that the meeting be adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

**CARRIED**


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 Jim Zabolotniuk, Deputy Reeve

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 Pat Olansky, Acting CAO