

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
December 6, 2022**

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Special Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, beginning at 9:00 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, Joussard
	Lane Monteith, Enilda/ Big Meadow
	Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/ Gilwood
	Garrett Zahacy, Prairie Echo/ Salt Prairie
Administration:	Roy Brideau, Interim CAO
	David Reynolds, Director of Corporate Services
	Jessica Plante, Recording Secretary
	Brett Hawken, Director of Community & Protective Services
	Eunice McCauley, Human Resources Manager
	Pat Olansky, Director of Planning & Development
	Vic Abel, Director of Public Works
	Kevin Cymbaluk, Director of Public Works
	Kim Moore, Grants Officer
	Victoria Zahacy, Communications Coordinator
	Ian Willier, Utilities Manager
	Joe Zdeb, IT Administrator
Press:	Richard Froese, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Nygaard called the meeting to order 9:05 a.m.

PUBLIC FORUM: Mr. Brideau, Interim CAO read aloud a post from Mr. Eric Corbiere that was received on Facebook regarding the status of the Enilda walking trails.

Savannah Ward from Joussard presented her concerns regarding the swimming area across from the church in the Hamlet of Joussard. Ms. Ward requested that Council consider looking at having the area fixed.

Councillor Hunt arrived at the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Moore, Grants Officer presented Council with the 2022 Operating grants for late applications.

2022-30-647 **MOVED BY REEVE NYGAARD** that Council approves the late applicants as per Admin-55 Grants policy which includes the High Prairie Golden Age Club and the Swan Hills Outdoor Recreation Club.

CARRIED

Ms. Moore, Grants Officer presented Council with information on the 2022 operating grants for multiple community groups for additional funding request.

2022-30-648 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that Council denies the additional requests for funding to maintain fair treatment for all community groups

and remain within 2022 budget with the exception of the High Prairie and District Food Bank and the High Prairie Agricultural Society.

CARRIED

Ms. Moore, Grants Officer presented the Hamlet Recreation grants, museum grants, seniors programming grants, community hall grants, cemetery grants, events and sponsorships grants, and capital grants.

A break was taken from 10:28 a.m. to 10:41 a.m.

Mr. Hawken, Director of Community & Protective Services presented Council with information regarding the Faust Fire Truck. Administration to bring back further information prior to the final budget.

Mr. Cymbaluk, Director of Public Works provided Council with clarification on the recycling bins and mowing questions.

The meeting recessed for lunch break at 11:47 a.m. and reconvened 12:30 p.m.

Ms. Moore, Grants Officer provided Council with more information regarding the MSI Funding for gravel crushing.

Mr. Cymbaluk, Director of Public Works presented Council with the Public Works Capital Budget information which included the 2023 capital grants, 5-year replacement program, Bridge Files 70268, 08499, 73747, 74040, 77445. Discussion was also held on the Spruce Point Park Marina Repair and upgrade, the river road realignment, 3rd Avenue SW Alleyway in the Hamlet of Faust, Twp Rd 752A and Range Road 141 paving (Hillard's Bay Estates), Salt Shed Overhead Door Replacement, Swan Hills Airport Heater Replacements.

Council was also presented with the Public Works 10-year equipment replacement plan.

Mr. Ian Willier, Utilities Manager presented Council with some capital project upgrades which includes lift station pump replacement for Kinuso lift #1 and Faust lift #1, the Grouard heated concrete truck fill pad replacement.

A break was taken from 2:09 p.m. to 2:26 p.m.

Mr. Joe Zdeb, IT Administrator presented Council with information on the Diamond Cloud Conversion project and server replacement /Wi-Fi upgrade placed for 2023.

Mr. Reynolds, Director of Corporate Services presented Council with the Operating & Capital Reserves.

CLOSED SESSION:

2022-30-649

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT that the meeting go into closed session at 2:57 p.m. to discuss negotiations as per section 27, Freedom of Information and Protection Act.

CARRIED

2022-30-650

MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE ZABOLOTNIUK that the meeting come out of closed session at 3:20 p.m.

CARRIED

Administration to present the final motions to approve the 2023 Interim Capital & Operating budgets for Council's consideration at the December 14, 2022, Regular Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

2022-30-651

MOVED BY COUNCILOR STEWART that the meeting be adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

CARRIED

Robert Nygaard, Reeve

Roy Brideau, Interim CAO