

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN BRAZEAU COUNTY ON TUESDAY, 2014 05 06

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve P. Vos called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

PRESENT

P. Vos, Reeve
M. Thompson, Councillor
M. Gressler, Councillor
A. Heinrich, Councillor
S. Mahan, Councillor
K. Westerlund, Councillor
M. Schoeninger, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Robinson, Executive Assistant
M. Galavan, Deputy Fire Chief
R. Ennis, Director of Community Services
J. Evasiuk, Director of Infrastructure
J. Sweeney, Director of Public Works
B. Christie, Director of Corporate Services

ABSENT

Councillor R. Moir

OTHERS

L. Allan, Western Review
M. Lulla, Western Review

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Reeve P. Vos presented long service awards to Robert Thompson for 10 years of service and Karen Robinson for 20 years of service to Brazeau County.

ADDITION TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition to and Adoption of Agenda

556/14 Moved by K. Westerlund to approve the agenda with the following additions:

2. Adoption of the minutes of the Council Meeting of April 15, 2014
8. Community Services
 - c) Request for a Letter of Support from the Rotary Club
9. Corporate Services
 - b) Accepting Donations on Behalf of the Agriplex
10. Public Works and Infrastructure
 - c) Draft agenda for June 12, 2014 Fresh Water/Potable Water Conservation Meeting
11. Planning and Development
 - a) Additional correspondence received from Lydell Group

- 12. General Matters
 - e) Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre Co-ownership Agreement
 - f) Breton Field of Dreams Minister’s Awards of Excellence
- 43. Meeting Dates
 - c) Divisional Meetings Questions and Answers
- 46. In Private
 - a) Template for Conferences
 - c) Strategy and Governance Check-in

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of Minutes

557/14 Moved by A. Heinrich to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014 regular Council meeting amended as follows:

Page 5 – First paragraph, last bullet should read: “urges County to rescind the bylaw, but have strict rules and penalties for unsafe operation”

Page 8 – Motion 444/14 should read:”.....RR44 from Hwy. 616 to Twp. Rd. 481 and Twp. Rd. 484 from RR54 to RR60.....”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

558/14 Moved by M. Thompson to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2014 Council Land Use Bylaw Review meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

559/14 Moved by K. Westerlund to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2014 Council Land Use Bylaw Review meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING

Business Arising

None

URGENT ITEMS

Urgent Items

None

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES**

Community Services

Engine Brake Retarder

Council reviewed the report presented.

560/14 Moved by M. Gressler that Administration install a sign on the west side of Poplar Ridge to discourage the use of jake/engine retarder brakes.

IN FAVOUR: K. Westerlund
S. Mahan
A. Heinrich
M. Gressler
M. Thompson

OPPOSED: P. Vos

CARRIED

Village of Breton Recreation Cost Sharing Letter of Agreement

Council reviewed the report presented.

561/14 Moved by A. Heinrich to increase the 2014 Annual Budget by \$18,762.32 to reflect the Recreation Cost Sharing Letter of Agreement with the Village of Breton; funds to come from unrestricted surplus.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rotary Club Request for Letter of Support

Council reviewed the correspondence received.

562/14 Moved by K. Westerlund to provide the Rotary Club with a letter of support for the Thunder in the Valley Festival and Events Tourism Growth Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORPORATE
SERVICES**

Corporate Services

Investment Summary as at March 31, 2014

Council reviewed the report presented.

563/14 Moved by M. Gressler to approve the Investment Summary as at March 31, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Designation of Unrestricted Surplus

Council reviewed the report presented.

564/14 Moved by S. Mahan to designate the 2013 unrestricted surplus as per Policy FIN-4 and Administration's recommendation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amend FIN-8 and FIN-12 Policies

Council reviewed the report presented.

565/14 Moved by M. Gressler to amend the FIN-8 and FIN-12 Policies for County Credit Cards and Signing Authorization to reflect the new Director position.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS/
APPOINTMENTS**

Delegations/Appointments

Birchwood – Dennis Bellavance

Dennis Bellavance attended the meeting to request funding (\$70,000) for a playground in Birchwood.

566/14 Moved by A. Heinrich that Administration research the request and provide guidance for the Birchwood Enhancement Projects Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.V. Health Services Foundation – RCMP Musical Ride

Maureen Schwab, Michelle Koebernick and Colleen Sekura attended the meeting to request support for the RCMP Musical Ride by way of equipment and operators to re-work the arena portion of the Lions Rodeo Grounds; relocation of bleachers; \$1500.00 funding for the welcome meal; and 48 Welcome Tote Bags. The event on July 16, 2014 is a fundraiser for a CT Scanner for the Drayton Valley Health Centre.

567/14 Moved by M. Gressler to support for the RCMP Musical Ride by way of equipment and operators to re-work the arena portion of the Lions Rodeo Grounds; relocation of bleachers; \$1500.00 funding for the welcome meal; and 48 Welcome Tote Bags.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORPORATE
SERVICES****Corporate Services****Accepting Donations on Behalf of the Agriplex**

B. Christie, Director of Corporate Services indicated that a donation of \$1000.00 had been received for the proposed Agriplex.

568/14 Moved by A. Heinrich that Administration set up a fund for the receipt of donations for the Agriplex.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS**Public Works and Infrastructure****Rocky Rapids Water for Outdoor Rink**

Council reviewed the report presented.

569/14 Moved by K. Westerlund to approve Administration's Option A recommendation that no action is required at this time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bridge Safety Concerns – Birchwood Condominium

Council reviewed the report presented.

570/14 Moved by K. Westerlund that Administration have the Birchwood Condominium bridge load rated by a structural engineer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Potable Water Conservation Meeting

Council reviewed the update report presented.

571/14 Moved by M. Thompson to receive the draft agenda for information as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Evergreen Shooting Club Parking Lot Maintenance

Council reviewed the report presented.

572/14 Moved by K. Westerlund to support the request to perform a one-time assistance to the Evergreen Shooting Club for the maintenance of the parking lot by way of equipment and labour for a total cost of approximately \$824.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve P. Vos called for a break at 10:12 am and the meeting resumed at 10:25 am.

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT**

Planning and Development

Land Use Bylaw Amendment 14A-002

Council reviewed the report presented.

573/14 Moved by S. Mahan to give first reading to Bylaw 830-14 and to schedule a Public Hearing for June 17, 2014 at 10:00 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**GENERAL
MATTERS**

General Matters

iLegislate

574/14 Moved by A. Heinrich to move agenda items iLegislate and Lodgepole Community Clean-up to the May 20, 2014 Council meeting due to the absence of Councillor R. Moir.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Road Building Capacity Options

Councillor A. Heinrich referred to a discussion from the infrastructure meeting with Public Works staff about trying to find ways that we could increase their capacity to do more roads in-house and to get more road projects done.

575/14 Moved by A. Heinrich that Administration research options to increase the capacity of in-house road building and the expected budget costs associated with that and bring back to Council at the August 5, 2014 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Township Road 474 "Local Road" Standard Cost Estimate – Councillor K. Westerlund

576/14 Moved by M. Thompson that Administration bring a breakdown of costs for mile by mile construction of Twp. Rd. 474.

IN FAVOUR: K. Westerlund
A. Heinrich
M. Thompson

OPPOSED: S. Mahan
P. Vos
M. Gressler

DEFEATED

Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre Co-ownership Agreement

Council reviewed the correspondence received from the Town of Drayton Valley.

577/14 Moved by K. Westerlund to receive for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Breton Field of Dreams – Minister’s Award for Municipal Excellence

M. Schoeninger provided Council with information regarding the Minister’s Awards for Municipal Excellence.

578/14 Moved by A. Heinrich to submit the Breton Field of Dreams to the Minister’s Award for Municipal Excellence for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS/
APPOINTMENTS****Delegations/Appointments****Ratepayer Concerns**

Allan Taylor voiced his concerns as follows:

- Accurate Assessors – do they come on your property or google it, if they go on your property do they need permission.
Response – There is legislation within the MGA allowing them access to the property, not into your house without your permission, but they can walk around the property. They have a re-inspection map where they go and look at different areas each year and they do drive those areas and look for new development and look at market analysis, etc. They do have webmap which is a map of our whole area.
- Garbage bins in the campground – do we pay year round or is it leased – Waste Management bin at Modeste
Response – The waste management bin at Modeste is leased from May to October and then removed.
- Cost sharing what is the total cost sharing with the Town per year.
Response – We can provide that information.
- Does the Town cost share the river boat? And why would they not share the cost?
Response – The boat was purchased by the County outright and there is no cost sharing at this time.
- Fire hall for 2018 is for 4 million is that the County’s share and where will it be built
Response – It has just been proposed and that cost would be if it was in the County. However, at this time there has been no discussion that Council has had with the Town to look at that opportunity.
- Twp. Rd. 474 – why didn’t all the Councillors go view that road
Response – We have some road tours scheduled.

Allen Vogel voiced his concerns as follows:

- I’ve seen in the past year or so you are spending lots of money on recreation. That seems to be the prime concern of this Council. They want to build an aquatic centre, everything is in recreation, and you’re not spending anything on new roads. I think that’s a responsibility you have. You don’t want to give a development permit to a house if you use an oil road. Now, most farmers can’t build their own road on a road allowance, yet you will give a stop work order. Why don’t you spend some

money on necessities instead of recreation. I looked in this agenda and there are 27 council reports and I think about 2 or 3 of them are actually needed for the necessities. The rest are spending a lot of money unnecessarily, but it's keeping employment up. You've got a group here, I see they are meeting 18 – 23 days a month, some of the Councillors and that's costing a lot of money for many of these unnecessary groups. To me it's pitiful the way the money is spent in this County. There's no validity to most of the things you are doing. It's disgusting a lot of money is wasted unnecessarily and it's quite aggravating all the time to some of us folks. Now these roads have been brought up many times and by taking 3 miles together you know that's going to be very expensive. There's no need to put a bridge across a big creek, that doesn't help these people. They want to access their lands. If you would use common sense here, also if your Councillors went out and looked at those things before you make decisions, they should have done that, they get paid for those things. There's so much apathy around here with people in this County. They don't know what's going on and there was talk of amalgamation in the past and now and again those crops up. And this idea of the County taxing businesses and save the money and give to the Town, that was before the last election. And about 6 out of the 7 seemed to think that was a good idea. Now does that make any sense, we need roads, there are a lot of people that can't build a house because they can't get a development permit. You're worried about housing, make it a little easier to build houses in the County. Thank you

QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA

Questions from the Media

L. Allan asked for clarification regarding the Agriplex. She asked why the County was being so hands on with this one compared to other community project that have come before, such as the EPAC or the Aquatic Centre and things like that.

A. Heinrich replied that this project has struggled over the last number of years and a lot of it perhaps is a matter of personalities sometime not necessarily working as well together as they might in order to facilitate a project and so perhaps with some assistance maybe the personalities can be taken out of it and the value of the project can be better evaluated on its merits and it's need for the community.

L. Allan introduced Mumta Lulla as the new reporter for the Western Review. Mumta will be filling in for Leslie when she is not available.

CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

Correspondence/Items for Information

- a) Correspondence from Municipal Affairs regarding the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Capital and Basic Municipal Transportation Grant (BMTG) programs under the MSI Capital program

579/14 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b) Correspondence from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation regarding their Heritage Awards 2014

580/14 Moved by K. Westerlund to receive for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 581/14** Moved by A. Heinrich to add the school location signs to the May 20, 2014 Council meeting for consideration for a Heritage Award.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 582/14** Moved by M. Thompson to add the Breton Museum to the May 20, 2014 Council meeting for consideration for a Heritage Award and invite Allan Goddard to attend the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- c) Correspondence from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding amendments to the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*

583/14 Moved by S. Mahan to receive for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- c) Correspondence from Blaine Calkins, MP for Wetaskiwin regarding public infrastructure

584/14 Moved by S. Mahan to receive for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- e) Correspondence from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the Well Drilling Equipment Tax (WDET)

585/14 Moved by S. Mahan to receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COUNCILLOR
REPORTS**

Councillor Reports – April, 2014
Not available at this time

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Committee Reports

ASB Member's Report

Councillor K. Westerlund provided a report regarding the Agricultural Service Board.

MPC Chairman's Report

Councillor K. Westerlund provided a report regarding the Municipal Planning Commission.

Family and Community Support Services

Councillor M. Gressler provided a report regarding the FCSS committee meeting.

North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance

Councillor M. Gressler provided a report regarding the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance.

Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant

Councillor A. Heinrich provided a report regarding the Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant.

Pembina Sentinel Air Monitoring

Councillor M. Thompson provided a report regarding the Pembina Sentinel Air Monitoring.

Agricultural Complex Feasibility Committee

A. Heinrich provided a report regarding the Agricultural Complex Feasibility Committee.

Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee

Councillor M. Gressler provided a report regarding the Community Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee.

Breton Community Centre Fund Raising Committee

Councillor M. Thompson provided a report regarding the Breton Community Centre Fund Raising Committee.

Aquatics Facility Fund Development Strategy Committee

Councillor M. Gressler provided a report regarding the Aquatics Facility Feasibility Study Committee.

Ad-hoc Housing Condition Index Committee

Councillor K. Westerlund provided a report regarding the Ad-hoc Housing Condition Index Committee

586/14 Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the Councillor Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MEETING
DATES**

Meeting Dates

Scheduling Budget 2015 Meeting

587/14 Moved by M. Gressler to schedule 2015 Budget meetings for November 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Divisional Meetings Questions and Answers

588/14 Moved by K. Westerlund to add a discussion regarding the Divisional Meetings questions and answers to the May 15, 2014 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS/
APPOINTMENTS**

Delegations/Appointments

Populus Community Planning – Beth Sanders

Beth Sanders from Populus Community Planning attended the meeting to discussion planning issues with Council.

**RECESS FOR
LUNCH**

589/14 Moved by M. Gressler that the regular Council meeting of May 6, 2014 recess for lunch at 11:57 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve P. Vos called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

PRESENT

- P. Vos, Reeve
- M. Thompson, Councillor
- M. Gressler, Councillor
- A. Heinrich, Councillor
- R. Moir, Councillor
- S. Mahan, Councillor
- K. Westerlund, Councillor
- M. Schoeninger, Chief Administrative Officer
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OTHERS

- L. Allan, Western Review
- M. Lulla, Western Review

SHORT TERM ACTION CHART

Short Term Action Chart

590/14 Moved by M. Thompson to receive for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

10 Year Capital Plan (completion)

591/14 Moved by K. Westerlund to add Twp. Rd 485 (Hwy. 620 to RR74) overlay for 2.1 km. to the agenda for the joint Council meeting with the Town.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

592/14 Moved by A. Heinrich to add Twp. Rd 481 from RR50 to RR50A for an approximate cost of \$290,000 for construction in 2015 on the in-house budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve P. Vos called for a break at 1:14 pm for a photo op for the Breton Community Centre and the meeting resumed at 1:19 pm.

593/14 Moved by S. Mahan to add Twp. Rd 494 from RR80 west approximately 600 m (in house) for an approximate cost of \$114,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

594/14 Moved by M. Gressler to receive for information the walking path – Poplar Ridge Store to Country Style Trailer Court (RR80 and Twp. Rd 492) and that it be part of the September discussions with all walking paths as part of the master recreation study.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

595/14 Moved by M. Gressler that Administration assess Twp. Rd 494 from Lindale Hall to Hwy. 759 – overlay 3.7 km for 1,269,100 in 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

596/14 Moved by K. Westerlund to move Twp. Rd. 502 (RR72 to RR65) base and pave from 2017 to 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor K. Westerlund declared a pecuniary interest under Section 172(1)(d) and left the meeting at 1:42 pm.

597/14 Moved by M. Gressler to move Twp. Rd. 502 (RR72 to Hwy. 22) overlay from 2017 to 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor K. Westerlund returned to the meeting at 1:43 pm.

598/14 Moved by M. Gressler that Administration research the cost of RR82 north of Twp. Rd 504 for approximately 300 meters.

Councillor M. Gressler requested permission to withdraw Motion 598/14

599/14 Moved by K. Westerlund to grant permission to withdraw Motion 598/14

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

600/14 Moved by M. Gressler to proceed to build RR82 north of Twp. Rd 504 for approximately 300 meters for construction in 2015 for a cost of approximately \$100,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

601/14 Moved by S. Mahan that Administration research the cost of building a road at Hwy. 621 west of the river (RR90) for Lyle and Sherry Mears.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

602/14 Moved by R. Moir to add Twp. Rd 484 west of RR91 to the road plan for 2015 at an approximate cost of \$250,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve P. Vos called for a break at 2:32 pm and the meeting resumed at 2:42 pm.

**IN PRIVATE
SESSION**

In Private Session

603/14 Moved by R. Moir that the regular Council Meeting of May 6, 2014 proceed into 'in private' at 2:42 pm for the purpose of discussing: Agriplex; Procedural Bylaw; CAO/Council; Council; and Strategy and Governance Check-in.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

604/14 Moved by K. Westerlund that the regular Council Meeting of May 6, 2014 come out of 'in private' at 4:43 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

605/14 Moved by M. Gressler that Brazeau County be the lead on the Agriplex Facility through their participation on the Ag-Rec Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

606/14 Moved by M. Thompson that the Ag-Rec Committee complete the terms of reference with the support of Brazeau County Administration or designate with an upset value of \$20,000 to come from unrestricted surplus.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

607/14 Moved by S. Mahan that Administration inquire about land acquisition opportunities from ESRD for recreation development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

608/14 Moved by R. Moir to cancel the June 16, 2014 Land Use Bylaw Review meeting and substitute Strategic Planning Education Session with Beth Sanders.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT **609/14** Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular Council Meeting of May 6, 2014 adjourn at 4:45 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer