

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN BRAZEAU COUNTY ON TUESDAY 2021 01 19

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve B. Guyon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT

B. Guyon, Reeve
H. Swan, Councillor (by telephone)
D. Wiltse, Councillor (by telephone)
S. Wheale, Councillor
M. Gressler, Councillor
A. Heinrich, Councillor
K. Westerlund, Councillor
J. Whaley, Chief Administrative Officer
S. McKerry, Administration
T. Scharfl, Executive Assistant
J. Grainger, Customer Service/Administrative Assistant
K. MacInnis, Corporate Communications Coordinator (by telephone)

ADDITION TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition to and Adoption of Agenda

047/21-01-19

Moved by M. Gressler to approve the agenda with the following additions:

5. CAO Report
 - b) Monetary Update

7. Planning and Development
 - b) CHRS designation - additional support letters from City of Fort Saskatchewan and Yellowhead County

10. Community Services
 - a) Airport - additional information

13. General Matters
 - d) Mediator Resumes
 - f) 1976 Loughheed Coal Policy
 - g) Rally Canada

35. Closed Session
 - Remove "b" Exit Interview
 - b) Independent Contractor *FOIP Section 16*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

Adoption of Minutes

048/21-01-19 Moved by K. Westerlund to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2021 Council meeting as amended:

Motion 022/21-01-05 - H. Swan was not absent - voted in-favour
Page 20 H. Swan was absent from coming out of closed session
and rejoined at 4:45 p.m.

Motion 013/21-01-05 add "and deliberating their interim budget"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS
ARISING**

Business Arising

Follow Up Action List

J. Whaley reviewed the status of the action items.

049/21-01-19 Moved by S. Wheale to add item 12. b) Wide Load Sign to the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

050/21-01-19 Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the Follow Up Action List for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**URGENT
ITEMS**

Urgent Items

None

CAO REPORT

CAO Report

GEN-1 Alternative Workspace Policy

J. Whaley presented the GEN-1 Policy for Council's review.

051/21-01-19 Moved by M. Gressler to receive the GEN-1 Policy for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Monetary Update

J. Whaley reported the cost of her departing does not include a penalty only her approved vacation time in the amount of \$8,114.26 which is based on 32 days approved vacation that she was unable to take during her employment with Brazeau County.

052/21-01-19 Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the monetary update for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT**

Planning and Development

M. Martindale presented information pertaining to Canadian Heritage River System designation.

053/21-01-19 Moved by M. Gressler to direct Administration to send a letter of support with the Reeve's signature for the Nomination of the North Saskatchewan River designation under the Canadian Heritage River System.

054/21-01-19 Moved by A. Heinrich to table Motion 053/21-01-19 until February 2, 2021 so Council can get more information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS/
APPOINTMENTS**

Delegations/Appointments

Drayton Valley Hospital Concerns

Laura MacRae presented her concerns with a recent visit by her daughter-in-law to the Drayton Valley Hospital and asked Council to find out about Alberta Health Services rules that resulted in a miscarriage of health care. Her main concerns are that there are no CT service while an operator is on vacation; STARS would have been a better solution in this case and the county contributes to that service; the daughter-in-law was accused of being on street drugs. She asked where these rules are listed or where they come from. Could Council find this out? She asked Council to find out what the rules are and lobby for some better care on behalf of your constituents?

055/21-01-19 Moved by S. Wheale to receive the presentation from Laura MacRae for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

056/21-01-19 Moved by S. Wheale to direct Administration to work with the County's government relations consultant to develop a lobbying strategy to improve health care, specifically in this region and bring back to Council for February 16, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 9:59 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 10:08 a.m.

FIRE SERVICES

Fire Services

Fire Department Stats November and December 2020

T. Thomson presented the Fire Department updates from November and December 2020.

K. Westerlund left the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

057/21-01-19 Moved by M. Gressler to receive the fire department updates for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services

Pembina Regional Aerodrome Association

L. Chambers presented updated information concerning the Aerodrome's Budget request.

058/21-01-19 Moved by D. Wiltse to direct Administration to contact Rocky Mountain House regarding their airport agreement, receive the report for information and add it as a topic for mediation discussion with the Town of Drayton Valley.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

059/21-01-19 Moved by H. Swan to also research the Villeneuve airport.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PSS-8 Policy Close Contacts

L. Chambers presented the Close Contact Policy as required by the Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General for the Peace Officers.

060/21-01-19 Moved by M. Gressler to approve PSS-8 Policy Close Contacts as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works

Household Hazardous Waste Recycling

L. Fischer presented options and potential costs associated with implementing additional recycling of used oil and other toxic liquid waste.

061/21-01-19 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the report on recycling for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Wide Load Signage on Hwy 621 Alberta Transportation (AT)

Council inquired about the status of the requested and promised wide load indicator sign on Highway 621 from Alberta Transportation. L. Fischer provided an update that AT sited budget concerns, and AT wanted the County to take over the costs of the maintenance for the sign and that was why there has been no action.

062/21-01-19 Moved by M. Gressler to direct Administration to get back to Alberta Transportation regarding the signage they promised on the bridge on HWY 621.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K. Westerlund returned to the meeting at 10:49 a.m. and left at 10:51 a.m.

**GENERAL
MATTERS**

General Matters

ADM-24 Wetlands Policy

S. McIntosh presented ADM-24 Policy for Council's review and approval.

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 10:56 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 11:04 a.m.

**PUBLIC INPUT
SESSION**

Public Input Session

Reeve B. Guyon opened the Public Input Session at 11:04 a.m.

No public input

Reeve B. Guyon closed the Public Input Session at 11:07 a.m.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

Media Questions

None

**GENERAL
MATTERS**

General Matters

ADM-24 Wetlands Policy, ADM-25 Water Conservation Policy, ADM-26 Installation of Bioswales and Green Infrastructure Policy

Discussion continued.

K. Westerlund joined the meeting by telephone at 11:14 a.m.

063/21-01-19 Moved by S. Wheale to table items 13. a), b) and c) to the February 2, 2021 meeting and allow for Council to provide feedback directly to Administration.

(K. Westerlund absent from the vote due to technical difficulties)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mediator for Co-mediation with the Town of Drayton Valley

K. Westerlund joined the meeting at 11:24 a.m. by telephone.

064/21-01-19 Moved by M. Gressler to table the Mediator discussion until later on in the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. Whaley left the meeting at 11:36 a.m. and L. Fischer sat as Administrative representation.

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Discussion

Council discussed FCSS following the gathering with the Town of Drayton Valley regarding rural programming improvements and the County taking FCSS in-house.

065/21-01-19 Moved by M. Gressler to approve Council attendance at the February 23, 2021 Mental Health Workshop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. Whaley returned to the meeting at 11:43 a.m. and L. Fischer left.

1976 Lougheed Coal Policy

S. Wheale raised the 1976 Lougheed Coal Policy prohibiting open pit mining and commented that it was rescinded this summer. She has researched the lease agreements that have come to service with Chinese investors and the impact on North Saskatchewan River and our headwaters. The province has shut down coal mines but now allowing the Chinese to strip mine. She has concerns with selenium effects on drinking water and that the First Nations were not contacted.

H. Swan indicated that Minister Savage revoked the permits.

066/21-01-19 Moved by S. Wheale to direct Administration to bring back research regarding the Lougheed Coal Policy and recent decisions to the next Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rally Canada Propaganda Posted on County Door on January 17, 2021

Council discussed the propaganda posted on the County's doors regarding COVID restrictions.

067/21-01-19 Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to gather further information on the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and how that would relate to health orders and mandates.

IN FAVOUR

A. Heinrich
H. Swan
K. Westerlund
D. Wiltse
B. Guyon

OPPOSED

S. Wheale

M. Gressler

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE
ITEMS**

Correspondence/Items for Information

L. Oberle re: Board Placements, Road Approach, Agreements with the Town, Church

068/21-01-19 Moved by M. Gressler to receive the letter from L. Oberle for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COUNCILLOR
REPORTS**

Councillor Reports for December 2020

Reeve B. Guyon reported that he attended:

- Regular Council Meeting x 2
- RMA Meeting
- ALUS
- Meeting with MLA Smith
- Municipal Affairs
- MLA Getson and MLA Smith
- Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant
- Special Meeting regarding Code of Conduct Bylaw 1010
- CAO Interviews x 2

Councillor S. Wheale reported that she attended:

- Regular Council Meeting x 2
- Code of Conduct Bylaw Review
- Review Resumes for CAO
- CAO Interviews x 2
- ASB

Councillor A. Heinrich reported that he attended:

- Regular Council Meeting x 2
- MPC and RMA Town Hall
- Code of Conduct Bylaw Review
- MPC
- Review Resumes for CAO
- CAO Interviews x 2

Councillor K. Westerlund reported that she attended:

- **Regular Council Meeting x 2**
- **MPC x 2**
- **Physician Recruitment**
- **Special Council Meeting**
- **Review Resumes for CAO**
- **CAO Interviews x 2**

Councillor H. Swan reported that she attended:

- **Regular Council Meeting x 2**
- **RMA Webinar**
- **Finance Minister Town Hall**
- **WCAS Meeting**
- **Minister of Agriculture Leduc Chamber**
- **Premier Townhall**
- **Legal Education Session**
- **ASB**
- **Review Resumes for CAO**
- **CAO Interviews x 2**

Councillor M. Gressler reported that he attended:

- **Regular Council Meeting x 2**
- **MPC**
- **FCSS Meeting**
- **Bylaw 1010-18 Discussion**
- **MPC**
- **Review Resumes for CAO**
- **CAO Interviews x 2**

Councillor D. Wiltse reported that she attended:

- **Regular Council Meeting x 2**
- **YRL Board Organizational Meeting**
- **Bylaw Procedures Meeting**
- **ASB**
- **Review Resumes for CAO**
- **CAO Interviews x 2**

069/21-01-19

Moved by M. Gressler to receive the Councillor Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 12:08 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 12:52 p.m.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Committee Reports

Agricultural Service Board Member's Report (ASB)

Councillor S. Wheale provided a report regarding the Agricultural Service Board

Municipal Planning Commission Member's Report (MPC)

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

Brazeau Seniors Foundation Report

Councillor M. Gressler provided a report regarding the Brazeau Seniors Foundation.

Drayton Valley Municipal Library Board

Councillor S. Wheale provided a report regarding the Drayton Valley Municipal Library Board.

Breton Municipal Library Board

Councillor S. Wheale provided a report regarding the Breton Municipal Library Board.

West Central Airshed Society

Councillor H. Swan provided a report regarding the West Central Airshed Society.

Yellowhead Regional Library Board

Councillor D. Wiltse provided a report regarding the Yellowhead Regional Library Board.

Drayton Valley and District FCSS

No report

North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance

No report

Eagle Point/Blue Rapids Parks Council (EPBR)

Councillor A. Heinrich provided a report regarding the EPBR Parks Council.

Pembina Area Synergy Group

No report

Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee

No report

Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre (EPAC)

No report

Northern Mayors Group

No report

Breton and District Family Community Support Services (FCSS)

No report

Alternative Land Use Service Partnership Advisory Committee (ALUS PAC)

Reeve B. Guyon provided a report regarding the ALUS committee.

Recreation Board

No report

Chamber of Commerce

No report

Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant Board

No report

070/21-01-19 Moved by S. Wheale to receive the Councillor Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mediators

071/21-01-19 Moved by M. Gressler that we employ Bill Diepeveen as the co-mediator with the Town of Drayton Valley.

IN FAVOUR

M. Gressler
K. Westerlund
D. Wiltse

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich
S. Wheale
B. Guyon
H. Swan

DEFEATED

072/21-01-19 Moved by H. Swan to appoint Bill Sutherland as the co-mediator with the Town of Drayton Valley.

IN FAVOUR

A. Heinrich

H. Swan

B. Guyon

K. Westerlund

D. Wiltse

M. Gressler

OPPOSED

S. Wheale

CARRIED

**CLOSED
SESSION**

Closed Session

073/21-01-19

Moved by M. Gressler that the regular Council Meeting of January 19, 2021 proceed into 'closed session' at 1:16 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

a) Organizational Chart *FOIP Section 19*

b) Independent Contractor *FOIP Section 16*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L. Fischer, Director of Public Works, Planning and Development joined the closed session at 1:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Independent Contractor *FOIP Section 16*.

074/21-01-19

Moved by K. Westerlund that the regular Council Meeting of January 19, 2021 come out of 'closed session' at 2:03 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 2:04 p.m. to allow the public ample time to return and the meeting resumed at 2:10 p.m.

075/21-01-19

Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the organizational chart for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

076/21-01-19

Moved by M. Gressler to direct Administration to continue working on an app for safety.

IN FAVOUR

A. Heinrich

B. Guyon

D. Wiltse

K. Westerlund

M. Gressler

OPPOSED
S. Wheale
H. Swan
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

077/21-01-19 Moved by H. Swan that the regular Council Meeting of January 19,
2021 adjourn at 2:19 p.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Reeve



Interim Chief Administrative Officer