

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN BRAZEAU COUNTY ON TUESDAY 2021 03 02**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve B. Guyon called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**PRESENT**

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

**OATH OF OFFICE**

S. Wheale was sworn in as Deputy Reeve.

**ADDITION TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Addition to and Adoption of Agenda**

**183/21-03-02**

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

9. Public Works
  - b) Equipment Tender VEH-0037 Tri-Axle Truck
10. Agriculture Services
  - a) Comments from Dallas Ekstrom
14. Correspondence
  - c) Lynn Oberle re: Coal Mines
35. Closed Session
  - d) Land Lease SE 29-49-07-W5M *FOIP Section 19*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADOPTION OF  
MINUTES**

**Adoption of Minutes**

**184/21-03-02** Moved by K. Westerlund to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 Regular Council meeting as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**185/21-03-02** Moved by K. Westerlund to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2021 Special Council meeting as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS  
ARISING**

**Business Arising**

**Follow Up Action List**

S. McKerry reviewed the status of the action items.

**186/21-03-02** Moved by M. Gressler to receive the Follow Up Action List for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**URGENT  
ITEMS**

**Urgent Items**

None

**FIRE SERVICES**

**Fire Services**

**2021 Fire Department January Stats**

T. Thomson presented the Fire Department Stats for January 2021.

**187/21-03-02** Moved by D. Wiltse to receive the Fire Department Stats for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT**

**Planning and Development**

**Canadian Heritage Rivers System Designation (CHRS)**

Council discussed the Canadian Heritage River Designation.

**Original Motion from January 19, 2021:**

**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.

**IN FAVOUR**

M. Gressler

**OPPOSED**

A. Heinrich

S. Wheale

H. Swan

B. Guyon

K. Westerlund

D. Wiltse

**DEFEATED**

**188/21-03-02**

Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the Canadian Heritage Rivers System Designation for information.

**IN FAVOUR**

A. Heinrich

S. Wheale

H. Swan

B. Guyon

K. Westerlund

D. Wiltse

**OPPOSED**

M. Gressler

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Public Works**

**Micro-surfacing and Chip Seal Test Sections**

L. Fischer presented a request to select an alternative location for the chip seal product.

**189/21-03-02**

Moved by M. Gressler that Council delay this report and allow Administration to bring back more information to final budget.

**IN FAVOUR**

A. Heinrich

H. Swan

B. Guyon

K. Westerlund

D. Wiltse

M. Gressler

**OPPOSED**

S. Wheale

**CARRIED**

**Equipment Tender VEH-0037 Tri-Axle Truck**

L. Fischer presented tender results for the Tri-Axle Truck

**190/21-03-02** Moved by S. Wheale to direct Administration to proceed in awarding Part A of the equipment tender for the TriAxle Truck to Western Star Trucks in the amount of \$184,977.00, and Part B of the equipment tender for the Hydraulic System & Gravel Box to Industrial Machine Inc. in the amount of \$55,560.00.

**IN FAVOUR**

A. Heinrich

S. Wheale

H. Swan

B. Guyon

K. Westerlund

D. Wiltse

**OPPOSED**

M. Gressler

**CARRIED**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 9:32 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 9:39 a.m.

**191/21-03-02** Moved by A. Heinrich to add item 13. b) Solar Opportunities to the agenda.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**AGRICULTURAL  
SERVICES**

**Agricultural Services**

**Herbicide Rebate Program Policy**

C. Pankonin presented the adjusted draft Herbicide Rebate Program Policy.

**192/21-03-02** Moved by H. Swan to allow Dallas Ekstrom to speak to the issue.

S. Wheale offered a friendly amendment to allow the public to speak to the issue.

H. Swan accepted the amendment.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**193/21-03-02** Moved by M. Gressler to table the Herbicide discussion until after the public hearing.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon declared pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Deputy Reeve S. Wheale assumed the chair.  
**Public Hearing: Bylaw 1068-20**

**194/21-03-02** Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular Council Meeting of March 2, 2021 proceed into public hearing for Bylaw 1068-20 at 10:02 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Chandra Dyck presented Bylaw 1068-20 to Rezone NW 30-50-08-W5M from Agriculture to Agricultural Holdings for second and third readings.

Public Input: None

**195/21-03-02** Moved by K. Westerlund that the regular Council Meeting of March 2, 2021 come out of Public Hearing at 10:06 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**196/21-03-02** Moved by M. Gressler to give second reading to Bylaw 1068-20.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**197/21-03-02** Moved by K. Westerlund to give third reading to Bylaw 1068-20.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon returned to the meeting and resumed the chair at 10:07 a.m.

**AGRICULTURAL SERVICES**

**Agricultural Services**

**Herbicide Rebate Program Policy**

Discussion continued on the Herbicide Rebate Program Policy.

Dallas Ekstrom - supported proposed ASB recommendations.

Allan Taylor - Spoke to the importance of transparency; the responsibility of the farmers; asked who are these big users? Stated the policy is totally unfair; if you can't afford to spray you shouldn't be farming; giving out all this money is ridiculous; asked how did this happen? Stated this has to quit; He told council to pay attention to what they are doing; Councillors need to represent the people not themselves; He questioned why Bart was voting on this as he was big farmer.

Mike Mueller - Commented that people are not abusing the system; Spoke to the price of herbicide and that we can't tell people where to buy their products; He does not mind his name being made public if all names are made public for all programs; He agreed with Dallas that the policy works well; Don't fix it if it's not broken; If a cap is suggested make it not less than \$5000.

Dallas Ekstrom - Encouraged Council to refocus on the problem of weeds.

**PUBLIC INPUT  
SESSION**

**Public Input Session**

Reeve B. Guyon opened the Public Input Session at 11:03 a.m.

Allan Taylor spoke to an email he sent about Edmonton Council's response to coal mining and the negative impact of mining on water. He asked what Council was doing about this issue and reminded them of their responsibilities to help the people.

Dallas Ekstrom thanked council for their efforts in reduction of red tape and encouraged them not to add more red tape at any instance.

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

**AGRICULTURAL  
SERVICES**

**Agricultural Services**

**Herbicide Rebate Program Policy**

Discussion continued on the Herbicide Rebate Program Policy.

**198/21-03-02**

Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to amend the AG-3 policy that any person requesting a rebate need to sign off on their name being published, and that Administration will award up to \$1600 per application for the first presentation of an invoice in a season and then if there is money available in the fund then the ASB will award proportionally to all other applicants for the remaining funds; also staff has the discretion to approve the broader scope for chemical of acreage owners only.

S. Wheale offered a friendly amendment to change the rebate from 60% to 50%.

A. Heinrich accepted the amendment.

**IN FAVOUR**

A. Heinrich  
S. Wheale  
K. Westerlund  
M. Gressler

**OPPOSED**

D. Wiltse  
H. Swan  
B. Guyon

**CARRIED**

**199/21-03-02** Moved by M. Gressler to direct Administration to research a policy regarding public disclosure regarding rebates.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 11:20 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 11:28 a.m.

**MEDIA QUESTIONS** Media Questions  
None

**COMMUNITY SERVICES** Community Services

**Draft Animal Control Bylaw 1073-21**

L. Chambers presented the draft Animal Control Bylaw.

**200/21-03-02** Moved by D. Wiltse to give first reading to Bylaw 1073-21.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**201/21-03-02** Moved by M. Gressler to give second reading to Bylaw 1073-21.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**202/21-03-02** Moved by S. Wheale to go to third reading for Bylaw 1073-21.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**203/21-03-02** Moved by A. Heinrich to give third reading to Bylaw 1073-21.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Drayton Valley and District Historical Society Letter of Support Request**

L. Chambers presented updated information that the Historical Society no longer required the letter of support.

**204/21-03-02** Moved by S. Wheale to receive the Drayton Valley and District Historical Society Letter of Support Request update for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**FINANCE** Finance

**LARB/CARB Costs Update**

C. Swap presented the cost association with training LARB and CARB members at large.

**205/21-03-02** Moved by S. Wheale to receive the report on LARB and CARB for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**GENERAL  
MATTERS**

**General Matters**

**Tourism Sub Committee**

A. Heinrich presented a request from Eagle Point Blue Rapids Board for Brazeau County representation on a Tourism Sub Committee.

**206/21-03-02** Moved by S. Wheale to receive the Tourism Sub Committee request for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**207/21-03-02** Moved by A. Heinrich to add to the agenda 13. c) Coal Mining Concerns and d) Tax sheets from FCSS.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Solar Opportunities**

B. Guyon requested Administration to research the Solar Club opportunities.

**208/21-03-02** Moved by M. Gressler to direct Administration to look into revenue from our solar arrays.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Coal Mining Concerns**

A. Heinrich raised ratepayer concerns regarding coal mining.

**209/21-03-02** Moved by M. Gressler to table the Coal Mining Concerns until after lunch.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 12:03 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 12:40 p.m.

**210/21-03-02** Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to draft a letter to the Premier and Minister Savage, copied to MLA M. Smith, requesting the government of Alberta to begin public consultation, including current relevant legislation, with all stakeholders in Alberta on any proposed revisions or replacements of the 1976 Lougheed Coal Policy.

**IN FAVOUR**

A. Heinrich

S. Wheale

H. Swan

B. Guyon

K. Westerlund

D. Wiltse



**OPPOSED**  
M. Gressler  
**CARRIED**

**Tax Sheets from FCSS**

**211/21-03-02** Moved by M. Gressler to direct Administration to distribute the community tax program information via appropriate media.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORRESPONDENCE  
ITEMS**

**Correspondence/Items for Information**

**Ashlie Spice re: affordable childcare**

**212/21-03-02** Moved by D. Wiltse to direct Administration to write a letter to the Province requesting they assist with affordable childcare.

**IN FAVOUR**  
A. Heinrich  
H. Swan  
B. Guyon  
K. Westerlund  
D. Wiltse  
M. Gressler  
**OPPOSED**  
S. Wheale  
**CARRIED**

**Lynn Oberle re: weed rebate**

**213/21-03-02** Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the letter from Mr. Oberle for information.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Lynn Oberle re: coal mines**

**214/21-03-02** Moved by H. Swan to receive the letter from Mr. Oberle for information.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**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**

No report

**Yellowhead Regional Library Board**

No report

**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 meeting

**Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre (EPAC)**

No report

**Northern Mayors Group**

No report

**Breton and District Family Community Support Services (FCSS)**

Councillor D. Wiltse provided a report regarding the Breton FCSS.

**Alternative Land Use Service Partnership Advisory Committee (ALUS PAC)**

No report

**Recreation Board**

No report

**Chamber of Commerce**

Councillor D. Wiltse provided a report regarding the Chamber of Commerce.

**Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant Board**

Councillor B. Guyon provided a report regarding the Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant.

**215/21-03-02** Moved by M. Gressler to receive the Councillor Reports for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MEETING  
DATES**

**Meeting Dates**

**Special Council Meetings for Mediation Discussions**

**216/21-03-02** Moved by K. Westerlund to set Special Council meetings for mediation discussions as: March 15: 11:00 AM-5:00 PM, March 29: 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, March 30: 8:00 AM-1:00 PM.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**April 8, 2021 Final Budget Meeting Proposed Change**

K. Westerlund requested a change of date or time for the April 8, 2021 budget meeting.

**217/21-03-02** Moved by M. Gressler to change the final budget meeting of April 8, 2021 start time to 11:30 a.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**218/21-03-02** Moved by S. Wheale to add item 35. d) Drayton Valley Library Board FOIP Section 19 to the agenda.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 1:36 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 1:42 p.m.

**CLOSED  
SESSION**

**Closed Session**

**219/21-03-02** Moved by M. Gressler that the regular Council Meeting of March 2, 2021 proceed into 'closed session' at 1:43 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- a) Lodgepole Land Purchase *FOIP Section 19*
- b) Recreation Cost Sharing Agreements *FOIP Section 21*
- c) Mediation Discussion *FOIP Section 21*
- d) Land Lease SE 29-49-07-W5M *FOIP Section 19*
- e) Drayton Valley Library Board *FOIP Section 19*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

S. McIntosh, and L. Chambers joined the closed session at 1:43 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Lodgepole Land Purchase *FOIP Section 19*, Recreation Cost Sharing agreements *FOIP Section 21* and Land Lease SE 29-49-07-W5M *FOIP Section 19*.

**220/21-03-02** Moved by M. Gressler that the regular Council Meeting of March 2, 2021 come out of 'closed session' at 3:41 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 3:41 p.m. to allow the public ample time to return and the meeting resumed at 3:51 p.m.

**221/21-03-02** Moved by M. Gressler to add the Drayton Valley Recreation Agreement to the agenda.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**222/21-03-02** Moved by D. Wiltse to approve the Drayton Valley Recreation agreement as presented.

**IN FAVOUR**

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

**OPPOSED**

M. Gressler

**CARRIED**

**223/21-03-02** Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to continue agreement discussions with the Village of Breton.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**224/21-03-02**

Moved by K. Westerlund that the Regular Council Meeting of March 2, 2021 adjourn at 3:54 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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Reeve



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Interim Chief Administrative Officer