

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN BRAZEAU COUNTY ON TUESDAY 2021 07 20

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve B. Guyon called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

PRESENT

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

URGENT ADDITIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition to and Adoption of Agenda

615/21-07-20

Moved by H. Swan to approve the agenda with the following additions:

7. Planning and Development
b) Head Banger's Ball – S. Wheale

8. Public Works
b) Range Road 65 Dust Control

c) Range Road 65 north of Hwy 22 Traffic Concerns - S. Wheale

d) Range Road 83 Gate Update - B. Guyon

9. Agriculture
b) Prociuk Weed Concerns - B. Guyon

12. General Matters
c) Wildlife Nuisance - K. Westerlund
- Email from Rocky Rapids Community Association

13. Correspondence
c) Lynn Oberle re: June 15, 2021 Council Meeting Concerns

35. Closed Session
e) Land FOIP Section 16

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

Adoption of Minutes

616/21-07-20 Moved by D. Wiltse to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021 regular Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS
ARISING**

Business Arising

Follow Up Action List

S. McKerry reviewed the status of the action items.

617/21-07-20 Moved by H. Swan to receive the Follow Up Action List for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CAO REPORT

CAO Report

Council Chamber Video Solution

S. McKerry presented a report on live streaming of Council meetings.

618/21-07-20 Moved by K. Westerlund that Council add the Council Chamber Video Solution discussion to the 2022 budget deliberations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS/
APPOINTMENTS**

Delegations/Appointments

RCMP

Sgt. E.L. (Erin) Matthews, Drayton Valley RCMP Detachment, and Sgt. Dwayne Moore, Breton RCMP Detachment presented status updates for their respective detachments. New District Officer for Central Alberta C/Supt. Darcy Fleury, and advisor S/Sgt. John Spaans DANCO (District Advisory NCO) introduced themselves to Council and had a conversation regarding Council's current crime trends and priorities.

619/21-07-20 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the RCMP reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 9:53 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 10:01 a.m.

"Small Town, Big Life" This is Drayton Valley

Rob Mulligan and Tara Middlemiss presented a media campaign for Council's potential investment in the amount of \$75,000.00.

K. Westerlund left the meeting at 10:20 a.m. and joined by telephone at 10:21 a.m.

620/21-07-20 Moved by H. Swan to add to the agenda as item 10. d) *"Small Town, Big Life"* media campaign for further discussion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT**

Planning and Development

PD-7 Slope Discussion

Council discussed the definition of "slopes" within Policy PD-7 and reviewed H. Swan's research of steep and/or unstable slopes.

621/21-07-20 Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to remove the slope consideration from PD-7 policy.

IN FAVOUR

A. Heinrich
S. Wheale
B. Guyon
D. Wiltse

OPPOSED

M. Gressler
K. Westerlund
H. Swan

CARRIED

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 10:56 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 11:05 a.m.

**PUBLIC INPUT
SESSION**

Public Input Session

Reeve B. Guyon opened the Public Input Session at 11:06 a.m.

Allan Taylor spoke to emergency services drivers not realizing that RR 53 is a dead end road. He said he drove Twp 492 east of the airport road and the road was terrible. He asked if the Twp 473 costs were for another goat trail. He questioned Council's virtual attendance at the FCM conference and commented that only one councilor made a report. He further inquired about the WEC project. He asked about the letter regarding coal and when will Council send it. He spoke about Robin Campbell's alignment with the Premier and promoting and lobbying for coal mining. He encouraged Council to work

with the people not the UCP government. He expressed that he does not appreciate his phone number being given out, without his prior permission, after he received a call regarding the campgrounds.

Dixie Taylor told Council to not be bullied into doing something wrong, do what you know is in your heart is the thing to do, and not to destroy beautiful Alberta. She is devastated that Council is supporting coal by having Mr. Campbell present today.

K. Westerlund returned to the meeting in person at 11:23 a.m.

James Parlog from Cynthia spoke to his drainage issue in the back alley that is causing his garage to flood. He is requesting a culvert. He spoke to further issues with school bus and trailers. The slope in the ditches has increased and he is concerned that the kids will fall off. He requested backfill and a culvert to allow for parking and room for trucks to turn around.

Duane Movald from Division 6 spoke to his concern with the recent paving of Hwy 616. He commented that the shoulders are extremely narrow and this is a safety concern as is the cable guardrails. He asked what input Council has to influence the Province regarding the design of roads.

Reeve B. Guyon closed the Public Input Session at 11:35 a.m.

622/21-07-20 Moved by H. Swan to have Administration bring back information on the Cynthia streets and sidewalks and the school bus issues.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

623/21-07-20 Moved by S. Wheale to add item 12. e) Changes to Farm Rate Auto Insurance, to the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works

TWP 473 (RR52 to RR53) - Cost Estimates

A. Saltesz presented the cost estimates to develop Township Road 473 from Range Road 52 to Range Road 53 including the ½ mile section of Range Road 52.

624/21-07-20 Moved by M. Gressler to receive the report on Twp 473 for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Head Banger's Ball

S. Wheale brought forward concerns on behalf of her residents with the advertised large event planned in the County. Administration provided an update regarding the special event permit application process.

625/21-07-20 Moved by S. Wheale to decline the special events permit for the Head Bangers Ball Festival based on restricted timelines and incomplete application, and should any continued advertisements and/or breaches of Bylaw 1005-18 be enforceable.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 12:05 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 12:40 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works

Range Road 65 Dust Control

A. Saltesz presented updated information on the dust control product applied to the gravel roads adjacent to the Taverner Pit.

626/21-07-20 Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the RR 65 Dust Control Report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Range Road 65 north of Hwy 22 Traffic Concerns

S. Wheale raised concern with RR 65 and HWY 22 intersection with traffic north bound on Hwy 22 that travels through the stop sign on the highway and continues north on RR 65. The travelers misinterpret the RR 65 as Hwy 22. The big trucks have nowhere to turn around and are using residents' driveways; thus causing a dangerous situation.

627/21-07-20 Moved by S. Wheale to direct Administration to send a letter to Alberta Transportation and the Minister regarding better signage for the HWY 22 and HWY 39 intersection including a lit stop sign, and potential passing/turning lane for traffic turning onto Range Road 65.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

628/21-07-20 Moved by S. Wheale to direct Administration to research costs and the potential for the installation of signage at the intersection of HWY 22 and HWY 39 at Range Road 65.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS/
APPOINTMENTS**

Delegations/Appointments

Coal Association of Canada

Robin Campbell and Guy Gilron presented information regarding the current coal industry in Alberta.

629/21-07-20 Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the Coal Association Presentation for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Range Road 83 Gate Update

B. Guyon requested an update on the gate situation on Range Road 83. Administration provided a timeline for the work.

630/21-07-20 Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the Range Road 83 Gate Update for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**AGRICULTURE
SERVICES**

Agricultural Services

State of Agricultural Disaster

S. Wheale brought forward requests from residents to declare a state of agriculture disaster.

631/21-07-20 Moved by M. Gressler to declare Brazeau County in the state of Agricultural Disaster.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

632/21-07-20 Moved by S. Wheale to direct Administration to draft a letter on behalf of Council for the Reeve's signature thanking Minister Toews to allow salvage crops to be used for livestock.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 2:06 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 2:17 p.m.

Prociuk Weed Concerns

Reeve B. Guyon gave an update on the Prociuk's weed concerns and the communications he has had with the residents.

633/21-07-20 Moved by S. Wheale to direct Administration to send a registered letter to the concerned landowner with regards to the weed issue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES**

Community Services

Recreation Fee Assistance Program

K. Westerlund presented the Town of Drayton Valley's Fee Assistance Program.

634/21-07-20 Moved by K. Westerlund to add Recreation Fee Assistance Program discussion to the 2022 budget deliberations.

IN FAVOUR

H. Swan
B. Guyon
K. Westerlund
D. Wiltse
M. Gressler

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich
S. Wheale

CARRIED

Cemetery Bylaw 1083-21

L. Chambers presented Cemetery Bylaw 1083-21 for three readings.

635/21-07-20 Moved by A. Heinrich to give first reading to Bylaw 1083-21.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

M. Gressler
K. Westerlund

CARRIED

636/21-07-20 Moved by D. Wiltse to give second reading to Bylaw 1083-21.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

M. Gressler
K. Westerlund

CARRIED

637/21-07-20

Moved by S. Wheale to go to third reading of Bylaw 1083-21.

IN FAVOUR

A. Heinrich

S. Wheale

H. Swan

B. Guyon

D. Wiltse

K. Westerlund

OPPOSED

M. Gressler

MOTION LOST AS REQUIRED UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO PROCEED

Cause and Effect of Green Energy and Coal Industry in Alberta

L. Chambers presented updated information on the request for a presentation on the coal industry in Alberta.

638/21-07-20

Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the update report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

"Small Town, Big Life" Media Campaign

639/21-07-20

Moved by M. Gressler to direct Administration to look into where the money could come from if Council decided to move forward with investing in the media campaign and review the project by August 3, 2021.

IN FAVOUR

H. Swan

B. Guyon

K. Westerlund

D. Wiltse

M. Gressler

Opposed

A. Heinrich

S. Wheale

CARRIED

FINANCE

Finance

Audit Services RFP Update

N. Tank presented an option for a one-year appointment of the auditors.

640/21-07-20 Moved by K. Westerlund that Council appoint Metrix Group LLP as the provider of external audit services for a one-year term for the fiscal year end on December 31, 2021 as per the External Audit Services Request for Proposal.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MATTERS

General Matters

Eagle Valley Brazeau County Letter of Support

Council reviewed the request from Avalie Peck for a letter of support to apply for funds under Travel Alberta's Capital Investment Program for her River Resort Project.

Reeve B. Guyon declared pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 2:43 p.m. Deputy Reeve S. Wheale assumed the chair.

641/21-07-20 Moved by K. Westerlund to send a letter of support to Avalie Peck to apply for funds under Travel Alberta's Capital Investment Program for her River Resort Project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon returned to the meeting at 2:44 p.m. and resumed the chair.

Emergency Management Advisory Committee Update

R. Evans provided an update report regarding staffing challenges and transition of positions within the Brazeau Emergency Management Committee.

642/21-07-20 Moved by K. Westerlund to approve the hiring of a Safety Officer.

IN FAVOUR

M. Gressler

H. Swan

K. Westerlund

D. Wiltse

OPPOSED

B. Guyon

S. Wheale

A. Heinrich

CARRIED

Wildlife Nuisance

K. Westerlund raised concerns on behalf of residents in Rocky Rapids asking the County to trap skunks.

Memorial for Drowning Victims at Saskatchewan River

D. Wiltse raised concerns from residents about lack of signage in memory of drowning victims.

643/21-07-20 Moved by D. Wiltse to direct Administration to research options for a memorial for dangers of the Saskatchewan River.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Changes to Farm Rate Auto Insurance

S. Wheale made everyone aware that auto insurance companies are changing their rates regarding farm rates. Farmers will be required to prove they have the majority of income from farming to be eligible for discount rates.

644/21-07-20 Moved by D. Wiltse to receive the report on Farm Rate Insurance for information.

IN FAVOUR

A. Heinrich

H. Swan

B. Guyon

K. Westerlund

D. Wiltse

M. Gressler

OPPOSED

S. Wheale

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE
ITEMS**

Correspondence/Items for Information

Minister Mclver re: Vegetation Management along Hwy 39

645/21-07-20 Moved by K. Westerlund to send another letter to Minister of Transportation copied to appropriate individuals reiterating the need to mow highway ditches due to high number of animal collisions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Dean Cloke re: Taverner Dust Control Concern

646/21-07-20 Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the correspondence from Dean Cloke for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lynn Oberle re: June 15, 2021 Council Meeting Concerns

647/21-07-20 Moved by H. Swan to receive the correspondence from Lynn Oberle for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Committee Reports

648/21-07-20 Moved by A. Heinrich to table the committee reports to the next council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 4:17 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 4:25 p.m.

**CLOSED
SESSION**

Closed Session

649/21-07-20 Moved by K. Westerlund that the regular Council Meeting of July 20, 2021 proceed into 'closed session' at 4:26 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- a) Personnel *FOIP Section 19*
- b) Land *FOIP Section 16*
- c) Legal Opinion on Voting Procedures *FOIP Section 23*
- d) Hamlet of Cynthia Lagoon Refurbishment *FOIP Section 16*
- c) Violet Grove Lagoon Wetland's Solar System Costs *FOIP Section 16*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Brian Senio joined the closed session at 4:43 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Land *FOIP Section 16*.

650/21-07-20 Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular Council Meeting of July 20, 2021 come out of 'closed session' at 8:10 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 8:10 p.m. to allow the public ample time to return and the meeting resumed at 8:16 p.m.

651/21-07-20 Moved by H. Swan to increase the staff health and wellness benefit amount from \$300 to \$500 effective immediately.

IN FAVOUR

A. Heinrich

H. Swan

B. Guyon

K. Westerlund

D. Wiltse

M. Gressler

OPPOSED

S. Wheale

CARRIED

652/21-07-20 Moved by K. Westerlund to direct Administration to bring back options on a staff appreciation event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

653/21-07-20 Moved by D. Wiltse to receive the legal opinion on voting for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

654/21-07-20 Moved by M. Gressler to receive the Violet Grove Lagoon Wetland's Solar System Costs report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

655/21-07-20 Moved by K. Westerlund to direct Administration to cancel the Cynthia Lagoon tender and bring back to the fall 2022 budget deliberations.

IN FAVOUR

A. Heinrich

H. Swan

B. Guyon

K. Westerlund

D. Wiltse

M. Gressler

OPPOSED

S. Wheale

CARRIED

656/21-07-20 Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the land discussion item for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

657/21-07-20 Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to start the consultation process with regards to the land discussion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

658/21-07-20 Moved by M. Gressler that the regular Council Meeting of July 20, 2021 adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Reeve



Interim Chief/Administrative Officer