

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN BRAZEAU COUNTY ON TUESDAY 2021 08 17**

**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  
R. Bijeau, Administrative Assistant  
K. MacInnis, Corporate Communications Coordinator (by telephone)

**URGENT ADDITIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Addition to and Adoption of Agenda**

**699/21-08-17**

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

4. CAO Report  
c) Staff Appreciation Event Suggestions - verbal update

7. Public Works  
b) Ditch Maintenance Report

1:30 p.m. Delegations - Brent Hodgson - RStar Remediation Program 2021

34. Meeting Dates  
b) Western Economic Corridor

35. Closed Session  
d) Western Economic Corridor Update *FOIP Section 21*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADOPTION OF  
MINUTES**

**Adoption of Minutes**

**700/21-08-17** Moved by H. Swan to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2021 Council meeting as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS  
ARISING**

**Business Arising**

**Follow Up Action List**

S. McKerry reviewed the status of the action items.

**701/21-08-17** Moved by H. Swan to receive the Follow Up Action List for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CAO REPORT**

**CAO Report**

**PD- 2 Policy**

S. McKerry presented the revised PD-2 Policy for the Extension of Hours for Natural Resources Extraction and Processing Operations.

**702/21-08-17** Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to include a clause within PD-2 that extensions are temporary up to 30 days with option to withdraw with written notice and bring back to Council on September 7, 2021.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**September 30, 2021 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

S. McKerry presented a request for the closure of the office on September 30, 2021 in light of the new national holiday.

**703/21-08-17** Moved by K. Westerlund to recognize September 30, 2021 as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a statutory holiday and office closure date.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Staff Appreciation Event**

S. McKerry presented staff's gratitude for the extended benefit for the Health and Wellness and information gathered on ideas for a staff appreciation event.

**704/21-08-17** Moved by D. Wiltse that Council approve \$5,000.00 and half a day for a staff appreciation event.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon declared pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Deputy Reeve S. Wheale assumed the chair.

**PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT**

**Planning and Development**

**Land Use Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 1085-21 to Rezone Pts NE, SE & SW 3-49-W5M from AG to AGH to Recreation**

C. Dyck presented Bylaw 1085-21 for first reading.

**705/21-08-17** Moved by M. Gressler to give first reading to Bylaw 1085-21 proposing Pts NE, SE & SW 03-49-07-W5M to be rezoned from Agricultural and Agricultural Holdings to Recreation and that the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1085-21 by schedule for 10:15 a.m. on September 7, 2021.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon returned to the meeting at 9:36 a.m. and resumed the chair.

**Lodgepole Crown Land for Request to Purchase**

K. Sterling presented a request for further direction regarding the Crown parcels around Lodgepole the County may be interested in purchasing from the Province.

**706/21-08-17** Moved by D. Wiltse to direct Administration move forward with the application to acquire Crown land located within the purple boundary of the Hamlet of Lodgepole as shown on Appendix A.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 9:52 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 10:02 a.m.

**Amendments to PD-17 Education and Enforcement Policy**

P. Whaley presented the revised Brazeau County Planning and Development Education and Enforcement policy.

**707/21-08-17** Moved by S. Wheale to table PD-17 until after Bylaw 1087-21.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Community Standards Nuisance Bylaw 1087-21**

P. Whaley presented the amended Community Standards Bylaw for first reading.

**708/21-08-17** Moved by A. Heinrich to give first reading to Bylaw 1087-21 and to incorporate the amended suggestions.

**IN FAVOUR**

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

**OPPOSED**

M. Gressler

**CARRIED**

**Amendments to PD-17 Education and Enforcement Policy**

**709/21-08-17** Moved by S. Wheale to amend PD-17 point c) 1 to state “with residency within Brazeau County.”

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**710/21-08-17** Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the report on PD-17 for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Public Works**

**Cynthia Temporary Traffic Control**

A. Saltesz presented options for temporary traffic control measures that can be implemented within the Hamlet of Cynthia to alleviate concerns brought forward regarding parking of vehicles and traffic issues.

**711/21-08-17** Moved by H. Swan to receive the temporary traffic measures report for the hamlet of Cynthia for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 10:55 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 11:02 a.m.

**PUBLIC INPUT  
SESSION**

**Public Input Session**

Reeve B. Guyon opened the Public Input Session at 11:02 a.m.

Pete Calvert asked why the County leaves Range Road 83 so long before maintenance is done. He said the grader did a great job. He suggested the County put the “black stuff” on the road. He asked how much money the County has spent on RR 83 on gravel and calcium since the road has been rebuilt.

Gary Mastre commented on his concerns with Fiscal Energy and the lack of public awareness of the project. He asked for a fact check on the company's promises on what they can actually do to clean the contaminated soil. He is concerned with the radiation in the old lease sites.

Allan Taylor spoke to his concerns with the lack of information of Fiscal Energy, their proposal and the County's involvement. He spoke to messy yards and weeds. He commented that environmental concerns are the biggest issue with contaminated items lying around like oil, antifreeze, and batteries. He further mentioned the lack of anyone to contact for noise complaints.

Reeve B. Guyon closed the Public Input Session at 11:30 a.m.

**712/21-08-17** Moved by D. Wiltse to have Administration bring back the cost of dust control and grading on Range Road 83 since the construction.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**713/21-08-17** Moved by H. Swan to direct Administration to bring back information on radiation testing being done on oil field lease sites and strategy options for lobbying.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**714/21-08-17** Moved by S. Wheale to add to the agenda item 35. e) Discussion for land consultation *FOIP Section 16*.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**715/21-08-17** Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to put the last coal letter Council sent on the website and social media.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MEDIA QUESTIONS** Media Questions

**PUBLIC WORKS** Public Works

**Ditching Concerns**

S. Wheale raised concerns from residents regarding the new ditching methodology.

**716/21-08-17** Moved by S. Wheale to direct Administration to bring back a report on the ditch maintenance on the east side of river with the costs, budget allocation, how many ditches were done with the gradall and to provide a plan on how to address landowner concerns with debris on private property.

K. Westerlund offered a friendly amendment "all ditch work in the County"

S. Wheale accepted amendment.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**AGRICULTURAL  
SERVICES**

**Agricultural Services**

**Municipal Mountain Pine Beetle Program**

N. Chambers presented an update report on the Municipal Mountain Pine Beetle Program.

**717/21-08-17** Moved by S. Wheale to direct Administration to apply for the Mountain Pine Beetle Municipal Grant for 2022.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**718/21-08-17** Moved by M. Gressler to direct Administration to look into how to facilitate the distribution of Verbenone pouches within the Mountain Pine Beetle program.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**FINANCE**

**Finance**

**Bank Reconciliation Statement as of July 31, 2021**

**719/21-08-17** Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the bank statement as of July 31, 2021 for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2021 Municipal Election Update**

C. Swap presented information on the advance votes dates and locations for the upcoming municipal election.

**720/21-08-17** Moved by H. Swan to receive the Municipal Election Update report for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Current Status of Reserve Accounts**

C. Swap and S. McKerry presented the status of the reserve accounts.

**721/21-08-17** Moved by A. Heinrich to receive the reserve account update for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**722/21-08-17** Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to provide a five-year summary of the equipment replacement reserves.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 12:32 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 12:57 p.m.

**DELEGATIONS/  
APPOINTMENTS**

**Delegations/Appointments**

**Voltarix Group Inc. and Breeze**

David Debruin, Richard Haas, Mike Smith, Keegan Lang, and Steve Pugh presented Council with information on a new compressed air utility project, requested a letter of support and welcomed the County to partner with them.

**723/21-08-17** Moved by D. Wiltse to have Administration draft a letter of support of Breeze and Voltarix Group Inc.

**IN FAVOUR**

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

**OPPOSED**

S. Wheale

**CARRIED**

M. Gressler left the meeting at 1:57 p.m. and rejoined at 2:23 p.m.

**RStar Remediation Program 2021**

Brent Hodgson, and Kris Kinnear, Southern Alberta Energy Network and Mark Smith, MLA presented Council with information on the RStar Remediation Program 2021 that addresses abandon wells, focuses on small oil companies and acts as an incentive for oil companies to clean up their sites without tax payer dollars.

**724/21-08-17** Moved by S. Wheale to direct Administration to develop a letter of support from Council for the RStar Remediation Program 2021.

K. Westerlund offered a friendly amendment “and to put the call out for all rural municipalities to support the program.”

S. Wheale accepted the amendment.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**725/21-08-17** Moved by D. Wiltse to direct Administration to develop a resolution for the RMA Convention regarding the RStar Remediation Program.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 3:00 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 3:09 a.m.

**726/21-08-17** Moved by D. Wiltse to add item 34. b) Chamber of Commerce Minister Glubish to the agenda.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**GENERAL  
MATTERS**

**General Matters**

**Small Town Big Life Media Campaign**

S. McIntosh presented information on the media campaign project.

**727/21-08-17** Moved by H. Swan that Brazeau County participate at the \$75,000.00 level in the Small Town Big Life media campaign.

M. Gressler offered a friendly amendment "with funds from Major Facilities Capital Investment."

H. Swan accepted the amendment.

**IN FAVOUR**

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

**OPPOSED**

A. Heinrich  
S. Wheale

**CARRIED**

**Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Grant**

A. Tiwari presented the potential of Easyford Hall as a Green and Inclusive Community Buildings grant program.

K. Westerlund left the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

**728/21-08-17** Moved by D. Wiltse to direct Administration look into more ideas for the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings grant program.

H. Swan offered friendly amendment "and include costs"

D. Wiltse accepted the amendment.



**IN FAVOUR**

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

**OPPOSED**

A. Heinrich  
S. Wheale

**CARRIED**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 4:02 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 4:13 p.m. with K. Westerlund in attendance.

**729/21-08-17** Moved K. Westerlund to add 12. d) Highway 621 concerns to the agenda.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**730/21-08-17** Moved H. Swan to add 12. e) Highway 20 Brazeau County sign to the agenda.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Concerns with Alberta Health Care Services - S. Wheale and A. Heinrich**

S. Wheale and A. Heinrich gave an account of their work and meetings with residents' concerned with the local hospital CT scanner.

**Highway 621 Concerns**

K. Westerlund raised concerns with the state of Hwy 621 from the Pembina River to Hwy 22 cracks and potholes.

**731/21-08-17** Moved by K. Westerlund to direct Administration to send a letter as well as a phone call to both Alberta Transportation and maintenance contractor with Council's concerns with the potholes and cracks in the highway and emphasizing that there is a major bike race taking place within a month and this issue needs to addressed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Highway 20 Brazeau County Sign**

H. Swan raised concern with County signage on Hwy 20.

**CORRESPONDENCE  
ITEMS**

**Correspondence/Items for Information**

**Lynn Oberle re: Fiscal Energy Corp**

**732/21-08-17** Moved by D. Wiltse to receive the letter from Mr. Oberle for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

**Committee Reports**

**Agricultural Service Board Member's Report (ASB)**

No report.

**Municipal Planning Commission Member's Report (MPC)**

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

**Brazeau Seniors Foundation Report**

No report.

**Drayton Valley Municipal Library Board**

No report.

**Breton Municipal Library Board**

No report.

**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)**

No report.

**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)**

No report.

**Recreation Board**

No report.

**Chamber of Commerce**

No report.

**Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant Board**

No report.

**Hemp Report**

Councillor A. Heinrich provided a report regarding Hemp.

**733/21-08-17** Moved by M. Gressler to receive the Councillor Reports for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**734/21-08-17** Moved by S. Wheale to put Alberta Hemp Alliance on the ASB agenda for August 18, 2021.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MEETING  
DATES**

**Meeting Dates**

**Minister of Municipal Affairs, at the 2021 RMA Fall Convention**

Topics of discussion to include: Alberta Transportation, Provincial downloading, and Intermunicipal Collaboration Agreements.

**Chamber of Commerce Minister Glubish**

D. Wiltse made Council aware of a meeting with Minister Glubish August, 23, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the CETC building.

**735/21-08-17** Moved by D. Wiltse for all council to attend the meeting with Minister Glubish on August 23, 2021.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Western Economic Corridor (WEC)**

**736/21-08-17** Moved by D. Wiltse to authorize council's attendance at the WEC announcement August 31, 2021.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 4:43 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 4:50 p.m.

**CLOSED  
SESSION**

**Closed Session**

**737/21-08-17** Moved by M. Gressler that the regular Council Meeting of August 17, 2021 proceed into 'closed session' at 4:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- a) Legal Advice - Removal of Caveats *FOIP Section 23*
- b) Organizational Chart *FOIP Section 19*
- c) Arbitration Update *FOIP Section 21*
- d) Western Economic Corridor Update *FOIP Section 21*
- e) Land Consultation Discussion *FOIP Section 16*.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. Dyck joined the closed session at 4:51 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Legal Advice - Removal of Caveats *FOIP Section 23*. C. Dyck left the closed session at 4:58 p.m.

**738/21-08-17** Moved by H. Swan that the regular Council Meeting of August 17, 2021 come out of 'closed session' at 5:52 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 5:52 p.m. to allow the public ample time to return and the meeting resumed at 5:56 p.m.

**739/21-08-17** Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to have prepared a guideline and template to assist residents with the removal of caveats.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**740/21-08-17**

Moved by H. Swan to approve the organization chart as presented.

**IN FAVOUR**

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

**OPPOSED**

A. Heinrich  
S. Wheale

**CARRIED**

**741/21-08-17**

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**742/21-08-17**

Moved by M. Gressler to receive the Western Economic Update for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**743/21-08-17**

Moved by S. Wheale to rescind motion 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**

**744/21-08-17**

Moved by D. Wiltse that the regular Council Meeting of August 17, 2021 adjourn at 5:58 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Reeve

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Interim Chief Administrative Officer