

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN BRAZEAU COUNTY ON TUESDAY 2021 10 05

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

B. Guyon, Reeve
D. Wiltse, Councillor
S. Wheale, Councillor
M. Gressler, Councillor
A. Heinrich, Councillor
K. Westerlund, Councillor
C. Swap, General Manager of Finance
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

853/21-10-05 Moved by A. Heinrich to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- 4. CAO Report
- d) Council and Administration COVID-19 Expenses

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of Minutes

854/21-10-05 Moved by K. Westerlund to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021 Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING

Business Arising

Follow Up Action List

C. Swap reviewed the status of the action items.

855/21-10-05 Moved by D. Wiltse to receive the Follow Up Action List for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CAO Report

PD-2 Extension of Hours for Natural Resource Extraction and Processing Operations

C. Swap presented PD-2 Policy for Council's consideration.

856/21-10-05 Moved by S. Wheale to table item 4. a) until a later time that Administration can bring back information with regards to performance targets within Policy PD-2.

IN FAVOUR

- A. Heinrich
- S. Wheale
- B. Guyon
- K. Westerlund
- D. Wiltse

OPPOSED

M. Gressler

CARRIED

Professional and Special Services Expenses

C. Swap presented a request for a budget increase to accommodate Council's government relations consultant.

857/21-10-05 Moved by D. Wiltse to allocate an additional \$30,000 to Council Professional and Special Services for 2021 GL 02-11-00-239 with the funds coming from Cultural Facilities Reserve.

IN FAVOUR

- B. Guyon
- K. Westerlund
- D. Wiltse
- M. Gressler

OPPOSED

- A. Heinrich
- S. Wheale

CARRIED

858/21-10-05 Moved by S. Wheale to direct Administration to bring back the Council Professional and Special Services expenses to the November 16, 2021 Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Staff Appreciation Event

C. Swap presented a report outlining the staff appreciation event and feedback received.

859/21-10-05 Moved by M. Gressler to receive the Staff Appreciation Event update for information and to add a staff appreciation event discussion to the 2022 budget discussions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council and Administration COVID-19 Expenses

C. Swap presented a request for decision if Council wishes to provide reimbursement for COVID-19 Testing for Council and Administration when required for County business.

860/21-10-05 Moved by S. Wheale to defer the item Council and Administration COVID-19 Expenses to the next Council meeting.

IN FAVOUR

S. Wheale

B. Guyon

K. Westerlund

D. Wiltse

M. Gressler

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

CARRIED

**AGRICULTURAL
SERVICES**

Agricultural Services

Weed and Pest Inspector Appointment

N. Chambers presented a request for appointment of Amber Kynoch as Weed and Pest Inspector for Brazeau County.

861/21-10-05 Moved by A. Heinrich to appoint Amber Kynoch as Weed and Pest Inspector for Brazeau County valid until termination of employment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Farm Succession/Financial Planning

N. Chambers presented options to consider for Farm Succession and Financial Planning.

862/21-10-05 Moved by M. Gressler to direct Administration to work with the West Central Forage Association and the Agricultural Service Board for farm succession-financial planning that would suit the farmers in Brazeau County and bring back a report to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES**

Community Services

Radiation on Oilfield Leases

L. Chambers presented a report on Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material found within the Earth's crust.

863/21-10-05 Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to send a letter to the Minister of Energy and Minister of Environment asking for their awareness on the history of the use of radioactive materials in the drilling and production of oil and gas, and resulting radioactive materials being brought to the surface.

IN FAVOUR

A. Heinrich

B. Guyon

K. Westerlund

D. Wiltse

OPPOSED

S. Wheale

M. Gressler

CARRIED

Access to MOVES for Peace Officers

L. Chambers presented a request for Council to send a letter of support to the Minister of Services Alberta, the Minister of Justice, and Solicitor General requesting access to MOVES for the Peace Officers.

864/21-10-05 Moved by M. Gressler to direct Administration to send a letter of support, under the Reeve's signature, to the Minister of Services Alberta and the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General requesting access to MOVES for the Peace Officers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE

Finance

Bank Reconciliation Statement as of August 31, 2021

865/21-10-05 Moved by D. Wiltse to receive the bank statement as of August 31, 2021 for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Brazeau County Power

C. Swap presented information on proposals to manage Brazeau County's energy needs.

866/21-10-05 Moved by M. Gressler to receive the update report on power for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PUBLIC
HEARING**

Public Hearing Bylaw 1088-21 Amendment of Section 6.5 Natural Environment within the Municipal Development Plan

867/21-10-05 Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular Council meeting of October 5, 2021 proceed into public hearing at 10:06 a.m. for Bylaw 1088-21.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K. Sterling presented Bylaw 1088-21 for Council's discussion.

Public Input – None

868/21-10-05 Moved by A. Heinrich that the regular Council meeting of October 5, 2021 come out of public hearing at 10:16 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCE

Finance

Arbitration Fees

C. Swap presented a report on how legal expenses have historically been budgeted and a request that Council increase the budget for legal fees to cover the costs of arbitration to \$100,000.00.

869/21-10-05 Moved by Moved by A. Heinrich to direct Administration to transfer \$35,000 from Council Conference and Membership GL 11 00-211 and \$15,000 from 02-11-00-212 Council mileage to the Corporate Services Legal GL 02-12-00-232 to cover the cost of the arbitration hearing.

S. Wheale offered a friendly amendment to direct Administration to show transfer of already incurred arbitration costs from council legal GL 11 00 232.

A. Heinrich accepted the amendment.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

M. Gressler

CARRIED

870/21-10-05

Moved by S. Wheale to add arbitration discussion under closed session to the agenda.

IN FAVOUR

S. Wheale
K. Westerlund

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich
B. Guyon
D. Wiltse
M. Gressler

DEFEATED

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 10:30 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 10:45 a.m.

Bylaw 1088-21 Amendment of Section 6.5 Natural Environment within the Municipal Development Plan

Discussion continued on Bylaw 1088-21.

871/21-10-05

Moved by A. Heinrich to give second reading to Bylaw 1088-21.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

M. Gressler

CARRIED

872/21-10-05

Moved by D. Wiltse to give third reading to Bylaw 1088-21.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

M. Gressler

CARRIED

**GENERAL
MATTERS**

General Matters

Brazeau County Community Market Tour Report and Video Presentation

S. McIntosh presented a review of the community markets hosted by the economic development department over the summer of 2021.

873/21-10-05 Moved by D. Wiltse to receive the Community Market Tour report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Green and Inclusive Grant

A. Tiwari presented an update report on eligible projects under the Green and Inclusive Grant.

874/21-10-05 Moved by D. Wiltse to have Administration set up a brainstorming session for the new council.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

S. Wheale

CARRIED

**PUBLIC INPUT
SESSION**

Public Input Session

Reeve B. Guyon opened the Public Input Session at 11:09 a.m.

Jason Kennedy asked if Council was adding \$100,000 to the legal account for arbitration.

Kathy Dean and Keila Zorn on behalf of the Drayton Valley Slo-Pitch Board proposed a 99-year lease agreement for the ball diamonds. They further requested bear proof

garbage cans, utilities to be brought to the center of the diamonds, shade trees, benching, shelters, new back stops, an irrigation system and proper sun shade
They commented that the new washroom facilities are not convenient. They are spending \$600 on portable toilets. They wish to be treated as a separate entity from the soccer league. They further complained about the drainage and that they are paying to rent a mower. They requested the use of the County's mowers and for Public Works to mow to their standards. They requested paved parking lots and a playground structure. They commented on the inadequate signage to the park for out of town players. They asked for help with grant writing and commented that the sport creates a community as all ages can use it.

Reeve B. Guyon closed the Public Input Session at 11:23 a.m.

875/21-10-05 Moved by K. Westerlund to add to the agenda item 12. c) Mr. Kennedy's question and d) Drayton Valley Slo-Pitch League.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEDIA QUESTIONS **Media Questions**

Arbitration Costs

C. Swap confirmed Council added \$50,000.00 to the budget for the arbitration costs.

Drayton Valley Slo-Pitch League

876/21-10-05 Moved by D. Wiltse to direct Administration to meet with the Drayton Valley Slo-Pitch League to discuss their requests and costs and bring back a report to Council for deliberation during 2022 budget discussions.

S. Wheale offered a friendly amendment to include lease agreements.

D. Wiltse accepted the amendment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Green and Inclusive Grant

877/21-10-05 Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the Green and Inclusive Grant report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE
ITEMS**

Correspondence/Items for Information

Patricia Piironen re: Exemptions to COVID-19 Restrictions Exemptions

878/21-10-05 Moved by K. Westerlund to receive the letter from Mrs. Piironen for information.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

M. Gressler

CARRIED

Larry and Carol James re: Fourth wave of COVID-19

879/21-10-05 Moved by S. Wheale to receive the letter from Mr. and Mrs. James for information.

IN FAVOUR

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

OPPOSED

M. Gressler

CARRIED

**COUNCILLOR
REPORTS**

Councillor Reports

Reeve B. Guyon reported that he attended:

- Regular Council Meeting
- Media Interview Business World
- Arbitration Discussions
- Fiscal Open House
- Violet Grove Solar Wetlands
- Onyx Meeting with Brian Senio
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- Planning and Development
- Western Economic Corridor Announcement
- Toured Ministers at Violet Grove Wetlands
- Government Relations, Staff Meetings
- Western Economic Corridor Announcement

Councillor S. Wheale reported that she attended:

- Regular Council Meeting x 2
- ASB
- Planning Policy MDP
- Drayton Valley Library
- Western Economic Corridor Announcement

Councillor A. Heinrich reported that he attended:

- Regular Council x 2
- Arbitration Meeting
- Open House at Breton Fire Hall
- MPC
- Special Council Meeting Environmental Policies
- Western Economic Corridor Announcement

Councillor K. Westerlund reported that she attended:

- Regular Council Meeting x 2
- Arbitration
- MPC
- Meeting with Minister Glubbish
- Meeting with Minister LaGrange, Panda, Fir & Nally
- Eleanor Pickup Performing Arts Committee Meeting
- Western Economic Corridor Announcement

Councillor H. Swan reported that she attended:

- Regular Council Meeting
- Arbitration Meeting
- ASB
- MDP Planning Meeting

Councillor M. Gressler reported that he attended:

- Regular Council Meeting x 2
- Arbitration Meeting
- MPC
- Council Meeting Policies

Councillor D. Wiltse reported that she attended:

- Regular Council Meeting x 2
- ASB
- Planning Policy Review
- Ministers at CETC Tour
- Hamlets in the Forest Protection Area
- Leduc #1 with Ministers

880/21-10-05 Moved by M. Gressler to receive the Councillor Reports for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K. Westerlund recognized and thanked M. Gressler for his years of service to Brazeau County.

ADJOURNMENT

881/21-10-05 Moved by M. Gressler that the regular Council Meeting of October 5, 2021 adjourn at 11:35 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve

Interim Chief Administrative Officer