

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING OF BRAZEAU COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN BRAZEAU COUNTY ON THURSDAY 2021 11 18

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

B. Guyon, Reeve
R. Swap, Councillor
D. Wiltse, Councillor
D. Ekstrom, Councillor
C. Brooks, Councillor
A. Heinrich, Councillor
K. Westerlund, Councillor
S. McKerry, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
T. Scharfl, Executive Assistant
K. Sterling, Senior Long Range Planner
C. Swap, General Manager of Finance

ADDITION TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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977/21-11-18 Moved by D. Wiltse to approve the agenda as amended:
6. Closed Session Code of Conduct *FOIP Section 19*
5. f) River Side Trail - R. Swap Twp 485 RR 85 to RR 90
5. s) Red Flag Items

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INTERIM BUDGET

Interim Budget Presentation

Cash Flow

C. Swap presented the County's debt limit, debenture payment schedule, recapped the reserve balances and requests that have come from Council and Administration.

REQUESTS FOR DECISION

Interim Budget Requests for Decision

Recreation Fee Assistance Program

978/21-11-18 Moved by K. Westerlund to defer the Recreation Fee Assistance Program request until after the arbitration settlement in December.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Peace Officers

L. Chambers presented a request from Council for an additional Community Peace Officer.

ALUS Operating Funding

C. Swap presented a request to transfer funds into the ALUS Restricted Reserve account to ensure a sufficient balance to cover existing commitments and to expend related ALUS expenses from the approved operating budget rather than the ALUS Restricted Reserve.

Willey West Campground Shower House

L. Chambers presented a request from the operators of the Willey West Campground for upgrades to the existing shower house.

2022 Herbicide Rebate Program

N. Chambers presented a request from the Agricultural Service Board to allocate \$50,000.00 to the Herbicide Rebate Program with at 50% rebate rate.

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Moved by D. Wiltse to add an extra \$50,000 to the \$25,000 budgeted for budgetary consideration to the Herbicide Rebate Program.

IN FAVOUR

C. Brooks

R. Swap

B. Guyon

D. Ekstrom

D. Wiltse

OPPOSED

K. Westerlund

A. Heinrich

CARRIED

2022 Agricultural Research Funding

N. Chambers presented a request to allocate \$10,000 to the University of Alberta Breton Plots for agricultural research \$15,000 to the West Central Forage Association for agricultural research and \$3,500 to the West Central Forage Association for education and outreach.

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 10:15 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 10:25 p.m.

**CAPITAL
BUDGET PLAN
REVIEW**

2022 Interim Capital Budget Plan Review

C. Swap presented an overview of the Capital Budget Plan including the recommendations from Administration.

Reeve B. Guyon suggested the County move away from paving and use the hard top options instead. In depth discussion ensued.

**PUBLIC
INPUT**

980/21-11-18 Moved by R. Swap to add public input and maybe a solution to the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve B. Guyon opened the public input session at 11:02 a.m.

No public Input

Reeve B. Guyon closed the public input session at 11:03 a.m.

**CAPITAL
BUDGET
REQUESTS**

2022 Interim Capital Budget Requests

Brazeau Sports Park Ball Diamonds

L. Chambers presented the request from the Slo-Pitch Association for garbage cans and shale for \$28,000.

Willey West Campground Vehicle Barrier Gate

L. Chambers presented a request from the operators, for an automatic vehicle barrier gate at the Willey West Campground in the amount of \$14,821.

981/21-11-18 Moved by D. Wiltse to add for consideration the request for an automatic gate at Willey West for \$14,821.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Soil Conditioner

C. Loose presented a request from the Parks & Recreation Department for a soil conditioner in the amount of \$13,233.

Range Road 83

L. Fischer presented the cost of pavement for Range Road 83.

Range Road 73 (Twp 502 to Hwy 624)

L. Fischer presented the cost of pavement for Range Road 73.

Twp Road 494 (Hwy 22 to Range Road 81) - River Side Trails Twp 485 RR 85 - RR 90

L. Fischer presented the cost of pavement for Twp 494.

Cynthia Lagoon

L. Fischer presented a request to re-tender the Cynthia Lagoon project. D. Mulroy provided information regarding current operations and regulations of the Cynthia lagoon.

Cynthia Roads and Sidewalks

L. Fischer presented a permanent in-house solution for the sidewalks and roads in Cynthia.

Agriculture/Fire Suppression Bulk Water

L. Fischer presented a building estimate for a bulk water station options.

Council indicated not to proceed with the bulk water station request.

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 12:00 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 12:43 p.m.

Council Chamber Video Solution

S. McKerry presented the estimate costs of \$70,000 to provide live streaming video/audio system for council meetings.

Lodgepole Group Campground

L. Chambers presented a request for \$60,000 addition for improvements to the Lodgepole Campground for group camping.

Lodgepole Rink Renovations

L. Chambers presented a request to remove the Lodgepole Rink Renovations from the capital budget.

Council indicated not to proceed with the Lodgepole Rink Renovations request.

Modeste Group Campground

L. Chambers presented updated information on the request from 2021 upgrades to the Modeste Group Campground.

Council indicated not to proceed with the Modeste Group campground and to leave as is.

982/21-11-18 Moved by K. Westerlund to bring an update on the Rocky Rapids Arena as soon as available.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)

T. Thomson presented a request to purchase new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) to replace obsolete SCBA parks.

Sod Mulcher

L. Fischer presented a request from Public Works for the purchase of a pull type sod mulcher.

Reeve B. Guyon called for a break at 1:49 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 2:05 p.m.

983/21-11-18 Moved by D. Wiltse to direct Administration to set a strategic planning session workshop for January 31, and February 1, 2021 without a facilitator, with focus on Parks and Trails and followed by the bigger picture.

IN FAVOUR

C. Brooks

R. Swap

D. Ekstrom

D. Wiltse

B. Guyon

OPPOSED

A. Heinrich

K. Westerlund

CARRIED

K. Westerlund left the meeting at 2:38 p.m. and returned at 2:40 p.m.

Fire Services Command Truck Replacement

T. Thomson presented a request for a new command truck.

Aquatic Committee Request

Council discussed the ask for additional funds from the committee for the waterslide \$350,000 and climbing wall \$150,000.00

Council indicated not to proceed with the aquatic committee request for additional funds.

Birchwood Village Greens Expropriation

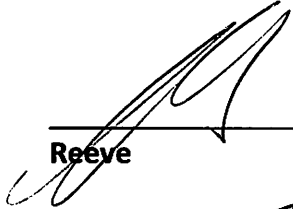
S. McKerry presented the request for \$250,000 for expropriation costs.

ADJOURNMENT

984/21-11-18

Moved by C. Brooks that the Council Budget Meeting of
November 18, 2021 adjourn at 2:56 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Reeve



Interim Chief Administrative Officer