

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - HELD DECEMBER 7, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held December 7, 2021 was called to order by Reeve Drozd at 9:03 a.m.

PRESENT

Reeve Doug Drozd
Deputy Reeve Marvin Schatz
Councillor Ron Kleinfeldt
Councillor Bill Lane
Councillor Paul Properzi
Councillor Walter Preugschas
Councillor Jared Stoik

STAFF

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager	Jenny Bruns, Development Officer
Pam Dodds, Executive Assistant	Ken Hove, Director of Infrastructure
Erika Head, Municipal Intern	Tamara Molzahn, Director of
Adam Vanderwekken, Development & Communications Coordinator	Finance & Administration

DELEGATIONS

Elaine Dickie & Ruth Bohn – Barrhead Library Board
Marvin Neumann & Betty Paley – Newton Creed Flooding
Aime Gagne – Food Cycle Science Corporation (via video conference)
Fire Chief Gary Hove – Barrhead Regional Fire Services
Karen Gariepy, Executive Director – Barrhead FCSS (via video conference)

Barry Kerton - Town and Country Newspaper

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

Jenny Bruns introduced Adam Vanderwekken as the new Development & Communications Coordinator for the County of Barrhead.

RECESS

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at this time being 9:05 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at this time being 9:24 a.m.

Ken Hove joined the meeting and Jenny Bruns and Adam Vanderwekken depart the meeting at this time being 9:24 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2021-485 Moved by Councillor Lane that the agenda be approved as presented.
Carried Unanimously.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 16, 2021

2021-486 Moved by Councillor Properzi that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held November 16, 2021, be approved as circulated.
Carried Unanimously.

Tamara Molzahn joined the meeting at this time being 9:27 a.m.

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PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Ken Hove, Director of Infrastructure, met with Council and reviewed the written report for Public Works and Utilities and answered questions from Council.

2021-487 Moved by Councillor Lane that the report from the Director of Infrastructure be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove departed the meeting at this time being 9:34 a.m.

CANCEL 50% OF 2021 TAXES – ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS & ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT AND PARKS

2021-488 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council cancel 2021 property taxes in the amount of \$13,708.29, owed by Government of Alberta, in the name of Alberta Municipal Affairs and Alberta Environment and Parks as required with the remaining \$13,708.28 to be paid to the County through Grants in Place of Taxes (GIPOT).

Carried Unanimously.

RATES & FEES BYLAW (BYLAW NO. 12-2021)

2021-489 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that first reading be given to Bylaw 12-2021 – Rates & Fees Bylaw.

Carried 6-1.

2021-490 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Bylaw 12-2021 be given second reading.

Carried 6-1.

2021-491 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Bylaw 12-2021 be considered for third and final reading. (Must be unanimous)

Not Carried 6-1.

Tamara Molzahn left the meeting at this time being 9:45 a.m.

2022 MEMBER-AT-LARGE APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES

2021-492 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council moves incamera at this time being 9:48 a.m. under *FOIPP s. 19 Confidential Evaluations* for evaluation of member-at-large appointments.

Carried Unanimously.

Barry Kerton departed the meeting at this time being 9:48 a.m.

2021-493 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council moves out of incamera at this time being 10:07 a.m.

Carried Unanimously.

Barry Kerton rejoined the meeting at this time being 10:07 a.m.

2021-494 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council moves to table item 4.3 - 2022 Member-at-large Appointments to Council Committees.

Carried Unanimously.

DELEGATION – BARRHEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Elaine Dickie, Director of the Barrhead Public Library, and Board Chair Ruth Bohn, met with Council at this time being 10:08 a.m. and provided an update on the library operations as well as presenting the Barrhead Public Library budget.

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2022 BUDGET - LIBRARY

2021-495 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council direct Administration to include the request for \$119,472 for the Barrhead Library and \$24,258 for the Neerlandia Library in the 2022 Interim Budget.

Carried Unanimously.

Council thanked Elaine Dickie and Ruth Bohn for their presentation, and they departed the meeting at this time being 10:21 a.m.

RECESS

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at this time being 10:22 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at this time being 10:29 a.m.

DELEGATION – NEWTON CREEK FLOODING

Marvin Neumann and Betty Paley met with Council at this time being 10:29 a.m. and provided a presentation on the effects of the Newton Creek flooding to their land.

2021-496 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council direct Administration to bring back options and recommendations for Council to consider on the compensation request for the Newton Creek flooding.

Carried Unanimously.

Council thanked Marvin Neumann & Betty Paley for their presentation, and they departed the meeting at this time being 10:50 a.m.

2022 MEMBER-AT-LARGE APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES

2021-497 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council removes from the table item 4.3 - 2022 Member-at-large Appointments to Council Committees.

Carried Unanimously.

2021-498 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Uwe Quedenbaum, Ken Anderson, Valerie Ehrenholz, and Lorrie Jespersen be appointed as public members-at-large on the **Agricultural Service Board**, for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2022.

Carried Unanimously.

2021-499 Moved by Councillor Lane that Valerie Ehrenholz, Rick Mueller, Jim Greilach, Wayne Visser, and Brian Geis each be appointed to the **Agricultural Pests Appeal Committee** for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2022.

Carried Unanimously.

2021-500 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Valerie Ehrenholz, Rick Mueller, Jim Greilach, Wayne Visser, and Brian Geis each be appointed to the **Weed Control Appeal Panel** for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2022.

Carried Unanimously.

2021-501 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Charles Clow, Dale Kluin, Helmut Ehrenholz, Kerry McElroy, Wilfred Ruhl, and Ivan Kusal be appointed as public members-at-large on the **Subdivision and Appeal Board** for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2025.

Carried Unanimously.

2021-502 Moved by Councillor Lane that Colleen Stein and Annette Driessen be appointed as public members-at-large on the **Economic and Community Development Committee** for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2022.

Carried Unanimously.

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2021-503 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Ivan Kusal be appointed as public member-at-large on the **Barrhead Regional Fire Services Committee** for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2022.

Carried Unanimously.

2021-504 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Shawn Stephani and Wade Evans be appointed as public members-at-large on the **Barrhead Regional Airport Committee** for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2022.

Carried Unanimously.

AGENDA INFORMATION ITEMS

2021-505 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that the following agenda items be received as information:

- Letter from Library Association of Alberta Re: Letter of Introduction – dated November 15, 2021
- Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs Re: Congratulations on Election – dated November 10, 2021
- Email from Whitecourt Fish & Game Association to West Yellowhead MLA Re: Cervid Hunting Preserves – dated November 25, 2021
- Letter from City of Cold Lake to College of Physicians Re: Assessment Process for Physicians – dated November 25, 2021
- FCSS Regular Board Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2021

Carried Unanimously.

DELEGATION – FOOD CYCLE SCIENCE CORPORATION

Ami Gagne – Project Coordinator, Food Cycle Science Corporation met with Council at this time being 11:00 a.m. to provide a presentation on residential food waste diversion via video conference.

2021-506 Moved by Councillor Properzi to accept the presentation as information.

Carried Unanimously.

Council thanked Ami Gagne for their presentation, and she left the meeting at this time being 11:15 a.m.

Councillor Stoik left the meeting at 11:25 a.m. and rejoined at 11:31 a.m.

PROPERTY TAXES – REQUEST TO CANCEL TAXES

2021-507 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council accept the request to reduce or cancel taxes on tax roll # 538121003 as information.

Carried Unanimously.

DELEGATION – BARRHEAD REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES

Fire Chief Gary Hove of Barrhead Regional Fire Services, met with Council at this time being 11:35 a.m. to discuss the quarterly statistics for emergency responses.

Councillor Lane left the meeting at 11:41 a.m. and rejoined at 11:44 a.m.

2021-508 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council accept the report from Fire Chief Gary Hove as information.

Carried Unanimously.

Council thanked Fire Chief Gary Hove for the presentation, and he left the meeting at this time being 11:46 a.m.

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DELEGATION – BARRHEAD FCSS

Karen Gariepy, Director of Barrhead FCSS met with Council at this time being 11:46 a.m. via video conference and presented the Barrhead FCSS budget.

2022 BUDGET - FCSS

2021-509 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council direct Administration to include the request for \$68,500 to be included in the 2022 Interim Budget.

Carried Unanimously.

Council thanked Karen Gariepy for her presentation, and she left the meeting at this time being 12:10 p.m.

LUNCH RECESS

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at this time being 12:10 p.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at this time being 1:03 p.m.

REPORT – COUNTY MANAGER

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager, reviewed the 2021 Council Resolution Tracking List and provided updates to Council;

- Public Auction – there are no properties to offer for public auction on December 8, 2021
- Reminders regarding Budget Schedule and upcoming dates

2021-510 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt to accept the County Manager’s report as information.

Carried Unanimously.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Deputy Reeve Schatz reported on his attendance at the Seed Cleaning Plant AGM, County Committee of the Whole meeting, RMA Conference, County Budget Workshop, and CFYE meeting.

Councillor Lane reported on his attendance at a Misty Ridge meeting, County Committee of the Whole meeting, RMA Conference, County Budget Workshop, and BDSHA meeting.

Councillor Kleinfeldt reported on his attendance at a Library meeting, County Committee of the Whole meeting, RMA Conference, County Budget Workshop, and YRL meeting.

Councillor Preugschas reported on his attendance at the ASB Provincial Committee meeting, GROWTH meeting, County Committee of the Whole meeting, RMA Conference, County Budget Workshop, and Twinning Committee meeting.

Councillor Properzi reported on his attendance at the County Committee of the Whole meeting, RMA Conference, and County Budget Workshop.

Councillor Stoik reported on his attendance at the County Budget Workshop.

Reeve Drozd reported on his attendance at the Chamber of Commerce meeting, County Committee of the Whole meeting, RMA Conference, County Budget Workshop, and regional meeting with the RCMP, Town of Barrhead, Town of Westlock, and County of Westlock.

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IN-CAMERA

- 2021-511 Moved by Councillor Properzi that the meeting move in-camera at this time being 1:37 p.m. for discussion on:
- 4.5.1 Offer to Purchase – *FOIPP Sec. 24 Advice from Officials and FOIPP Sec. 27 Privileged information*
- 4.5.2 Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange – *FOIPP Sec. 24 Advice from Officials*
- Carried Unanimously.
- Councillor Properzi left the meeting at 1:37 p.m. and returned at 1:40 p.m.
- 2021-512 Moved by Councillor Stoik that the meeting move out of in-camera at this time being 2:21 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

- 2021-513 Moved by Councillor Stoik that the meeting adjourn at this time being 2:21 p.m.
- Carried Unanimously.

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