

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - HELD MARCH 5, 2024**

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Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held March 5, 2024 was called to order by Reeve Drozd at 9:00 a.m.

**PRESENT**

Reeve Doug Drozd  
Deputy Reeve Marvin Schatz  
Councillor Ron Kleinfeldt  
Councillor Bill Lane (joined at 9:05 a.m. and departed at 12:08 p.m.)  
Councillor Paul Properzi  
Councillor Walter Preugschas  
Councillor Jared Stoik (joined at 9:20 a.m.)

**STAFF**

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager	Tamara Molzahn, Director of Corporate Services
Pam Dodds, Executive Assistant	Ken Hove, Director of Infrastructure
Jenny Bruns, Development Officer	Adam Vanderwekken, Corporate Communications Coordinator

**ATTENDEES**

Margaret Osborne & Joe Zacharuk – Barrhead Community VSU Association  
Yvonne Barker & Salina Fairbank – West Central Airshed Society  
Fire Chief Gary Hove – Barrhead Regional Fire Services  
D. Kasowsky – Public attendee  
Barry Kerton - Town and Country Newspaper

**RECESS**

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 9:00 a.m.  
Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.  
Councillor Lane joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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2024-059 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that the agenda be approved as presented.  
Carried 6-0.

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

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2024-060 Moved by Councillor Lane that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 20, 2024 be approved as circulated.  
Carried 6-0.

**APPOINTMENT OF FIRE GUARDIANS – APRIL 1, 2024 TO MARCH 31, 2025**

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2024-061 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council appoints the following individuals as Fire Guardians to serve the County of Barrhead under the *Forest & Prairie Protection Act* effective April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025:

- Gary Hove, Fire Chief
- Ted Amos, Deputy Fire Chief
- Ken Hove, Director of Infrastructure
- Travis Wierenga, Public Works Manager
- Roy Batdorf, public member
- Norman Semler, public member
- Stephen Lyons, public member
- Don McKay, public member

Carried 6-0.

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Ken Hove joined the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

**2023 ROAD SURVEY CORRECTION**

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- 2024-062 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council directs the Reeve and County Manager to sign the land exchange agreement and to cancel the portion of Road Plan 2000MC north of NW 2-62-4-W5 containing approximately 0.938 ha (2.32 acres).

Carried 6-0.

Councillor Stoik and Tamara Molzahn joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

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

- 2024-063 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that the report from the Director of Infrastructure be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**2024 PLOW TRUCK PURCHASE**

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- 2024-064 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council directs Administration to complete the purchase of 3 Western Star 47X SB trucks from Western Star North at a cost of \$735,077.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2024-065 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council directs Administration to engage Viking Cives to carry out the rig up of two plow trucks as per the provided specifications at the cost of \$308,322.40

Carried Unanimously.

- 2024-066 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council directs Administration to engage Wabash Manufacturing to supply and install an oil tank at the cost of \$115,435.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2024-067 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council directs Administration to engage Hayworth Equipment Sales to carry out the supply and rig up of the truck box and triaxle pup at the cost of \$123,980.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2024-068 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council directs Administration to not include Unit 543 in the disposal list in the 2024 Capital Budget in order to utilize this truck as a permanent oil/water tank truck.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2024-069 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council directs Administration that following the arrival of the new gravel truck and pup, dispose of Unit 532, 532A, and 532B.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2024-070 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council directs Administration that following the arrival of the new plow trucks, dispose of Unit 542, Unit 533 along with its plow attachments, which are Units 535, 536, and 537, as well as the plow attachments from Unit 543, which are Units 544 and 540.

Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Lane left the meeting at 9:47 a.m. and rejoined at 9:48 a.m.

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**CONSTRUCTION PROJECT 24-540**

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2024-071 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council cancels road construction Project 24-540 of 5 miles of high-grade gravel road and directs Public Works to reach out to landowners on the 2025 and 2026 planned projects to secure a different 5 miles of road construction for the 2024 season.

Carried 6-1.

**POLICY PW-001 SALE OF AGGREGATE**

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2024-072 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council approves Policy PW-001 Sale of Aggregate.

Carried Unanimously.

2024-073 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council rescind Policy 32.27 Gravel Aggregate Sales.

Carried Unanimously.

**POLICY FN-005 DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS ITEMS**

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2024-074 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council approves Policy FN-005 Disposal of Surplus Items.

Carried Unanimously.

2024-075 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council rescind Policy 12.36 Disposal of Surplus Items.

Carried Unanimously.

**BYLAW 1-2024 – RATES & FEES BYLAW**

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2024-076 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council gives 1<sup>st</sup> reading to Rates & Fees Bylaw 1-2024.

Carried Unanimously.

2024-077 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council gives 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to Rates & Fees Bylaw 1-2024.

Carried Unanimously.

2024-078 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council goes into 3<sup>rd</sup> reading for Rates & Fees Bylaw 1-2024

Carried Unanimously.

2024-079 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council gives 3<sup>rd</sup> reading to Rates & Fees Bylaw 1-2024

Carried Unanimously.

Tamara Molzahn and Ken Hove depart the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

**RECESS**

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

**DELEGATION – BARRHEAD COMMUNITY VICTIM SERVICES UNIT (VSU) ASSOCIATION**

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Margaret Osborne & Joe Zacharuk of Barrhead Community Victim Services Unit Association, met with Council at this time being 10:45 a.m. to outline the upcoming transition of services and requesting support from the County of Barrhead.

Tamara Molzahn rejoined the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Margaret Osborne & Joe Zacharuk left the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

2024-080 Moved by Councillor Properzi that the presentation from the Barrhead Community Victim Services Unit Association be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

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**DELEGATION – WEST CENTRAL AIRSHED SOCIETY (WCAS)**

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Yvonne Barker & Salina Fairbank – West Central Airshed Society, met with Council at this time being 11:03 a.m. regarding benefits of membership and installing microsensors in the County of Barrhead to monitor air quality

Yvonne Barker & Salina Fairbank left the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

2024-081

Moved by Councillor Lane that the presentation from the West Central Airshed Society be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Tamara Molzahn departed the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

**COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

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Deputy Reeve Schatz reported on his attendance at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Councillor Stoik reported on his attendance at the Committee of the Whole meeting and a Seed Cleaning Plant meeting.

**DELEGATION – BARRHEAD REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES**

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Fire Chief Gary Hove of Barrhead Regional Fire Services met with Council at 11:25 a.m. to discuss the quarterly and annual statistics and give an update on fire services in the community.

Councillor Stoik left the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Councillor Lane left the meeting at 11:41 a.m. and rejoined at 11:43 a.m.

Fire Chief Hove departed the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

2024-082

Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council accepts the report from Fire Chief Hove as information.

Carried 6-0.

Councillor Stoik rejoined the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

Jenny Bruns and Adam Vanderwekken joined the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

**COUNTY MANAGER REPORT**

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Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager, reviewed the 2024 Resolution Tracking List and included updates on:

- Land Use Bylaw Review – highlighted location of project dashboard, FAQs, and other related reports on the County website. Shared a Draft of a quick factsheet that will be shared through social media, BARCC, and County website

Jenny Bruns departed the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Councillor Lane departed the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

At 12:08 p.m. the Reeve received general consent from Council to extend the meeting until completed.

- County Wide Food Drive, March 13-21, 2024 with 4 locations participating (County Office, Neerlandia Coop, Lac La Nonne General Store, Campsie General Store)
- AAIP Renewal Stream Stats

Adam Vanderwekken departed the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

- Reminders – County/Town Social (March 6); RMA Convention (March 18-20); Budget Workshop (March 27 & 28)
- Completion of RMA Unpaid Oil & Gas Tax Survey

2024-083

Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that the County Manager's report be received for information.

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**COUNCILLOR REPORTS (Continued)**

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Councillor Properzi reported on his attendance at a Twinning Committee meeting and the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Councillor Preugschas reported on his attendance at the Co-op Extension Working Group in Leduc and the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Councillor Kleinfeldt reported on his attendance at a Public Library meeting, YRL meeting, and Committee of the Whole meeting.

Reeve Drozd reported on his attendance at the Committee of the Whole meeting, discussed letters included in the agenda package from the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the 2024 Provincial Budget and Municipal ICF engagement, and office administration duties.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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- 2024-084 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council accepts the following items for information:
- RMA Member Briefing Re: Unpaid Oil & Gas Tax Survey – dated February 2024
  - Letter from Minister of Agriculture & Irrigation Re: 2023 Canada-Alberta Drought Assistance (CADLA) AgriRecovery program – dated February 16, 2024
  - Letter from Minister Municipal Affairs Re: Budget 2024 – dated February 29, 2024
  - Letter from Minister Municipal Affairs Re: ICF Engagement – emailed March 1, 2024
  - Minutes:
    - FCSS Minutes – December 21, 2023
    - Misty Ridge Minutes – January 17, 2024
- Carried 6-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- 2024-085 Moved by Councillor Stoik that the meeting adjourn at 12:33 p.m.
- Carried 6-0.

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