

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - HELD JANUARY 19, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held January 19, 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 Walter Preugschas
Councillor Darrell Troock (via video conference)
Councillor Dennis Nanninga

STAFF

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager
Pam Dodds, Executive Assistant
Jenny Bruns, Development Officer
Tamara Molzahn, Director of Finance
Ken Hove, Director of Infrastructure

DELEGATION

Shelly Dewsnap, Executive Director FCSS (via video conference)
Barry Kerton - Town and Country Newspaper (via video conference)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2021-001 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that the agenda be approved as presented with the following change:

Move information item 6.1 - Email from Xplornet Communications Requesting Letter of Support, to action item 4.13

Carried Unanimously.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 15, 2020

2021-002 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held December 15, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously.

SUBDIVISION APPLICATION – SE 19-57-1-W5 (1969795 ALBERTA LTD.) - MUNICIPAL PLANNING FILE NO. 20-R-207

2021-003 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council approve the subdivision application proposing to create an 80-acre split out of SE 19-57-1-W5 with the conditions as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

Jenny Bruns left the meeting at this time being 9:15 a.m.

2021 MEMBER-AT-LARGE APPOINTMENTS TO LIBRARY BOARD

2021-004 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council appoint Marlene Schmaus and Stephan Bablitz to fill the positions on the Barrhead Library Board for a term from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023.

Carried Unanimously.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PLAN – 2021 AGRICULTURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOCUS SURVEY

2021-005 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council approves the Public Engagement Plan presented for conducting a 2021 Agriculture Services Department Focused survey.

Carried Unanimously.



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AGREEMENT RENEWAL – LIGHT MAINTENANCE AND SUPERVISION OF WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS

2021-006 Moved by Councillor Troock that Council approve the Independent Contract Services agreement with Luke's Contract Hauling for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023 as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION FOR TENDER AWARD – TENDER 78992-20 BRIDGE MAINTENANCE & OTHER WORK

2021-007 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council awards the construction contract for Bridge File 78992-20 Bridge Maintenance and Other Work to Griffin Contracting Ltd. for \$59,600 excluding GST.

Carried Unanimously.

RMA BOARD GOVERNANCE REVIEW MEMBER SURVEY

2021-008 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council direct Administration to complete the RMA Board Governance Review Member Survey as a consolidated response from the County of Barrhead to reflect input from Council.

Carried Unanimously.

RECESS

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at this time being 10:48 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at this time being 10:58 a.m.

REPORT - PUBLIC WORKS

Ken Hove, Director of Infrastructure, met with Council at this time being 10:58 a.m. and reviewed the written report for Public Works and Utilities and answered questions from Council.

2021-009 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that the report from the Director of Infrastructure be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove departed the meeting at this time being 11:16 a.m.

Tamara Molzahn joined the meeting at this time being 11:17 a.m.

CANCEL 50% OF 2020 TAXES – ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS & ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT AND PARKS

2021-010 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council cancel 50% of taxes levied (\$13,748.25) to Government of Alberta, in the name of Alberta Municipal Affairs and Alberta Environment and Parks, as the Government of Alberta is paying grant in place of taxes at 50% of taxes levied.

Carried Unanimously.

2020 ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES

2021-011 Moved by Councillor Nanninga that Council authorizes Administration to set up an allowance for uncollectible taxes in the amount of \$980,000 with funds coming from current year budget and 2020 year-end surplus.

Carried 6-1.



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MUNICIPAL OPERATING SUPPORT TRANSFER (MOST) PROGRAM FUNDS

2021-012 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council approve the use of MOST program funds to be spent as follows:

- PPE and Enhanced Cleaning Expenditures of \$1,247
- Facilitate Working Remotely Expenditures of \$6,991
- Balance as Unpaid Taxes in the amount of \$633,479
- Total = \$641,717

Carried Unanimously.

2021-013 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council approve any further expenditures to facilitate working remotely that may be required to a maximum of the original \$14,500 less actual incurred to December 31, 2020 (\$7,509) will be added to the 2021 budget, with funding to come from unrestricted reserve.

Carried Unanimously.

Tamara Molzahn departed the meeting at this time being 11:42 a.m.

DELEGATION – FCSS

Shelly Dewsnap, Executive Director of the Barrhead & District FCSS Society met with Council at this time being 11:42 a.m. and provided an update on FCSS operations.

Council thanked Ms. Dewsnap for her presentation, and she left the meeting at this time being 12:02 p.m.

2021-014 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council receive the report from Shelly Dewsnap of FCSS as information.

Carried Unanimously.

Tamara Molzahn rejoined the meeting at this time being 12:04 p.m.

PAYMENTS BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT)

2021-015 Moved by Councillor Troock that Council approves the use of EFT as a form of payment with any two of Reeve, Deputy Reeve, CAO or Director of Finance & Administration approving payment.

Carried Unanimously.

INTEREST RATES AT ATB

2021-016 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council accept the ATB Interest Rates report as information.

Carried Unanimously.

LUNCH RECESS

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at this time being 12:40 p.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at this time being 1:15 p.m.

REPORTS – DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

2021-017 Moved by Councillor Nanninga that Council accept the following Director of Finance & Administration's reports for information:

- Cash & Taxes Receivable as of November 30, 2020
- YTD Budget Report for the 11 months ending November 30, 2020
- Cash & Taxes Receivable as of December 31, 2020
- Payments Issued for the month ending December 31, 2020

Carried Unanimously.

Tamara Molzahn departed the meeting at this time being 1:35 p.m.


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XPLORNET COMMUNICATIONS – LETTER OF SUPPORT

2021-018

Moved by Councillor Troock that Council direct Administration to send a letter of support to Xplornet for their grant application to the Universal Broadband Fund.

Carried Unanimously.

REPORT – COUNTY MANAGER

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager, reviewed the 2020 Council Resolution Tracking List and provided a verbal update on:

- Anticipated timeline for ICF and IDP with Lac Ste Anne County and an ICF with Woodlands County
- LEPA is working with the County of Barrhead to place a community dock at Klondike Park
- Current employment opportunities with the County of Barrhead
- 2020 statistics on Enforcement activities

2021-019

Moved by Councillor Lane to accept the County Manager's report as information.

Carried Unanimously.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Lane reported on his attendance at the Misty Ridge meeting, FCSS meeting, and Policy Committee meeting.

Councillor Nanninga reported on his attendance at the Seed Cleaning Plant meeting, ASB meeting, and provided an update on the Neerlandia outdoor rink and agriculture production in the area.

Deputy Reeve Schatz reported on his attendance at 2 Seed Cleaning Plant meetings, CFYE meeting, ASB meeting, and Policy Committee meeting.

Councillor Kleinfeldt reported on his attendance at the FCSS meeting and BARCC meeting.

Councillor Preugschas reported on his attendance at the ASB meeting, and the Doctor Attraction and Retention committee meeting, and provided an update on the film company he toured in the County, a grade 7 agriculture presentation, and a Native Land acknowledgement session.

Councillor Troock reported on his attendance at an Athabasca Watershed Council meeting, BRWC meeting and the Policy Committee meeting and provided an update on the BDSHA project.

Reeve Drozd reported on his attendance at an Athabasca Watershed Council meeting, BRWC meeting and touring the new BRWC Manager, Policy Committee meeting, LEPA meeting, ASB meeting, BARCC meeting and County office.

Barry Kerton, Barrhead Leader, left the meeting at this time being 2:40 p.m.



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IN-CAMERA

- 2021-020 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that the meeting move in-camera at this time being 2:40 p.m. for discussion on:
4.12.1 Update on Kiel Industrial Park – *FOIPP Sec. 24 Advice from Officials*
4.12.2 Correspondence Re: Survey (draft reponse) – *FOIPP Sec. 24 Advice from Officials*
Carried Unanimously.
- 2021-021 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that the meeting move out of in-camera at this time being 3:02 p.m.
Carried Unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE – SURVEY

- 2021-022 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council direct Administration to draft a letter in response to a residents' concerns regarding the budget survey.
Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

- 2021-023 Moved by Councillor Nanninga that the meeting adjourn at this time being 3:03 p.m.
Carried Unanimously.



Deputy Reeve



County Manager