

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - HELD SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held September 19, 2023 was called to order by Reeve Drozd at 9:01 a.m.

**PRESENT**

Reeve Doug Drozd  
Deputy Reeve Marvin Schatz  
Councillor Ron Kleinfeldt  
Councillor Bill Lane  
Councillor Paul Properzi (joined at 9:08 a.m.)  
Councillor Walter Preugschas

**ABSENT**

Councillor Jared Stoik

**STAFF**

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

**ATTENDEES**

Barry Kerton - Town and Country Newspaper

**HONOURING FORMER COUNCILLOR**

Reeve Drozd requested a moment of silence to honour former Division 5 Councillor, Darrell Troock, after his passing on September 10, 2023.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

2023-291      Moved by Councillor Preugschas that the agenda be approved as presented.  
Carried 5-0.

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

2023-292      Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held September 5, 2023 be approved as circulated.  
Carried 5-0.

**2023 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION - COMMUNITY GRANT FINAL REPORT**

2023-293      Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council receive for information the final report from Barrhead & District Volunteer Appreciation Planning Committee as a grant recipient of \$1,250 under the Community Grants Policy.  
Carried 5-0.

Councillor Properzi joined the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

**BARRHEAD EXHIBITION ASSOCIATION & AG SOCIETY (BLUE HERON FAIR)  
- COMMUNITY GRANT FINAL REPORT**

2023-294      Moved by Councillor Lane that Council receive for information the final report from The Barrhead Exhibition Association & Ag Society as a grant recipient of \$2,500 under the Community Grants Policy.  
Carried Unanimously.

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**CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS PROCLAMATION**

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2023-295 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council proclaim October 2023 as Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

Carried Unanimously.

Jenny Bruns joined the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

**REQUEST TO USE AREA TO CONSTRUCT BALL DIAMOND WITHIN NE 28-61-3-W5 (NEERLANDIA WASTEWATER LAGOON)**

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2023-296 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council direct Administration to negotiate a Use Agreement with the Neerlandia Sports Committee to construct a ball diamond within NE 28-61-3-W5 (Neerlandia Wastewater Lagoon) and identify potential budget requirements if any; and further that this information is brought back to Council at a future date for final consideration.

Carried Unanimously.

Jenny Bruns departed the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

**NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1 LGA SERVICE AGREEMENT**

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2023-297 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council direct the CAO to execute the CRTC-approved Next Generation 9-1-1 Local Government Service Agreement as provided by Telus Communications Inc.

Carried Unanimously.

**BRWC – ALBERTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (ACP) GRANT PROGRAM**

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2023-298 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council supports in principle, submission of a 2023/24 Alberta Community Partnership grant application by the Town of Barrhead on behalf of BRWC for up to \$200,000 for a Regional Raw Water Supply Assessment Study project with the understanding that no matching contribution is required.

Carried Unanimously.

**REVIEW POLICIES FOR BARRHEAD REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES (BRFS)**

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2023-299 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council approve the following revised BRFS Policies as recommended by the BRFS Committee including the minor housekeeping changes presented by administration:

- 23-17-001 BRFS Level of Service
- 23-17-002 ERC Operations
- 23-17-003 BRFS Response Rates
- 23-17-004 BRFS Fire Master Plan
- 23-22-005 BRFS Fire Fighter Pay Schedule
- 23-17-006 Dispatch Policy
- 23-17-007 BRFS Health and Safety
- 23-17-008 BRFS Harassment Free
- 23-17-009 BRFS Performance Discipline Policy
- 23-17-010 BRFS Hiring
- 23-17-011 BRFS Surveillance System

Carried Unanimously.

**RECESS**

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

Tamara Molzahn joined the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

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**PROJECTS DASHBOARD**

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- 2023-300 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council accept the projects dashboard as information.  
Carried Unanimously.

**DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

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- 2023-301 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council accept the following Director of Corporate Services reports for information:
- Cash, Investments, & Taxes Receivable Report as of August 31, 2023
  - Outstanding Current Year Levy as at August 31, 2023
  - Payments Issued for the month of August 2023
  - YTD Budget Report for 8 months ending August 31, 2023
  - YTD Capital Recap for the period ending August 31, 2023
  - Elected Official Remuneration Report as at August 31, 2023
- Carried Unanimously.

Tamara Molzahn departed the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Ken Hove joined the meeting at 10:56 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.

- 2023-302 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that the report from the Director of Infrastructure be received for information.  
Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove departed the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

**REPORT – COUNTY MANAGER**

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Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager, reviewed the 2023 Council Resolution Tracking List and provided further updates to Council on the following:

- Upcoming RMA Convention on November 6-9, 2023 in Edmonton
- Council attendance at the Barrhead Community Garden Grand Opening & Harvest Supper
- CPO vehicle scheduled to arrive in Edmonton by end of September 2023
- CPO job posting is being advertised with anticipated closing of October 2, 2023

- 2023-303 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council accept the County Manager report for information.  
Carried Unanimously.

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**COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

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Deputy Reeve Schatz reported on being busy with farming activities.

Councillor Kleinfeldt reported on being busy with farming activities.

Councillor Preugschas reported on his attendance at an ASB Provincial Committee meeting, Liaison with medical students on behalf of the Attraction & Retention Committee, and his recent personal trip to Detroit.

Councillor Properzi reported on being busy with farming activities and that he received his 20-year service award as a bus driver with Pembina Hills School Division.

Councillor Lane reported on his attendance at a Misty Ridge Ski Hill committee meeting and the 90-plus birthday celebration at Hillcrest Lodge.

Reeve Drozd reported on his attendance at the RMA Quasi-Judicial Agency Committee meeting, presenting certificates to the 90-plus birthday recipients at Hillcrest Lodge, and time spent on County office duties.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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2023-304 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council accept the following agenda item for information:

- BDSHA Minutes – dated June 7, 2023

Carried Unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

2023-305 Moved by Councillor Properzi that the meeting adjourn at 11:34 a.m.

Carried Unanimously.

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