

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

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Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held December 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  
Councillor Walter Preugschas  
Councillor Jared Stoik (departed at 11:55 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	Tara Troock, Development Clerk

**ATTENDEES**

Sgt Bob Dodds – Barrhead RCMP Detachment

Barry Kerton - Town and Country Newspaper

**RECESS**

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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2023-453 Moved by Councillor Properzi that the agenda be approved as presented.  
Carried Unanimously.

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

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2023-454 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held December 5, 2023 be approved as circulated.  
Carried Unanimously.

**BARRHEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN SOCIETY COMMUNITY GRANT – FINAL REPORT**

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2023-455 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council receive for information the final report from The Barrhead Community Garden Society as a grant recipient of \$2,500 in-kind support under the Community Grants Policy.  
Carried Unanimously.

**AGREEMENT RENEWAL – LIGHT MAINTENANCE AND SUPERVISION OF WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS**

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2023-456 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council approve the Independent Contract Services agreement with Luke’s Contract Hauling for the period January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026 as presented.  
Carried Unanimously.

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**MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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- 2023-457 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council approves the Municipal Emergency Management Plan as recommended by the Emergency Advisory Committee.  
Carried Unanimously.

**SMALL COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM GRANT**

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- 2023-458 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council support the grant application of up to \$40,000 for the Small Community Opportunity Program (SCOP) for the purpose of hosting a business education and collaboration event with a trade show component.  
Carried Unanimously.

Jenny Bruns and Tara Troock departed the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

**EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY (EPR)**

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- 2023-459 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council direct Administration to pre-register with Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA) for the Extended Producer Recycling (EPR) program to indicate the County's interest in the program.  
Carried Unanimously.

**APPROVE 2023 CANCELLED TAXES – NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX INCENTIVE BYLAW**

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- 2023-460 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council approve the following 2023 cancelled tax transactions as presented and in support of the Non-Residential Tax Incentive Bylaw 7-2021:

- Roll # 530021020 \$466.04
- Roll # 520211002 \$524.12
- Roll # 539053003 \$513.96
- Roll # 538333022 \$11,404.63
- Roll # 547282009 \$643.30
- Roll # 537261014 \$1,060.17
- Roll # 537353013 \$797.22
- Roll # 548144005 \$981.43
- Roll # 540022011 \$1,023.12

Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Lane left the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

**IN-CAMERA SESSION**

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- 2023-461 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council move in-camera at 10:11 a.m. for discussion on:
- Governance Support to Non-Profit Organizations - *FOIP Sec. 24 Advice from Officials*
  - Progress On ICF Joint Feasibility Study for Repurposing ADLC - *FOIP Sec. 24 Advice from Officials*

Carried 6-0.

Councillor Lane rejoined the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

- 2023-462 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council move out of in-camera at 10:53 a.m.

Carried Unanimously.

**RECESS**

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

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

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Ken Hove joined the meeting at 10:58 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.

2023-463 Moved by Councillor Lane that the report from the Director of Infrastructure be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove departed the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Tamara Molzahn joined the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

**2024 INTERIM OPERATING BUDGET & 2024 CAPITAL BUDGET**

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2023-464 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council approve the 2024 INTERIM Operating Budget of \$18,467,503 as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

2023-465 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council approve the 2024 Capital Budget of \$6,459,335 as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

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

**DELEGATION - SGT DODDS RETIREMENT**

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Sergeant Bob Dodds with the Barrhead RCMP Detachment met with Council at this time being 11:44 a.m. and gave updates on detachment personnel and informed Council that the new detachment commander will be Sgt Colin Hack.

Council thanked Sgt Dodds for his 32 years of service to the community and invited him to stay for photos and a retirement luncheon in his honour.

Councillor Stoik and Sgt Dodds departed the meeting after the luncheon.

**LUNCH RECESS**

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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2023-466 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council accepts the following item for information:

- FCSS Minutes dated October 19, 2023

Carried 6-0.

Tamara Molzahn rejoined the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

**DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

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2023-467 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council accept the following Director of Corporate Services reports for information:

- Cash, Investments, & Taxes Receivable Report as of November 30, 2023
- Payments Issued for the month of November 2023
- YTD Budget Report for 11 months ending November 30, 2023
- YTD Capital Recap for the period ending November 30, 2023
- Elected Official Remuneration Report as at November 30, 2023

Carried 6-0.

Councillor Lane departed the meeting at 1:11 p.m.

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**REPORT – COUNTY MANAGER**

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Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager, reviewed the 2023 Council Resolution Tracking List and the following items:

- Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Funding Announcement
- Canada Alberta Drought Livestock Assistance Program
- Nomination of Councillor Preugschas to Alberta Cooperative Agricultural Extension Working Group

Councillor Lane rejoined the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

Tamara Molzahn departed the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

2023-468 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council rescind motion 2020-165 to direct Administration to send a letter to Alberta Transportation to identify provincial highway concerns within the County of Barrhead for consideration for the Government of Alberta 2020 Capital Maintenance Projects.

Carried 6-0.

2023-469 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council authorize the Reeve to sign a letter to the Minister of Agriculture & Irrigation regarding the Canada Alberta Drought Livestock Assistance (CADLA) Program.

Carried 6-0.

2023-470 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council support the nomination of Councillor Preugschas to the Alberta Cooperative Agricultural Extension Working Group and to approve a budget of up to \$5,148 for costs associated with his participation.

Carried 6-0.

2023-471 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council accept the County Manager report for information.

Carried 6-0.

Councillor Lane departed the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

**COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

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Councillor Properzi reported on his attendance at the County Budget Workshop, Emergency Advisory Committee meeting, the meeting with Alberta Transportation Regional representative, and the tour of the ADLC building.

Councillor Lane rejoined the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

Councillor Preugschas reported on his attendance at the County Budget Workshop, Emergency Advisory Committee meeting, the meeting with Alberta Transportation Regional representative, tour of the ADLC building, and attendance at a WILD meeting and a Barrhead Museum meeting as a public member.

Councillor Kleinfeldt reported on his attendance at the Library Christmas party, ICF meeting with the Town of Barrhead, County Budget Workshop, Emergency Advisory Committee meeting, the meeting with Alberta Transportation Regional representative, and the tour of the ADLC building.

Councillor Lane reported on his attendance at the County Budget Workshop, BDSHA Meeting, Emergency Advisory Committee meeting, the meeting with Alberta Transportation Regional representative, tour of the ADLC building, and a Misty Ridge Ski Hill meeting.

Deputy Reeve Schatz reported on his attendance at the County Budget Workshop, Emergency Advisory Committee meeting, the meeting with Alberta Transportation Regional representative, tour of the ADLC building, and a Seed Cleaning Plant meeting.

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Reeve Drozd reported on his attendance at the Barrhead Air Cadets Christmas banquet, ICF meeting with the Town of Barrhead, County Budget Workshop, tour of the Barrhead Water Treatment Plant, Emergency Advisory Committee meeting, the meeting with Alberta Transportation Regional representative, tour of the ADLC building, meeting with Lac Ste Anne County, and County administrative duties.

**ADJOURNMENT**

2023-472 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that the meeting adjourn at 2:28 p.m.

Carried 6-0.

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