

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - HELD MAY 18, 2021**

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The Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held May 18, 2021 was called to order by Reeve Drozd at 9:03 a.m.

**PRESENT**

Reeve Doug Drozd  
Deputy Reeve Marvin Schatz  
Councillor Ron Kleinfeldt (via video conference)  
Councillor Bill Lane  
Councillor Walter Preugschas  
Councillor Darrell Troock (via video conference)  
Councillor Dennis Nanninga

**STAFF**

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager	Ken Hove, Director of Infrastructure
Pam Dodds, Executive Assistant	Travis Wierenga, Public Works Manager
Jenny Bruns, Development Officer	Kyle Meunier, Ag Fieldman
Tamara Molzahn, Director of Finance & Admin (via video conference)	Henry Powell, Ag Supervisor
	Erika Head, Municipal Intern

**DELEGATION**

Barry Kerton - Town and Country Newspaper

**RECESS**

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Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at this time being 9:03 a.m.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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2021-182 Moved by Councillor Troock that the agenda be approved as presented.  
Carried Unanimously.

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 4, 2021**

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2021-183 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held May 4, 2021 be approved as circulated.  
Carried Unanimously.

**SUBDIVISION APPLICATION – MUNICIPAL PLANNING FILE 21-R-315  
PT. SW 10-57-1-W5 (VEENSTRA)**

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2021-184 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council approve the subdivision application proposing to consolidate the two existing 80-acre parcels and create a 5.06 ha (12.5 acre) parcel out of Pt. SW 10-57-1-W5 with the conditions as presented.  
Carried Unanimously.

Jenny Bruns departed the meeting and Kyle Meunier joined the meeting at this time being 9:32 a.m.

**RECOGNITION – ALBERTA AGRICULTURE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE**

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2021-185 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council direct Administration to draft a letter of congratulation recognizing Mr. George Visser's induction into the Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame and to invite him to a future County recognition event.  
Carried Unanimously.

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**APPOINTMENT OF WEED INSPECTOR**

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Kyle Meunier introduced Henry Powell the Ag Supervisor for summer of 2021.

2021-186 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council appoint Henry Powell as the County of Barrhead Weed Inspector under the *Weed Control Act* for 2021.

Carried Unanimously.

**COUNTY REGISTRATION FOR ALBERTA OPEN FARM DAYS**

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2021-187 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council accept the presentation on Alberta Open Farm Days as information.

Carried Unanimously.

Kyle Meunier departed the meeting at this time being 10:00 a.m.

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Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at this time being 10:00 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at this time being 10:14 a.m.

Ken Hove and Travis Wierenga joined the meeting at this time being 10:23 a.m.

Tamara Molzahn joined the meeting by video conference at this time being 10:30 a.m.

**INTERMUNCIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK (ICF) COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

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2021-188 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council approves the following appointments to each of the 5 ICF Committee's as outlined in the respective ICF Bylaws:

- Bylaw 1-2020 - Town of Barrhead – Reeve Drozd, Councillor Kleinfeldt, and alternate Councillor Troock.
- Bylaw 3-2020 - Woodlands County – Deputy Reeve Schatz, Councillor Nanninga, and Councillor Preugschas.
- Bylaw 5-2020 - Sturgeon County – Reeve Drozd, Councillor Troock, and Councillor Preugschas.
- Bylaw 3-2021 - Lac Ste Anne County – Reeve Drozd and Councillor Lane.
- Bylaw 4-2021 - Westlock County – Councillor Nanninga and Councillor Kleinfeldt.

Carried Unanimously.

**REPORT - PUBLIC WORKS**

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

2021-189 Moved by Councillor Nanninga that the report from the Director of Infrastructure and Public Works Manager be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**2021 SCADA PROJECT – ADDITIONAL WORK**

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2021-190 Moved by Councillor Troock that Council directs Administration to allocate an additional \$25,000 of Federal Gas Tax Grant Funding to the SCADA upgrade project to cover the costs of piping upgrades in the Manola Water Distribution Facility as well as any other unforeseen instrument installation costs.

Carried Unanimously.

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**2021 ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT #140 – WEST OF 2 AND 11-57-2-W5**

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2021-191 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council directs the Reeve and County Manager to sign the 2 additional agreements for Crop Damages on Backslope Area and Borrow Area & Crop Damage on Access Roads to Borrow Area, for 2021 Road Reconstruction Project #140 – West of 2 and 11-57-2-W5.

Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove and Travis Wierenga departed the meeting at this time being 10:54 a.m.

**UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

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2021-192 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council authorizes Administration to cancel the seven (7) outstanding Account Receivable Accounts as recommended in the amount of \$5,321.52 because of these accounts being uncollectible.

Carried Unanimously.

**REPORTS – DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

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2021-193 Moved by Councillor Troock that Council accept the following Director of Finance & Administration’s reports for information:

- Cash & Taxes Receivable as of April 30, 2021
- Payments Issued as of April 30, 2021
- YTD Budget Report for the 4 months ending April 30, 2021
- Capital YTD Recap as of April 30, 2021

Carried Unanimously.

Tamara Molzahn departed the meeting at this time being 11:20 a.m.

**2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESOLUTIONS**

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2021-194 Moved by Councillor Nanninga that Council appoints Ms. Pam Dodds as Returning Officer for the 2021 Municipal Election for the County of Barrhead.

Carried Unanimously.

2021-195 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council approves holding an advance vote for the 2021 Municipal Election under the provisions of Section 73 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

Carried Unanimously.

2021-196 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council approves providing Elector Assistance at Home for the 2021 Municipal Election under the provisions of Section 79 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

Carried Unanimously.

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**AGENDA INFORMATION ITEMS**

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2021-197 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that the following agenda items be received as information:

- Presentation from Gov't of Alberta Re: COVID-19 & Vaccine Update – dated May 12, 2021
- Letter from Town of Tofield to MP Damien Kurek Re: COVID Vaccine Provision – dated May 6, 2021
- Letter from Town of Tofield to Health Minister Shandro Re: COVID Vaccine Provision – dated May 3, 2021
- Letter from County of St Paul to Justice Minister Madu Re: Support for RCMP – dated May 6, 2021
- Letter from Town of Edson to Justice Minister Madu Re: Support for RCMP – dated May 6, 2021
- Letter from Town of Claresholm to Justice Minister Madu Re: Support for RCMP – dated May 11, 2021
- Letter from MD of Crowsnest Pass to Mayor of High River Re: Eastern Slopes Coal Exploration & Public Consultation on the 1976 Coal Development Policy – dated May 4, 2021
- Letter from Blue Ridge Lumber Re: 2021 Virtual Woodlands Open House – dated April 27, 2021
- Pembina Zone Meeting Minutes – April 26, 2021
- LEPA Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2021
- Misty Ridge Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2021

Carried Unanimously.

**REPORT – COUNTY MANAGER**

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Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager, reviewed the 2021 Council Resolution Tracking List and provided a verbal update on:

- Webinar for the State of Riparian Area in the Pembina Watershed on June 29 at 10:00 a.m.

2021-198 Moved by Councillor Lane to accept the County Manager's report as information.

Carried Unanimously.

**COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

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Councillor Kleinfeldt had nothing new to report

Councillor Troock reported on his attendance at a BDSHA meeting.

Councillor Preugschas reported on his attendance at the ASB meeting, GROWTH Strategic Planning meeting, Barrhead Attraction and Retention Committee meeting, and a Twinning Committee meeting.

Councillor Lane reported on his attendance at an Ag Society regional meeting and a virtual Town Hall meeting with MP Viersen regarding Rural Broadband.

Councillor Nanninga reported on his attendance at the ASB meeting.

Deputy Reeve Schatz reported on his attendance at the ASB meeting and shared comments regarding a fire in his division.

Reeve Drozd reported on his attendance at a meeting with Town of Barrhead Mayor and CAO, virtual Town Hall meeting with MP Viersen regarding Rural Broadband, LEPA AGM, a virtual Town Hall with the Alberta Premier and Ministers, and the County Office for administrative duties.

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**IN-CAMERA**

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- 2021-199 Moved by Councillor Lane that the meeting move in-camera at this time being 12:01 p.m. for discussion on:  
4.10.1 Offer to Purchase – *FOIPP Sec. 24 Advice from Officials and FOIPP Sec. 27 Privileged information*  
Carried Unanimously.  
Barry Kerton, Barrhead Leader, left the meeting at this time being 12:01 p.m.
- 2021-200 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that the meeting move out of in-camera at this time being 12:38 p.m.  
Carried Unanimously.
- 2021-201 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council approves a maximum of \$10,000 in Associated Engineering fees to address utility capacity.  
Carried Unanimously.
- 2021-202 Moved by Councillor Nanninga that Council direct the CAO to negotiate an agreement with Axiom for the abandonment and reclamation of an oil and gas wellsite in the County as discussed in-camera.  
Unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- 2021-203 Moved by Councillor Nanninga that the meeting adjourn at this time being 12:45 p.m.  
Carried Unanimously.

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