

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - HELD OCTOBER 3, 2023

Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held October 3, 2023 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
Councillor Paul Properzi
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
Adam Vanderwekken, Corporate Communications Coordinator	Tara Troock, Development Clerk
	Ken Hove, Director of Infrastructure

ATTENDEES

Karen Gariepy and Savannah Belyk - Barrhead FCSS
Barry Kerton - Town and Country Newspaper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2023-306 Moved by Councillor Lane that the agenda be approved as presented.
Carried Unanimously.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

2023-307 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held September 19, 2023 be approved as circulated.
Carried Unanimously.

**SUBDIVISION APPLICATION – MUNICIPAL PLANNING FILE 23-R-728
SW 28-57-5-W5 (NOR-KEN OILFIELD)**

2023-308 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council approve subdivision application 23-R-728 proposing to create a 6.55 ha (16.2 acre) farmstead separation out of SW 28-57-5-W5 with the conditions as presented.
Carried Unanimously.

Jenny Bruns and Tara Troock departed the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

BARRHEAD COMMUNITY PUMPKIN WALK - COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST

2023-309 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council approve the application from Barrhead Community Pumpkin Walk for a donation of \$1,500 under the Community Grants Policy to assist with the annual Community Pumpkin Walk on October 27, 2023.
Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove joined the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

ORIGINAL SIGNED – D. DROZD

Reeve

ORIGINAL SIGNED – D. OYARZUN

County Manager

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AGRICULTURAL LEASE AGREEMENT – NE 27-59-3-W5

2023-310 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council authorize the Reeve and County Manager to renew the Agricultural Lease Agreement for 100 acres within NE 27-59-3-W5 with the current tenant for the term December 1, 2023 until November 30, 2026 at an annual rate of \$100.00 per acre.

Defeated 3-3.

2023-311 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council authorize the Reeve and County Manager to renew the Agricultural Lease Agreement for 100 acres within NE 27-59-3-W5 with the current tenant for the term December 1, 2023 until November 30, 2026 at an annual rate of \$85.00 per acre.

Defeated 3-3.

2023-312 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council authorize the Reeve and County Manager to renew the Agricultural Lease Agreement for 100 acres within NE 27-59-3-W5 with the current tenant for the term December 1, 2023 until November 30, 2026 at an annual rate of \$104.00 per acre.

Carried 4-2.

2023-313 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz to amend the Agricultural Lease Agreement within NE 27-59-3-W5 by removing the following sentence from item 2 as Council is using Farm Credit Canada report to determine fair market value:

“If the amount of the Fair Market Value Rent cannot be agreed upon for the purpose of any period of renewal, the issue may be submitted to arbitration pursuant to the Arbitration Act of Alberta”.

Carried Unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

2023-314 Moved by Councillor Lane that the report from the Director of Infrastructure be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

2023 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT 23-740 AGREEMENTS

2023-315 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council directs the Reeve and County Manager to sign the agreements for Crop Damages on Backslope Area, Borrow Area & Crop Damage on Access Roads to Borrow Area, and Landscape Borrow Area & Crop Damage on Access Road, 2023 Road Reconstruction Project #23-740 – West of 23-61-3-W5.

Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove departed the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

NEERLANDIA SPORTS COMMITTEE APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

2023-316 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council approves the tax-exempt status for the tax years 2024, 2025, and 2026 for Roll #120405007, 120406006, and 120407005 in accordance with MGA Section 362 and AR 281/98.

Carried Unanimously.

RECESS

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

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Adam Vanderwekken joined the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

2024 BUDGET PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT – FINAL “WHAT WE HEARD” REPORT

- 2023-317 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council accept the 2024 Budget Public Engagement – Final “What We Heard” Report for information and inclusion in further budget deliberations.

Carried Unanimously.

Adam Vanderwekken departed the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

IN-CAMERA

- 2023-318 Moved by Councillor Properzi that the meeting move in-camera at this time being 10:52 a.m. for discussion on:

Insurance Review – *FOIPP Sec. 17 Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body*

Carried Unanimously.

Barry Kerton and Pam Dodds departed the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

- 2023-319 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that the meeting move out of in-camera at this time being 11:24 a.m.

Carried Unanimously.

Barry Kerton and Pam Dodds rejoined the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Councillor Preugschas left the meeting at 11:24 a.m. and rejoined at 11:26 a.m.

DELEGATION – FCSS

Karen Gariepy, Executive Director, and Savannah Belyk, Family & Youth Program Coordinator, for Barrhead FCSS met with Council at 11:28 a.m. and provided updates on programs organized by FCSS and discussed the following reports with Council:

- 2023-320
- RMA Report on Family and Community Support Services
 - 2023 AB Prov. Est. Community Report BARRHEAD

Moved by Councillor Lane to accept the report from FCSS representatives as information.

Carried Unanimously.

Karen Gariepy & Savannah Belyk departed the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

LUNCH RECESS

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

Tamara Molzahn joined the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

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Reeve

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County Manager

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR A LOAN BYLAW – THE BARRHEAD EXHIBITION ASSOCIATION AND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY (BYLAW 5-2023)

Reeve Drozd declared the Public Hearing open at 1:01 pm to provide an opportunity for public input and comment regarding proposed Bylaw No. 5-2023, A Loan Bylaw – The Barrhead Exhibition Association and Agricultural Society, for a debenture up to a maximum of \$875,000 for the purpose of purchasing 6 parcels of land for a term of up to 20 years.

Reeve Drozd explained the public hearing process.

Tamara Molzahn, Director of Corporate Services, introduced Bylaw 5-2023 which received 1st reading at the September 5, 2023, Regular Council meeting.

Barrhead Agricultural Society representatives Jackie Miller, Brenda Visser, Colleen Branden, Lynn Down, Ken Anderson, and Anthony Oswald, provided general comments on the reasoning behind asking the County of Barrhead to provide the loan to the Barrhead Exhibition Association and Agricultural Society.

None in attendance spoke in opposition of Bylaw 5-2023.

Debbie Oyarzun, CAO, shared correspondence received from Mr. Mike Anderson regarding Bylaw 5-2023 showing support for the loan.

Reeve Drozd declared the Public Hearing closed at 1:23 p.m.

BYLAW 5-2023 – A LOAN BYLAW – THE BARRHEAD EXHIBITION ASSOCIATION AND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

- 2023-321 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council postpone consideration of 2nd & 3rd reading of Loan Bylaw - The Barrhead Exhibition Association and Agricultural Society (Bylaw 5-2023) to the next regular meeting of Council on October 17, 2023.

Carried 5-1.

MOTION ARISING – BYLAW 5-2023

- 2023-322 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council ask the Barrhead Exhibition Association and Agricultural Society to consider making a downpayment or prepayment on the purchase of the land.

Defeated 5-1.

Tamara Molzahn departed the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

REPORT – COUNTY MANAGER

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

- Submitted request for Council to meet with the Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors at the RMA Conference
- Conducting CPO interviews week of October 9, 2023
- Barrhead Regional Fire Services 7-10 day deployment of Tender 5 with 2 members to High Level as requested by province
- Budget Priorities Workshop to take place October 12, 2023
- Land Use Bylaw Review project status report scheduled for October 18, 2023
- Emergency Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for October 26, 2023
- Upcoming stakeholder discussion for the repurposing of the ADLC
- AAIP Rural Renewal – September report

- 2023-323 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council accept the County Manager report for information.

Carried Unanimously.

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Reeve

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County Manager

INFORMATION ITEMS

2023-324 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council accept the following agenda item for information:

- News Release – Environmental Appeals Board hearing schedule dated September 27, 2023
- ASB Position Statement: Agriculture Extension – Provincial ASB Committee
- FCSS Minutes – dated June 15, 2023

Carried Unanimously.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Properzi reported on his attendance at the FCSS Strategic Planning sessions and the Celebration of Life for former Councillor Darrell Troock.

Councillor Preugschas reported on the ASB Position Statement regarding Agriculture Extension Model by the Provincial ASB Committee, update on the Attraction & Retention activities, attendance at the Community Garden grand opening, Pembina Zone meeting, and the Celebration of Life for former Councillor Darrell Troock.

Councillor Kleinfeldt reported on his attendance at a Library meeting, BARCC meeting, Pembina Zone meeting and the Celebration of Life for former Councillor Darrell Troock.

Councillor Lane reported on his attendance at a FCSS committee meeting, Ag Society meeting, Pembina Zone meeting, and the Celebration of Life for former Councillor Darrell Troock.

Deputy Reeve Schatz reported on his attendance at the Pembina Zone meeting and the Celebration of Life for former Councillor Darrell Troock.

Reeve Drozd reported on his attendance at the Quasi-Judicial Agency Committee that presented their report to RMA board, Pembina Zone 3 Reeve's & CAO's meet and greet with MLAs, FCSS Community Transportation meeting, Community Garden grand opening, time spent on County office duties, and the Celebration of Life for former Councillor Darrell Troock.

ADJOURNMENT

2023-325 Moved by Councillor Lane that the meeting adjourn at 2:31 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

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Reeve

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County Manager