

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - HELD AUGUST 20, 2024**

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Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held August 20, 2024 was called to order by Reeve Drozd at 9:02 a.m.

**PRESENT**

Reeve Doug Drozd  
Deputy Reeve Marvin Schatz  
Councillor Ron Kleinfeldt  
Councillor Bill Lane  
Councillor Paul Properzi  
Councillor Walter Preugschas (joined at 9:45 a.m.)

**ABSENT**

Councillor Jared Stoik

**STAFF**

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

**ATTENDEES**

Barry Kerton - Town and Country Newspaper

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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2024-266 Moved by Councillor Lane that the agenda be approved as presented.  
Carried 5-0.

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 16, 2024**

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2024-267 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held July 16, 2024, be approved as circulated.  
Carried 5-0.

**2024 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT 24-740**

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2024-268 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council directs the Reeve and County Manager to sign the agreement for Crop Damages on Backslope Area for 2024 Road Reconstruction Project #24-740 – South of SW 9-62-4-W5, through 9-62-4-W5, South and East of SE 16-62-4-W5.  
Carried 5-0.

**2025 DOZER REPLACEMENT**

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2024-269 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council directs Administration to purchase one 2025 Caterpillar D2 LGP dozer, with 5 year / 7,500 hour warranty coverage from Finning Canada Ltd. for the price of \$277,173 as per the quotation provided and agree to the future guaranteed buy-back of \$102,000, and that the purchase be incorporated into the 2025 Capital Budget.  
  
And further, to trade-in Unit #305, a 2019 Caterpillar D4K LGP dozer to Finning Canada Ltd. for the price of \$95,000.  
Carried 5-0.

**2025 MOTOR GRADER REPLACEMENT**

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2024-270 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council directs Administration to purchase a 2025 Caterpillar 150 AWD motor grader, with a 12-foot snow wing, rear ripper, and 5 year / 7,500 hr warranty coverage from Finning Canada Ltd. for the price of \$574,500 as per the quotation provided and agree to the future guaranteed buy-back of \$231,000, and that the purchase be incorporated into the 2025 Capital Budget.  
  
And further, to trade-in Unit #219, a 2019 Caterpillar 140M3 motor grader with snow wing, to Finning Canada Ltd. for the price of \$305,000.  
Carried 5-0.

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Reeve

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**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR ACQUIRING SML (SURFACE MATERIAL LEASE)  
WEST HALF OF 3-61-7-W5**

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- 2024-271 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council directs Administration to enter into an agreement with Green Plan Ltd. and associated subcontractors to carry out the environmental services for acquiring an SML for a gravel pit on crown land within the West ½ of 3-61-7 W5 outlined in their July 2024 proposal, for an estimated cost of \$234,355.75.

Carried 5-0.

Councillor Preugschas joined the meeting at 9:45 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.

- 2024-272 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that the report from the Public Works Manager be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove departed the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

**RECESS**

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

**FIRE FIGHTING SERVICES – REQUEST TO CANCEL INVOICE**

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- 2024-273 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council deny the request to cancel or reduce invoice #IVC00004100.

Carried 4-2.

**REQUEST TO NOMINATE MEMBERS FOR MINISTRY OF HEALTH REGIONAL ADVISORY  
COUNCIL**

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- 2024-274 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council direct Administration to reach out to 2 candidates identified by Council to ensure they are aware of the opportunity to apply for nomination to the Minister of Health Regional Advisory Council.

Carried Unanimously.

**COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING OPTIONS**

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- 2024-275 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council approve removing 2024 recurring grant recipients from Community Grant Funding and redirect the \$9,750 for these recurring grant applications to come from Year End Surplus.

Carried Unanimously.

Tamara Molzahn joined the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

**CANCEL 50% OF 2024 TAXES – ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS & ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT  
AND PARKS**

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- 2024-276 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council cancel property taxes in the amount of \$14,891.88, owed by Government of Alberta, in the name of Alberta Municipal Affairs and Alberta Environment & Parks.

Carried 5-1.

**PROPERTY TAX PENALTY EXEMPT LIST**

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- 2024-277 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council approves the Property Tax Penalty Exempt List for the 418 tax rolls as identified.

Carried Unanimously.

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

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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- 2024-278 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council accepts the following items for information:
- Letter from Municipal Affairs Re: Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) – dated July 23, 2024
  - Letter from Orphan Well Association Re: Annual Report – dated July 8, 2024
  - CFYE Meeting Minutes – May 22, 2024
  - CFYE Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2024
  - CFYE Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2024
  - CFYE Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2024

Carried Unanimously.

**COUNTY MANAGER REPORT**

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Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager, reviewed the 2024 Resolution Tracking List and included updates on:

- AAIP Monthly Status Report for July 2024
- County Tour on August 1, 2024 was sold out and well received (formal report to follow)
- Attended Pembina River Zone meeting July 22, 2024
- October 19, 2024 - upcoming Business Conference & Trade Show with international key note speakers
- Provided a letter of support to Neerlandia Christian Education Society for their grant application to CFEP for barrier free playground equipment

- 2024-279 Moved by Councillor Lane that the County Manager's report be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

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Councillor Properzi reported on his attendance at the BRFS meeting, Pembina Zone meeting, and the County Tour.

Councillor Preugschas reported on his attendance at a Provincial ASB meeting, ASB tour of Plantae Technologies, Pembina Zone meeting, County Tour, volunteering at the museum, and update on the dissolving of the Alberta Co-op Extension Group.

Councillor Kleinfeldt reported on his attendance at the Pembina Zone meeting, BRWC meeting, County Tour, and volunteering for the Demolition Derby.

Deputy Reeve Schatz reported on his attendance at the BRFS meeting, Pembina Zone meeting, County Tour, volunteering at the Demolition Derby, Seed Cleaning Plant meeting, and participating in the Barrhead Parade.

Reeve Drozd reported on his attendance at the BRFS meeting, Pembina Zone meeting, welcoming Communities in Bloom judges, BRWC meeting, County Tour, RMA zoom Town Hall, participating in the Barrhead & Fort Assiniboine Parades, attending UCP fundraiser, and office administration duties.

Councillor Lane reported on his attendance at the Ag Society meeting, volunteering for Demolition Derby, Pembina Zone meeting, Celebration of Life event, and County Tour.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- 2024-280 Moved by Councillor Lane that the meeting adjourn at 11:43 a.m.

Carried Unanimously.

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Reeve

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County Manager