

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - HELD APRIL 4, 2023

Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held April 4, 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 Paul Properzi
Councillor Walter Preugschas

ABSENT

Councillor Jared Stoik
Councillor Bill Lane

STAFF

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager	Ken Hove, Director of Infrastructure
Lindsay Ellwein, Municipal Clerk	Tamara Molzahn,
Jenny Bruns, Development Officer	Director of Corporate Services
Tara Troock, Development Clerk	

ATTENDEES

Barry Kerton - Town and Country Newspaper
Glen Van Dijken - MLA
Karen Gariepy – Barrhead FCSS (Delegation)
Trisha Enman – Barrhead FCSS (Delegation)
Sgt Bob Dodds – Barrhead RCMP Detachment (Delegation)
Brad Lussier, CPA – Greilach Lussier LLP (Delegation)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2023-093 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that the agenda be approved as presented.
Carried Unanimously.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 7, 2023

2023-094 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 7, 2023 be approved as circulated.
Carried Unanimously.

**SUBDIVISION APPLICATION – MUNICIPAL PLANNING FILE 23-R-645
LOT 1 PLAN 9622932 WITHIN NE 22-57-1-W5 (IONITA)**

2023-095 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council approve subdivision application 23-R-645 proposing to create a 1.62 ha (4.0 acre) parcel out of Lot 1 Plan 9622932 within NE 22-57-1-W5 with the conditions as presented.
Carried Unanimously.

REQUEST TO UPGRADE UNDEVELOPED ROAD ALLOWANCE – SE 26-59-6-W5

2023-096 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council deny the request to upgrade a currently undeveloped road allowance to SE 26-59-6-W5 for recreational use only.
Carried Unanimously.

Jenny Bruns and Tara Troock departed the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

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Reeve

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2023 CAPITAL PURCHASE - QUOTATION FOR WASHBAY STEAMER PRESSURE WASHER

- 2023-097 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council approve the purchase of a steamer pressure washer (as per specifications) from Water Blast Manufacturing LP at a purchase price of \$18,245.81 plus GST and to reflect the changes in the 2023 Capital budget.
Carried Unanimously.

2023 LANDFILL TRACK LOADER REPLACEMENT

- 2023-098 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council directs Administration to cost share (50:50) with Town of Barrhead the purchase of a 2023 John Deere 755K Landfill Track Loader, with Landfill package and 5-year/5,000-hour warranty coverage at a total cost of \$608,000 plus GST from Brandt Tractor Ltd. as per the quotation provided, and as per the 2023 Waste Management Capital Plan, and to take delivery in 2023.
Carried Unanimously.

UNIT 306 CATERPILLAR D6T DOZER DISPERSAL

- 2023-099 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council directs Administration to disperse Unit 306 to Ritchie Bros Auctioneers (Canada) Ltd. for the price of \$375,000 plus GST and make the unit available for immediate possession upon receipt of payment.
Carried Unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

- Ken Hove, Director of Infrastructure, reviewed the written report for Public Works and Utilities and answered questions from Council.
- 2023-100 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that the report from the Public Works Manager be received for information.
Carried Unanimously.

MLA Van Dijken entered the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

Ken Hove left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

RECESS

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

DELEGATION – MLA GLEN VAN DIJKEN

MLA van Dijken provided an overview of the recent activities of the Provincial Government including Budget 2023 updates and discussed a variety of rural topics with Council.

Council thanked MLA van Dijken for joining them to discuss rural issues.

- 2023-101 Moved by Councillor Preugschas to accept the presentation by MLA van Dijken as information.
Carried Unanimously.

DELEGATION – FCSS

- 2023-102 Karen Gariepy, Executive Director & Trisha Enman, Community Development & Volunteer Coordinator of Barrhead FCSS met with Council and provided updates on programs and facilities for FCSS.

Moved by Councillor Properzi to accept the report from FCSS representatives as information.
Carried Unanimously.

Sgt Bob Dodds entered the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Karen Gariepy & Trisha Enman left the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

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DELEGATION – BARRHEAD RCMP DETACHMENT

Sergeant Bob Dodds of the Barrhead RCMP Detachment, met with Council at this time being 11:47 a.m. to finalize the Acknowledgement of Consultation for the RCMP Priorities Document.

2023-103 Moved by Councillor Preugschas to authorize Reeve Drozd to sign the Acknowledgement of Consultation for the RCMP Annual Performance Plan.

Carried Unanimously.

2023-104 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz to move the meeting in-camera with Sergeant Dodds at 11:49 a.m. for discussion on Regional Activities under *FOIPP s. 24 - Advice from Officials*.

Carried Unanimously.

2023-105 Moved by Councillor Preugschas to move out of in-camera at 12:20 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

LUNCH RECESS

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:01 p.m.

DELEGATION – GREILACH LUSSIER LLP (AUDITOR)

Brad Lussier for Greilach Lussier LLP met with Council and provided them an overview of the audit of the 2022 financial records for the County of Barrhead.

2023-106 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council approve the 2022 audited Financial Statements as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

2023-107 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council approve the 2022 audited Financial Information Return (FIR) as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

2023-108 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Administration publish the 2022 audited financial statements to the County website.

Carried Unanimously.

2023-109 Moved by Councillor Properzi to move in-camera with Brad Lussier from Greilach Lussier LLP at 1:38 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

Debbie Oyarzun, Tamara Molzahn, Lindsay Ellwein and Barry Kerton exited the meeting for the in-camera session at 1:38 p.m.

2023-110 Moved by Councillor Properzi to move out of in-camera at 1:43 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

Debbie Oyarzun, Tamara Molzahn, Lindsay Ellwein and Barry Kerton re-entered the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

Council thanked Brad Lussier from Greilach Lussier LLP for his report and he exited the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

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DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

- 2023-111 Moved by Councillor Properzi to accept the following Director of Corporate Services reports for information:
- Cash, Investments & Taxes Receivable as of February 28, 2023
 - Payments Issued for the month of February 2023
 - YTD Budget Report for 2 months ending February 28, 2023
 - Elected Official Remuneration Report as of February 28, 2023
- Carried Unanimously.

Tamara Molzahn departed the meeting at the time of 1:54 p.m.

FIRE INVOICE

- 2023-112 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council denies the request to cancel or reduce Fire Invoice IVC00002618.
- Carried Unanimously.

COMPASSIONATE GIFT POLICY

- 2023-113 Moved by Councillor Preugschas to approve Policy AD-004 Compassionate Gifts to replace Policy 12.24 with amendments as shown in red italics:
- Eligibility:

a) This policy applies to:

- i) current permanent part-time and full-time employees
- ii) current elected officials.

iii) seasonal and temporary employees, when employed by the County of Barrhead

b) This policy does not apply to:

i) seasonal and temporary employees

- ii) former employees
- iii) former elected officials.

Carried Unanimously.

AGENDA INFORMATION ITEMS

- 2023-114 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that the following agenda items be received as information:
- Email from Minister Horner Re: Announcing the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership – dated March 29, 2023
 - Letter from Town of Barrhead to Minister Savage Re: EPR Program – dated March 21, 2023
 - Letter from Sturgeon County Re: Alberta Focus at FCM – dated March 21, 2023
 - FCSS Minutes – February 15, 2023
 - Misty Ridge Ski Hill Minutes – February 15, 2023
- Carried Unanimously.

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COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

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

- AAIP Rural Renewal Stream Monthly Status Report
- Budget Workshop scheduled for April 19, 2023
- Driver Abstract Consent forms
- Alberta Crime Prevention Grant (\$26,685)
- Alberta Community Partnership Program, Intermunicipal Collaboration - Feasibility Study Grant (\$146,570)

- 2023-115 Moved by Councillor Properzi to accept County Manager report as information.
Carried Unanimously.
- 2023-116 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt to authorize Administration to sign the Alberta Crime Prevention Grant Agreement for submission to the Minister of Public Safety & Emergency Services to be eligible to receive the funds to continue with the workplan.
Carried Unanimously.
- 2023-117 Moved by Councillor Preugschas to authorize Administration to sign the Conditional Grant under the Intermunicipal Collaboration Component of the 2022-23 Alberta Community Partnership Program in support of the Feasibility Study to repurpose Alberta Distance Learning Centre in Barrhead as a joint civic center.
Carried Unanimously.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Properzi reported on his attendance at RMA Spring 2023 Convention.

Councillor Preugschas reported on his attendance at RMA Spring 2023 Convention, Provincial ASB Committee meeting, ASB Meeting, WILD operator networking meetings, Community Halls Strategy meeting and spoke at the Chamber of Commerce Meeting to showcase WILD.

Councillor Kleinfeldt attended a BARCC meeting, Community Hall Strategy meeting, Yellowhead Regional Library meeting to discuss auditor's report and RMA Spring 2023 Convention.

Deputy Reeve Schatz volunteered at the St. Albert Casino in support of Misty Ridge Ski Hill, and attended the Seed Cleaning Plant meeting, CFYE meeting, Community Hall Strategy meeting, RMA Spring 2023 Convention and Mayors & Reeves meeting.

Reeve Drozd attended Committee of the Whole to discuss CPO program, ICF prep meeting, ICF meeting with Town of Barrhead re: Safety Codes, Town Hall meeting with Municipal Affairs, National Rural Electric Coop Association (EQUUS) meeting in Nashville, BARCC Meeting, Community Hall Strategy meeting, RMA Spring 2023 Convention, Mayors & Reeves meeting, Rural Health Update with Minister Copping, and Take Back Alberta meeting.

2023-118 **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councilor Kleinfeldt that the meeting adjourn at 3:21 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

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