

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - HELD MAY 16, 2023**

Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held May 16, 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

**ABSENT**

Councillor Jared Stoik

**STAFF**

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager	Kyle Meunier, Ag Fieldman
Pam Dodds, Executive Assistant	Adam Vanderwekken, Corporate
Ken Hove, Director of Infrastructure	Communications Coordinator

**ATTENDEES**

Glenda Farnden - STARS Sr. Municipal Relations Liaison  
Barry Kerton - Town and Country Newspaper

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- 2023-157 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that the agenda be approved as presented.  
Carried Unanimously.

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 2, 2023**

- 2023-158 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held May 2, 2023 be approved as circulated.  
Carried Unanimously.

**2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

- 2023-159 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council approves the 2022 Annual Report as presented.  
Carried Unanimously.
- Adam Vanderwekken departed the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

**DECLARATION – SENIORS’ WEEK 2023**

- 2023-160 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council declares June 5-11, 2023 as Seniors’ Week in the County of Barrhead.  
Carried Unanimously.

**PROCLAMATION – ALBERTA RURAL HEALTH WEEK MAY 29 – JUNE 2, 2023**

- 2023-161 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council proclaims May 29 – June 2, 2023, as Alberta Rural Health Week.  
Carried Unanimously.

**BARRHEAD INDIGENOUS DAY COMMITTEE - COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST**

- 2023-162 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council approves the application from Barrhead Indigenous Day committee for \$1,000 under the Community Grants Policy to assist with the Barrhead Indigenous Day event to be held on June 21, 2023.  
Carried Unanimously.

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Reeve

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County Manager

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Kyle Meunier joined the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

**DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

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- 2023-163 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council authorizes Administration to enter into the 2023 Professional Services Agreement to a maximum of \$8,000 as presented by Ducks Unlimited Canada and as recommended by the ASB.

Carried Unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT OF WEED & PEST INSPECTOR**

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- 2023-164 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council appoint Chelsea Jaeger as the County of Barrhead Weed Inspector under the *Weed Control Act* and Pest Inspector under the *Agricultural Pest Act*.

Carried Unanimously.

Kyle Meunier departed the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

Adam Vanderwekken rejoined the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Ken Hove joined the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

**COMMUNITY HALLS STRATEGY: 2<sup>ND</sup> STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT “WHAT WE HEARD” REPORT**

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- 2023-165 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council accept the “What We Heard” Report from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Halls Strategy Stakeholder Engagement Session for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Adam Vanderwekken departed the meeting at 9:55 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.

- 2023-166 Moved by Councillor Lane that the report from the Director of Infrastructure be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**CONTRACT RENEWAL – GRASS CUTTING AT LOCATION #11 (MACGILL ESTATES)**

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- 2023-167 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council approve the Independent Contract Services agreement with Virginia MacGillivray to provide grass cutting service for 2023 on 1.6 acres at County of Barrhead location #11 (MacGill Estates) under the terms and conditions as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

**2023 PAVEMENT REPAIRS**

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- 2023-168 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council directs Administration to enter into a contract with Central City Paving for the 2023 Pavement Repair work for a price of \$202.00/tonne plus a mobilization fee of \$7,500.00, up to a maximum of \$180,000 as allocated in the 2023 Operating Budget.

Carried Unanimously.

**2023 ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT #640 – WEST OF NW 5, 8 AND 17-61-4-W5**

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- 2023-169 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council directs the Reeve and County Manager to sign the agreements for Crop Damages on Backslope Area, Borrow Area and Crop Damage on Access Roads to Borrow Area, for 2023 Road Reconstruction Project #640 - West of NW 5, 8 and 17-61-4-W5.

Carried Unanimously.

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**2023 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS 23-741 AND 23-742**

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2023-170 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council directs administration to cancel project 23-741 and remove it from the 2023 Capital Budget at an estimated cost of \$272,686 due to inability to obtain agreements for Borrow Area.

Carried Unanimously.

2023-171 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council directs administration to escalate Project 26-740 (to be renamed to Project 23-742) from the 10-year Capital Plan to the 2023 Capital Budget at an estimated cost of \$182,657.

Carried Unanimously.

**2023 ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT 23-742 – SOUTH OF 11-62-4-W5**

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2023-172 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council directs the Reeve and County Manager to sign the agreements for Crop Damages on Backslope Area, Borrow Area and Crop Damage on Access Roads to Borrow Area, for 2023 Road Reconstruction Project 23-742 – South of 11-62-4-W5.

Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove departed the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

**RECESS**

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

**2023-2024 TRAFFIC SAFETY PLAN**

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2023-173 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council directs CAO to work directly with the RCMP to finalize the Traffic Safety Plan and submit to Alberta Justice & Solicitor General as part of the application to become an Authorized Employer under the Peace Officer Program.

Carried Unanimously.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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2023-174 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council accept the following agenda items for information:

- Letter from Barrhead & District 4-H Beef & Sheep Committee Re: Achievement Day – dated March 13, 2023
- Letter to GROWTH Alberta Re: Withdrawal of Membership – dated May 10, 2023
- Letter to Alberta Municipalities from Yellowhead County Re: Postponement of Election – dated May 10, 2023
- Letter from Treaty Partner Consulting Re: Invitation to educational gathering – dated May 1, 2023

Carried Unanimously.

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**DELEGATION – SHOCK TRAUMA AIR RESCUE SOCIETY (STARS)**

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Glenda Farnden, STARS Sr. Municipal Relations Liaison met with Council at this time being 11:34 a.m. and discussed the annual report.

2023-175 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council accept the presentation from STARS for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Council thanked Ms. Farnden and she departed the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

**GENERAL CONSENSUS TO EXTEND MEETING**

Council gave consent to extend the meeting into the lunch hour.

**REPORT – COUNTY MANAGER**

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

- County has received an appeal on the development permit for the Hutterite Colony
- Barrhead Regional Fire Services Department deployment updates
- Recognized support from local farmers and individuals in supporting the control of wildfires under the coordination of the Fire Chief
- Swan Hills is being evacuated due to fires. County will waive County campground fees for evacuees.

2023-176 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council accept the County Manager report for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

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Councillor Lane reported on his attendance at the County LUB Open House.

Deputy Reeve Schatz reported on being busy with farming activities.

Councillor Kleinfeldt reported on his attendance at the County LUB Open House, Barrhead Library Tea Party in honour of the King's Coronation.

Councillor Preugschas reported on his attendance at the County LUB Open House, ASB Provincial Committee meeting, County ASB meeting, WILD meeting, Twinning Provincial Conference, and Ft. Assiniboine's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary planning.

Councillor Properzi reported on his attendance at an FCSS meeting.

Reeve Drozd reported on his attendance at the County LUB Open House, Dunstable School Tea Party in honour of the King's Coronation, Camp Nakamun meeting, Belvedere Hall clean-up, and time spent on County office duties.

**ADJOURNMENT**

2023-177 Moved by Councillor Lane that the meeting adjourn at 12:23 a.m.

Carried Unanimously.

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