



## Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2023

Members Present:

Reeve Roger Konieczny, Division 3  
Deputy Reeve Tara Kuzio, Division 5  
Councillor Joey Nafziger, Division 1  
Councillor Eric Anderson, Division 2  
Councillor Cliff Wowdzia, Division 4  
Councillor Carl Ogradnick, Division 6  
Councillor Kevin Bentley, Division 7

Administration Present:

Pat Podoborzny, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jason Warawa, Director of Corporate Services  
Norm De Wet, Director of Operations  
Mike Fundytus, Director of Protective Services  
Davin Gegolick, Director of Planning and Community Services  
Trudy Shukalak, Legislative Services Coordinator

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Konieczny called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### 2. CHANGES TO AGENDA & ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### 2023-W077

**Moved by:** Councillor Wowdzia

THAT the December 13, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting agenda be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

### 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### 2023-W078

**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Kuzio

THAT the November 15, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

#### 4. DELEGATIONS

#### 5. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

##### 5.1 Leasing of Lands in Lavoy

A request has been received from a Hamlet of Lavoy resident to lease one or two County owned vacant lots located behind her property for the purpose of planting a garden.

Block 8 was developed by the County with the intent of being sold for residential use, however, due to drainage issues on this land, the lots have not been sold.

At the November 15, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting, Council requested Administration to research soil composition of Block 8 lots to determine soil suitability for garden plots.

**Administration Presenter:**

Director of Planning and Community Services Davin Gegolick

The Committee of the Whole is requesting Administration send a letter to the landowner advising that the County is in support of a community garden with the recommendation that a non-profit group administer the project.

##### 5.2 Voyent Alert

The Committee of the Whole requested that Administration provide more information regarding the Voyent Alert System which is an app-based mass notification service designed to rapidly communicate to residents information such as road closures, construction notices, emergencies and other safety hazards.

**Administration Presenter:**

Director of Protective Services Mike Fundytus

The Committee of the Whole is requesting Administration conduct a resident review and communication strategy in 2024 before making a decision to enroll in the Voyent Alert System.

##### 5.3 Master Rates Bylaw Amendment

The Committee of the Whole was presented with a number of proposed changes to the County's Master Rates Bylaw schedule of fees, rates and charges.

**Administration Presenter:**

Director of Corporate Services Operations Jason Warawa

**2023-W079**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wowdzia

THAT Administration prepare an RFD for the December 18, 2023, County Council meeting recommending the approval of an amending Master Rates Bylaw that reflects the changes in the Schedule of fees, rates and charges as presented.

**Carried**  
**ACTION: Create RFD**

5.4 Vermilion Airport

The Town of Vermilion is seeking municipal partnerships in its proposed regionalization of the Vermilion Airport and is asking surrounding municipalities to meet with them to discuss this direction of the airport.

**Administration Presenter:**

Chief Administrative Officer Pat Podoborzny

5.5 Emerging Trends in Municipal Law

Brownlee LLP is inviting Council to their annual Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Seminar aimed at delivering expert insight into the field of municipal law. Emerging Trends dates are February 8, 2024, in Calgary and February 15, 2024, in Edmonton. Seminar may be attended in-person or virtually.

**6. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS (INFORMATION/PROGRAM REQUESTS)**

6.1 Divisional Reports  
Presented by Reeve and Council

6.2 Councillor Request Report

*Reeve Konieczny recessed the meeting at 10:42 a.m.*

*Reeve Konieczny reconvened the meeting at 10:46 a.m.*

**7. CLOSED SESSION**

**2023-W080**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger

THAT the Committee of the Whole meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP)*, sections 16, 23, 24 and 27 at 10:47 a.m.

7.1 Gravel Haul Program 2024

*FOIP Section 16, disclosure harmful to business interest of a third party*

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborzny	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Jason Warawa	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Norm De Wet	Presenter
Mike Fundytus	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Davin Gegolick	Strategic Leader of the Organization

7.2 Interim Budget 2024

*FOIP Section 16, disclosure harmful to business interest of a third party, Section 23, local body confidence, Section 24, advice from officials, and Section 27, privileged information.*

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Pat Podoborzny	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Jason Warawa	Presenter
Norm De Wet	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Mike Fundytus	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Davin Gegolick	Strategic Leader of the Organization

*Jason Warawa, Norm De Wet, Mike Fundytus and Davin Gegolick left the closed session at 11:30 a.m.*

*The meeting reverted to closed session at 11:34 a.m.*

*Deputy Reeve Kuzio left the closed session at 11:54 a.m.*

**8. OPEN SESSION**

**2023-W081**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger

THAT the Committee of the Whole meeting revert to open session at 11:56 a.m.

**Carried**

**9. MOTIONS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Reeve Konieczny adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

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Chief Administrative Officer