



Council Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2022

Attendance:

Reeve
Deputy Reeve
Councillors

Roger Konieczny
Clifford Wowdzia
Joey Nafziger
Eric Anderson
Tara Kuzio
Carl Ogrodnick
Kevin Bentley
Brent Williams
Jason Warawa
Trudy Shukalak

Chief Administrative Officer
Director of Finance and Administration
Recording Secretary

1 CALL TO ORDER

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

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Bentley moved the Agenda for the May 16, 2022 regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

3 MINUTES

Councillor Kuzio moved the minutes of the April 19, 2022 regular Council meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5 DELEGATIONS

5.1 Orest Berezan

Ratepayer Orest Berezan joined the meeting to discuss concerns regarding oiled road reclamation. Time 11:45 a.m.

Orest Berezan left the meeting. Time 12:15 p.m.

6 DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

6.1 Agriculture and Utilities Report

Darwin Ullery presented the monthly Agriculture and Utility Services report.

Councillor Anderson moved the Agriculture and Utility Services report be accepted as presented.

Carried

6.2 Operations Report

Norm De Wet presented the monthly Operations report.

Councillor Nafziger moved the Operations report be accepted as presented.

Carried

- Resolution No:** 2022-50 **Allocation of MSP Funding**
Councillor Anderson moved to allocate \$200,000 from the Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP) funding to the Innisfree West Road Maintenance Project.
Carried
- Resolution No:** 2022-51 **2022 Road Construction Plan Amendment**
Councillor Bentley moved to amend the 2022 Road Construction Plan as presented to remove Range Road 155 and add Range Road 145 in Division 7.
Carried
- 6.3 Emergency Services Report**
Mike Fundytus presented the monthly Emergency Services report.
Councillor Kuzio moved the Emergency Services report be accepted as presented.
Carried
- Resolution No:** 2022-52 **Strathcona County 911 Dispatch Fees**
Councillor Anderson moved to pay Strathcona County 911 dispatch fees to the Vegreville Fire Department for 2022.
Carried
- 6.4 Planning and Development Report**
Davin Gegolick presented the monthly Planning and Development report.
Councillor Kuzio moved the Planning and Development report be accepted as presented.
Carried
- Resolution No:** 2022-53 **Utility Crossing Approvals**
Councillor Bentley moved to approve the request received from Enel Green Power for the installation of two utility crossings on Range Road 82 and Township Road 494.
Carried
- 6.5 Financial Report**
Jason Warawa presented the monthly Financial report.
Councillor Kuzio moved the Financial report be accepted as presented.
Carried
- 7 NEW BUSINESS**
- Resolution No:** 2022-54 **7.1 School Bus Stop Ahead Sign**
Councillor Nafziger moved to install "School Bus Stop Ahead" signs at 48414 Range Road 91 in Division 1.
Carried
- Resolution No:** 2022-55 **7.2 Backsloping Assistance Request**
Councillor Nafziger moved to decline the backsloping assistance request received from the landowner of SE 36-51-13-W4M.
Carried
- Resolution No:** 2022-56 **7.3 Keith Austin Construction**
Councillor Ogradnick moved to amend the gravel supply agreement between the County and Keith Austin Construction to include a fuel rider inclusion.
Carried

- Resolution No: 7.5** **Fire Department Lock Box Program**
2022-57
- Councillor Nafziger moved to approve the implementation of a Fire Department Lock Box Program.
Carried
- Resolution No: 7.6** **Cancellation of 2022 Improvement Taxes**
2022-58
- Councillor Bentley moved to cancel the 2022 improvement property tax for tax roll account number 589622 in the amount of \$144.29.
Carried
- Resolution No: 7.7** **Cancellation of 2022 Municipal Tax Levy**
2022-59
- Councillor Anderson moved to cancel the 2022 municipal portion of tax levy for the following:
- Vegreville Seed Cleaning Association Ltd.
 - Innisfree Seed Cleaning Association Ltd.
 - Vegreville Golf Association
 - Mannville Riverview Golf Course
- Carried**
- Resolution No: 7.8** **Long Run Exploration Tax Cancellation Request**
2022-60
- Councillor Nafziger moved to accept Long Run Exploration Ltd.'s offer to pay 2020 and 2021 tax arrears and cancel the related tax penalties totalling \$1,830.40.
Carried
- Resolution No: 7.9** **Administration Building Assessment RFP**
2022-61
- Councillor Kuzio moved to award the Administration Building Assessment Request for Proposal (RFP) to Roth IAMS for \$6,672.50.
Carried
- Resolution No: 7.10** **CAO Performance Evaluation Policy**
2022-62
- Councillor Bentley moved to amend CAO Performance Evaluation Policy CC 3010-01 as presented.
Carried

8 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Council reported on the monthly activities and Board/Committee meetings attended:

Councillor Nafziger - Division 1

- Alberta Central East (ACE) Regional Water Shareholders Meeting, Vermilion Regional Centre, April 21, 2022
- Division 1 road tour with CAO, Director of Operations and Director of Finance and Administration, April 25, 2022
- Committee of the Whole meeting, May 16, 2022
- Received call regarding the use of Township Road 492 as a heavy haul route by wind energy farm development sub-contractors, April 21, 2022
- Received call regarding excessive speed on Township Road 500 by wind energy farm development sub-contractors, April 22, 2022
- Received call reporting a sink hole on Township Road 494 between Range Roads 93 and 94, April 23, 2022
- Received call regarding wind energy farm contractors hauling heavy equipment down roads, May 13, 2022
- Request for "School Bus Stop Ahead" signs south of Township Road 490 on Range Road 91

Councillor Anderson - Division 2

- ACE Regional Water Shareholders meeting, Vermilion Regional Centre, April 21, 2022

- Met with the Reeve and CAO regarding the proposed reclamation of the Mannville Landfill, May 6, 2022
- Committee of the Whole meeting, May 16, 2022

Reeve Konieczny - Division 3

- ACE Regional Water Shareholders meeting, Vermilion Regional Centre, April 21, 2022
- Met with Councillor Anderson and CAO regarding proposed reclamation of the Mannville Landfill, May 6, 2022
- Received call regarding dust control on Perpetual Energy's oil and gas lease roads

Deputy Reeve Wowdzia - Division 4

- ACE Regional Water Shareholders meeting, Vermilion Regional Centre, April 21, 2022
- Vegreville Seed Cleaning Plant meeting, April 28, 2022
- Committee of the Whole meeting, May 16, 2022
- Received call regarding bridge on Range Road 144
- Concerns regarding chemical container waste disposal

Councillor Kuzio - Division 5

- MD of Minburn Foundation meeting, April 21, 2022
- ACE Regional Water Shareholders meeting, Vermilion Regional Centre, April 21, 2022
- Division 5 road tour with CAO, Director of Operations and Director of Finance and Administration, April 26, 2022
- RMA District 5 meeting regarding upcoming golf tournament hosted by Beaver County, April 27, 2022
- Vegreville Region Physician and Health Professional Attraction and Retention (VRPHPAR) Committee meeting, April 28, 2022
- Committee of the Whole meeting, April 16, 2022
- Alberta Rural Health Week, May 30 to June 3, 2022
- Received calls regarding backsloping and culverts
- Received call regarding garbage disposal on Akasu (Sickman) Hill
- Request for 50th anniversary plaque for Ranfurly Agricultural Society Farmers' Day steak supper, June 10, 2022
- Financial contribution to Ranfurly Agricultural Society to assist in their Farmers' Day celebration
- Letter to FCM regarding COVID-19 vaccination requirements
- Received call regarding future oiled road reclamation of Imperial Road
- Scheduling of County road tour

Councillor Ogradnick - Division 6

- MD of Minburn Foundation meeting, April 21, 2022
- ACE Regional Water Shareholders meeting, Vermilion Regional Centre, April 21, 2022
- Vegreville and District Chamber of Commerce meeting, May 5, 2022
- Division 6 road tour with CAO, Director of Operations and Director of Finance and Administration
- Committee of the Whole meeting, May 16, 2022
- Dust control with calcium in NW 19-51-14-W4M

Councillor Bentley - Division 7

- ACE Regional Water Shareholders meeting, Vermilion Regional Centre, April 21, 2022
- Received noise complaint at Brookwood Estates, April 22, 2022
- Division 7 road tour with CAO, Director of Operations and Director of Finance and Administration, April 25, 2022
- Vegreville Seed Cleaning Plant meeting, April 28, 2022
- Received several calls regarding the reclamation of oiled roads on Township Road 532 and Township Road 540 west of Highway 857
- Committee of the Whole meeting, May 16, 2022

Councillor Bentley moved the Council reports be accepted as presented.

Carried

Resolution No:
2022-63

RMA Resolution – Reclamation of Wind Energy Farms

Councillor Nafziger moved to prepare a resolution regarding the decommissioning and reclamation of wind energy farms and submit to Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) for review at the 2022 RMA Fall Convention.

Carried

Resolution No:
2022-64

Ranfurly Agricultural Society Contribution

Deputy Reeve Wowdzia moved to contribute \$500 to the Ranfurly Agricultural Society to assist them in their 2022 Farmers’ Day and 50th anniversary celebrations.

Carried

Resolution No:
2022-65

FCM 2022 Conference – Vaccination Requirements

Councillor Kuzio moved to write a letter to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) requesting that all COVID-19 vaccine requirements be dropped for its upcoming 2022 conference.

Carried

Resolution No:
2022-66

Dust Control with Calcium – NW 19-51-14-W4M

Councillor Ogrodnick moved to approve the dust control with calcium application for the landowner of NW 19-51-14-W4M with 75% cost subsidization from the County.

Carried

Resolution No:
2022-67

Dust Control with Calcium – SW 2-48-8-W4M

Councillor Nafziger moved to approve the dust control with calcium application for the landowner of SW 2-48-8-W4M as presented and that the relevant policy be brought forward for amendment as discussed.

Carried

9 REEVE’S REPORT

Reeve Konieczny reported and commented on the following:

- Met with Jason Warawa regarding offer of employment
- Received call regarding drainage issues in the Vegreville surrounding area

Councillor Nafziger moved the Reeve's report be accepted as presented.

Carried

Resolution No:
2022-68

Village of Mannville – Canada Day Contribution

Councillor Anderson moved to contribute \$500 to the Village of Mannville to assist them in their 2022 Canada Day celebrations.

Carried

10 CAO’S Report

Brent Williams presented the monthly CAO’s report.

Councillor Kuzio moved the CAO’s report be accepted as presented.

Carried

11 CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the following items of correspondence:

11.1 Town of Taber – Increasing Utility Fees

Copy of letter sent to the Alberta Utilities Commission supporting the Town of Fox Creek in urging the Commission to perform a review of the rising utility fees for both natural gas and electricity.

11.2 Alberta Transportation – STIP Funding

E-mail from the Minister of Alberta Transportation advising that Budget 2022 has provided new Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) funding of \$25 million in 2024-25, with total funding of \$85 million over the next three years.

11.3 Vegreville RCMP Acknowledgement Letter

Acknowledgement of consultation received from the Vegreville RCMP Detachment Commander confirming that the stakeholders of the detachment community and the RCMP have consulted and discussed their progress against last year's priority issues.

11.4 Alberta Municipal Affairs – RMA Convention Discussion Items

Letter from Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs thanking the County for sharing their concerns with him at the RMA 2022 Spring Convention regarding support for municipalities that assume dissolved villages, allocation models for grant funding, well drilling equipment tax and retroactive pay for RCMP.

11.5 Vegreville Stands with Ukraine Committee – Donation Letter

Letter received from the Vegreville Stands with Ukraine Committee asking the County for a donation for the auction at their fundraising event scheduled for May 18, 2022 at the Vegreville Social Centre.

Resolution No:
2022-69

Vegreville Stands with Ukraine – Auction Items

Councillor Bentley moved to donate County swag items to the Vegreville Stands with Ukraine Committee for the silent auction at their fundraising event on May 18, 2022 at the Vegreville Social Centre.

Carried

11.6 Krec – Oiled Roads Reclamation

Letter received from Darlene Krec regarding her objection to the Oiled Roads Policy which outlines the oiled roads designated for an eventual return to gravel.

11.7 Uskiw – Oiled Roads Reclamation

Letter received from Fred Uskiw regarding his objection to the County's oiled road reclamation plan.

11.8 Bryden – Oiled Roads Reclamation

Letter received from Joyce Bryden regarding her objection to the County's oiled road reclamation plan.

11.9 Ferguson – Oiled Roads Reclamation

Letter received from Theresa Ferguson on behalf of Park Grove Society regarding their objection to the County's oiled road reclamation plan.

11.10 Bohaychuk – Oiled Roads Reclamation

Letter received from Cliff Bohaychuk regarding his objection to the County's oiled road reclamation plan.

12 Adjournment

Councillor Nafziger moved to adjourn the meeting. Time 1:21 p.m.

Carried

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer