



County of Minburn Council Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2022

Attendance:

Reeve
Deputy Reeve
Councillors

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

Chief Administrative Officer
Recording Secretary

1 CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Konieczny called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Kuzio moved the Agenda for the February 22, 2022 regular Council meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

3 MINUTES

Deputy Reeve Wowdzia moved the minutes of the January 17, 2022 regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1 ACTION ITEMS

4.2 COUNCIL PRIORITIES

5 DELEGATIONS

6 DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

6.1 Operations Report

Norm De Wet presented the Operations report for the month of January 2022.

Councillor Anderson moved the Operations report be accepted as presented.

Carried

6.2 Agriculture and Utility Services

Darwin Ullery presented the Agriculture and Utility Services report for the month of January 2022.

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

Carried

- Resolution No:** 6.2.1 **Synthetic Fertilizer Emissions**
2022-11
- Councillor Anderson moved to send a letter to the Minister of Environment Canada and Climate Change Canada regarding the Federal Government's emissions reduction target for synthetic fertilizer, and Minister of Health Canada regarding the decision to phase out the use of products containing strychnine to control Richardson's ground squirrels.
Carried
- 6.3 Emergency Services Report**
- Mike Fundytus presented the Emergency Services report for the month of January 2022.
- Councillor Kuzio moved the Emergency Services report be accepted as presented.
Carried
- 6.4 Planning and Development Report**
- Davin Gegolick presented the Planning and Development report for the month of January 2022.
- Councillor Bentley moved Planning and Development report be accepted as presented.
Carried
- 6.5 Financial Report**
- Jason Warawa presented the Financial report for the month of January 2022.
- Councillor Anderson moved the Financial report be accepted as presented.
Carried
- 7 NEW BUSINESS**
- Resolution No:** 7.1 **2022 Gravel Hauling Program**
2022-12
- Councillor Ogradnick moved to approve the 2022 Gravel Hauling Program as presented.
Carried
- Resolution No:** 7.2 **Joint Fire Safety Codes**
2022-13
- Councillor Anderson moved to enter into a joint Fire Safety Codes Quality Management Plan (QMP) with the Village of Mannville and Village of Innisfree.
Carried
- Resolution No:** 7.3 **Fire Services Bylaw No. 1326-22**
2022-14
- Bylaw No. 1326-22 pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* was presented to establish and operate a Fire Department.
- Deputy Reeve Wowdzia moved Bylaw No. 1326-22 be given first reading.
Carried
- Councillor Bentley moved Bylaw No. 1326-22 be given second reading.
Carried
- Councillor Kuzio moved Council unanimously and in full agreement give Bylaw No. 1326-22 third reading at this meeting.
Carried
- Councillor Nafziger moved Bylaw No. 1326-22 be given third reading.
Carried

- Resolution No: 7.4** **Subdivision File No. 01-2022**
2022-15
Member Nafziger moved Subdivision File No. 01-2002 regarding NW 32-50-9-W4M in Division 3 be approved as per the required conditions and recommendations.
Carried
- Member Konieczny left the meeting. Time 11:35 a.m.
Member Wowdzia assumed the gavel.
- Resolution No: 7.5** **Subdivision File 02-2022**
2022-16
Member Anderson moved Subdivision File No. 02-2022 regarding NE 13-51-8-W4M in Division 3 be approved as per the required conditions.
Carried
- Member Konieczny returned to the meeting. Time 11:37 a.m.
Member Konieczny assumed the gavel.
- Resolution No: 7.6** **Bylaw No. 1325-22 to Amend Land Use Bylaw No.1254-16**
2022-17
Bylaw No. 1325-22 pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* was presented for the purpose of amending County of Minburn Land Use Bylaw No. 1254-16.

Deputy Reeve Wowdzia moved Bylaw No. 1325-22 to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 1254-16 be given first reading.
Carried
- Resolution No: 7.7** **Groundwater Monitoring for Landfills**
2022-18
Councillor Kuzio moved to accept the 2021 groundwater monitoring reports for the Lavoy, Ranfurly and Mannville Landfills as information.
Carried
- Resolution No: 7.8** **2021 Transfer of Unrestricted Reserve Surplus**
2022-19
Councillor Nafziger moved to transfer \$2.2 million from Unrestricted Reserve to the following Restricted Reserves:
- \$400,000 to various Hamlet reserves
 - \$1.25 million to the future expenditure reserve
 - \$550,000 to the bridge reserve
- Carried**
- Resolution No: 7.9** **New Investment Account**
2022-20
Councillor Kuzio moved to appoint Canadian Western Bank (CWB) as one of the financial investment institutions for the County of Minburn, with the Reeve, Deputy Reeve, Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Finance and Administration authorized as per Signing Authority Policy.
Carried
- Resolution No: 7.10** **Policy Review**
2022-21
Councillor Bentley moved to repeal the following policies:
- Annual Meeting/Open House CC 3
 - Removal of Obstructions from Roadways EHS 2
 - Small Tools/Equipment PW 3
 - Gravel Stockpile Site Lease PW 18
- Carried**
- 7.11** **OTHER EMERGENT NEW BUSINESS**

8 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

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

Councillor Nafziger - Division 1

- Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer (RMRF) virtual municipal law seminar, February 4, 2022
- Virtual Town Hall meeting with Alberta Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation, February 9, 2022
- Committee of the Whole meeting, February 16, 2022
- Received calls regarding snow removal and icy road conditions
- Received call regarding acceptance of recyclable material at the East Regional Waste Transfer Station
- Resident complaint regarding brush pile left inside his property line on Range Road 83 and Township Road 492 by windmill project contractor
- Delivered driveway snow clearing agreement to resident
- Concerns regarding rough and rutted streets in the Hamlet of Minburn

Councillor Anderson - Division 2

- Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Provincial Conference, January 27, 2022
- Committee of the Whole meeting, February 16, 2022
- Options for dealing with algae at Wapasu Lake
- Funding to non-profit organizations during COVID-19
- Request from Minburn Agricultural Society for County to supply skid-steer to assist in their construction of new playground

Reeve Konieczny - Division 3

- RMA District 5 virtual meeting, January 28, 2022
- Mannville-Innisfree FCSS virtual meeting, February 2, 2022
- Committee of the Whole meeting, February 16, 2022
- Field ridging for the collection of snow

Deputy Reeve Wowdzia - Division 4

- ASB Provincial Conference, January 25 to 27, 2022
- Vegreville Seed Cleaning Plant meeting, February 3, 2022
- Alberta Central East (ACE) Regional Water meeting, February 10, 2022
- Committee of the Whole meeting, February 16, 2022

Councillor Kuzio - Division 5

- Call with MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk regarding Restriction Exemption Program and provincial mandates, January 21, 2022
- Elected as vice-chair of RMA District 5 at the organizational virtual meeting, January 28, 2022
- Vegreville Region Physician and Health Professional Attraction and Retention Committee meeting, February 3, 2022
- MD of Minburn Foundation meeting, February 10, 2022
- Committee of the Whole meeting, February 16, 2022
- Judged 4-H public speaking for the Vegreville Beef Club, February 21, 2022
- Received call regarding steep embankment in the Hamlet of Lavoy

Councillor Ogrodnick - Division 6

- Vegreville Tourism Advisory Board meeting, January 17, 2022
- ASB Provincial Conference, January 25 to 27, 2022
- RMA District 5 virtual meeting, January 28, 2022
- Vegreville and District Chamber of Commerce meeting, February 3, 2022
- MD of Minburn Foundation meeting, February 10, 2022
- Committee of the Whole meeting, February 16, 2022
- Received calls regarding snowplowing and icy road conditions

Councillor Bentley - Division 7

- Delivered driveway snow clearing agreement to resident, January 19, 2022
- RMA District 5 virtual meeting, January 28, 2022
- Received call regarding the closure of Range Road 135 between Township Road 532 and 534, February 3, 2022
- Vegreville Seed Cleaning Plant meeting, February 3, 2022
- Presented greetings on behalf of the County of Minburn at the “Stand with Ukraine” Family Rally, Vegreville Pysanka, February 6, 2022
- Virtual Town Hall meeting with Alberta Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation, February 9, 2022
- Received call regarding Beaver Incentive Program Policy, February 11, 2022
- Committee of the Whole meeting, February 16, 2022

Councillor Kuzio moved the Council reports be accepted as presented.

Carried

9 REEVE’S REPORT

Reeve Konieczny reported and commented on the following:

- Attended RMA District 5 virtual meeting, January 28, 2022
- Thank you to Councillor Bentley for attending the "Stand with Ukraine" Family Rally on his behalf
- Received positive comments regarding regionalization of fire departments
- Received call regarding Beaver Incentive Program Policy

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

Carried.

10 CAO’S REPORT

Brent Williams presented the CAO's monthly report.

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

Carried

**Resolution No:
2022-22**

Emergencies Act

Councillor Ogradnick moved to send a letter to the Prime Minister of Canada regarding the Federal Government's decision to invoke the *Emergencies Act*.

Carried

11 CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the following items of correspondence:

11.1 Vegreville RCMP Quarterly Report

Vegreville RCMP Quarterly report covering the period October 1 to December 21, 2022.

11.2 2018 Spring Flood Disaster Recovery Program

Letter received from the Alberta Government containing a payment summary for the 2018 Alberta Spring Flood Disaster Recovery Program.

11.3 2024 Alberta Winter Games

Letter from Alberta Culture inviting the County of Minburn to submit a bid to host either the 2024 Alberta Winter Games or the 2024 Alberta Summer Games.

12 ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Reeve Wowdzia moved to adjourn the meeting. Time 12:52 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer