

COUNTY OF MINBURN NO. 27

COUNTY COUNCIL

MARCH 15, 2021 Minutes of the County Council meeting held on March 15, 2021 at the County of Minburn No. 27 office, Vegreville, Alberta.

PRESENT Present at the meeting were:

Reeve:	Roger Konieczny
Deputy Reeve:	Clifford Wowdzia
Councillors:	Richard Wagner
	Eric Anderson
	Tara Kuzio
	Carl Ogradnick
	Kevin Bentley
Chief Administrative Officer:	Brent Williams
Recording Secretary:	Trudy Shukalak

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Deputy Reeve Wowdzia moved the Agenda for the March 15, 2021 regular County Council meeting be adopted as presented.
Carried.

FEBRUARY 16, 2021 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Councillor Kuzio moved the minutes of the February 16, 2021 regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.
Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS Graham Shell presented the Superintendent of Public Works report for the month of February 2021.

Councillor Ogradnick moved the Superintendent of Public Works report be accepted as presented.
Carried.

DELEGATION: MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT SERVICES GROUP Ray Crews of Municipal Assessment Services Group (MASG) joined the meeting and presented information regarding the County's 2021 property assessment. Taxation and Assessment Coordinator Dwight Hopper also joined the meeting. Time 10:45 a.m.

Ray Crews and Dwight Hopper left the meeting. Time 11:30 a.m.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER Davin Gegolick presented the Planning and Development Officer's report for the month of February 2021.

Councillor Anderson moved the Planning and Development Officer's report be accepted as presented.
Carried.

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND UTILITY SERVICES Darwin Ullery presented the Agriculture and Utility Services report for the month of February 2021.

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

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION Jason Warawa presented the Director of Finance Administration's monthly Budget report for the month of February 2021.

Councillor Ogradnick moved the Director of Finance and Administration's monthly budget report with revenue and expenditures for the period January 1 to February 28, 2021 be accepted as presented.
Carried.

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RECESS	Councillor Kuzio moved to recess the meeting. Time 12:00 p.m.
RECONVENE	The meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m.
DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES	Mike Fundytus presented the Director or Protective Services report for the month of February 2021. Councillor Kuzio moved the Director of Protective Services report be accepted as presented. Carried.
19-21 2021 BRIDGE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	Councillor Anderson moved to award the 2021 Bridge Maintenance Contract to Bridgemen Services Ltd. for the amount of \$335,228 plus GST with the budgetary shortfall, up to a maximum of \$70,000, being funded from the Bridge Reserve. Carried.
20-21 SUBSTRUCTURE REPAIR OF BF 1818	Deputy Reeve Wowdzia moved to award Bridgemen Services Ltd. the contract for the substructure repair of BF 1818 located on Township Road 484 west of Highway 881 for the amount of \$183,300 plus GST. Carried.
WARAWA	Jason Warawa joined the meeting. Time 1:55 p.m.
21-21 CLOSED SESSION – S. 21(1)(a) FOIP	Deputy Reeve Wowdzia moved that Council close the meeting to the public to discuss intergovernmental relations pursuant to Section 21(1)(a) of the <i>Freedom of Information and Privacy (FOIP) Act</i> . Time 1.55 p.m. Carried.
WILLIAMS/ SHUKALAK	Brent Williams and Trudy Shukalak left the meeting. Time 1:55 p.m.
REVERT TO REGULAR MEETING	Deputy Reeve Wowdzia moved that Council revert to the regular meeting. Time 2:28 p.m. Carried.
WILLIAMS/ SHUKALAK	Brent Williams and Trudy Shukalak returned to the meeting. Time 2:28 p.m.
WARAWA	Jason Warawa left the meeting. Time 2:28 p.m.
22-21 TOP GRADE NEGOTIATION	Councillor Anderson moved to accept the negotiation settlement proposal from Top Grade Construction as presented. Carried.
23-21 TOWN OF VEGREVILLE PURCHASE OF LAND	Councillor Kuzio moved to approve the Town of Vegreville' s request to purchase 0.67 acres within the NW 16-52-14-W4M for the purpose of constructing a sanitary sewer lift station. Carried.
24-21 WETLAND APPLICATION – TOWN OF VEGREVILLE	Councillor Bentley moved to provide written consent to the Town of Vegreville to submit a wetland application as required by Alberta Environment and Parks, and further, grant consent for contractors to enter the County owned property to complete the reconstruction of the wetland in SE 17-52-14-W4M. Carried.
25-21 2021 SHOULDER PULL TENDER	Councillor Kuzio moved to award the 2021 shoulder pull tender to Foster Bulldozing Services Ltd. for the amount of \$214,544.25 plus GST. Carried.

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VEGREVILLE
ROTARY CLUB
FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE** Councillor Ogradnick moved to commit to loaning up to \$75,000 to the Vegreville Rotary Club to help finance the construction costs of their skateboard project, with the repayment period not to exceed five years.
Carried.
- COUNCIL REPORTS** Council reported on the monthly activities and Board/Committee meetings attended:
- Councillor Wagner – Division 1
- Committee of the Whole meeting, March 12, 2021
 - Frost heave distress at culvert west of the Village of Mannville on Highway 16A
- Councillor Anderson – Division 2
- Intermunicipal Committee meeting, March 8, 2021
 - Received positive comments regarding County signage refurbishing
 - Road bans
- GAVEL** Deputy Reeve Wowdzia assumed the gavel.
- COUNCIL REPORTS
CONT'D** Reeve Konieczny – Division 3
- Received call from ratepayer regarding caretaking of property at SE 3-51-10-W4M, February 18, 2021
 - Intermunicipal Committee meeting, March 8, 2021
 - Mannville-Innisfree Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) virtual meeting, March 9, 2021
 - Committee of the Whole meeting, March 12, 2021
- GAVEL** Reeve Konieczny assumed the gavel.
- COUNCIL REPORTS
CONT'D** Deputy Reeve Wowdzia – Division 4
- Vegreville Seed Cleaning Plant meeting, February 25, 2021
 - ACE Water Corporation virtual meeting, February 25, 2021
 - Intermunicipal Committee meeting, March 8, 2021
 - Committee of the Whole meeting, March 12, 2021
 - Received call regarding washboard road conditions on Akasu Hill
 - Frost heave distress on Township Road 532 between Range Road 134 and 135
- Councillor Kuzio – Division 5
- Covenant Health Community Board virtual meeting, February 19, 2021
 - St. Joseph's General Hospital Community Board meeting, February 22, 2021
 - Northern Lights Library System (NLLS) general board meeting, February 26, 2021
 - RMA virtual meeting, February 26, 2021
 - Committee of the Whole meeting, March 12, 2021
 - Received call regarding brushing on County road allowance
- Councillor Ogradnick – Division 6
- Vegreville Tourism Advisory Board meeting, March 1, 2021
 - Vegreville Chamber of Commerce meeting, March 4, 2021
 - Committee of the Whole meeting, March 12, 2021
 - Road bans

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**COUNCIL REPORTS
CONT'D**

Councillor Bentley – Division 7

- Delivered private driveway snowplow agreement to ratepayer, February 19, 2021
- Vegreville Seed Cleaning Plant meeting, February 25, 2021
- RMA virtual meeting, February 26, 2021
- Vegreville Economic Development meeting, March 4, 2021
- Responded to a noise complaint at Brookwood Estates, March 10, 2021
- Committee of the Whole meeting, March 12, 2021

Councillor Kuzio moved the Council reports be accepted as presented.
Carried.

GAVEL

Deputy Reeve Wowdzia assumed the gavel.

REEVE'S REPORT

Reeve Konieczny reported and commented on the following:

- Attended RMA virtual meeting, February 26, 2021
- Call with MD of Bonnyville Reeve Greg Sawchuk regarding FCM, February 26, 2021

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

GAVEL

Reeve Konieczny assumed the gavel.

CAO REPORT

Brent Williams presented the CAO's monthly report.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were reviewed by Council:

- RMA Member Survey Results dated February 2021 providing an overview of the survey completed by members in January 2021 regarding their unpaid oil and gas tax burden.
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Letter to Chief Elected Officials providing them details on the items in Municipal Affairs' Budget 2021 that affect municipalities.
- Crowsnest Pass – Letter dated March 1, 2021 regarding their concerns on the Province of Alberta's initiative to replace the RCMP with an Alberta Provincial Police force.
- Clearwave Broadband Networks Inc. – E-mail dated February 24, 2021 requesting a letter supporting their Universal Broadband Fund grant application to improve internet access speeds to rural residents.
- FCM – Letter dated February 26, 2021 confirming that the County has been approved for a grant in the amount of up to \$50,000 for the Municipal Asset Management Program.
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Letter informing municipalities of the changes to the Government of Alberta's Disaster Recovery Program (DRP).
- MP Lakeland Shannon Stubbs – Letter requesting municipalities across Canada to endorse the creation of a 988 Crisis Line Initiative that will bring a national 3-digit suicide prevention hotline to Canada.

**27-21
2021 LIBRARY
FUNDING**

Councillor Anderson moved that the 2021 Vegreville, Innisfree and Mannville library funding allocations remain at the 2020 levels.
Carried.

**28-21
CLEARWAVE
BROADBAND
NETWORKS –
LETTER OF
SUPPORT**

Deputy Reeve Wowdzia moved to provide a letter to Clearwave Broadband Networks supporting their Universal Broadband Fund grant application to construct communication facilities that will improve internet access speeds to rural residents.
Carried.

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ENDORSEMENT OF
988 CRISIS LINE
INITIATIVE** Councillor Ogradnick moved to endorse the Federal Government's 988 Crisis Line Initiative that will bring a national 3-digit suicide prevention hotline to Canada.
Carried.
- ADJOURNMENT** Deputy Reeve Wowdzia moved the meeting adjourn. Time 3:23 P.M.
Carried.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer