

COUNTY OF MINBURN NO. 27

COUNTY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 16, 2021 Minutes of the County Council meeting held on February 16, 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 Councillor Anderson moved the Agenda for the February 16, 2021 regular County Council meeting be adopted as presented.
Carried.

JANUARY 18, 2021 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Councillor Kuzio moved the minutes of the January 18, 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 January 2021.

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

11-21 2021 GRAVEL PROGRAM Councillor Wagner moved to approve the 2021 Gravel Program as presented.
Carried.

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

Councillor Bentley moved the Planning and Development Officer's 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 January 2021.

Councillor Anderson moved the Director of Finance and Administration's monthly budget report with revenue and expenditures for the period January 1 to January 31, 2021 be accepted as presented.
Carried.

12-21 2020 ALLOCATION OF UNRESTRICTED SURPLUS RESERVES Councillor Anderson moved to approve the transfer of 2020 Unrestricted Surplus to the following restricted reserves:
 - Equipment Reserve: \$1,500,000
 - Future Expenditures Reserve: \$1,000,000
 - Bridge Reserve: \$800,000
 - Fire Reserve: \$400,000
Carried.

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

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

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- 13-21
CROP DAMAGE
POLICY PW 3** Councillor Bentley moved to repeal and replace Public Works Crop Damage Policy PW 3 as presented, effective February 16, 2021.
Carried.
- DIRECTOR OF
PROTECTIVE
SERVICES** Mike Fundytus presented the Director or Protective Services report for the month of January 2021.
- Councillor Kuzio moved the Director of Protective Services report be accepted as presented.
Carried.
- 14-21
TENDER AWARD
FOR RANGE ROAD
143 PROJECT** Deputy Reeve Wowdzia moved to award the tender for the Range Road 143 Project to Iron Stone Services Ltd. in the amount of \$1,327,153.18 plus GST concurrent with the recommendations of WSP Engineering Inc.
Carried.
- 15-21
SHOCK TRAUMA AIR
RESCUE SERVICE
FOUNDATION** Councillor Anderson moved to provide funding in 2021 to the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service (STARS) Foundation in the amount of \$2 per capita for a total amount of \$6,376.00.
Carried.
- COUNCIL REPORTS** Council reported on the monthly activities and Board/Committee meetings attended:
- Councillor Wagner – Division 1
- 2021 Provincial ASB Virtual Conference, January 21, 2021
 - Committee of the Whole meeting, February 12, 2021
 - Reviewed 2021 gravel maps and road classification list
- Councillor Anderson – Division 2
- 2021 Provincial ASB Virtual Conference, January 21, 2021
 - RMA District 5 virtual meeting, January 22, 2021
 - Intermunicipal Committee meeting, February 12, 2021
 - Committee of the Whole meeting, February 12, 2021
- GAVEL** Deputy Reeve Wowdzia assumed the gavel.
- COUNCIL REPORTS
CONT'D** Reeve Konieczny – Division 3
- 2021 Provincial ASB Virtual Conference, January 21, 2021
 - RMA District 5 virtual meeting, January 22, 2021
 - Committee of the Whole meeting, February 12, 2021
 - Received call from ratepayer regarding removal of brush on Range Road 110 and Township 524
- GAVEL** Reeve Konieczny assumed the gavel.
- COUNCIL REPORTS
CONT'D** Deputy Reeve Wowdzia – Division 4
- Vegreville & District Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) meeting, January 19, 2021
 - Intermunicipal Committee meeting, January 20, 2021
 - 2021 Provincial ASB Virtual Conference, January 21, 2021
 - RMA District 5 virtual meeting, January 22, 2021
 - Received call regarding snowplowing on Range Road 135
 - Received call from ratepayer regarding road allowance brushing
- Councillor Kuzio – Division 5
- Vegreville Cares Coalition Women's Conference meeting, January 20, 2021
 - St. Joseph's General Hospital Community Board meeting, January 20, 2021
 - 2021 Provincial ASB Virtual Conference, January 21, 2021
 - RMA District 5 virtual meeting, January 22, 2021

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**COUNCIL REPORTS
CONT'D**

- Covenant Community Board Orientation virtual meeting, February 5, 2021
- Vegreville Region Physician and Health Professional Attraction and Retention Committee meeting, February 8, 2021
- Nature to Nurture Women's Conference meeting, February 10, 2021
- MD of Minburn Foundation meeting, February 11, 2021
- Committee of the Whole meeting, February 12, 2021
- MC for the Nature to Nurture Women's Conference, February 12, 2021
- Received calls regarding snowplowing, driveway clearing and brushing on County road allowance

Councillor Ogrodnick – Division 6

- Vegreville Tourism Advisory Board meeting, January 18, 2021
- Received call from Vegreville Library Board Chair regarding proposed presentation to County Council, January 19, 2021
- 2021 Provincial ASB Virtual Conference, January 21, 2021
- RMA District 5 virtual meeting, January 22, 2021
- Vegreville & District Chamber of Commerce meeting, February 4, 2021
- MD of Minburn Foundation meeting, February 11, 2021
- Vegreville & District Chamber of Commerce AGM, February 11, 2021
- Committee of the Whole meeting, February 12, 2021

Councillor Bentley – Division 7

- 2021 Provincial ASB Virtual Conference, January 21, 2021
- RMA District 5 virtual meeting, January 22, 2021
- Telephone Town Hall meetings with Government of Alberta and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Deena Hinshaw, January 26, February 3 and 4, 2021
- Vegreville and District Chamber of Commerce AGM, February 11, 2021
- Committee of the Whole meeting, February 12, 2021.

Councillor Bentley 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 Intermunicipal Committee meeting, January 20, 2021
- Participated in telephone Town Hall meetings with Government of Alberta and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Deena Hinshaw, January 26, February 3 and 4, 2021
- Intermunicipal Committee meeting, February 12, 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.

Deputy Reeve Wowdzia moved the CAO's report be accepted as presented.

Carried.

**16-21
LETTER TO
MINISTER OF
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS
– DIP CENTRALIZED
ASSESSMENT
PROGRAM**

Councillor Anderson moved to send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs opposing the County's recent integration into the Designated Industrial Property (DIP) Centralized Assessment Program.

Carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE The following items of correspondence were reviewed by Council:

- Alberta Transportation – Letter dated January 19, 2021 advising that a grant in the amount of \$150,000 representing the second payment for BF 526 under STIP is being processed.
- County of Stettler – Copy of a letter dated January 21, 2021 sent to Alberta Transportation Minister regarding their concerns of the substantial losses attributed to uncollectable property taxes from oil and gas properties for the 2020 year, and their responsibility to submit the Senior Housing Requisition on behalf of those defunct oil and gas companies.
- Rotary Club – Letter dated January 27, 2021 asking the County to consider additional support for the Vegreville Skateboard Park project.
- High River – Letter dated February 3, 2021 requesting the County consider drafting a letter of support to the Government of Alberta for the reinstatement of the 1976 Alberta Coal Development Policy.
- Town of Vegreville – Copy of a letter dated January 21, 2021 sent to Dennis Trachuk in response to his flooding concerns within NE 32-52-14-W4M and advising of Alberta Environment’s License of Approval for the Storm Water project issued on September 15, 2015.
- MD of Bonnyville – Letter dated January 20, 2021 regarding the need for a stronger western Canadian municipal advocate at the federal level.
- Cardston County – Copy of a letter dated February 9, 2021 sent to the Premier of Alberta requesting the Province extend the March 1, 2021 deadline for the Mandatory Entry-Level Training (MELT) Knowledge and Road Test for agricultural drivers.
- Vermilion District Health Care Providers Attraction and Retention Committee requesting a letter supporting their nomination for the Rhapsody Community Heroes Award.

**17-21
SUPPORT OF MELT
DEADLINE
EXTENTION** Councillor Anderson moved the County send a letter to the Minister of Alberta Transportation in support of Cardston County’s request to extend the March 1, 2021 deadline for the Mandatory Entry-Level Training (MELT) Knowledge and Road Test for agricultural drivers.
Carried.

**18-21
RHAPSODY
COMMUNITY AWARD
HEROES AWARD
NOMINATION** Deputy Reeve Ogradnick moved to send a letter to the Vermilion District Health Care Providers Attraction and Retention Committee in support of their nomination for the Rhapsody Community Award.
Carried.

ADJOURNMENT Councillor Kuzio moved the meeting adjourn. Time 12:17 p.m.
Carried.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer