

**COUNTY OF MINBURN NO. 27**

**COUNTY COUNCIL**

**NOVEMBER 16, 2020** Minutes of the County Council meeting held on November 16, 2020 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 Ogrodnick
	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 Ogrodnick moved the Agenda for the November 16, 2020 regular County Council meeting be adopted as presented.  
**Carried.**

**OCTOBER 16, 2020 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES** Councillor Wagner moved the minutes of the October 16, 2020 Organizational meeting be adopted as presented.  
**Carried.**

**OCTOBER 19, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** Councillor Bentley moved the minutes of the October 19, 2020 regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.  
**Carried.**

**135-20 YIELD AND CONCEALED INTERSECTION SIGNS** Councillor Bentley moved to defer the decision to install a "Yield" sign and "Concealed Intersection" sign on Township Road 534 on the east side of intersection at Range Road 155 until a later date.  
**Carried.**

**136-20 VRPHPAR COMMITTEE FUNDING** Councillor Kuzio moved to provide funding to the Vegreville Region Physician and Health Professionals Attraction and Retention (VRPHPAR) Committee in the amount of \$4,000.  
**Carried.**

**SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS** Graham Shell presented the Superintendent of Public Works report for the month of October 2020.

Deputy Reeve Wowdzia moved the Superintendent of Public Works report be accepted as presented.  
**Carried.**

**137-20 2021 OILING PLAN** Councillor Kuzio moved to adopt the 2021 Oiling Plan as presented.  
**Carried.**

**138-20 2021 GRAVEL PROGRAM AND CONTRACT EXTENSION** Councillor Anderson moved to adopt the 2021 Gravel Program as presented and extend the gravel hauling contract with Wowdzia's Trucking Ltd. for an additional year, as per the agreement's renewal clause.  
**Motion Defeated.**

**DELEGATION: CORPORAL MIKE DUNSMORE** Corporal Mike Dunsmore from the Vermilion RCMP Detachment joined the meeting via virtual attendance to discuss local policing issues. Time 11:30 a.m.

Corporal Dunsmore left the meeting. Time 11:50 a.m.

**DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND UTILITY SERVICES** Darwin Ullery presented the Agriculture and Utility Services report for the month of October 2020.

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

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- RECESS** Deputy Reeve Wowdzia moved the meeting recess for lunch. Time 12:15 p.m.  
**Carried.**
- RECONVENE** The meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m.
- DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES** Mike Fundytus presented the Director of Protective Services report for the month of October 2020.  
  
Councillor Ogradnick moved the Director of Protective Services report be accepted as presented.  
**Carried.**
- 139-20  
2020 STIP  
APPLICATIONS** Councillor Ogradnick moved to submit a grant application to the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) – Local Road Bridge (LRB) Program for bridge culverts BF 7008, BF 486 and BF 6530 in Division 6, and BF 1819 in Division 5.  
**Carried.**
- 140-20  
WSP ENGINEERING  
BUDGET PROPOSAL  
– BF 79275 AND BF  
1818** Councillor Wagner moved to accept the engineering budget proposal from WSP for bridge culverts BF 79275 in Division 3 and BF 1818 in Division 1.  
**Carried.**
- PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER** Davin Gegolick presented the Planning and Development Officer’s report for the month of October 2020.  
  
Councillor Wagner moved the Planning and Development Officer’s report be accepted as presented.  
**Carried.**
- 141-20  
BYLAW NO. 1311-20  
LAND USE  
AMENDMENT** Bylaw No. 1311-20 pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* was presented for the purpose of amending County of Minburn Land Use Bylaw No. 1254-16.  
  
Councillor Kuzio moved Bylaw No. 1311-20 to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 1254-16 be given first reading.  
**Carried.**
- DELEGATION:  
DAVID AND  
PATRICIA DURIE** David and Patricia Durie joined the meeting to discuss a property tax issue. Time 1:30 p.m.  
  
David and Patricia Durie left the meeting. Time 1:40 p.m.
- DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION** Jason Warawa presented the Director of Finance Administration’s monthly Budget report for the month of October 2020.  
  
Councillor Kuzio moved the Director of Finance and Administration’s monthly budget report with revenue and expenditures for the period January 1 to October 31, 2020 be accepted as presented.  
**Carried.**
- 142-20  
2020 TAX SALE –  
RESERVE BIDS AND  
SALE CONDITIONS** Councillor Kuzio moved to approve the reserve bids and sale conditions as presented for the 2020 Tax Sale scheduled for December 10, 2020 pursuant to Section 419 of the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*.  
**Carried.**
- 143-20  
BYLAW NO. 1312-20  
TO REPEAL BYLAW  
NO. 1213-12 –  
PENSION BENEFIT  
FOR CERTAIN  
EMPLOYEES** Bylaw No. 1312-20 pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* was presented for the purpose of repealing Bylaw No. 1213-12 that provides a Local Authorities Pension Plan for certain employees.  
  
Deputy Reeve Wowdzia moved Bylaw No. 1312-20 be given first reading.  
**Carried.**

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**BYLAW NO. 1312-20**  
**TO REPEAL BYLAW**  
**NO. 1213-12 –**  
**PENSION BENEFIT**  
**FOR CERTAIN**  
**EMPLOYEES CONT'D** Councillor Bentley moved Bylaw No. 1312-20 be given second reading.  
**Carried.**

Councillor Anderson moved Council unanimously and in full agreement give Bylaw No. 1312-20 third reading at this meeting.  
**Carried.**

Councillor Wagner moved Bylaw No. 1312-20 be given third reading.  
**Carried.**

**COUNCIL REPORTS** Council reported on the following projects, monthly activities and Board/Committee meetings attended:

Councillor Wagner – Division 1

- Infrastructure Committee meeting, October 19, 2020;
- 2020 Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Virtual Fall Convention, November 3 and 4, 2020;
- Joint Landfill/Transfer Station Committee meeting, Village of Mannville, November 5, 2020;
- Committee of the Whole meeting, November 13, 2020.

Councillor Anderson – Division 2

- Infrastructure Committee meeting, October 19, 2020;
- Innisfree Seed Cleaning Plant meeting, October 21, 2020;
- Committee of the Whole meeting, November 13, 2020.

**GAVEL** Deputy Reeve Wowdzia assumed the gavel.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**  
**CONT'D** Reeve Konieczny – Division 3

- Innisfree Seed Cleaning Plant meeting, October 21, 2020;
- 2020 Northeast Regional ASB Virtual Conference hosted by County of Vermilion River, October 27, 2020;
- ACE Water Corporation Zone 1 AGM/Tri-Municipal meeting, Innisfree Recreation Centre, October 28, 2020;
- Meeting with ratepayer regarding beaver issues, October 31, 2020;
- 2020 RMA Virtual Fall Convention, November 3 and 4, 2020;
- Joint Landfill/Transfer Station Committee meeting, Village of Mannville, November 5, 2020,
- Mannville-Innisfree FCSS Virtual meeting, November 10, 2020;
- Committee of the Whole meeting, November 13, 2020.

**GAVEL** Reeve Konieczny assumed the gavel.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**  
**CONT'D** Deputy Reeve Wowdzia – Division 4

- Infrastructure Committee meeting, October 16, 2020;
- Vegreville and District FCSS meeting, October 20, 2020;
- ACE Water Corporation conference call meeting, October 22, 2020;
- Vegreville Seed Cleaning Plant meeting, October 22, 2020;
- 2020 Northeast Regional ASB Virtual Conference hosted by County of Vermilion River, October 27, 2020;
- ACE Water Corporation Zone 1 AGM/Tri-Municipal meeting, Innisfree Recreation Centre, October 28, 2020;
- 2020 RMA Virtual Fall Convention, November 3 and 4, 2020;
- Vegreville Seed Cleaning Plant AGM, November 9, 2020;
- Committee of the Whole meeting, November 13, 2020.

Councillor Kuzio – Division 5

- Vegreville Community Health Services Virtual Health Awareness meeting, September 29, 2020;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Review the Election virtual meeting, October 8, 2020;
- Virtual attendance at the Organizational meeting, October 16, 2020;

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**COUNCIL REPORTS  
CONT'D**

- 2020 Northeast Regional ASB Virtual Conference hosted by County of Vermilion River, October 27, 2020;
- Covenant Community Foundation Board Session, October 28, 2020;
- ACE Water Corporation Zone 1 AGM/Tri-Municipal meeting, Innisfree Recreation Centre, October 28, 2020;
- 2020 RMA Virtual Fall Convention, November 3 and 4, 2020;
- Vegreville Region Physician and Health Professional Attraction and Retention (VRPHPAR) Committee meeting, November 5, 2020;
- Vegreville Cares Coalition Women’s Mental Health Conference, November 5, 2020;
- M.D. of Minburn Foundation meeting, November 6, 2020;
- Committee of the Whole meeting, November 13, 2020;
- “School Bus” sign required at 13513 Township Road 512;
- Received calls regarding driveway snowplowing, rural crime, roadside brushing and proposed road closure.

Councillor Ogradnick – Division 6

- Infrastructure Committee meeting, October 16, 2020;
- Vegreville Tourism Advisory Board meeting, October 19, 2020;
- Vegreville and District Chamber of Commerce meeting, October 23, 2020;
- 2020 Northeast Regional ASB Virtual Conference hosted by County of Vermilion River, October 27, 2020;
- ACE Water Corporation Zone 1 AGM/Tri-Municipal meeting, Innisfree Recreation Centre, October 28, 2020;
- Assisted with Vegreville Main Street Trick or Treat event sponsored by Town of Vegreville and Vegreville and District Chamber of Commerce, October 31, 2020;
- 2020 RMA Virtual Fall Convention, November 3 and 4, 2020;
- Vegreville and District Chamber of Commerce meeting, November 5, 2020;
- M.D. of Minburn Foundation meeting, November 6, 2020;
- Committee of the Whole meeting, November 13, 2020;
- Highway 857 south of the Town of Vegreville and north of Highway 16 now open to traffic.

Councillor Bentley – Division 7

- Meeting with roadside brushing crew and church representatives at Sich Church, October 20, 2020;
- Meeting with land renters on Range Road 155 south of Range Road 540 regarding drainage concerns, October 20, 2020;
- Vegreville Seed Cleaning Plant meeting, October 22, 2020;
- Vermilion River Watershed Alliance meeting, October 23, 2020;
- Issued fire permit, October 25, 2020;
- 2020 Northeast Regional ASB Virtual Conference hosted by County of Vermilion River, October 27, 2020;
- Vegreville Economic Development Board meeting, October 28, 2020;
- ACE Water Corporation Zone 1 AGM/Tri-Municipal meeting, Innisfree Recreation Centre, October 28, 2020;
- 2020 RMA Virtual Fall Convention, November 3 and 4, 2020;
- Issued fire permit, November 6, 2020;
- Responded to a ratepayer concern regarding beaver dam on Range Road 155 and Township Road 532, November 6, 2020;
- Vegreville Seed Cleaning Plant AGM, November 9, 2020;
- Spoke with Alberta Transportation regarding poor sightlines and roadside brushing on northwest corner of Highway 631 and Range Road 154;
- Committee of the Whole meeting, November 13, 2020.

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

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- 144-20 SCHOOL BUS SIGNS** Councillor Kuzio moved to install “School Bus” signs at 13513 Township Road 512 in Division 5.  
**Carried.**
- 145-20 GRAVEL PURCHASE AGREEMENT – KEITH AUSTIN CONSTRUCTION** Councillor Bentley moved to enter into an agreement with Keith Austin Construction for the purchase and delivery of gravel in 2021 up to a maximum amount of \$158,250.  
**Carried.**
- GAVEL** Deputy Reeve Wowdzia assumed the gavel.
- REEVE’S REPORT** Reeve Konieczny reported and commented on the following:
- Meeting with CAO regarding gravel proposal and other items, October 26, 2020;
  - Reeves’/Mayors’ Virtual meeting, November 2, 2020;
  - Prepared County greetings for Veterans’ Appreciation Luncheon, November 6, 2020;
  - Laid wreath and presented greetings at Vegreville Remembrance Day Ceremony, November 11, 2020;
  - Replied to Vegreville News Advertiser regarding assessment review and recreation;
  - Received notification from the Government of Canada regarding nominations for the Prime Minister’s Awards for Teaching Excellence.
- Councillor Bentley moved the Reeve’s report be accepted as presented.  
**Carried.**
- GAVEL** Reeve Konieczny assumed the gavel.
- CAO’S REPORT** Brent Williams presented the CAO’s monthly report.
- Deputy Reeve Wowdzia moved the CAO’s report be accepted as presented.  
**Carried.**
- 146-20 PURCHASE TRACK HOE MULCHER ATTACHMENT** Councillor Wagner moved to approve the purchase of a track hoe mulcher attachment in 2020.  
**Carried.**
- 147-20 CANCEL 2020 TAX PENALTY** Councillor Anderson moved to cancel the 2020 tax penalty for NE 23-52-13-W4M and NE 25-52-13-W4M.  
**Carried.**
- 148-20 BRUSH REMOVAL** Councillor Bentley moved to grant permission to the landowner of NW 27-52-15-W4M to brush the treed area in the center of the parcel at his own expense.  
**Carried.**
- CORRESPONDENCE** The following item of correspondence was reviewed by Council:
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Letter advising municipalities of the challenging economic circumstances the Province is facing and the choices they must make to ensure Alberta’s finances are sustainable over the long-term.
- ADJOURNMENT** Councillor Kuzio moved the meeting adjourn. Time 2:40 p.m.  
**Carried.**

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Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer