

COUNTY OF MINBURN NO. 27

COUNTY COUNCIL

- SEPTEMBER 21, 2020** Minutes of the County Council meeting held on September 21, 2020 at the County of Minburn No. 27 office, Vegreville, Alberta.
- PRESENT** Present at the meeting were:
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| Reeve: | Roger Konieczny |
| Deputy Reeve: | Carl Ogradnick |
| Councillors: | Richard Wagner |
| | Eric Anderson |
| | Clifford Wowdzia |
| | Tara Kuzio |
| | Kevin Bentley |
| Chief Administrative Officer: | Brent Williams |
| Recording Secretary: | Trudy Shukalak |
- CALL TO ORDER** Reeve Konieczny called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Councillor Anderson moved the Agenda for the September 21, 2020 regular County Council meeting be adopted as presented.
Carried.
- AUGUST 17, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** Councillor Kuzio moved the minutes of the August 17, 2020 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 August 2020.
- Councillor Kuzio moved the Superintendent of Public Works report be accepted as presented.
Carried.
- 110-20 INSTALL SCHOOL BUS SIGN** Deputy Reeve Ogradnick moved to install a “School Bus” sign on Township Road 520 and Range Road 150 in Division 6.
Carried.
- 111-20 INSTALL SHARP CURVE SIGN** Councillor Wagner moved to install “Sharp Curve” sign west of bridge on Township Road 502 east of Range Road 85 in Division 1.
Carried.
- 112-20 2020 GROUNDWATER MONITORING AT LANDFILLS** Councillor Kuzio moved to accept Omni-McCann Geoscience’s cost proposal to complete the 2020 groundwater monitoring program at the County landfills.
Motion Defeated.
- 113-20 2020 GROUNDWATER MONITORING AT LANDFILLS** Councillor Anderson moved to accept Wood PLC’s cost proposal to complete the 2020 groundwater monitoring program at the County landfills.
Carried.
- DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES** Mike Fundytus presented the Director of Protective Services report for the month of August 2020.
- Councillor Kuzio moved the Director of Protective Services report be accepted as presented.
Carried.
- 114-20 ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION WORK – BF 526** Councillor Anderson moved to approve additional environmental remediation work for the BF 526 project due to soil contamination.
Carried.

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER Davin Gegolick presented the Planning and Development Officer’s report for the month of August 2020.

Councillor Wowdzia moved the Planning and Development Officer’s report be accepted as presented.
Carried.

115-20 HORSES AT BROOKWOOD ESTATES Councillor Wowdzia moved to deny the request to allow horses on Lot 2, Block 2, Plan 792-0404 in Brookwood Estates.
Carried.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION Jason Warawa presented the Director of Finance and Administration’s monthly Budget report for the month of August 2020.

Councillor Bentley moved the Director of Finance and Administration’s monthly Budget report with revenue and expenditures for the period January 1 to August 31, 2020 be accepted as presented.
Carried.

116-20 2021 BUDGET GUIDELINES Councillor Wagner moved to approve the 2021 Budget Guidelines as the process for Administration to follow for development and presentation of the 2021 Operating and Capital Budget.
Carried.

117-20 PRIORITY SETTING DOCUMENT Councillor Wagner moved to adopt the Council Priorities document as presented.
Carried.

118-20 INSIGNIA ENERGY – TAX CANCELLATION REQUEST Councillor Kuzio moved to deny Insignia Energy Ltd.’s request to cancel 25 percent of their 2020 property taxes; but directed Administration to offer a payment plan for outstanding amounts.
Carried.

119-20 REQUEST TO LEASE UNDEVELOPED ROAD ALLOWANCE Councillor Anderson moved to deny the request to lease the undeveloped road allowance between SW 29-51-11-W4M and SE 30-51-11-W4M.
Carried.

120-20 2020 RECREATION BOARD FUNDING Councillor Anderson moved to approve the following allocation of available recreation funding to the external organizations as per the 2020 approved budget.

Mannville & District Agricultural Society	\$109,300
Innisfree & District Agricultural Society	\$ 43,300
Minburn & District Agricultural Society	\$ 23,300
Ranfurlly & District Agricultural Society	\$ 23,300
Town of Vegreville Recreation, Culture & Facilities	\$309,500
Lavoy Action Society	\$ 18,300

Carried.

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

Councillor Wagner – Division 1

- Meeting with Alberta Minister of Transportation Ric Mclver and MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, September 1, 2020.
- Roadside brush at corner of Range Road 83 and Township Road 492.
- Shoulder concerns on new road construction on Township Road 492.

Councillor Anderson – Division 2

- Meeting with Alberta Minister of Transportation Ric Mclver and MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, September 1, 2020.

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GAVEL Deputy Reeve Ogradnick assumed the gavel.

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

- Received call regarding gravel conditions on road to Mannville Cemetery.
- Received call regarding inaccessible approach due to water.
- Request for Alberta Transportation to blade Highway 631.

GAVEL Reeve Konieczny assumed the gavel.

**COUNCIL REPORTS
CONT'D** Councillor Wowdzia – Division 4

- Vegreville Seed Cleaning Plant meeting, August 19, 2020.
- Meeting with Alberta Minister of Transportation Ric Mclver and MLA Jackie-Armstrong-Homeniuk, September 1, 2020.
- Received calls regarding washboard road conditions and dust on Range Road 142 and Highway 631.

Councillor Kuzio – Division 5

- Meeting with Alberta Minister of Transportation Ric Mclver and MLA Jackie-Armstrong-Homeniuk, September 1, 2020.
- Minburn Foundation meeting, County Council Chambers, September 10, 2020.
- Vegreville Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Advisory Board meeting, September 15, 2020.
- St. Joseph's General Hospital Community Board meeting, September 16, 2020.
- Vegreville Region Physician and Health Professional Attraction and Retention (VRPHPAR) Committee virtual meeting, September 17, 2020.
- Ratepayer concern regarding the safety hazards caused by large farm equipment travelling on local roads, and the need to remind everyone about farm safety.

Deputy Reeve Ogradnick – Division 6

- Vegreville Tourism Advisory Board meeting, August 17, 2020.
- Vegreville and District Chamber of Commerce meeting, August 20, 2020.
- Meeting with landowners regarding water pumping and borrow dirt, August 20, 2020.
- Meeting with Alberta Minister of Transportation Ric Mclver and MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, September 1, 2020.
- Received call from Vegreville Centennial Library Board Chair regarding library funding, September 3, 2020.
- Vegreville and District Chamber of Commerce meeting, September 3, 2020.
- Minburn Foundation meeting, County Council Chambers, September 10, 2020.
- Division 6 water pumping being completed.
- Dust control concern on Range Road 153 between Township Road 520 and 522.
- Patching and asphalt work.

Councillor Bentley – Division 7

- Vegreville Seed Cleaning Plant meeting, August 19, 2020.
- Vegreville Economic Development Board meeting, August 26, 2020.
- Meeting with Alberta Minister of Transportation Ric Mclver and MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, September 1, 2020.

Councillor Anderson moved the Council reports be accepted as presented.

Carried.

GAVEL Deputy Reeve Ogradnick assumed the gavel.

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REEVE'S REPORT Reeve Konieczny reported and commented on the following:
- Meeting with Alberta Minister of Transportation Ric Mclver and MLA Jackie-Armstrong Homeniuk, September 1, 2020.
- Meeting with Alberta Minister of Municipal Affairs Tracy Allard, Town of Smoky Lake, September 2, 2020.

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

CORRESPONDENCE The following items of correspondence were reviewed by Council:
- Vegreville Transportation Services Society (VTSS) – Letter dated August 16, 2020 asking the County to consider assisting VTSS with funding.
- North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) – Letter dated September 1, 2020 asking the County to consider a \$.50 per capita contribution to NSWA for 2021.
- Warwick Hall – Letter dated August 31, 2020 thanking the County for their Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) operating grant in 2020.
- Village of Innisfree – Letter dated September 1, 2020 regarding the impacts of assessment model changes on municipalities.
- Vegreville Region Physician and Health Professional Attraction & Retention (VRPHPAR) Committee – Letter dated September 17, 2020 requesting financial support from the County for the next three years.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDING – VTSS, NSWA, VRPHPAR Council consensus was to defer VTSS, NSWA and VRPHPAR requests for funding until the next regular Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT Councillor Wowdzia moved the meeting adjourn. Time 12:03 p.m.
Carried.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer