



Council Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2024

Council Members Present: Reeve Roger Konieczny, Division 3
Deputy Reeve Tara Kuzio, Division 5
Councillor Joey Nafziger, Division 1
Councillor Eric Anderson, Division 2
Councillor Cliff Wowdzia, Division 4
Councillor Carl Ogrodnick, Division 6
Councillor Kevin Bentley, Division 7

Administration Present: Pat Podoborozny, Chief Administrative Officer
Norm De Wet, Director of Operations
Jason Warawa, Director of Corporate Services
Mike Fundytus, Director of Protective Services
Davin Gegolick, Director of Planning and Community Services
Trudy Shukalak, Senior Administrative Support Specialist

1 CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Konieczny called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2024-017

Moved by: Councillor Anderson

THAT the February 20, 2024, regular Council meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 January 15, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

2024-018

Moved by: Councillor Nafziger

THAT the January 15, 2024, regular Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried

Councillor Ogrodnick joined the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

4 DELEGATIONS

4.1 STARS

Presentation on STARS' new technology and innovations, mission statistics, and information that directly impacts County of Minburn residents, at home and throughout western Canada.

External Presenter:

Glenda Farnden

STARS Funding

2024-019

Moved by: Deputy Reeve Kuzio

THAT Council approve Administration to include an annual operating budgetary item in the amount of \$7,000 to the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service (STARS) Foundation in the amount of \$7,000, effective 2024.

Carried

5 COUNCIL PRIORITIES

2024-020

Moved by: Councillor Anderson

THAT the Council Priorities be accepted as presented.

Carried

6 REQUESTS FOR DECISION

6.1 Subdivision File No. 01-2024

2024-021

Moved by: Member Wowdzia

THAT the Subdivision Authority approve Subdivision Application File No. 01-2024 regarding NW 17-51-10-W4M as per the required conditions of the report presented.

Carried

6.2 Subdivision Application File No. 02-2024

2024-022

Moved by: Member Wowdzia

THAT the Subdivision Authority approve Subdivision Application File No. 02-2024 regarding NE 22-52-14-W4M as per the required conditions of the report presented.

Carried

6.3 AFRRCS Radio System

2024-023

Moved by: Councilor Nafziger

THAT Council approve a \$30,000 increase to the Alberta First Responders Radio Communication System (AFRRCS) migration project funded from reserves.

Carried

6.4 Fleet Truck Tender 2024

2024-024

Moved by: Councillor Ogradnick

THAT Council approve the purchase of one half-ton Ford F-150 4x4 truck from Vegreville Ford for a cost of \$60,549.30, and one one-ton Dodge Ram 3500 4x4 truck from Maddigan Chrysler for a cost of \$68,161.25.

Carried

6.5 2024 Road Construction Program

2024-025

Moved by: Deputy Reeve Kuzio

THAT Council approve the 2024 road construction plans as presented at an estimated operating cost of \$490,917.24.

Carried

6.6 Lavoy Cemetery Bylaw No. 1346-24

Bylaw No. 1346-24 was presented to regulate and manage the Lavoy Cemetery.

2024-026

Moved by: Councillor Anderson
THAT Bylaw No. 1346-24 be given first reading.

Carried

2024-027

Moved by: Councillor Bentley
THAT Bylaw No. 1346-24 be given second reading.

Carried

2024-028

Moved by: Deputy Reeve Kuzio
THAT Council unanimously and in full agreement give Bylaw No. 1346-24 third reading.

Carried Unanimously

2024-029

Moved by: Councillor Wowdzia
THAT Bylaw No. 1346-24 be given third reading.

Carried

Lavoy Cemetery Plot Fees

2024-030

Moved by: Councillor Nafziger
THAT Council approve the establishment of Lavoy Cemetery plot fees at \$350 each for 2024.

Carried

7 REPORTS

7.1 Reeve

7.2 Council

Reeve Konieczny recessed the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Reeve Konieczny reconvened the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

7.3 Operations Report

7.4 Planning and Community Services Report

7.5 Protective Services Report

7.6 Corporate Services Report

2024-031

Moved by: Councillor Wowdzia
THAT Council accept the reports as presented.

Carried

8 CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk – AgriRecovery Financial Support

Letter received from MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk dated January 25, 2024, advising that the Governments of Canada and Alberta are updating the 2023 Canada-Alberta Drought Livestock Assistance Program to

support more livestock producers. The expanded eligibility for AgriRecovery will increase support access to producers who suffered losses related to the management and maintenance of breeding animals such as cattle, bison, horses, elk, sheep, goats, alpacas, yak, musk ox, deer, water buffalo and llamas. This new update applies to producers within the regions of Elk Island, Lamont, Minburn, Strathcona, and Two Hills.

8.2 Resident Information Request – Wapasu Committee

E-mail received from Wapasu resident Rebecca McLeod dated January 31, 2024, regarding the Wapasu Committee’s current focus and Strategic Plan, availability of Committee minutes to the public, and the communication of resident concerns regarding Wapasu.

8.3 National Police Federation Budget and Policing Requirements

E-mail received from the National Police Federation (NPF) dated February 8, 2024, requesting the County support their 2024 Pre-Budget Recommendations submitted to the Government of Alberta which addresses the issue of needed funding for the Alberta RCMP and hiring of additional RCMP officers across the province.

8.4 Elk Island Public Schools – 2022-23 School Year Overview

Letter received from Elk Island Public Schools dated January 15, 2024, containing its Annual Education Results Report for 2022-23 which identifies the resources the Government of Alberta invests in public education, and achievements and progress made throughout the Division in the 2022-23 school year.

8.5 RMA Unpaid Oil and Gas Advocacy Webinar

E-mail received from Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) advising Reeves, Mayors, and CAOs that they will be hosting a one-hour webinar on February 23, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the most recent unpaid oil and gas survey, and provide an overview of the preliminary survey results and RMA’s advocacy approach on this issue in the coming months.

8.6 Alberta Municipal Affairs ACP Grant – Regional Water Services Reservoir Infrastructure Assessment Project

Letter received from the Honourable Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs Ric McIver dated February 12, 2024 advising the Regional Water Services Reservoir Infrastructure Assessment Project has been approved for a grant of \$200,000 under the Intermunicipal Collaboration (IC) component of the 2023/24 Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Program, with the Village of Innisfree as the managing partner and the County of Minburn as a participating municipality.

8.7 Alberta Municipal Affairs ACP Grant – Regional Recreation Feasibility Study Project

Letter received from the Honourable Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs Ric McIver dated February 12, 2024 advising the Regional Recreation Feasibility Study Project has been approved for a grant of \$200,000 under the IC component of the 2023/24 ACP Program, with the Town of Vegreville as the managing partner and the County of Minburn as a participating municipality.

Carried

8.8 Canalta Panels

E-mail received from Canalta Panels dated February 8, 2024, requesting the County re-examine the Oiled Roads policy.

2024-032

Moved by: Councillor Ogrodnick

THAT Council accept the correspondence as information.

Carried

9 COUNCILLOR REQUESTS (INFORMATION REQUESTS AND NOTICES OF MOTION)

9.1 Action Item List

2024-033

Moved by: Deputy Reeve Kuzio

THAT Council accept the Action Item list as presented.

Carried

10 CLOSED SESSION

2024-034

Moved by: Councillor Ogrodnick

THAT Council meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure under the *Freedom of Information and Privacy (FOIP) Act*, specifically Section 16, disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party, Section 19, confidential evaluations, Section 24, advice from officials, and Section 27, privileged information at 11:46 a.m.

Carried

10.1 Lycos Energy Tank Fire

FOIP Section 27, privileged information

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborozny	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Jason Warawa	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Norm De Wet	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Davin Gegolick	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Mike Fundytus	Presenter

Mike Fundytus left the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

10.2 2024 Gravel Haul Tender

FOIP Section 16, disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborozny	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Jason Warawa	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Norm De Wet	Presenter
Davin Gegolick	Strategic Leader of the Organization

Norm De Wet left the meeting at 12:35 a.m.

Reeve Konieczny recessed the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Reeve Konieczny reconvened the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

10.3 Unsold Tax Sale Properties

FOIP Section 24, advice from officials

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborozny	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Jason Warawa	Presenter
Davin Gegolick	Strategic Leader of the Organization

Jason Warawa and Davin Gegolick left the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Reeve Konieczny recessed the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Reeve Konieczny reconvened the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

10.4 CAO Evaluation

FOIP Section 19, confidential evaluations

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborzny	Strategic Leader of the Organization

Pat Podoborzny left the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Pat Podoborzny returned to the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborzny	Strategic Leader of the Organization

11 OPEN SESSION

2024-035

Move by: Councillor Ogrodnick

THAT Council revert to open session at 2:46 p.m.

Carried

12 MOTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSED SESSION

2024 Gravel Haul Tender

2024-036

Moved by: Councillor Anderson

THAT Council approves that Administration enter into an agreement with Ken-X Energy Ltd. for a total tender price of \$919,824.05 for the 2024 Gravel Haul Program.

Carried

13 ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Konieczny adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer