



## Council Meeting Minutes

January 15, 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 Podoborzny, 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, Legislative Services Coordinator

- 1 CALL TO ORDER**  
Reeve Konieczny called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. **Carried**
  
- 2 CHANGES TO AGENDA AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**  
  
**2024-001**  
**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Kuzio  
THAT the January 15, 2024 regular Council meeting Agenda be adopted as presented. **Carried**
  
- 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**  
  
**3.1 December 18, 2023 Regular Council Meeting**  
  
**2024-002**  
**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Kuzio  
THAT the December 18, 2023 regular Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented. **Carried**
  
- 4 DELEGATIONS**
  
- 5 COUNCIL PRIORITIES**  
  
**2024-003**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson  
THAT the Council Priorities be accepted as presented. **Carried**
  
- 6 REQUESTS FOR DECISION**

**6.1 Utilities within Road Allowance – Special Approval Request**

**2024-004**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger

THAT Council refuse Item 1 regarding the locating of electrical utilities within the road allowance on Township Road 510 as proposed by ATCO Electric for Phase 3 of the 7L65 Rebuild Project, as per the plans submitted.

**Carried**

**2024-005**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger

THAT Council approve Item 2 regarding the locating of electrical utilities within the road allowance on Township Road 510 as proposed by ATCO Electric for Phase 3 of the 7L65 Rebuild Project, as per the plans submitted.

**Carried**

**2024-006**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wowdzia

THAT Council refuse Item 3 regarding the locating of electrical utilities within the road allowance on Township Road 510 as proposed by ATCO Electric for Phase 3 of the 7L65 Rebuild Project, as per the plans submitted.

**Carried**

**6.2 Subdivision File No. 14-2023**

**2024-007**

**Moved by:** Member Wowdzia

THAT the Subdivision Authority approve Subdivision File No. 14-2023 regarding Lot 3, Block 1, Plan 222-2480 in NW 25-52-14-W4M as per the required conditions of the report presented.

**Carried**

**6.3 SCOP Application- County Economic Development Communications Project**

**2024-008**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger

THAT Council approve to submit an application for grant funding under the Small Community Opportunity Program (SCOP) for the County of Minburn Economic Development Communications Project; and further the County allocate the ten percent cash contribution towards the total eligible project costs as required by the SCOP application guidelines.

**Carried**

**6.4 Town of Vegreville Family Day Breakfast**

**2024-009**

**Moved by:** Councillor Bentley

THAT Council approve providing a monetary donation in the amount of \$250 to the Town of Vegreville to help offset the costs of the 2024 Vegreville Family Day Breakfast.

**Carried**

**2024-010**

**Moved by:** Councillor Bentley

THAT Council direct Administration to include an annual donation of \$250 in the annual operating budget for the Town of Vegreville's Family Day Breakfast.

**Carried**

**6.5 MD of Minburn Foundation Support Request**

**2024-111**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick

THAT Council direct Administration to send a conditional letter of support to the MD of Minburn Foundation for their grant application under the Affordable Housing Partnership Program.

**Carried**

**7 REPORTS**

**7.1 Reeve**

**7.2 Council**

**7.3 Operations Report**

**7.4 Agriculture and Utilities Report**

**7.5 Planning and Community Services Report**

**7.6 Protective Services Report**

**7.7 Corporate Services Report**

**2024-012**

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson

THAT Council accept the reports as presented.

**Carried**

*Reeve Konieczny recessed the meeting at 10:59 a.m.*

*Reeve Konieczny reconvened the meeting at 11:08 a.m.*

**8 CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

**8.1 Vegreville Kinsmen Golf Course – County Representative**

E-mail received from the Vegreville Kinsmen Golf Course asking Council if they are interested in having a County representative on their Board.

**8.2 Vegreville Agriculture and Irrigation – AgriRecovery Program**

Letter received from the Honourable Minister of Agricultural and Irrigation, RJ Sigurdson, thanking the County for their letter dated November 27, 2023 regarding the AgriRecovery Program for the 2023 growing season. The Honourable Minister further explains that the Alberta Government advocated for a province-wide program without geographic eligibility, however, area-specific eligibility was a requirement set by the federal government as a condition of the funding program. The letter also identifies a number of additional provincial programs and services that are available to producers to help them proactively protect their businesses.

**8.3 Alberta Environment and Protected Areas – Drought Conditions**

Letter received from the Honourable Minister of Environment and Protected Areas Rebecca Schultz advising Council of Alberta's completion of a first draft of a 2024 Drought Emergency Plan that will assist them in responding to potential drought conditions in spring and summer 2024, and encouraging municipalities to adopt their own water conservation efforts to mitigate perceived risks of drought in 2024.

**8.4 Alberta Municipal Affairs – Meeting with Minister at RMA Convention**

E-mail received from Alberta Municipal Affairs advising of an opportunity for municipal councils to meet with the Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, at the 2024 Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Spring Copnvention scheduled to take place at the Edmonton Convention Centre from March 18 to 20, 2024.

**2024-013**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wowdzia

THAT the correspondence be accepted as information.

**Carried**

**9 COUNCILLOR REQUEST (Information Request and Notices of Motion)**

**9.1 Action Item List**

**2024-014**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick

THAT Council accept the Action Item List as information.

**Carried**

**10 CLOSED SESSION**

**2024-015**

**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Kuzio

THAT Council meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*, specifically Section 17, harmful to personal privacy and 24, advice from officials at 11:19 a.m.

**Carried**

**10.1 Bylaw Enforcement Services**

*FOIP Section 24, advice from officials*

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborozny	Strategic Leader of the Organization

**10.2 CAO Evaluation**

*FOIP Section 17, harmful to personal privacy*

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborozny	Strategic Leader of the Organization

**11 OPEN SESSION**

**2024-016**

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson

THAT Council revert to open session at 11:42 a.m.

**Carried**

**12 MOTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSED SESSION**

**13 ADJOURNMENT**

Reeve Konieczny adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

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Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer