



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FOR BIRCH HILLS COUNTY HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 23, 2021**

Present:	Reeve	Gerald Manzulenko	Ward 4
	Deputy Reeve	Terry Carbone	Ward 7
	Councillor	Albert Poetker	Ward 1
	Councillor	Deanne Wendland	Ward 2
	Councillor	Paul Reum	Ward 3
	Councillor	Mel Duvall	Ward 5
	Councillor	Denise Joudrey	Ward 6
	CAO	Rick Bastow	
	Legislative Officer	Shawna Schwerdt	

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Manzulenko called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RC21-101 Moved by Councillor Reum that Council adopt the agenda of the February 23, 2021 Regular Council meeting with the following additions:
4. a Delegation Sgt. Brice Tarzwell RCMP Spirit River Detachment at 9:30 a.m.;
7.a.viii CAC-Road Network application Ward 7;
10.m RMA Unpaid Oil and Gas Survey results; and
10.n Northern Alberta Elected Leaders (NAEL) Survey – Health Issues.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting
February 9, 2021

RC21-102 Moved by Deputy Reeve Carbone that Council approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 Regular Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Reeve Manzulenko

Reeve Manzulenko provided a verbal update to Council on the following virtual meetings he attended from BHC Council chambers, the District Zone 4 meeting he attended on February 12, 2021, the Growing the North from February 16-18, 2021 and the RMA and AUMA’s joint President’s Summit on Provincial Policing session on February 17, 2021.

Deputy Reeve Carbone

Deputy Reeve Carbone provided a verbal update to Council on the Growing the North from February 16-18, 2021.

INITIALS: Reeve: _____

CAO: _____



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Sergeant Bryce Tarzwell
Spirit River detachment
entered meeting 9:23 a.m.

DELEGATIONS

Sergeant Bryce Tarzwell,
Spirit River RCMP
Detachment Commander

Sergeant Bryce Tarzwell, Spirit River RCMP
Detachment Commander presented a verbal report to
Council on policing activity.

RC21-103 Moved by Councillor Duvall that Council
accept Sergeant Bryce Tarzwell’s policing activity
report for information.

CARRIED

Sergeant Bryce Tarzwell
Spirit River detachment
exited meeting 9:58 a.m.

Meeting was recessed at
10:00 a.m.

Meeting was resumed at
10:10 a.m. no public present.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Con’t

Deputy Reeve Carbone

Deputy Reeve Carbone provided a verbal update to
Council on the teleconference meeting with the
Medical Health Clinic Committee on February 10,
2021.

Councillor Poetker

Councillor Poetker provided a verbal update to Council
on the Growing the North Conference meeting he
attended virtually from February 16-18, 2021.

Councillor Wendland

Councillor Wendland provided a verbal update to
Council on the virtual District Zone 4 meeting she
attended on February 12, 2021, the Growing the North
Conference she attended virtually from February
16-18, 2021 and the Peace Region Economic
Development Association (PREDA) she attended on
February 19, 2021.

Councillor Reum

No report.

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Councillor Duvall

Councillor Duvall provided a verbal update to Council on the Growing the North Conference he attended virtually from February 16-18, 2021.

Councillor Joudrey

Councillor Joudrey provided a verbal update to Council on the Grande Spirit Foundation - Spirit River Lodge Community Engagement Sessions she attended on January 28, February 4 and 11, 2021, the RMA District 4 Zone meeting on February 12, 2021 and the Growing the North Conference she attended virtually from February 16-18, 2021.

RC21-104 Moved by Councillor Poetker that Council accept the Councillors' Reports for information.

CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

CAO Bastow provided Council with a verbal update to the written report that had been distributed.

RC21-105 Moved by Councillor Wendland that Council direct Administration to cancel invoicing for expenses incurred by Birch Hills County Fire and Emergency Response services in responding to incidents that occurred on January 1, 2021 (STARS Helicopter) and January 18, 2021 (STARS Helicopter).

RC21-106 Moved by Councillor Joudrey that Council receive the CAO's written report and verbal updates for information.

CARRIED

CAO Action Log

Council reviewed the CAO Action Log updated to February 11, 2021 provided in the Agenda Package.

RC21-107 Moved by Councillor Duvall that Council receive the CAO Action Log for information.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CAC-Road Network
Appointments re RC21-050

Council was provided with expressions of interests received for appointments to the Council Advisory Committee – Road Network (CAC-RN).

RC21-108 Moved by Deputy Reeve Carbone that Council appoint the following:
Celeste Emerson Ward 1
Ben Tschetter Ward 2

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Ken Hansen Ward 3
John Sinkwich Ward 4
Gerry Lunn Ward 5
Jamie Mitchell Ward 6
to sit on the Council Advisory Committee - Road Network for the two-year term 2021-2022.

CARRIED

Council voted on the two received applications of interest for Ward 7 for the Council Advisory Committee – Road Network.

RC21-109 Moved by Councillor Wendland that Council appoint Jason Purcha Ward 7 to sit on the Council Advisory Committee - Road Network for the two-year term 2021-2022.

CARRIED

FCM re RC20-529

Administration brought back to Council information regarding advocating for a stronger western Canadian Municipal advocate with the 2021- 2022 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) membership renewal.

RC21-110 Moved by Councillor Reum that Council direct Administration to receive the discussion on Western Canadian Municipal Advocacy for information.

CARRIED

Lucy Stevenson, Tax and Development Clerk entered meeting at 11:17 a.m.

BYLAWS

LUB Amendment Bylaw 2021-02

Council was presented with Bylaw 2021 - 02, a bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw 2019-06. Staff requested that Council provide first reading to this Bylaw, and establish a date for a Public Hearing which is required before the Bylaw can be considered for subsequent reading.

RC21-111 Moved by Councillor Poetker that Council provide 1st reading to the Land Use Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2021 – 02.

CARRIED

RC21-112 Moved by Deputy Reeve Carbone that Council set March 23, 2021 as the date for the public hearing on Land Use Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2021 – 02.

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RC21-113 Moved by Councillor Wendland that Council direct Administration to bring back Land Use Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2021 - 02 for 2nd and 3rd reading at the March 23, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

Lucy Stevenson, Tax and Development Clerk exited meeting at 11:27 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Spring RMA Virtual Convention

Council was provided with information regarding the 2021 Spring Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Virtual Convention and requesting confirmation on attendance for March 16 & 17, 2021.

RC21-114 Moved by Councillor Poetker that Council authorize the attendance of the following six Birch Hills County Councillors, with remuneration and reimbursement of expenses as appropriate, for Reeve Manzulenکو, Deputy Reeve Carbone, and Councillors Poetker, Wendland, Reum and Joudrey to the Spring 2021 RMA Virtual Resolution Session on March 16 and 17, 2021.

CARRIED

Shelley Braun, Director of Corporate Services entered meeting at 11:28 a.m.

2020 O&M Budget Variance

Council was provided with information regarding the 2020 O&M Budget Variance.

Reeve Manzulenکو left meeting at 11:48 a.m. and returned to meeting at 11:51 a.m.

RC21-115 Moved by Councillor Joudrey that Council receive the presentation regarding the 2020 O&M Budget Variance for information.

CARRIED

Shelley Braun, Director of Corporate Services exited meeting at 11:55 a.m.

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Meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

Meeting was resumed at 12:30 p.m. with no public present.

Dion Hynes, Director of Public Works and Michael Coy, Manager of Infrastructure Projects entered meeting at 12:31 p.m

Motor Grader Purchase

Council was provided with information regarding a new motor grader which was tendered to replace unit G35 (Peoria) which is a 2015 CAT 140M AWD equipped with snow wing and front lift group. This machine will also allow mount of our wobbly packer attachment that is operational from spring to fall with a bumper replacement plate that is swapped in spring and fall.

RC21-116 Moved by Councillor Poetker that Council direct Administration to accept the bid from Finning of \$518,400.00 for a 2021 CAT 150 AWD including 7yr warranty and to accept the buyback value of 165,000.00 for unit G35, a 2015 140M AWD.

CARRIED

Dion Hynes, DPW and Michael Coy, MIP exited meeting at 12:50 p.m.

FOR INFORMATION

Council was provided with a copy of the following documents that had been received by Administration.

RC21-117 Moved by Deputy Reeve Carbone that Council receive the Bank Reconciliation for January 31, 2021 for information.

CARRIED

RC21-118 Moved by Deputy Reeve Carbone that Council accept the information items provided for information.

CARRIED

INITIALS: Reeve: _____

CAO: _____

