



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FOR BIRCH HILLS COUNTY HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 9, 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

CAO	Rick Bastow
Legislative Officer	Shawna Schwerdt

Attended virtually via “Go to Meeting”	Councillor	Denise Joudrey	Ward 6
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CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Manzulenko called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RC21-082 Moved by Councillor Wendland that Council adopt the agenda of the February 9, 2021 Regular Council meeting with amendment that item 9.e.i and 9.d.i follow item 4.a.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting
January 26, 2021

RC21-083 Moved by Councillor Reum that Council approve the minutes of the January 26, 2021 Regular Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Reeve Manzulenko

Reeve Manzulenko provided a verbal update to Council on the teleconference he had with the Premier Jason Kenney, Minister Ric McIver, and Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health Deena Himshaw and the Elected Leaders (NAEL) meeting he attended virtually on February 5, 2021.

RC21-084 Moved by Councillor Poetker that Council direct Administration to send a letter to the Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) regarding investigation of debt forgiveness options for graduates of faculties of medicine and faculties of nursing who commit to a multi-year placement in Northern Alberta.

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Deputy Reeve Carbone

Deputy Reeve Carbone provided a verbal update to Council on the Water North Coalition (WNC) he attended virtually on January 27, 2021 and the Central Peace Clinic to be discussed as item 12.a and the Eaglesham Seed Cleaning Annual General meeting he attended on February 4, 2021.

Martine Piebiak, President of Eaglesham Playschool Club and Christine Bice Treasurer of Eaglesham Playschool Club entered meeting virtually at 9:31 a.m.

DELEGATIONS

Martine Piebiak, President and Christine Bice Treasurer of Eaglesham Playschool Club.

Martine Piebiak, President of the Eaglesham Playschool Club and Christine Bice Treasurer of Eaglesham Playschool Club gave an overview on their program services.

RC21-085 Moved by Deputy Reeve Carbone that Council accept the presentation from Martine Piebiak, President of the Eaglesham Playschool Club and Christine Bice Treasurer of Eaglesham Playschool Club on their overview of their program services for information.

CARRIED

Martine Piebiak, President of Eaglesham Playschool Club, and Christine Bice exited meeting virtually at 9:55 a.m.

Meeting was recessed at 9:55 a.m.

Meeting was resumed at 10:00 a.m. no public present.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

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Councillor Poetker

No report.

Councillor Wendland

No report.

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Councillor Reum No report.

Councillor Duvall No report.

Councillor Joudrey No report.

RC21-086 Moved by Councillor Poetker that Council accept the Councillors' Reports for information.

CARRIED

Kathrin Langlois, Assistant Agriculture Fieldman entered meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Letter from the M.D. of Peace regarding Landowner Information

Council was provided with a letter concerning sharing producer location information for Clubroot, Fusarium Graminearum and other invasive species with other municipalities.

RC21-087 Moved by Councillor Duvall that Council accept the letter from Robert Willing, Reeve of M.D. of Peace for information and direct the item to be added to the next ASB meeting on March 9, 2021 for discussion and proposed action.

CARRIED

Kathrin Langlois, Assistant Agriculture Fieldman exited meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Dion Hynes, Director of Public Works and Michael Coy Manager of Infrastructure Projects entered meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Gravel Haul Options

Council was provided with options to enhance summer gravel haul program.

RC21-088 Moved by Councillor Duvall that Council accept the Gravel Haul options and Gravel Haul cost analysis for information.

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Dion Hynes, DPW and Michael Coy, MIP exited meeting at 10:40 a.m.

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**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER'S REPORTS**

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

RC21-089 Moved by Councillor Wendland that Council direct Administration to purchase a new computer server and conduct server migration, as approved in the 2021 Capital Budget with additional identified costs to be funded by reserves, with total cost not to exceed \$41,000 plus GST.

CARRIED

CAO Action Log

Council reviewed the CAO Action Log updated to February 3, 2021 provided in the Agenda Package.

RC21-090 Moved by Deputy Reeve Carbone that Council receive the CAO's written report, verbal updates and the CAO Action Log for information.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council to Council meeting
RC20-333 County of
Grande Prairie No. 1

Council was provided with an update concerning a Council-to-Council meeting with the County of Grande Prairie to discuss matters of mutual interest, identify shared concerns and establish opportunities to collaborate.

RC21-091 Moved by Councillor Duvall that Council direct Administration to make changes to the meeting calendar and propose March 19, 2021 as a special meeting date for a Council-to-Council meeting in which to meet with County of Grande Prairie.

CARRIED

IDP/ICF with the M.D. of
Spirit River No. 133

Council was provided with information to consider opting out of an Intermunicipal Development Plan with the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 and that Intermunicipal planning issues be incorporated into the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement.

RC21-092 Moved by Councillor Poetker that Council opt out of an Intermunicipal Development Plan with Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133, and that intermunicipal planning issues be incorporated into the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement.

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BYLAWS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

Draft Directive 067

Council was provided with an update on the draft Directive 067 that the Alberta Energy Regulator is seeking feedback on a new edition of Directive 067: Eligibility Requirements for Acquiring and Holding Energy Licenses and Approvals.

RC21-093 Moved by Councillor Reum that Council directs Administration to respond to the request for response and supply the input as provided by Council to the Alberta Energy Regulator regarding their new edition of Directive 067: Eligibility Requirements for Acquiring and Holding Energy Licenses and Approvals.

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION

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

RC21-094 Moved by Councillor Poetker that Council accept the Central Peace Attraction and Retention Committee (CPARC) information, Alberta Library Trustees Association (ALTA) and Grande Spirit Foundation (GSF) that Councillor Joudrey reported verbally to Council on January 26, 2021 Regular Council meeting for information.

CARRIED

RC21-095 Moved by Councillor Joudrey that Council accept the letter from M.D. Bonnyville regarding the need for a Stronger Western Canadian Municipal Advocate dated January 20, 2021 as information and bring back as a RFD for next Council meeting and that Council accept the letter from Municipal Affairs regarding the response unpaid Oil and Gas taxes dated January 22, 2021 for information.

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Deputy Reeve Carbone
exited meeting 11:30 a.m.
and returned to meeting
11:33 a.m.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Council was provided with copies of the following documents:

- a. Letter to UBF re support Xplornet dated Jan. 26, 2021;
- b. Letter to UBF re support IWantWireless dated January 26, 2021;
- c. Letter to UBF re support Canadian Fiber Optics dated January 26, 2021;
- d. Letter to Recreation Board re 2021 funds dated January 26, 2021;
- e. Letter to Organizations who apply for Rec Grant Cover Letter dated January 28, 2021;
- f. Letter to Premier Jason Kenney re RC21-044 appointment MA rural familiarity February 2, 2021;
- g. Letter to Concourse Petroleum Inc re RC21-052 unpaid oil and gas tax dated February 2, 2021;
- h. Letter to Premier Jason Kenney re RC21-052 unpaid oil and gas tax dated February 2, 2021;
- i. Letter to Smoky River Region Fire Rescue re RC21-067 dated February 2 2021;
- j. Letter to Grande Prairie Family Education Society re RC21-072 dated February 2, 2021;
- k. Letter to Peace River Family Resource Network Hub re RC21-072 dated February 2, 2021;
- l. Letter to Minister of Children’s Services re RC21-072 dated February 2, 2021;
- m. Letter from McKenzie County re Premier of Alberta - Reopening Recreational and Business Services dated January 27, 2021;
- n. Letter from County of Stettler re Uncollectable Property Taxes dated January 21, 2021;
- o. Newsletter Community Connect February 2021;
- p. Letter from MD of Spirit re Letter to Premier Lockdown due to COVID-19 dated January 27, 2021;
- q. Letter from FCSS Smoky River & Nord-Quest FM CKRP 95.7 re request sponsorship for Local Artists;
- r. Letter from Nord-Quest FM CKRP 95.7 re request sponsorship for Local Artists;
- s. Letter from RMA Prov. Investigation into Creating a Provincial Police Force dated January 20, 2021;
- t. Letter from High River re Coal dated February 3, 2021.

RC21-096 Moved by Councillor Wendland that Council accept the letter from Nord-Quest FM CKRP 95.7 request for sponsorship for Local Artists for information and direct Administration send correspondence concerning Council decision.

CARRIED

INITIALS: Reeve: _____

CAO: _____

