



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FOR BIRCH HILLS COUNTY HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 9, 2020

Present: Reeve Gerald Manzulenko
Deputy Reeve Terry Carbone
Councillor Albert Poetker
Councillor Deanne Wendland
Councillor Paul Reum
Councillor Denise Joudrey
CAO Hermann Minderlein
Legislative Officer Shawna Schwerdt

Absent Councillor Mel Duvall

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RC20-001 Moved by Councillor Joudrey that Council adopt the agenda of the January 9, 2020 Regular Council meeting with the following addition: 12.a Closed Session re Part 9/Medical Committee FOIP section 24(1).

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting
December 12, 2019

RC20-002 Moved by Deputy Reeve Carbone that Council approve the minutes of the December 12, 2019 Regular Council Meeting with the following amendment to RC19-440, delete the word "of".

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

None.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Reeve Manzulenko

No report.

Deputy Reeve Carbone

Deputy Reeve Carbone provided a verbal report to Council on the Water North Coalition teleconference he had on December 13, 2019, the Part 9/ Medical Management Committee he attended in Spirit River on January 8, 2020 and the Eaglesham Seed Cleaning Plant Annual General meeting he attended in Eaglesham on January 8, 2020.

Councillor Poetker

No report.

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Councillor Wendland Councillor Wendland provided a verbal update to the written report she provided to Council on the Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau (NTAB) meeting she attended on December 13, 2019.

Councillor Reum No Report.

Councillor Duvall Absent and no report.

Councillor Joudrey Councillor Joudrey provided a verbal update to the written report she had provided to Council on the Central Peace Attraction and Retention Committee meeting she attended in Spirit River on January 8, 2020.

RC20-003 Moved by Councillor Reum that Council accept the Councillors' Reports for information.

CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

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

RC20-004 Moved by Councillor Wendland 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 January 6, 2020 provided in the Agenda Package.

RC20-005 Moved by Councillor Poetker that Council receive the CAO Action Log for information.

CARRIED

Meeting was recessed at 10:10 a.m.

Meeting was resumed at 10:15 a.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dion Hynes Director of Public Works entered meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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CAO: _____



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Westvale Well

Council was provided with additional information as requested regarding the operating conditions of the Westvale Well.

RC20-006 Moved by Councillor Reum that Council table item 7.a Westvale Well to the February 13, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and direct administration to advertise that the future status of the Westvale Well will be a topic for discussion at that meeting and to request that any member of the public having an interest in the matter and that wishes to provide Council with information related to the matter to contact the County and to either request to appear as a delegation to the meeting or to submit a letter explaining their interest in the Westvale Well.

CARRIED

Dion Hynes DPW exited meeting at 10:30 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter of Support– the Central Peace Family Resource Network

Council was provided with a request for a letter of support received from the Central Peace Family Resource Network.

RC20-007 Moved by Councillor Poetker that Council direct administration to draft a letter for Reeve Manzulenko’s signature advising Children’s Services, Northwest Region that Reeve and Council for Birch Hills County:

1. provides support for applications by both the Peace River Family Resource Network and the Grande Prairie Family Resource Network to seek spoke service funding to provide support services to children and families in accordance with the Family Resource Network Well-being and Resiliency Framework; and
2. expresses our preference to be included in the Grande Prairie Family Resource Network area due to our existing relationships and partnership with many of the other municipalities in that area.

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Set dates and location for
2020 Budget Workshop(s)

Council was provided with a request to discuss a date, time, and location for a workshop related to the 2020 Operating and Maintenance (O&M) Budget.

RC20-008 Moved by Councillor Wendland that Administration organize a workshop to begin at 9:00 a.m. on February 25, 2020 at Birch Hills County Council Chambers to update members of Council on “Levels of Services” and how they relate to the Operating and Maintenance (O&M) Budget, and to tentatively schedule a workshop to begin at 9:00 a.m. on April 1, 2020 at Birch Hills County Council Chambers to update members of Council on the status of the 2020 Operating and Maintenance (O&M) Budget.

CARRIED

Appointment to Municipal
Planning Commission

Council was provided with a letter received from Ms. Joy McKay expressing her interest in being appointed to the Municipal Planning Commission.

RC20-009 Moved by Deputy Reeve Carbone that Council appoint Ms. Joy McKay to sit on the Municipal Planning Commission for Birch Hills County.

CARRIED

Councillor(s) Absence

Council was provided with information related to the absences from this meeting, and are requested to authorize the absence of Councillor Mel Duvall.

RC20-010 Moved by Councillor Joudrey that Council approve the absence of Councillor Duvall from the January 9, 2020 Regular Council meeting due to personal reasons.

CARRIED

Confirmation of NAEL

Council was provided with a letter received from the Northern Alberta Elected Leaders (NAEL) requesting Council confirm the name, position on council, email and phone number for our community’s one representative and one administrative support.

RC20-011 Moved by Councillor Poetker that Council direct Administration to draft a letter for Reeve Manzulenko’s signature advising the Northern Alberta Elected Leaders (NAEL) that Council has confirmed

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Reeve Gerald Manzulenko and Chief Administrative Officer Hermann Minderlein as our community's one representative and one administrative support to NAEL, and provide them with their email and telephone contact information.

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION

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

1. Signed Minutes of Central Peace Regional Waste Management Commission (CPRWMC) meeting held March 11, 2019;
2. Draft Minutes of CPRWMC meeting held December 6, 2019;
3. Signed 2020 V.S.I. Agreement;
4. NW Region AEMA Newsletter;
5. Bank Reconciliation – December 31, 2019; and
6. Website Stats.

RC20-012 Moved by Councillor Poetker that Council accept the items presented for information.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Council was provided with copies of the following documents:

- a. Letter from Minister Devin Dreeshen re Birch Hills County Declaration of Agriculture Disaster dated, December 9, 2019;
- b. Letter to Karen Egge re ISDAB Appointment dated, December 13, 2019;
- c. Letter to Reeve Smith re thanking M.D. of Greenview Council for meeting on December 9, dated December 16, 2019;
- d. Letter from Manager, Finance and Administration Designated Industrial Property Assessment re Notice of Termination of Hybrid Contractor for Designated Industrial Property dated January 2, 2020; and
- e. Letter to past BHC Recreation Grant recipients re 2020 Recreation Operating Assistance Grant Applications dated January 2, 2020.

RC20-013 Moved by Councillor Joudrey that Council accept the correspondence provided for information.

CARRIED

INITIALS: Reeve: _____

CAO: _____

