



**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
FOR BIRCH HILLS COUNTY HELD  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JULY 30, 2020**

**Present:**

<b>Reeve</b>	Gerald Manzulenko
<b>Deputy Reeve</b>	Terry Carbone
<b>Councillor</b>	Mel Duvall
<b>Councillor</b>	Albert Poetker
<b>Councillor</b>	Deanne Wendland
<b>Councillor</b>	Paul Reum
<b>Councillor</b>	Denise Joudrey
<b>CAO</b>	Rick Bastow
<b>Legislative Officer</b>	Shawna Schwerdt

**Absent:**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**SC20-287 Moved by Councillor Wendland** that Council adopt the agenda of the July 30, 2020 Special Council Meeting as presented.

Councillor Reum entered meeting 9:01 a.m.

**CARRIED**

**SC20-288 Moved by Councillor Poetker** that Council move to closed session to discuss the RMA - Assessment Model Review Advocacy per section 24(1) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP) at 9:01 a.m.

**CARRIED**

**SC20-289 Moved by Councillor Reum** that Council move out of closed session at 10:20 a.m.

**CARRIED**

Meeting was recessed at 10:20 a.m.

Meeting was resumed at 10:25 a.m. with no public present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

RMA - Assessment Model Review Advocacy

RMA has provided analysis highlighting the Government of Alberta's proposed assessment changes, as well as an outline of how the changes impact Birch Hills County.

**INITIALS: Reeve: \_\_\_\_\_**

**CAO: \_\_\_\_\_**



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**SC20-290 Moved by Deputy Reeve Carbone** that Council direct Administration to participate in the RMA led response, sending requested correspondence to the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA). Additionally, request the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) revisit 2020 operational budget and present immediate expense reduction options at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting scheduled for August 13, 2020 and media release.

**CARRIED**

Smoky River Road - Flood  
- Infrastructure

Administration sought direction from Council regarding next steps to address infrastructure damage sustained during the July 2020 Smoky River Flood.

**SC20-291 Moved by Councillor Poetker** that Council authorize up to \$3000.00 per acre for purchase of land to replace the damaged portion of the Smoky River Road.

**CARRIED**

**RC20-377 Moved by Councillor Joudrey** that Council amend Resolution SC20-292, such that it reads, Council approves a budget of \$115,000.00 to replace the portion of the Smoky River Road that was damaged during the July 2020 flood. The budget includes costs related to land surveying, legal, land acquisition, lost crop compensation, construction materials and contract services. Funds to come from Capital Reserves, with an application made to Alberta Disaster Recovery Program to recoup eligible expenses.

~~**SC20-292 Moved by Councillor Poetker** that Council approve a budget of \$115,000.00 to replace the portion of the Smoky River Road that was damaged during the July 2020 flood. The budget includes costs related to land surveying, legal, land acquisition, materials and contract services.~~

**CARRIED**

COVID-19 Response Plan

Administration sought direction from Council regarding COVID-19 business continuity.

**SC20-293 Moved by Councillor Wendland** that Council direct Administration to proceed with setup of

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**CAO: \_\_\_\_\_**



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remote directly into PC at Birch Hills County office at a cost not to exceed \$1716.00 and an additional for \$120/month for DUO 2 Factor Security Authentication with Optional UPS per Desktop = \$159 per PC.

**CARRIED**

PREDA-Upcoming meeting

Administration sought direction from Council regarding Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA) proposed resolution to increase PREDA Municipal membership fees from 0.50 per capita to 0.75 per capita.

**SC20-294 Moved by Councillor Joudrey** that Council approve the requested membership fee increase, require the PREDA survey to be completed accepting the increase and request Administration follow up with PREDA staff affirming 2021 membership.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being that there was no further business, Reeve Manzulenکو adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

Original to be signed by  
**GERALD MANZULENKO**  
**REEVE**

Original to be signed by  
**RICK BASTOW**  
**CAO**

SC20-292 amended September 24 2020 RCU-317

INITIALS: Reeve: \_\_\_\_\_  
CAO: \_\_\_\_\_