



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

Present:

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

Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RC20-266 Moved by Councillor Poetker that Council adopt the agenda of the July 9, 2020 Regular Council meeting with the addition of items 5.g Council Joudrey report, 10.e.i STARS Impact report and 10.f Bill 29.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting
June 25, 2020

RC20-267 Moved by Councillor Wendland that Council approve the minutes of the June 25, 2020 Regular Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED

Lucy Stevenson Tax and Development Clerk, Craig Perreault and Deborah Law entered meeting at 9:02 a.m.

DELEGATION

Craig Perreault and Deborah Law

Craig Perreault and Deborah Law delivered a verbal presentation to Council regarding their lots in the Hamlet of Tangent.

RC20-268 Moved by Deputy Reeve Carbone that Council accept Craig Perreault and Deborah Law verbal presentation to Council regarding their lots in the Hamlet of Tangent for information.

CARRIED

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

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



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Lucy Stevenson Tax and Development Clerk and Craig Perreault and Deborah Law exited meeting at 9:20 a.m.

**COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**Reeve Manzulenko** No Report.

**Deputy Reeve Carbone** No Report.

**Councillor Poetker** No Report.

**Councillor Wendland** No Report.

**Councillor Reum** No Report.

**Councillor Duvall** No Report.

**Councillor Joudrey** Councillor Joudrey provided a verbal update to the written report she provided to Council on the Grande Spirit Foundation meeting she attended in Grande Prairie on June 16, 2020.

**RC20-269 Moved by Councillor Reum** that Council accept the Councillors' Reports for information.

**CARRIED**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS**

CAO Bastow provided a verbal update to the written report he provided to Council on events since June 25, 2020.

**RC20-270 Moved by Councillor Duvall** that Council receive the CAO's Rick Bastow written reports and verbal updates for information.

**CARRIED**

CAO Action Log Council reviewed the CAO Action Log updated to July 6, 2020.

**RC20-271 Moved by Councillor Joudrey** that Council receive the CAO Action Log for information.

**CARRIED**

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

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



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Meeting was recessed at  
10:10 a.m.

Meeting was resumed at  
10:15 a.m. with no public  
present.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Road Network re  
RC20-184

Council was presented with information regarding road network maintenance and roadway improvements.

**RC20-272 Moved by Councillor Reum** that Council approve Road Network Overview as presented and direct Administration to develop terms of reference for the Road Networking Advisory Committee, identify and begin preliminary work on grant applications to support 2021 infrastructure enhancement initiative(s), examine establishment of bylaw enforcement officer (BEO) positions and bring back a BEO proposal at a future Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

Unpaid Oil and Gas re  
RC20-201

Council was provided with information regarding Unpaid Oil and Gas taxes owed by oil and gas companies.

**RC20-273 Moved by Councillor Wendland** that Council direct Administration to contact G5 and RMA partners and invite their participation in advising the Government of Alberta on the necessity of a Blue Ribbon Panel and enhanced Ministry and Agency oversight.

**CARRIED**

**BYLAWS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Municipal Library Board  
Resignations

Council was provided with two resignations received from members at large appointed to the Birch Hills County Municipal Library Board (MLB).

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



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**RC20-274 Moved by Councillor Reum** that Council direct Administration to advertise for two (2) representatives to sit on the Birch Hills County Municipal Library Board for a three (3) year term and to bring the results back to a future Regular Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

Meeting was recessed at 10:50 a.m.

Meeting was resumed at 10:55 a.m. with no public present.

Lucy Stevenson Tax and Development Clerk entered meeting at 10:55 a.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Recreational Vehicle Use

**RC20-275 Moved by Deputy Reeve Carbone** that Council move to closed session to discuss the Recreational Vehicle Use per section 17(1) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP) at 10:56 a.m.

**CARRIED**

**RC20-276 Moved by Councillor Poetker** that Council move out of closed session at 11:50 a.m.

**CARRIED**

Meeting was recessed at 11:50 a.m.

Meeting was resumed at 11:55 a.m. with no public present.

Recreational Vehicle Use

Council was requested to review Recreational Vehicle Use and direct Administration as required.

Lucy Stevenson Tax and Development Clerk exited meeting at 11:55 a.m.

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



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**RC20-277 Moved by Councillor Duvall** that Council direct Administration to send the property owner another correspondence enforcing current Land Use Bylaw 2019-06 section 10.7.4 (a) that states “a maximum of two (2) recreational vehicles may be located on a lot in this district provided there is an existing residence on the lot, and provided that the recreational vehicle is not continuously occupied for a period exceeding four (4) months.” requesting deadline to remedy issue(s) by 30 days from July 9, 2020 Regular Council meeting.

**CARRIED**

Geotechnical Assessment  
re 2020 Smoky River  
Flood Hamlet of Watino

Administration provided Council with a request for a second phase of Geotechnical Assessment in the Hamlet of Watino and surrounding low lying areas.

**RC20-278 Moved by Councillor Wendland** that Council direct Administration to undertake a second Geotechnical Assessment and approve a budget of up to \$30,000.00 to complete the review. Council further directs Administration to report back on findings and provide, if any, an outline of future action(s).

**CARRIED**

Meeting was recessed at  
1:05 p.m.

Meeting was resumed at  
1:10 p.m. with no public  
present.

Regional Water Utility  
Project

Council was presented with information regarding the Regional Water Utility Project.

**RC20-279 Moved by Councillor Joudrey** that Council direct Administration to contact G5 partners and confirm Reeve Manzulenko and Councilor Poetker appointment on behalf of Birch Hills County. Confirming September 9, 2020 as the preferred meeting date.

**CARRIED**

Amanda Ouellet Director  
of Agriculture entered  
meeting at 1:15 p.m.

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

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



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Front Mount Mower

Council was provided with information regarding the replacement of the 2005 John Deere Front Mount Diesel mower, Unit # M41.

**RC20-280 Moved by Councillor Wendland** that Council table the remainder of discussions related to item 9.e.i Front Mount Mower until later in the meeting.

**CARRIED**

Amanda Ouellet Director of Agriculture exited meeting at 1:25 p.m.

**FOR INFORMATION**

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

1. Letter from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry re Wild Boar Containment Standards dated June 23, 2020;
2. Website Statics from April 1 to June 30, 2020;
3. Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs re Provincial Funding "Shovel Ready Projects dated July 2, 2020;
4. Letter from RMA re District Update dated July 2020; and
5. Letter from STARS re Online Presentation or in-person future meeting.

**RC20-281 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 to Sorgen re Reduced Invoice dated June 29 2020; and
- b. Letter to Piebiak re RC20-260 approval for Eaglesham Community Enhancement Grant dated June 30, 2020.

**RC20-282 Moved by Councillor Joudrey** that Council accept the correspondence provided for information.

**CARRIED**

Meeting was recessed at 1:30 p.m.

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

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



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Meeting was resumed at 1:35 p.m. with no public present.

Amanda Ouellet Director of Agriculture entered meeting at 1:40 p.m.

**RC20-283 Moved by Deputy Reeve Carbone** that Council remove from table the item 9.e.i Front Mount Mower.

**CARRIED**

**RC20-284 Moved by Councillor Wendland** that Council direct Administration to proceed with the purchase of a new Kubota F2690 4WD mower with a 72 In Rear Discharge deck at a cost of \$26,750.00 plus GST with funding to be provided from available grants, or Capital reserves if the item does not qualify for grant funding, and to proceed with the purchase of this equipment.

**CARRIED**

Amanda Ouellet Director of Agriculture exit meeting at 1:45 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being that there was no further business, Reeve Manzulenکو adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

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

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

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

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