



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FOR BIRCH HILLS COUNTY HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 14, 2019**

Present:

Deputy Reeve	Terry Carbone
Councillor	Albert Poetker
Councillor	Deanne Wendland
Councillor	Paul Reum
Councillor	Mel Duvall
Councillor	Denise Joudrey
CAO	Hermann Minderlein
Legislative Officer	Shawna Schwerdt

Absent: **Reeve** Gerald Manzulenko

CALL TO ORDER **Deputy Reeve Carbone** called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA **RC19-089 Moved by Councillor Poetker** that Council adopt the agenda of the March 14, 2019 Regular Council Meeting with the following amendments:
Remove 10.b 2018 Financial Report Update
Addition of the following items:
9.a.iii Request for Partnership from Eaglesham Fire Department (Barrels and Buckles); and
12.a In-Camera re unauthorized work in ditches FOIP, S.16(1); and 24(1).

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
February 28, 2019

RC19-090 Moved by Councillor Duvall that Council approve the minutes of the February 28, 2019 Regular Council Meeting as presented.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR REPORTS
Reeve Manzulenko

Absent and no report.

Deputy Reeve Carbone

Deputy Reeve Carbone provided a verbal update regarding the Water North Coalition meeting he attended in Lac La Biche and raised the possibility of hosting a future meeting which could be this July. Also discussed was the survey questions received in an email from Water North Coalition (WNC) with regards to Water/Waste Water.

Councillor Poetker

No Report.

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Councillor Wendland Councillor Wendland provided a verbal update regarding the Provincial Announcement on March 7, at the Pleasantview Lodge in Spirit River, where MLA Marg McCuaig-Boyd announced the approval of up to \$24 million in funding for supportive living in Spirit River.

Councillor Reum Councillor Reum provided a verbal update to Council regarding the Central Peace Regional Emergency Management Committee Meeting on March 7 in Spirit River and the Central Peace Regional Waste Management Committee he attended on March 11, 2019 in Rycroft.

Councillor Duvall No Report.

Councillor Joudrey Councillor Joudrey provided a verbal update to Council on the written report she supplied regarding the Provincial Announcement on March 7 and the Central Peace Attraction Retention Committee Meeting she attended on March 13, 2019 in Spirit River.

RC19-091 Moved by Councillor Reum that Council accept the Councillor Reports for information.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS None.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

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

RC19-092 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 March 11, 2019 provided in the Agenda Package.

RC19-093 Moved by Councillor Joudrey that Council receive the CAO Action Log for information.

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BYLAWS None.

INITIALS: Deputy Reeve: _____

CAO: _____



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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Works Motor
Grader Tender

Council was provided with information regarding a bid for a Motor Grader Tender.

RC19-094 Moved by Councillor Duvall that Council direct Administration to accept the bid from Brandt of \$499,600.00 for a 2019 John Deere 772GP Grader and to accept the trade value of \$175,000.00 for the 2014 John Deere 772GP Grader.

CARRIED

Public Works Wheel
Loader Tender

Council was provided with information regarding a bid for the Wheel Loader Tender.

RC19-095 Moved by Councillor Reum that Council direct Administration to accept the bid from Finning for \$356,400.00 for the 2018 CAT 950GC with bucket, snow blade, and pallet forks and to dispose of the 2008 John Deere 644J with bucket, snow blade and pallet forks at auction at a time that would be convenient and estimated to provide the best return.

CARRIED

Public Works Pickup Truck
Tender

Council was provided with information regarding a bid for the Pickup Truck Tender.

RC19-096 Moved by Councillor Wendland that Council direct Administration to table the motion about pickup tenders until after the Enterprise presentation and Spring 2019 RMA conference and trade show.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Absence

Council was provided with information that related to the absence of Reeve from today's Regular Council Meeting.

RC19-097 Moved by Councillor Duvall that Council approve the absence of Reeve Manzulenko from the March 14, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

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Resignation from Library
Board – Amanda LeBlanc

Council was presented with a resignation from Ms. Amanda Leblanc from the Municipal Library Board.

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RC19-098 Moved by Councillor Joudrey that Council accept Ms. Amanda LeBlanc’s resignation from the Municipal Library Board and direct Administration to prepare a letter accepting her resignation and thanking her for her service.

CARRIED

Request for Partnership –
C.O.C.O. &
Request for Partnership –
Eaglesham Fire Department
(Barrels and Buckles)

Council was presented with a request from the Community of Co-Ordinating Organizations (C.O.C.O.) and another from Eaglesham Fire Department (Barrels and Buckles) to list Birch Hills County as their Municipal Partner on their application to grants they are applying for.

RC19-099 Moved by Councillor Reum that Council authorize Administration to approve requests from Organizations requesting that Birch Hills County be listed as their partnering municipal body (including that the County will receive contributed money and issue receipts for such funds) on their application to outside funding for grant applications, provided that they are a community organization of Birch Hills County and provided that there is no funding requirement from the County.

CARRIED

Beverly Lomosad from the
Signal entered the
meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Assessment Services

Council was presented with a request from Administration to enter into an agreement with Northern Sunrise County to have them provide assessment services for the Period of April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2022.

RC19-100 Moved by Councillor Wendland that Council authorize Administration to enter into an agreement on behalf of Birch Hills County to have Northern Sunrise County provide assessment services to Birch Hills County for the period of April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2022, with 2019 costs being \$87,600.78 based on our parcel count of 4,165 parcels, and indexed annually using the Alberta Consumer Price Index.

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FOR INFORMATION

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

1. Reconciliation for the period ending February 28, 2019.

RC19-101 Moved by Councillor Joudrey that Council accept the items presented for information.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Council was provided with copies of the following documents:

- a. Letter re Minister Anderson for Approval of Disaster Recovery Program (DRP) dated February 28, 2019;
- b. Letter to Minister Sigurdson re BHC Support for Supportive Living Central Peace Region dated March 1, 2019;
- c. Letter to Minister Phillips for Saddle (Burnt) River Crossing dated March 11, 2019.

RC19-102 Moved by Councillor Poetker that Council accept the correspondence provided for information.

CARRIED

Beverly Lomosad from the Signal exited the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Shawna Schwerdt L.O./E.A. exited the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Meeting was recessed at 10:35 a.m.

Meeting was resumed at 10:45 a.m.

IN-CAMERA

RC19-103 Moved by Councillor Poetker that Council move into closed session at 10:45 a.m. to discuss unauthorized work being undertaken on County property as per Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Division 2, Part 1 Exceptions to Disclosure, FOIP, S.16(1); and 24(1).

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RC19-104 Moved by Councillor Wendland that Council move out of closed session at 11:10 a.m.

CARRIED

RC19-105 Moved by Councillor Duvall that Council direct Administration to:

1. investigate unauthorized work being undertaken on County infrastructure;
2. determine if other municipalities have policies that would be appropriate in these types of situations;
3. investigate any associated liability for such occurrences; and
4. to report back to Council with their findings at a future Council Meeting.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further business, Deputy Reeve Carbone adjourned the meeting at 11:12 p.m.

Original to be signed

**TERRY CARBONE
DEPUTY REEVE**

Original to be signed

**HERMANN MINDERLEIN
CAO**

INITIALS: Deputy Reeve: _____

CAO: _____