



MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
FOR BIRCH HILLS COUNTY HELD  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MARCH 26, 2020

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Deputy Reeve</b>	Terry Carbone
	<b>Councillor</b>	Albert Poetker
	<b>Councillor</b>	Paul Reum
	<b>Councillor</b>	Mel Duvall
<b>Attended online via</b>	<b>Reeve</b>	Gerald Manzulenko
<b>“Go to Meeting”</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	Deanne Wendland
“	<b>Councillor</b>	Denise Joudrey
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<b>Present:</b>	<b>CAO</b>	Hermann Minderlein
	<b>Legislative Officer</b>	Shawna Schwerdt

Murray Redel entered meeting at 9:00 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Deputy Reeve Carbone** called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**RC20-119 Moved by Councillor Duvall** that Council adopt the agenda of the March 26, 2020 Regular Council meeting as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Regular Council Meeting  
March 12, 2020

**RC20-120 Moved by Reeve Manzulenko** that Council approve the minutes of the March 12, 2020 Regular Council meeting as presented.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS**

Murray Redel re Invoice  
for Fire Services

Mr. Murray Redel delivered a verbal presentation to Council regarding invoice number 10332 he received for Fire Services and requested that Council give consideration for an additional reduction.

Murray Redel exited meeting at 9:18 a.m.

**RC20-121 Moved by Councillor Reum** that Council accept Mr. Murray Redel verbal presentation to Council regarding invoice number 10332 for Fire Services for information and table discussion regarding the matter until later in this meeting.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**Reeve Manzulenko**

No report and updated Council that he has been self-isolating as per the Province’s COVID 19 Pandemic recommendation and that Deputy Reeve Carbone has been filling in for him where needed and will continue

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



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for the next couple weeks.

**Deputy Reeve Carbone**

Deputy Reeve Carbone provided a verbal report on the Central Peace Emergency Management meeting on March 19, the teleconference for Mayors and Reeves update with Minister Madu on March 20, and the Part 9 Medical Clinic Committee meeting he attended in Spirit River on March 20, 2020.

**Councillor Poetker**

No Report.

**Councillor Wendland**

Councillor Wendland provided a verbal report to the written report she had provided to Council on the Peace Region Economic Development Alliance meeting she attended in St. Isidore on March 13, 2020.

**Councillor Reum**

No Report.

**Councillor Duvall**

No Report.

**Councillor Joudrey**

No Report.

**RC20-122 Moved by Councillor Joudrey** that Council accept the Councillors' Reports for information.

**CARRIED**

**RC20-123 Moved by Councillor Wendland** that Council directs Administration to bring back the Hamlet Project report completed for the County by PREDA to a future Regular Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS**

CAO Minderlein provided Council with a verbal report on activities and meetings he had attended since the March 12, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Beverly Lomosad/Central Peace Signal entered meeting at 9:30 a.m.

John Sinkwich entered meeting at 9:44 a.m.

**RC20-124 Moved by Councillor Poetker** that Council receive the CAO's verbal report updates for information.

**CARRIED**

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

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



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**DELEGATIONS**  
**CONTINUED**

John Sinkwich re Road Use Agreement Policy 37-02-20

Mr. John Sinkwich delivered a verbal presentation to Council regarding the Birch Hills County draft policy "Road Use Agreement 37-02-20".

**RC20-125 Moved by Councillor Duvall** that Council accept Mr. John Sinkwich's verbal presentation regarding the Birch Hills County draft policy "Road Use Agreement 37-02-20" for information.

**CARRIED**

John Sinkwich and Beverly Lomosad exited meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Meeting was recessed at 10:06 a.m.

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

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS**  
**CONTINUED**

CAO Action Log

Council reviewed the CAO Action Log updated to March 9, 2020.

**RC20-126 Moved by Councillor Wendland** that Council receive the CAO Action Log for information and direct Administration to bring back information regarding RC18-279.

**CARRIED**

DPW Dion Hynes entered meeting at 10:21 a.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Road Use Agreement Policy 37-02-20

Council was provided with information regarding an update to the County's Road Use Agreement Policy. **RC20-127 Moved by Councillor Poetker** that Council table County's Road Use Agreement Policy to later in meeting.

**CARRIED**

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

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



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Rose Sorgen entered meeting at 10:30 a.m.

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

**DELEGATIONS**  
**CONTINUED**

Rose Sorgen re Invoice for Fire Services

Rose Sorgen delivered a verbal presentation to Council regarding Birch Hill's County Invoice number 11074 sent to the Sorgen's for Fire Services.

Rose Sorgen exited meeting at 10:45 a.m.

DPW Dion Hynes entered meeting at 10:45 a.m.

**RC20-128 Moved by Councillor Reum** that Council accept Rose Sorgen verbal presentation to Council regarding Birch Hill's County Invoice number 11074 sent to the Sorgens for Fire Services for information and table discussion regarding the matter until later in this meeting.

**CARRIED**

**RC20-129 Moved by Reeve Manzulenکو** that Council remove from table the County's Road Use Agreement Policy.

**CARRIED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
Road Use Agreement  
Policy 37-02-20

**RC20-130 Moved by Councillor Poetker** that Council direct Administration to modify the Birch Hills County Road Use Agreement Policy 37-02-20 based on Council's discussions and direction provided at the March 26, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, to advertise that modified policy for approximately a month for feedback from the public, and to bring back the modified policy for review and consideration at the April 23, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

Dion Hynes DPW exited meeting 11:35 a.m.

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

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



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Fire Services Billings

**RC20-131 Moved by Reeve Manzulenko** that Council bring back from table Mr. Murray Redel's presentation regarding invoice number 10332 for Fire Services Rates.

**CARRIED**

**RC20-132 Moved by Reeve Manzulenko** that Council decline to make any additional changes to Mr. Murray Redel's Invoice 10332 for fire services and direct Administration to advise him of Council's decision.

**CARRIED**

**RC20-133 Moved by Councillor Poetker** that Council bring back from table Mrs. Rose Sorgen's presentation regarding invoice 11074 for Fire Services.

**CARRIED**

**RC20-134 Moved by Reeve Manzulenko** that Council direct Administration to request additional information from parties involved including Mrs. Rose Sorgen regarding her Invoice number 11074 for Fire Services and to bring back this information to future a Council meeting.

**CARRIED**

**BYLAWS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

2020 Capital Budget re Backup Water Pump

Council was provided with information regarding an addition to the capital budget for a backup water pump.

**RC20-135 Moved by Reeve Manzulenko** that Council authorize the addition of the overhaul of one backup water pump to the 2020 Capital Budget with \$15,000.00 funding to come from MSI capital funding.

**CARRIED**

**FOR INFORMATION**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Council was provided with copies of the following documents:

- a. Letter to BHC Library Board re Auditor dated March 18, 2020;
- b. Letter to Ms. Doran re Community Enhancement Grant Hamlet of Watino dated March 18, 2020; and
- c. Letter from Genesis re AGM dated March 13, 2020.

**RC20-136 Moved by Councillor Poetker** that Council

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



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accept the correspondence provided for information.

CARRIED

Shawna Schwerdt exited meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Meeting was recessed at 12:03 p.m.

Meeting was resumed at 12:10 p.m. with no public present.

**RC20-137 Moved by Councillor Duvall** that Council add Agenda item 12.b Long Run Exploration to closed session as per section 16(a)(ii) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED

**CLOSED SESSION**

**RC20-138 Moved by Councillor Duvall** that Council move to closed session to continue to discuss the CAO Recruitment as per section 16(b) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP) at 12:10 p.m.

CARRIED

**RC20-139 Moved by Councillor Duvall** that Council move out of closed session at 1:25 p.m.

CARRIED

Meeting was recessed at 1:25 p.m.

Meeting was resumed at 1:29 p.m. with no public present.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being that there was no further business, Deputy Reeve Carbone adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

*Original to be signed*  
TERRY CARBONE  
DEPUTY REEVE

*Original to be signed*  
HERMANN MINDERLEIN  
CAO

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

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