



Birch Hills County

Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2022 - Regular Council / Public Hearing - 09:00 AM

PRESENT:	Deputy Reeve: Albert Poetker	Ward 1
	Councillor: Deanne Wendland	Ward 2
	Councillor: Paul Reum	Ward 3
	Councillor: Mel Duvall	Ward 5
	Councillor: Denise Joudrey	Ward 6
	Councillor: Karen Portelance	Ward 7
ABSENT:	Reeve: Gerald Manzulenko	Ward 4
STAFF:	CAO	Larry Davidson
	Executive Assistant / Legislative Coordinator	Bailey Smith

1. Call the Meeting to Order

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

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Resolution No: RC22-092

Moved By: Denise Joudrey

That Council adopts the agenda of the March 8th, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the Minutes

Resolution No: RC22-093

Moved By: Paul Reum

That Council approves the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on
Feb 22, 2022.

CARRIED

4. Delegations

5. Councillor Reports

5.1 Reeve Manzulenkos Report

Absent

5.2 Deputy Reeve Poetkers Report

- Attended the RCMP Transition Study Presentation.
- Attended the Growing the North Conference Virtually February 22 to 24.

5.3 Councillor Wendlands Report

- Attended the Growing the North Conference virtually on February 22 to 24.
- Attended the PREDA Board meeting on February 28th.
- Attended the PREDA Membership meeting on March 4th.

5.4 Councillor Reums Report

- No Report

5.5 Councillor Duvall's Report

- No Report

5.6 Councillor Joudrey's Report

- Attended the Birch Hills County Library Board Meeting on February 22.
- Attended the Growing the North Conference on February 22-24.
- Attended the Grande Spirit Foundation Management Committee Meeting on February 25.
- Attended the Peace Library System Meeting on February 26.

5.6.1 ASHA Conference

Resolution No: RC22-094

Moved By: Mel Duvall

That Council cover the cost difference of \$517.00 for Councillor Joudrey's honorarium while attending the ASHA Conference.

CARRIED

5.7 Councillor Portelance's Report

- Attended the Growing The North Conference Virtually February 22 to 24.
- Attended FCSS meeting on February 23 in Falher.

5.7.1 Councillor Report Motion

Resolution No: RC22-095

Moved By: Deanne Wendland

That Council accepts the verbal reports as information.

CARRIED

6. Public Hearing - Bylaw 2022-01

Recess called at 9:28a.m. Development Clerk, Kathrin Langlois enters meeting at 9:29a.m. Meeting called back at 9:30a.m

6.1 Public Hearing Call to Order

Resolution No: RC22-096 Paul Reum

That Council go into Public Hearing related to Bylaw No. 2022 - 01 at 9:30 a.m.

CARRIED

6.2 Development Officer Presentation

Development Officer provides a overview of the application and the map of the area.

6.3 Public Introductions and Presentations

There were no presentations for or against the application.

6.4 Written Submission Overview

Administration received one written submission against the application, which was read into the record.

6.5 Closing Comments

6.6 Call to Adjourn Public Hearing

Resolution No: RC22-097 Mel Duvall

That Council adjourn the Public Hearing related to Bylaw No. 2022 - 01 at 9:40a.m.

CARRIED

Development Clerk, Kathrin Langlois exits meeting at 9:41a.m.

7. Chief Administrative Officer Report

7.1 CAO Report

Resolution No: RC22-098 Karen Portelance

That Council accepts the CAO's verbal update to accompany the written report provided to Council as information.

CARRIED

7.2 CAO Action Log

Resolution No: RC22-099 Deanne Wendland

That Council receives the CAO Action Log for information.

CARRIED

8. Business Arising out of the Minutes (Unfinished Business)

9. Bylaws

9.1 Bylaw 2022-01

That Council tables this item until the Land Use Bylaw's Agriculture Restricted Amendments are considered by Council at a future date.

9.1.1 Bylaw 2022-06

Resolution No: RC22-100

Moved By: Paul Reum

That Council provide 1st reading to Road Closure Bylaw 2022-06.

CARRIED

9.1.1.1 Second Reading

Resolution No: RC22-101

Moved By: Deanne Wendland

That Council provides 2nd reading to Road Closure Bylaw 2022-06.

CARRIED

9.1.1.2 Third Reading No Objection

Resolution No: RC22-102

Moved By: Denise Joudrey

That no Council member objects to 3rd Reading of Road Closure Bylaw 2022-06

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9.1.2 Third Reading

Resolution No: RC22-103

Moved By: Karen Portelance

That Council provides 3rd and final reading to Road Closure Bylaw 2022-06 and directs Administration to update the County website with the changes.

CARRIED

10. New Business

10.1 a. COUNCIL

10.1.1 Councillor Absence

Resolution No: RC22-104

Moved By: Denise Joudrey

That Council approve the absence of Reeve Manzulenko from the March 8th & 22nd Regular Council meetings and COW meeting of March 8th due to personal reasons.

CARRIED

10.1.2 RFD - AB Police Transition Study Engagement Session

Resolution No: RC22-105

Moved By: Paul Reum

That Council appoints Councillor Portelance to attend the AB Provincial Police Transition engagement session in place of Reeve Manzulenko in Grande Prairie on March 30, 2022.

CARRIED

10.1.3 Assessment Services

Resolution No: RC22-106

Moved By: Mel Duvall

That Council approve the renewal agreement with Northern Sunrise County to provide assessment services for a 3-year period ending March 31, 2024

CARRIED

10.1.4 EV Chargers Installation

Resolution No: RC22-107

Moved By: Denise Joudrey

That Council approve the proposal of Sustainable Project Group to apply for MCCAC grant funding and upon grant approval proceed with the installation of electric vehicle charging stations at 4601 – 50th St. Wanham, AB.

CARRIED

10.1.5AB Utilities Commission - Peace Library System

Resolution No: RC22-108

Moved By: Karen Portelance

That Council direct administration to send the draft letter to the AUC in support of the libraries receiving preferred utility rates.

CARRIED

10.2.b. ADMINISTRATION

10.3.c. EMERGENCY SERVICES

10.3.1 Fire Chief Contract

Resolution No: RC22-109

Moved By: Mel Duvall

Renew the Fire Chief Agreement for a five-year term including a 4% increase for each year of the agreement.

CARRIED

Fire Chief Tom Morgan enters meeting at 10:33 a.m.

10.3.2 Fire Services

Resolution No: RC22-110

Moved By: Mel Duvall

That Council reaffirm the fire invoice in the amount of \$8,150.00

CARRIED

Fire Chief Tom Morgan exits meeting at 10:55a.m. Recess called at 10:55a.m.

10.4d. PUBLIC WORKS

Dion Hynes, Director of Public Works Enters at 10:57a.m. Meeting called back at 10:59a.m.

10.4.1 RFD - Solid Waste Services

Resolution No: RC22-111

Moved By: Paul Reum

Council direct administration to accept the proposed new agreement for solid waste collection services with GFL Inc. for a 3-year terms commencing on April 1st.

CARRIED

Dion Hynes, Director of Public Works exits meeting at 11:09a.m.

10.5e. AGRICULTURE SERVICES

11. For Information

11.1 Smoky River FCSS Minutes

11.1.1 AB Municipal Affairs - Budget 2022

11.1.2 Motion to Accept Information

Resolution No: RC22-112

Moved By: Karen Portelance

That Council accepts the documentation provided as information.

CARRIED

12. Correspondence

13. Closed Session

Resolution No: RC22-113

Moved By: Deanne Wendland

That Council goes into Closed Session at 11:21a.m. to discuss the following;

- Legal - FOIP Exemption 16, 23, 24
- Land Matter - FOIP Exemption 16, 23, 24

CARRIED

Bailey Smith, Executive Assistant exits meeting at 11:21a.m.

13.1 Legal - FOIP Exemption 16, 23, 24

13.2 Land matter - FOIP 16, 23, 24

Bailey Smith, Executive Assistant enters meeting at 12:07p.m.

14. Open Session

Resolution No: RC22-114

Moved By: Paul Reum

That Council returns to open session at 12:08p.m.

CARRIED

14.1 Legal Matter

Resolution No: RC22-115 Karen Portelance

That Council direct administration to seek legal clarification regarding an unsightly order.

CARRIED

14.2 Land Matter

Resolution No: RC22-116 Deanne Wendland

That Council approve the sale of all the lane lying West and South of Lot 1 plan 2001MC Block 2 be sold for \$450.00 with the condition that the purchaser be responsible for all costs associated with the sale.

CARRIED

15. Adjournment

That the meeting be adjourned at 12:09p.m. Being that there is no further business.