



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
FOR BIRCH HILLS COUNTY HELD  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MARCH 9, 2021**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Reeve</b>	Gerald Manzulenko	Ward 4
	<b>Deputy Reeve</b>	Terry Carbone	Ward 7
	<b>Councillor</b>	Albert Poetker	Ward 1
	<b>Councillor</b>	Deanne Wendland	Ward 2
	<b>Councillor</b>	Paul Reum	Ward 3
	<b>Councillor</b>	Mel Duvall	Ward 5
	<b>Councillor</b>	Denise Joudrey	Ward 6
	<b>CAO</b>	Rick Bastow	
	<b>Legislative Officer</b>	Shawna Schwerdt	

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**RC21-120 Moved by Councillor Reum** that Council adopt the agenda of the March 9, 2021 Regular Council meeting with the following addition:  
7.d. RMA Board Governance Review Findings and Recommendations.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Regular Council Meeting  
February 23, 2021

**RC21-121 Moved by Deputy Reeve Carbone** that Council approve the minutes of the February 23, 2021 Regular Council meeting as presented.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS**

None.

**COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**Reeve Manzulenko**

None.

**Deputy Reeve Carbone**

Deputy Reeve Carbone provided a verbal update to Council on the Medical Clinic virtual meeting on March 2, 2021, and the Water North Coalition virtual meeting he attended on March 4, 2021.

**Councillor Poetker**

Councillor Poetker provided a verbal update to the March 5, 2021 tour with CAO Bastow of the Watino bridge work underway by the Province.

**Councillor Wendland**

None.

**Councillor Reum**

None.

**Councillor Duvall**

None.

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**Councillor Joudrey**

Councillor Joudrey provided a verbal update to the written report provided to Council on the virtual Birch Hills County Library Board meeting she attended on February 25, 2021 the virtual Grande Spirit Foundation she attended on February 26, 2021, and the virtual Peace Library Systems Board and Personnel Committee meeting she attended on February 27, 2021.

**RC21-122 Moved by Councillor Poetker** that Council accept the Councillors' reports for information.

**CARRIED**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS**

Dion Hynes, Director of Public Works entered meeting at 9:39 a.m. and exited meeting 9:56 a.m.

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

**RC21-123 Moved by Councillor Joudrey** 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 4, 2021 provided in the Agenda Package.

**RC21-124 Moved by Councillor Duvall** that Council receive the CAO Action Log for information.

**CARRIED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

ICF M.D. of Spirit River re RC21-092

Council was provided with ICF Agreement prepared for Birch Hills County and the Municipal District (M.D.) of Spirit River No. 133.

**RC21-125 Moved by Councillor Poetker** that Council approve that the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer are authorized to sign the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement between Birch Hills County and the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133.

**CARRIED**

Dion Hynes, Director of Public Works entered meeting at 10:03 a.m.

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Wanham Lagoon Operation  
re RC20-328

Council was provided with information regarding the  
Wanham Lagoon operation.

**RC21-126 Moved by Councillor Poetker** that Council  
direct Administration to notify the current agreement  
holders that the Wanham Lagoon will reopen for a 6-  
month period starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 with the outlined  
conditions:

- Temporarily reopen the lagoon to registered users  
limited to 5 days a week from 08:30 am to 4:00 pm for a  
period of 6 months
- No evening, weekend or statutory holiday access to  
lagoon
- User is required to give 24 hours notification in order to  
access the lagoon
- Key to gate will be signed out prior to use and signed in  
after usage
- Staff will inspect lagoon
- Report will be presented to Council on usage numbers  
to aid in the future operations of the lagoon in 6 months.

**CARRIED**

Dion Hynes, DPW exited  
meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Aluminum and Pumps re  
RC19-200

Council was provided with information regarding  
direction to rescind RC19-200 to dispose of surplus 6”  
aluminum and pumps by means of public auction.

**RC21-127 Moved by Councillor Reum** that Council  
direct Administration with approval to rescind RC19-200  
and revisit the disposal of surplus 6” aluminum and  
pumps at a later time for posting.

**CARRIED**

Meeting was recessed at  
10:26 a.m.

Meeting was resumed at  
10:40 a.m. with no public  
present.

RMA Board Governance  
Review Findings and  
Recommendations

Council was provided with the 2020-2021 Rural  
Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Board Governance  
Review Committee Findings and Recommendations.

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**RC21-128 Moved by Deputy Reeve Carbone** that Council accept the 2020-2021 Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Board Governance Review Committee Findings and Recommendations for information.

**CARRIED**

**BYLAWS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Analysis of Government of Alberta 2021 Budget

Council was provided with an update on the Government of Alberta 2021 Budget.

**RC21-129 Moved by Councillor Duvall** that Council direct Administration to accept the RFD regarding the Government of Alberta 2021 Budget as information and request Administration provide additional analysis as part of the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for March 23, 2021.

**CARRIED**

Responses Survey for NAEL

Council was provided with an update on Northern Alberta Elected Leaders (NAEL) Health Survey responses.

**RC21-130 Moved by Councillor Wendland** that Council direct Administration to submit to the NADC secretariat the survey responses as updated by Council during the March 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

Meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m.

Meeting was resumed at 12:33 p.m. with no public present.

**FOR INFORMATION**

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

- a. Report from Councillor Wendland from February 23, 2021 Regular Council meeting;
- b. Email from Alberta Energy Regulator re Directive 067 BHC Feedback that was sent on February 11, 2021, email dated February 24, 2021;
- c. Letter from Minister Municipal Affairs Mclver re

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- Budget 2021 Letter to Chief Elected Officials dated February 26, 2021;
- d. Letter from Premier Kenney dated February 16, 2021 response to BHC letter;
- e. Letter from Westlock County to AER Direction 067 dated February 23, 2021;
- f. Newsletter from Community Connect dated March 2021;
- g. Municipal Affairs re Disaster Funding Changes dated March 2, 2021;
- h. Info Sheet on Disaster Recovery Program Funding Changes;
- i. Email from High River re "Have Your Say" an update on Alberta Coal Policy dated March 2, 2021;
- j. Letter from Crowsnest Pass to the Minister of Justice & Solicitor General - Letter of Request concerning RCMP vs. APP - March 1, 2021;
- k. Email from Minister Ric McIver re Economic Challenges dated February 23, 2021; and
- l. Email from Alberta Legion re advertisement Military Recognition book dated March 4, 2021.

**RC21-131 Moved by Councillor Poetker** that Council accept the information items provided for information.

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Council was provided with copies of the following documents:

- a. Letter re RC21-108 and 109 Road Network (RN) dated February 24, 2021;
- b. Letter re RC21-108 and 109 RN Ward 1 dated February 24, 2021;
- c. Letter re RC21-108 and 109 RN Ward 2 dated February 24, 2021;
- d. Letter re RC21-108 and 109 RN Ward 3 dated February 24, 2021;
- e. Letter re RC21-108 and 109 RN Ward 4 dated February 24, 2021;
- f. Letter re RC21-108 and 109 RN Ward 5 dated February 24, 2021;
- g. Letter re RC21-108 and 109 RN Ward 6 dated February 24, 2021; and
- h. Letter re RC21-108 and 109 RN Ward 7 dated February 24, 2021.

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**RC21-132 Moved by Deputy Reeve Carbone** that Council accept the correspondence provided for information.

**CARRIED**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**RC21-133 Moved by Councillor Poetker** that Council move to closed session to discuss the following three items:

1. Unpaid Oil and Gas Taxes under section 24(1) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, (FOIP);
2. Central Peace Health Centre under section 24(1) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, (FOIP); and
3. Regional Water Utility Saddle Hills County and Birch Hills County Proposed Water Intake and Pump Station Land Agreement under section 24(1) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, (FOIP), at 12:40 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Unpaid Oil and Gas Taxes

Lucy Stevenson, Tax and Development Clerk entered closed session portion of the meeting as staff support for Unpaid Oil and Gas Taxes at 12:40 p.m. and exited at 1:18 p.m.

Central Peace Health Centre re RC21-100

Lucy Stevenson, Tax and Development Clerk entered closed session portion of the meeting as staff support for Regional Water Utility Saddle Hills County at 1:55 p.m. and exited at 2:45 p.m.

Regional Water Utility Saddle Hills County and

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Birch Hills County Proposed  
Water Intake and Pump  
Station Land Agreement

**RC21-134 Moved by Councillor Reum** that Council  
move out of closed session at 2:45 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Meeting was recessed at  
2:40 p.m.

Meeting was resumed at  
2:45 p.m. with no public  
present.

Unpaid Oil and Gas Taxes

**RC21-135 Moved by Councillor Joudrey** that  
Council direct Administration to accept this RFD  
regarding the Unpaid Oil & Gas Taxes as information  
and request Administration provide additional analysis  
as part of the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for  
March 23, 2021.

**CARRIED**

Central Peace Health  
Centre re RC21-100

**RC21-136 Moved by Councillor Wendland** that  
Council directs Administration to accept the  
information regarding the Central Peace Health Centre  
as information.

**CARRIED**

Regional Water Utility  
Saddle Hills County and  
Birch Hills County Proposed  
Water Intake and Pump  
Station Land Agreement

**RC21-137 Moved by Deputy Reeve Carbone**  
that Council table the request for decision regarding  
Saddle Hills County's Proposed Water Intake and  
Pump Station Land Agreement and present at a future  
regularly scheduled Council meeting.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being that there was no further business, Reeve  
Manzulenko adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Original to be signed

**GERALD MANZULENKO  
REEVE**

Original to be signed

**RICK BASTOW  
CAO**

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