MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR BIRCH HILLS COUNTY HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS FEBRUARY 8th, 2022

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

CALL TO ORDER

9:02 a.m.

Reeve Manzulenko called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RC22-048 Moved by Councillor Reum that Council adopts the agenda of the February 8th 2022 Regular Council meeting with the following additions;

a. 10.a.ii Councillor Absences
b. 13.b Financial Matter FOIP 23, 24, 25

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting
January 25th, 2022

RC22-049 Moved by Councillor Joudrey that Council approves the amended minutes of the Regular Council meeting on January 25th, 2022.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

RCMP – *Corporal Sebastien Fleury (9:04 a.m. – 9:27 a.m.)*

Corporal Sebastien Fleury from the RCMP presents an update on local policing.

RC22-050 Moved by Councillor Wendland that Council accepts the delegation as information.

CARRIED

Break at 9:28 a.m.
Resumed at 9:31 a.m.

Asst. Development Officer, Kathrin Langlois enters meeting at 9:31a.m.

DJ Barbarwich enters meeting at 9:31a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Bylaw 2021-13, Road Closure Bylaw

Council goes into Public Hearing related to Bylaw No. 2021 – 13.

RC22-051 Moved by Councillor Joudrey that Council goes into Public Hearing related to Bylaw No. 2021 - 13, to close a portion of a statutory road allowance.

CARRIED

DJ Barbarwich enters meeting to support his proposed road closure. The Reeve asked that the Development Dept. outline the application and identify any comments in favour or opposed. ATCO, TELUS and Public Works had no concerns; however, AB Transportation was concerned about the impacts to adjacent lands and AB Environment & Parks was concerned about restricting access to the green zone. One landowner objected and one was in favour. Mr. Barbarwich clarified his request and after questioning of Council, he indicated that he would install a man gate and signage to allow public access. It was noted that an existing lease is in place north of the area identified.

RC22-052 Moved by Councillor Reum that Council adjourn the Public Hearing related to Bylaw No. 2021 - 13, to close all of that portion of statutory road allowance which forms the east boundary of the SE quarter section of fourteen (14), township seventy-six (76), range one (1), west of the sixth (6th) meridian and the NE quarter section of eleven (11), township seventy-six (76) range one (1) west of the sixth (6th) meridian and also the west boundary of the SW quarter section of thirteen (13), township seventy-six (76), range one (1) west of the sixth (6th) meridian and the NW quarter section of twelve (12), township seventy-six (76), range one (1) west of the sixth (6th) meridian ; commencing at the NE corner of the SE 14-76-1 W6 and continuing approximately ¾ of a mile to end at the high water mark of the Smoky River.

DJ Barbarwich leaves meeting at 10:01a.m.

CARRIED

Bylaw 2021-11, Road Closure Bylaw

Council goes into Public Hearing related to Bylaw No. 2021 – 11

RC22-053 Moved by Councillor Joudrey that Council goes into Public Hearing related to Bylaw No. 2021 - 11, to close a portion of a statutory road allowance.

CARRIED

The Reeve asked that the Development Dept. outline the application and identify any comments in favour or opposed. The Development Department noted that ATCO, ATCO Gas and TELUS had no concerns. AB Transportation identified issues with access to Crown Land and access to other neighbouring parcels. The County of Grande Prairie also identified concerns related to future development and suggested that Birch Hills County may wish to upgrade the road prior to finalizing a road closure in the event the lands return to a public road, as they currently have a maintenance agreement for Birch Hills roads in the area. Four landowners raised objections. Affected land owner, Mary Logan enters the meeting virtually at 10:09 a.m. and spoke against Bylaw 2021-11, due to the road closure landlocking her property.

Break at 10:24 a.m.
Resumed at 10:29 a.m.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

RC22-054 Moved by Councillor Duvall that Council adjourn the Public Hearing related to Bylaw No. 2021 - 11, to close all of that portion of statutory road allowance which forms the south boundary of the south half section of six (6), township seventy-five (75) range four (4) west of the sixth (6th) meridian; commencing approximately 100m west of the east boundary of lot one (1) Plan 9520427 (NW 31-74-4 W6) east to approximately 40m east of the east boundary of Lot one (1) Block one (1) Plan 0723538 (NE 31-74-4 W6).

CARRIED

Reeve Gerald Manzulenko — No Report

Deputy Reeve Poetker — Attended the ASB conference in Edmonton on January 25th till January 28th.

Councillor Wendland — No Report

Councillor Reum — Virtually attended the Central Peace Management Meeting on February 7th.

Councillor Duvall	Attended the ASB conference in Edmonton on January 25th till January 28th.
Councillor Joudrey	Attended the Grande Spirit Foundation Management meeting on January 28th.
Councillor Portelance	Absent

RC22-055 Moved by Councillor Wendland that Council accepts the verbal reports as information.

CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

CAO Report

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

RC22-056 Moved by Councillor Duvall that Council accepts the CAO's verbal update to accompany the written report provided to Council as information.

CARRIED

CAO Action Log

Council reviewed the CAO Action Log provided in the Agenda Package.

RC22-057 Moved by Councillor Reum that Council receives the CAO Action Log for information.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

NIL

BYLAWS

Bylaw 2021-13 Road Closure

Council is being presented with Bylaw 2021-13, a bylaw for a road closure for lease to consider 2nd reading.

RC22-058 Moved by Councillor Joudrey that Council provide 2nd reading to Bylaw 2021-13, a Road Closure Bylaw to close for lease to public travel all that portion of road allowance described as; All of that portion of statutory road allowance which forms the east boundary of the SE quarter section of fourteen (14), township seventy-six (76), range one (1), west of the sixth (6th) meridian and the NE quarter section of eleven (11), township seventy-six (76) range one (1) west of the sixth (6th) meridian and also the west boundary of the SW quarter section of thirteen (13),

township seventy-six (76), range one (1) west of the sixth (6th) meridian and the NW quarter section of twelve (12), township seventy-six (76), range one (1) west of the sixth (6th) meridian ; commencing at the NE corner of the SE 14-76-1 W6 and continuing approximately ¾ of a mile to end at the high water mark of the Smoky River and direct Administration to forward the bylaw to the Minster of Transportation for approval prior to bringing it back to Council for 3rd reading.

CARRIED

Bylaw 2021-11 Road Closure

Council is being presented with Bylaw 2021-11, a bylaw for a road closure for lease to consider 2nd reading.

RC22-059 Moved by Deputy Reeve Poetker that Council Provide 2nd reading to Bylaw 2021-11, a Road Closure Bylaw to close for lease to public travel all that portion of road allowance described as; All that portion of statutory road allowance which forms the south boundary of the south half section of six (6), township seventy-five (75) range four (4) west of the sixth (6th) meridian; commencing approximately 100m west of the east boundary of lot one (1) Plan 9520427 (NW 31-74-4 W6) east to approximately 40m east of the east boundary of Lot one (1) Block one (1) Plan 0723538 (NE 31-74-4 W6).

DEFEATED

NEW BUSINESS

Council
RFD – STARS Funding Request

Council is being presented with a funding request from Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service (STARS)

RC22-060 Moved by Deputy Reeve Poetker that Council moves to provide STARS with funding support of $32,000, which equates to $20.51/per person based on our population of 1553, on an annual basis.

CARRIED

RFD – Councillor Absence

Council is being asked to excuse Councilor Portelance's Absence for medical reasons

RC22-061 Moved by Councillor Reum that Council approves the absence of Councillor Portelance from the February 8th, 2022 Regular Council meetings due to medical reasons.

CARRIED

Administration
RFD - FCSS Services

Council is being presented with the decision regarding FCSS Services and the School Liaison Officer funding request.

RC22-062 Moved by Councillor Joudrey that Council tables the FCSS Services RFD till later in the meeting.

CARRIED

RFD – Xplornet Tower

Xplornet has requested a lease agreement to install a tower at the Birch Hills County Office location.

RC22-063 Moved by Councillor Wendland that Council direct administration to sign the authorization letter to confirm the site location and further sign the agreement to enter into a lease agreement for the construction of a tower to be located at 4601 – 50 St. Wanham, AB.

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION

Council is being provided with a verbal summary of the information items.

RC22-064 Moved by Councillor Reum that Council accepts the report as information.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Council is being provided with a summary of the correspondence that was sent to Council.

RC22-065 Moved by Councillor Duvall that Council accepts the report as information.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION

RC22-066 Moved by Councillor Duvall that Council goes into Closed Session at 11:24 a.m. to discuss the following;

a. Legal – FOIP 17, 23, 24, 25
b. Financial Matter – FOIP 23, 24, 25

CARRIED

RC22-067 Moved by Councillor Joudrey that Council returns to open session at 12:06 p.m.

CARRIED

Lunch at 12:07p.m.
Resumed at 1:00p.m.

INITIALS: **Reeve:** _____

CAO: _____

Delegation – *PWPSD Heather Putio*
(1:02p.m. – 1:29p.m.)

Heather Putio from PWPSD returns to Council to answer questions regarding the request for funds for a school Liaison worker.

RC22-068 Moved by Councillor Joudrey that Council accepts the delegation as information.

CARRIED

STARS representative, Glenda Farnden enters meeting at 1:29p.m.

Delegation – *STARS Glenda Farnden*
(1:29p.m. – 1:55p.m.)

Glenda Farnden, STARS representative presents Council with a plaque to recognize Birch Hills County ongoing support.

RC22-069 Moved by Councillor Joudrey that Council accepts the delegation as information.

CARRIED

RC22-070 Moved by Councillor Wendland that Council brings back the FCSS Services item for discussion.

CARRIED

RC22-071 Moved by Reeve Manzulenko that Council accepts the Revised proposal from Smokey River FCSS in the amount of $20,000.00 and appoints Councillor Portelance to the board.
AND
Accepts the proposal from Central Peace FCSS in the amount of 14,000 and appoints Councillor Portelance to the board.
AND
Accept the School Liaison Officer proposal from Peace Wapiti School Division in the amount of $10,000
AND
Revise the administration fees to $8,798.00

CARRIED

RC22-072 Moved by Councillor Wendland that Council directs administration to adjust the 2022 Operating Budget for GL 2-11-10-151 to add $4,882 and
$1,550 to GL2-11-10-212.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Being that there is no further business, Reeve Manzulenko adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

Gerald Manzulenko
Reeve

Larry Davidson
CAO

INITIALS: **Reeve:**

CAO: