

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - HELD MAY 2, 2023**

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Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held May 2, 2023 was called to order by Reeve Drozd at 9:00 a.m.

**PRESENT**

Reeve Doug Drozd  
Deputy Reeve Marvin Schatz (left at 11:55 a.m. & rejoined at 1:33 p.m.)  
Councillor Ron Kleinfeldt  
Councillor Bill Lane  
Councillor Paul Properzi (departed at 3:05 pm)  
Councillor Walter Preugschas (left at 11:55 a.m. & rejoined at 1:13 p.m.)  
Councillor Jared Stoik (joined at 9:42 a.m.)

**STAFF**

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager	Tamara Molzahn, Director of Corporate Services
Pam Dodds, Executive Assistant	
Jenny Bruns, Development Officer	Moira O’Neill, Municipal Tax Clerk
Ken Hove, Director of Infrastructure	

**ATTENDEES**

Jacob Hanlon – Food Cycler Science Corporation (via video conference)  
Sgt Bob Dodds & S/Sgt Jerry Nutbrown - RCMP  
Barry Kerton - Town and Country Newspaper

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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2023-134 Moved by Councillor Properzi that the agenda be approved as presented.  
Carried 6-0.

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 18, 2023**

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2023-135 Moved by Councillor Lane that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 18, 2023 be approved as circulated.  
Carried 6-0.

Councillor Stoik joined the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

**2023 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET**

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2023-136 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council adopt the 2023 Operating Budget as presented; with 2023 operating expenditures and revenue of \$19,128,153 respectively.  
Carried Unanimously.

2023-137 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council revise the 2023 Capital Budget from \$14,775,734 to \$14,761,841, as presented.  
Carried Unanimously.

**3-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN AND 10 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN**

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2023-138 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that Council approve the 3-Year Financial Plan for 2024 – 2026 as presented.  
Carried Unanimously.

2023-139 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council approve the 10-Year Capital Plan for the County of Barrhead as presented.  
Carried Unanimously.

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**3-2023 BYLAW – PROPERTY TAX BYLAW**

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- 2023-140 Moved by Councillor Preugschas that first reading be given to Bylaw 3-2023 Property Tax Bylaw.  
Carried Unanimously.
- 2023-141 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Bylaw 3-2023 be given second reading.  
Carried Unanimously.
- 2023-142 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Bylaw 3-2023 be considered for third and final reading.  
Carried Unanimously.
- 2023-143 Moved by Councillor Lane that Bylaw 3-2023 – Property Tax Bylaw be given third and final reading.  
Carried Unanimously.

Tamara Molzahn departed the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

**RECESS**

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

**DELEGATION – FOOD CYCLER SCIENCE CORPORATION**

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Jacob Hanlon, Municipal Program Coordinator for the Food Cycler Science Corporation, provided Council with a presentation regarding a Municipal food waste diversion program.

- 2023-144 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council receive the presentation from Food Cycle Science Corporation for information.  
Carried Unanimously.

Council thanked Mr. Hanlon for the presentation, and he departed the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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- 2023-145 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council accept the following agenda items for information:
- Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs Re: PERC Application – dated April 25, 2023
  - News Release from Minister of Forestry, Parks and Tourism Re: Rangeland Grazing Framework – dated April 26, 2023
  - News Release from Minister of Jobs, Economy and Northern Development Re: Promoting Student Success in the North – dated April 25, 2023
  - Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs Re: Submissions for the 2023 Minister’s Awards for Municipal and Public Library Excellence – dated April 19, 2023
  - Letter from Alberta Culture Minister Re: Invitation to submit bid to host either 2026 Alberta Winter or Summer Games – dated April 17, 2023
  - FCSS Minutes – March 16, 2023
- Carried Unanimously.

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**DELEGATION – BARRHEAD RCMP DETACHMENT**

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Sergeant Bob Dodds of the Barrhead RCMP Detachment, met with Council at this time being 11:47 a.m. and introduced Staff Sergeant Jerry Nutbrown as the new District Advisory NCO at Eastern Alberta District and also gave an update on:

- recent fires in the County and area and the issues with having general public “lookie-loo’s” attending and interfering with fire-fighting activities
- recent incident in Town with an individual suspected of pouring gas on a structure and the use of BARCC to increase the eyes and ears of RCMP
- progress on new detachment building
- staffing levels

S/Sgt Nutbrown introduced himself and thanked Council for taking the time to meet with him.

2023-146 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council receive the presentation from Sgt Dodds for information.

Carried Unanimously.

Council thanked Sgt Dodds & S/Sgt Nutbrown for the presentation and they departed the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Deputy Reeve Schatz and Councillor Preugschas left the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

**LUNCH RECESS**

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Tamara Molzahn joined the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

Ken Hove joined the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

**DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

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2023-147 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council accept the following Director of Corporate Services reports for information:

- Cash, Investments, & Taxes Receivable Report as of March 31, 2023
- Payments Issued for the month of March 2023
- YTD Budget Report for 3 months ending March 31, 2023
- YTD Capital Recap for the period ending March 31, 2023
- Elected Official Remuneration Report as at March 31 2023

Carried 5-0.

Tamara Molzahn departed the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

Councillor Preugschas rejoined the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

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Ken Hove, Director of Infrastructure, reviewed the written report for Public Works and Utilities and answered questions from Council.

2023-148 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council approve disposing of the 6 inch Gorman Rupp pump in accordance with Policy 12.36 - Disposal of Surplus Items.

Carried 6-0.

2023-149 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that the report from the Public Works Manager be received for information.

Carried 6-0.

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**2023 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – SW 17-62-3-W5 - BF 78033 LAND ACQUISITION**

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2023-150 Moved by Councillor Stoik that Council directs the Reeve and County Manager to sign the agreements for Acquisition of Land for Right of-Way for 2023 Bridge Replacement Project BF 78033 with Tom Albert Schuurman and Cornelia Sya Strydhorst as presented, in order to purchase 0.37 acre from each landowner for the total cost to the project of \$3,700.

Carried 6-0.

Ken Hove departed the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Schatz rejoined the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

**REPORT – COUNTY MANAGER**

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Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager, reviewed the 2023 Council Resolution Tracking List and provided further updates to Council on the following:

- Land Use Bylaw Review Open House on May 3, 2023
- Progress on dealing with unsightly properties
- County setup of ECC during recent fire at Twp Rd 592 in the County of Westlock
- AAIP Rural Renewal Stream Monthly Status Report

2023-151 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council approve signing the ASB 2022-2024 Grant Agreement amendment reflecting an increase of \$42,340 in each of 2023 and 2024 .

Carried Unanimously.

2023-152 Moved by Councillor Stoik that Council accept the County Manager report for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

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Councillor Stoik reported on his attendance at the County Budget Workshop.

Deputy Reeve Schatz reported on his attendance at the County Budget Workshop, Fire Committee meetings, and CFYE meeting.

Councillor Lane reported on his attendance at the County Budget Workshop, Misty Ridge meeting, FCSS AGM, BDSHA meeting, and Pembina Zone meeting.

Councillor Kleinfeldt reported on his attendance at the County Budget Workshop, Barrhead Library meeting, BRWC meeting, and Pembina Zone meeting.

Councillor Preugschas reported on his attendance at the County Budget Workshop, ASB Provincial Committee meeting, GROWTH/WILD meeting, Attraction & Retention meeting, Twinning Committee meeting, and BSN meeting.

Councillor Properzi reported on his attendance at the County Budget Workshop, FCSS AGM, Fire Committee meetings, and Pembina Zone meeting.

Reeve Drozd reported on his attendance at the County Budget Workshop, BRWC meeting, LEPA meeting, time spent on County office duties, and advised Council that he was selected by RMA to the Committee on Quasi-Judicial Agencies.

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**IN-CAMERA**

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2023-153 Moved by Councillor Properzi that the meeting move in-camera at this time being 2:29 p.m. for discussion on:

Growth Membership – *FOIPP Sec. 24 Advice from Officials*

Carried Unanimously.

Pam Dodds, Moira O’Neill, Councillor Lane and Barry Kerton departed the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

Jenny Bruns joined the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

Councillor Lane rejoined the meeting at 2:33 pm.

Councillor Properzi departed the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

2023-154 Moved by Councillor Lane that the meeting move out of in-camera at this time being 4:11 p.m.

Carried 6-0.

**GROWTH MEMBERSHIP**

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2023-155 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council withdraw their membership with GROWTH Alberta while supporting ongoing participation of Councillor Preugschas on the WILD Alberta Committee.

Carried 5-1.

**ADJOURNMENT**

2023-156 Moved by Councillor Stoik that the meeting adjourn at 4:15 p.m.

Carried 6-0.

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