

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - HELD JUNE 20, 2023**

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Regular Meeting of the Council of the County of Barrhead No. 11 held June 20, 2023 was called to order by Reeve Drozd at 9:02 a.m.

**PRESENT**

Reeve Doug Drozd  
Deputy Reeve Marvin Schatz  
Councillor Ron Kleinfeldt  
Councillor Bill Lane  
Councillor Paul Properzi  
Councillor Walter Preugschas  
Councillor Jared Stoik

**STAFF**

Debbie Oyarzun, County Manager                      Ken Hove, Director of Infrastructure  
Pam Dodds, Executive Assistant                      Travis Wierenga, Public Works Manager

**ATTENDEES**

Paul McLauchlin, Gerald Rhodes, John Burrows – RMA  
Barry Kerton - Town and Country Newspaper

**RECESS**

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Reeve Drozd reconvened the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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2023-198      Moved by Councillor Lane that the agenda be approved as presented.  
Carried Unanimously.

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 6, 2023**

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2023-199      Moved by Councillor Lane that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 6, 2023 be approved as circulated.  
Carried Unanimously.

**PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK JULY 16-22, 2023**

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2023-200      Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council proclaims July 16-22, 2023 as National Drowning Prevention Week in the County of Barrhead.  
Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove and Travis Wierenga joined the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

**REQUEST TO LEASE AREA TO CONSTRUCT BALL DIAMOND WITHIN NE 28-61-3-W5 (NEERLANDIA WASTEWATER LAGOON)**

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2023-201      Moved by Councillor Stoik that Council direct Administration to work with AEP to clarify what is needed to officially vary the setback from 300 m to 40 m on County land adjacent to the Neerlandia Wastewater Lagoon as a potential site for a community baseball diamond and report back to Council.  
Carried Unanimously.

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**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

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

- 2023-202 Moved by Councillor Lane that the report from the Director of Infrastructure and Public Works Manager be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**2024 MOTOR GRADER REPLACEMENT**

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- 2023-203 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council directs Administration to purchase one 2024 Caterpillar 150 AWD motor grader, with a 12-foot snow wing and 5 year / 7,500 hour warranty coverage from Finning Canada Ltd. for the price of \$577,250 as per the quotation provided and agree to the future guaranteed buy-back of \$231,000, and that the purchase be incorporated into the 2024 Capital Budget.

Carried Unanimously.

- 2023-204 Moved by Councillor Stoik that Council directs Administration to tender Unit #220, a 2018 John Deere 772GP motor grader with snow wing, before arrival of new replacement motor grader.

Carried Unanimously.

**2023 VEGA PIT GRAVEL CRUSHING TENDER**

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- 2023-205 Moved by Councillor Stoik that Council awards Contract # 2023-01G Excavate, Crush & Stockpile Gravel Vega Pit to Surmont Sand & Gravel Ltd., for a rate of \$5.70 per tonne for a minimum quantity of 115,000 tonnes, and further, that administration monitor the volumes and any quantities over 115,000 tonnes to a maximum of 200,000 tonnes be crushed at a rate of \$5.66 per tonne and to report to Council any volumes in excess of 200,000 tonnes for consideration of further increasing the volumes to be crushed

Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Lane departed the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

**RECESS**

Reeve Drozd recessed the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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

Barry Kerton departed the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

**IN-CAMERA**

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- 2023-206 Moved by Councillor Properzi that the meeting move in-camera at this time being 11:05 a.m. for discussion on:

Letter of Intent – Gravel Pit – *FOIPP Sec. 16 Disclosure harmful to business interests of 3<sup>rd</sup> party*

Carried 6-0.

Councillor Lane rejoined the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

- 2023-207 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that the meeting move out of in-camera at this time being 11:14 a.m.

Carried Unanimously.

Ken Hove and Travis Wierenga departed the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Barry Kerton rejoined the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

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**LETTER OF INTENT – MAYKUT GRAVEL PIT NE 3-63-4-W5**

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2023-208 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council direct Administration to send a letter of intent to Maykut Farms expressing the County’s desire to enter into a lease agreement in 2026 for a portion of the gravel pit located in NE 3-63-4-W5.

Carried Unanimously.

**AWARD TENDER – ADLC FEASIBILITY STUDY**

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2023-209 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council award the tender for the joint project between the County and Town of Barrhead to conduct a Feasibility Study for repurposing the ADLC as a joint civic center with additional tenants to Next Architecture Inc. for \$106,960 + GST.

Carried Unanimously.

2023-210 Moved by Councillor Lane that Council authorizes the County CAO as the project manager, in consultation with the Town CAO, to negotiate and refine the scope of the project with Next Architecture Inc., up to a maximum of \$146,570 + GST.

Carried Unanimously.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE AGENDA ITEMS**

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2023-211 Moved by Deputy Reeve Schatz that Council postpone the following agenda items until the next meeting on July 4, 2023:

- Item 4.6 – Project Dashboard
- Item 5.2 – Director of Corporate Services Report
- Item 5.4 – Councillor Reports

Carried Unanimously.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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2023-212 Moved by Councillor Properzi that Council accept the following agenda items for information:

- Letter of Support for Camp Nakamum – dated June 12, 2023
- 2022-23 Annual Report for Barrhead & District Historical Society
- BDSHA Board Minutes – April 25, 2023

Carried Unanimously.

**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:

- BARCC press release regarding a project to partner with local businesses to help curb Catalytic Converter Theft
- Invitation from Community Gardens to attend cheque presentation on June 22, 2023 at 5:00 pm
- Presented Draft Tourism Map

2023-213 Moved by Councillor Kleinfeldt that Council accept the County Manager report for information.

Carried Unanimously.

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**DELEGATION – RMA**

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Paul McLauchlin, Gerald Rhodes, and John Burrows of RMA (Rural Municipalities of Alberta) met with Council at this time being 11:34 a.m. and Council discussed numerous concerns including:

- Rural Crime
- Renewables on Agriculture land
- Cellular phone coverage
- Casino funding
- Community Halls
- ADLC Feasibility Study
- Alberta Provincial Police Service

**ADJOURNMENT**

2023-214 Moved by Councillor Stoik that the meeting adjourn at 12:19 p.m.

Carried Unanimously.

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