



**County of Minburn
Council Meeting Minutes**

June 20, 2022

Attendance:

Reeve
Deputy Reeve
Councillors

Roger Konieczny
Clifford Wowdzia
Joey Nafziger
Eric Anderson
Tara Kuzio
Carl Ogrodnick
Kevin Bentley
Jason Warawa
Trudy Shukalak

Chief Administrative Officer
Recording Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Konieczny called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Bentley moved the Agenda for the June 20, 2022 regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried
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MINUTES

Deputy Reeve Wowdzia moved the minutes of the May 16, 2022 regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried
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BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
- 5

DELEGATIONS
- 5.1

Clinton Ziegler

Ratepayer Clinton Ziegler joined the meeting to discuss concerns regarding Oiled Roads Policy OP 9002-01 and the letter he received from the County of Minburn dated April 21, 2022 advising of the future reclamation of select oiled roads. Time 10:30 to 10:50 a.m.
- 5.2

Cathy Hayduk

Ratepayer Cathy Hayduk joined the meeting to discuss concerns regarding Oiled Roads Policy OP 9002-01 and the letter she received from the County of Minburn dated April 21, 2022 advising of the future reclamation of select oiled roads. Time 10:50 to 11:10 a.m.
- 5.3

Fred Uskiw

Ratepayer Fred Uskiw joined the meeting to discuss concerns regarding Oiled Roads Policy OP 9002-01 and the letter he received from the County of Minburn dated April 21, 2022 advising of the future reclamation of select oiled roads. Time 11:10 to 11:30 a.m.

	5.4	Allan Farmer & Associates, RMRF Allan Farmer, Sean Ward and Daina Young of Reynolds Mirth Richards and Farmer (RMRF) LLP joined the meeting to discuss municipal legal issues. Time 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
RECESS		Councillor Anderson moved to recess the meeting. Time 12:10 p.m. Carried
RECONVENE		The meeting convened at 1:00 p.m.
	5.5	Tango Networks Inc. Matthew Sproule and Brian Stanley of Tango Networks Inc. joined the meeting to present and discuss information on rural broadband internet services. Time 1:00 to 1:30 p.m.
	6	DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS
	6.1	Operations Report Norm De Wet presented the monthly Operations report. Councillor Kuzio moved the Operations report be accepted as presented. Carried
	6.2	Planning and Development Report Davin Gegolick presented the monthly Planning and Development report. Councillor Anderson moved the Planning and Development report be accepted as presented. Carried
	6.3	Agriculture and Utilities Report Darwin Ullery presented the monthly Agriculture and Utility Services report. Councillor Kuzio moved the Agriculture and Utility Services report be accepted as presented. Carried
Resolution No. 2022-70		Wapasu Lake Drainage Issue Councillor Anderson moved the Agriculture and Utilities Foreman approach the landowner of SW 6-51-11-W4M to remove the drainage ditch located on their property within thirty (30) days. Carried
	6.4	Emergency Services Report Mike Fundytus presented the monthly Emergency Services report. Councillor Anderson moved the Emergency Services report be accepted as presented. Carried
	6.5	Financial Report Jason Warawa presented the monthly Financial report. Councillor Bentley moved the Financial report be accepted as presented. Carried

	7	NEW BUSINESS:
Resolution No: 2022-71	7.1	Dust Control Policy Councillor Bentley moved to amend Dust Control with Calcium and Oil on Roads in Front of Yard Sites Policy No. OP 9001-01 as presented. Carried
Resolution No: 2022-72	7.2	Yield Signs – Rge Rd 83 and Twp Rd 514 Intersection Councillor Anderson moved to install “Yield” signs on Range Road 83 at the intersection on Township Road 514 in Division 3. Carried
Resolution No: 2022-73	7.3	Approach Request Councillor Nafziger moved to deny a landowner’s request for land situated along Highway 36 so that a portion of SW 36-51-13-W4M could be accessed. Carried
Resolution No: 2022-74	7.4	Mannville Sand and Salt Shed Deputy Reeve Wowdzia moved to defer the construction of the Mannville salt storage shed to 2023. Carried
Resolution No: 2022-75	7.5	Subdivision File No. 03-2022 Member Bentley moved to approve Subdivision File No. 03-2022 regarding SW 25-52-16-W4M in Division 6, as per the recommendations presented. Carried
Resolution No: 2022-76	7.6	Utility Crossing Requests – Special Permission Councillor Nafziger moved to approve the special utility crossing requests received from Enel North America in accordance with Pipeline and Utility Lines Crossing County Road Allowances Policy No. PDS 7002-01-A. Carried
Resolution No: 2022-77	7.7	Crop Damage Policy Councillor Bentley moved to rescind Crop Damage Policy PW 3 and replace with Crop Damage Policy OP 9005-02 as presented. Carried
Resolution No: 2022-78	7.8	2022 Non-Profit Organizations Councillor Ogrodnick moved to approve the allocation of \$67,000 to non-profit organizations in 2022 as presented. Carried
Resolution No: 2022-79	7.9	Lending Bylaw – Vegreville Seed Cleaning Plant Bylaw No. 1333-22 was presented for the purpose of authorizing a loan to the Vegreville Municipal Seed Cleaning Association Ltd. in the amount of seven hundred thousand (\$700,000) to finance the upgrades to existing seed cleaning plant located on Lot 1, Plan 962 0402 in Part of SW ¼ 25-52-15-W4M in the County of Minburn No. 27. Deputy Reeve Wowdzia moved Bylaw No. 1333-22 be given first reading. Carried
Resolution No: 2022-80	7.10	Bylaw to Amend Council Procedural Bylaw Bylaw No. 1332-22 was presented for the purpose of amending Council Procedural Bylaw No. 1290-19 that establishes rules and regulations to provide for the orderly conduct of all meetings.

Council tabled Bylaw No. 1332-22 pending more research on previously defeated motions.

Resolution No: 7.11
2022-81

Village of Innisfree Canada Day Celebration Funding

Councillor Anderson moved to contribute \$500 to the Village of Innisfree to assist them with their 2022 Canada Day celebrations.

Carried

Resolution No: 7.12
2022-82

Wapasu Committee Terms of Reference

Councillor Kuzio moved to approve the Wapasu Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

Carried

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COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Council reported on the monthly activities and Board/Committee meetings attended:

Councillor Nafziger - Division 1

- County Road Tour, June 13, 2022
- Committee of the Whole meeting, June 15, 2022
- Received call regarding County gravel hauling on Township Road 492 east of Highway 881, May 17, 2022
- Concerns expressed regarding center of road height on Range Road 83 between Township Road 492 and 500, May 26, 2022
- Received call regarding the need for road maintenance on Range Road 80, north of Highway 16, June 6, 2022
- Request for revocation of letter sent to landowner regarding brushing issues due to change in ownership, June 8, 2022
- Hamlet of Minburn north boundary road requires grading, June 10, 2022
- Report of unsightly premises in the Hamlet of Minburn, June 10, 2022
- Received complaints of excessive traffic in wind farm development area causing wash board road conditions at intersections, June 20, 2022

Councillor Anderson - Division 2

- County Road Tour, June 13, 2022
- Committee of the Whole meeting, June 15, 2022
- Received calls regarding Wapasu Lake drainage issues
- “No Exit” sign required on Range Road 121 along Highway 16 going south
- Weed spraying required at Minburn Cemetery
- Request from Minburn and District Agricultural Society for the use of County skidsteer at new playground in the Hamlet of Minburn

Reeve Konieczny - Division 3

- Mannville-Minburn-Innisfree (M-M-I) Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) meeting, June 7, 2022
- County Road Tour, June 13, 2022
- Committee of the Whole meeting, June 15, 2022
- Report of large rocks on road
- Removal of tree stumps left in ditches from winter mulching

Deputy Reeve Wowdzia - Division 4

- County Road Tour, June 13, 2022
- Vegreville Seed Cleaning Plant meeting, June 14, 2022
- Committee of the Whole meeting, June 15, 2022
- Alberta Central East (ACE) Water Corporation meeting, June 16, 2022
- Gravel required on Range Road 134 off of Highway 631 and Township Road 534 going south
- Gravel required on Township Road 524 between Range Road 135 and 140
- Received call from ratepayer regarding Hamlet of Lavoy drainage issues

- Removal of long grass in centre of Ranfurly Road on Range Road 121 south of Highway 631

Councillor Kuzio - Division 5

- Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) District 5 Golf Tournament sub-committee meeting, May 24, 2022
- Outlook Market Research telephone interview regarding the County's Economic Development Strategy Project, May 27, 2022
- Vegreville Region Physician and Health Professional Attraction and Retention (VRPHPAR) Committee meeting, June 8, 2022
- Ranfurly and District Agricultural Society Farmers' Day/50th Anniversary Event, June 10, 2022
- County Road Tour, June 13, 2022
- Committee of the Whole meeting, June 15, 2022
- Request to reschedule July 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting
- Received complaints regarding dandelions in the Hamlet of Lavoy
- Received complaint regarding road mowing

Councillor Ogradnick - Division 6

- Vegreville and District Chamber of Commerce meeting, June 2, 2022
- M.D. of Minburn Foundation meeting, June 9, 2022
- County Road Tour, June 13, 2022
- Committee of the Whole meeting, June 15, 2022
- Received several calls regarding Oiled Roads Policy OP 9002-01
- Received calls regarding drainage concerns and culvert replacement

Councillor Bentley - Division 7

- Outlook Market Research telephone interview regarding the County's Economic Development Strategy Project, May 24, 2022
- Received request from ratepayer to appear as a delegation at Council meeting regarding Oiled Roads Policy OP 9002-01, May 26, 2022
- County Road Tour, June 13, 2022
- Vegreville Seed Cleaning Plant meeting, June 14, 2022
- Committee of the Whole meeting, June 15, 2022
- Vermilion River Watershed Alliance meeting, June 16, 2022
- Spoke with Lamont County Councillor Daniel Warawa regarding proposed shoulder pulls on Township Road 540 and the road oiling plans

Councillor Anderson moved the Council reports be accepted as presented.

Carried

Resolution No.
2022-83

Revoke Brushing Letter to Landowner

Councillor Nafziger moved to approve the revocation of the letter sent to the landowner of NE 22-49-8-W4M dated May 16, 2022 regarding brushing issues and to continue to investigate the matter.

Carried

Resolution No.
2022-84

Install "No Exit" Sign

Councillor Anderson moved to install a "No Exit" sign on Range Road 121 on Highway 16 going south.

Carried

Resolution No.
2022-85

Minburn Playground – Use of Skidsteer

Councillor Anderson moved to allow the use of the County skidsteer and operator for a few hours on June 23, 2022 to assist the Minburn and District Agricultural Society with the new playground site preparation in the Hamlet of Minburn.

Carried

Resolution No.
2022-86

Committee of the Whole Meeting – Reschedule

Councillor Kuzio moved the July 13, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting be rescheduled to July 14, 2022.

Carried

Resolution No.
2022-87

Delegation Replies

Councillor Nafziger moved to send written replies to the delegations who attended the meeting and expressed concerns regarding the recent passing of Oiled Roads Policy OP 9002-01, explaining the rationale for Council's decision.

Carried

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REEVE'S REPORT

Reeve Konieczny reported and commented on the following:

- Virtual meeting with Alberta Minister of Justice and Solicitor General Tyler Shandro, May 23, 2022
- Outlook Market Research telephone interview regarding the County's Economic Development Strategy Project, May 30, 2022
- Attended Decoration Day ceremony in the Hamlet of Lavoy, June 11, 2022
- Attended Decoration Day ceremony in the Town of Vegreville, June 12, 2022
- Prepared "Reeve's Message" for the Annual Pysanka Festival
- Received complaint regarding wind farm development and dirt construction

Councillor Nafziger moved the Reeve's report be accepted as presented.

Carried

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CAO'S Report

Jason Warawa presented the monthly CAO's report.

Councillor moved the CAO's report be accepted as presented.

Carried

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CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the following items of correspondence:

11.1

Minister of Transportation – Highway 16

Letter received from Alberta Transportation thanking the County for their April 28, 2022 letter regarding the condition of Highway 16 through the County of Minburn and advising the Department will continue to work with the maintenance contractor to ensure repairs are completed in a timely manner.

11.2

Vermilion RCMP Community Policing Report

Quarterly Community Policing Report for the Vermilion Detachment received from Vermilion RCMP Detachment Commander Sergeant Mike Dunsmore.

11.3

Vegreville RCMP Community Policing Report

Quarterly Community Policing Report for the Vegreville Detachment received from Vegreville RCMP Detachment Commander Staff Sergeant Terry Hyggen.

11.4

Village of Innisfree – Mannville Landfill Reclamation

Letter received from the Village of Mannville advising of their Council's resolution to approve the 2023 Mannville Landfill Reclamation Project, per the County of Minburn's request.

11.5 Alberta Municipal Affairs – Local Authorities Election Act Process

Letter received from the Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs inviting Council to provide their input to identify potential legislative changes that might improve the local election process, as well as enhance the public’s trust in local councils.

11.6 Alberta Municipal Affairs – MSI and CCBF Funding

Letter received from the Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs confirming that \$485 billion will be allocated to local governments in Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) capital funding and \$30 million in MSI operating funding in 2022. In addition, Alberta will receive \$255 million in federal funding under the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) in 2022.

11.7 Alberta Municipal Affairs – PERC Requisition

Letter received from the Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs thanking the County for their recent application to the Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC) program, and that a credit adjustment of \$39,413 will be applied to the County’s June 2022 Alberta School Foundation Fund requisition invoice.

11.8 Local Government Fiscal Framework Engagement Process

Background information received from RMA regarding the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) that will be replacing the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) beginning in the 2024 – 2025 fiscal year.

11.9 MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk – Misleading Statement

E-mail received from MLA, Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk regarding a misleading statement published by a journalist in her riding.

11.10 Town of Tofield – Alberta Provincial Police Force

Copy of a letter sent to the Alberta Minister of Justice and Solicitor General Tyler Shandro stating the Town of Tofield Council in no way supports the initiative to replace the RCMP with an Alberta Provincial Police Force.

11.11 Town of Tofield – Alberta Utility Fees

Copy of a letter sent to the Alberta Utilities Commission requesting the Commission to review the rising electricity and natural gas fees and charges being downloaded to Alberta residents.

11.12 County of St. Paul – Rising Costs of Alberta Utility Fees

Copy of a letter sent to the Alberta Utilities Commission asking the Commission to re-evaluate the fees being charged on top of the actual electricity and natural gas usage fees, and the amount of profit corporations are making off of County residents and all Albertans.

11.13 Alberta Municipal Affairs – Bill 21 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act

E-mail received from Assistant Deputy Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs Gary Sandberg advising the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* and the *Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA)* were amended through Bill 21, *Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2022* and received royal assent on May 31, 2022 and will come into force on various dates.

In addition, the Subdivision and Development Regulation, the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Regulation, and the Subdivision and Development Appeal Regulation were combined into a single regulation.

11.14 MP Letter – Funding for Rural Municipalities

Letter received from MP Shannon Stubbs, Shadow Minister for Rural Economic Development and Rural Broadband Strategy Lakeland advising that she and other MPs are seeking to convene a townhall meeting to address federal funding for rural communities and asking municipalities to express the three most important issues impacting their economic development as a rural community.

11.15 David Fedoruk – Oiled Roads

Letter received from ratepayer David Fedoruk regarding his objection to Oiled Road Policy OP 9002-01.

11.16 Willy and Sara Peters – Oiled Roads

Letter received from ratepayers Willy and Sara Peters regarding their objection to Oiled Road Policy OP 9002-01.

11.17 Town of High River – Coal Policy Resolution

E-mail received from the Town of High River thanking municipalities for the ongoing support they have received through the previously passed Town of High River coal policy resolution, “A Coal Policy for Alberta – 2022 and Beyond”.

12 Adjournment

Councillor Kuzio moved to adjourn the meeting. Time 4:23 p.m.
Carried

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer