COUNTY COUNCIL

MARCH 13, 2020

Minutes of the County Council meeting held on March 13, 2020 at the

Kevin Bentley

County of Minburn No. 27 office, Vegreville, Alberta.

PRESENT Present at the meeting were:

> Roger Konieczny Reeve: Deputy Reeve: Carl Ogrodnick Richard Wagner Councillors: Clifford Wowdzia Tara Kuzio

Chief Administrative Officer: **Brent Williams** Recording Secretary: Trudy Shukalak

ABSENT Councillor Eric Anderson was absent from the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER Reeve Konieczny called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ADOPTION OF Councillor Wowdzia moved the Agenda for the March 13, 2020 regular **AGENDA**

County Council meeting be adopted as presented. Carried.

ADOPTION OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Councillor Bentley moved the minutes of the February 14, 2020 regular Council meeting be adopted with the following amendments:

- Add "Councillor Bentley moved that gravel roads be snowplowed before any oiled roads are winged back. Motion Defeated", following the Superintendent of Public Works Report.
- Motion No. 26-20 should read "Councillor Bentley moved to award the 2020 Gravel Hauling Tender to Wowdzia's Trucking with the option to renew in 2021". Carried.

Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

CAO Brent Williams presented the Superintendent of Public Works report for the month of February 2020.

Councillor Kuzio moved the Superintendent of Public Works report be accepted as presented.

Carried.

30-20 **2020 OILING PROGRAM**

Deputy Reeve Ogrodnick moved that Council adopt the 2020 Oiling Program as presented.

Carried.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Davin Gegolick presented the Planning and Development Officer's report for the month of February 2020.

Councillor Bentley moved the Planning and Development Officer's report be accepted as presented.

Carried.

31-20 **SUBDIVISION APPLICATION FILE** NO. 02-2020

Member Bentley moved the County of Minburn Subdivision Authority approve Subdivision Application File No. 02-2020 regarding S½ SW 19-53-15-W4M subject to the required conditions.

Carried.

32-20 **SUBDIVISION APPLICATION FILE** NO. 03-2020

Member Wagner moved the County of Minburn Subdivision Authority approve Subdivision Application File No. 03-2020 regarding NE 10-50-8-W4M subject to the required conditions.

Carried.

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BYLAW NO. 1302-20 COUNTY OF MINBURN AND VILLAGE OF INNISFREE IDP Bylaw No. 1302-20 was presented to adopt the County of Minburn and Village of Innisfree Intermunicipal Development Plan.

Councillor Bentley moved Bylaw No. 1302-20 be given first reading. **Carried.**

34-20 BYLAW NO. 1307-20 COUNTY OF MINBURN AND VILLAGE OF MANNVILLE ICF Bylaw No. 1307-20 was presented to adopt the County of Minburn and Village of Mannville Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework.

Councillor Bentley moved Bylaw No. 1307-20 be given first reading. **Carried.**

Councillor Wagner moved Bylaw No. 1307-20 be given second reading. **Carried.**

Councillor Kuzio moved Council unanimously and in full agreement give Bylaw No. 1307-20 third reading at this meeting.

Carried.

Councillor Wowdzia moved Bylaw No. 1307-20 be given third reading. **Carried**.

DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Mike Fundytus presented the Director of Protective Services report for the month of February 2020.

Councillor Wowdzia moved the Director of Protective Services report be accepted as presented.

Carried.

35-20 FIRE GUARDIAN APPOINTMENTS Councillor Wagner moved to appoint the following personnel as 2020 Fire Guardians as per the *Alberta Forest and Prairie Protection Act*.

- Mike Fundytus
- Dwight Hopper
- Shirley Kercher
- Brad Laurenceson.

Carried.

36-20 MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH ALBERTA AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY Deputy Reeve Ogrodnick moved to enter into a mutual aid agreement with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry to facilitate the prevention and control of forest and prairie fires.

Carried.

DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND UTILITY SERVICES Darwin Ullery presented the Director of Agriculture and Utility Services report for the month of February 2020.

Councillor Wowdzia moved the Director of Agriculture and Utility Services report be accepted as presented.

Carried.

DELEGATION: ROTARY BIKE AND SKATE PARK COMMITTEE Renée Senko and Hugh Ziprick from the Rotary Bike and Skate Park Committee joined the meeting to present information on the proposed Vegreville Rotary Skatepark Project. Time 11:30 to 11:50 a.m.

RECESS Councillor Wagner moved to recess the meeting. Time 11:55 a.m.

Carried.

RECONVENE The meeting reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

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CLOSED SESSION - CONTRACT ISSUES

Councillor Wowdzia moved that Council close the meeting to the public to discuss third party contract issues as per Section 16(1)(ii) of the *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act*. Time 12:40 p.m.

Carried.

WILLIAMS

Brent Williams left the meeting. Time 12:40 p.m.

REVERT TO

REGULAR MEETING

Councillor Kuzio moved that Council revert to the regular meeting. Time 1:00 p.m.

Carried.

WILLIAMS

Brent Williams returned to the meeting. Time 1:00 p.m.

38-20 TOP GRADE NEGOTIATIONS Councillor Wagner moved that Council authorize Reynolds Mirth Richards and Farmer (RMRF) to proceed with the negotiation settlement offer to Top Grade Construction's solicitor.

Carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

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

Councillor Wagner - Division No. 1

- Elected Official's Emergency Management Course, February 14, 2020.

GAVEL

Deputy Reeve Ogrodnick assumed the gavel.

COUNCIL REPORTS CONT'D

Reeve Konieczny - Division No. 3

- Elected Official's Emergency Management Course, February 14, 2020
- Northern Lights Library System (NLLS) meeting, Town of Elk Point, February 28, 2020.

GAVEL

Reeve Konieczny assumed the gavel.

COUNCIL REPORTS CONT'D

Councillor Wowdzia - Division No. 4

- Elected Official's Emergency Management Course, February 14, 2020
- Vegreville Seed Cleaning Plant meeting, February 20, 2020
- Veterans Memorial Highway Association meeting, February 28, 2020
- Vegreville Regional Airport Committee
- Alberta Central East (ACE) Water Corporation update.

Councillor Kuzio - Division No. 5

- Elected Official's Emergency Management Course, February 14, 2020
- Vegreville Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Board meeting, February 18, 2020
- Assisted with Family Day Breakfast, Vegreville Social Centre, February 17, 2020
- Family Day activities, Ranfurly and District Agricultural Society, February 17, 2020
- St. Joseph's Hospital Board meeting, February 19, 2020
- Rural Women's Conference meeting, February 27, 2020
- Meeting with St. Joseph's Hospital Administrator regarding Breathe Program, March 5, 2020
- Rural Women's Conference meeting, March 5, 2020
- Minburn Foundation meeting, Town of Vegreville Administration office, March 12, 2020
- Rural Women's Conference meeting, March 12, 2020
- Photo op with the Town of Vegreville and Vegreville Food Bank recognizing Family Day Breakfast donations to the Food Bank, March 13, 2020.

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COUNCIL REPORTS CONT'D

<u>Deputy Reeve Ogrodnick – Division No. 6</u>

- Elected Official's Emergency Management Course, February 14, 2020.
- Assisted with Family Day Breakfast, Vegreville Social Centre, February 17, 2020.
- Vegreville Tourism Advisory Board meeting, March 2, 2020.
- Minburn Foundation meeting, Town of Vegreville Administration office, March 12, 2020.
- Vegreville Chamber of Commerce meeting, March 12, 2020.
- Photo op with the Town of Vegreville and Vegreville Food Bank recognizing Family Day Breakfast donations to the Food Bank, March 13, 2020.

Councillor Bentley - Division No. 7

- Elected Official's Emergency Management Course, February 14, 2020
- Assisted with Family Day Breakfast, Vegreville Social Centre, February 17, 2020
- Vegreville Seed Cleaning Plant meeting, February 20, 2020
- Vermilion River Watershed Alliance meeting, February 21, 2020
- Vegreville Economic Development Board meeting, February 26, 2020
- Photo op with the Town of Vegreville and Vegreville Food Bank recognizing Family Day Breakfast donations to the Food Bank, March 13, 2020.

Councillor Kuzio moved the Council reports be accepted as presented. **Carried.**

GAVEL

Deputy Reeve Ogrodnick assumed the gavel.

REEVE'S REPORT

Reeve Konieczny reported and commented on the following:

- Attended and presented greetings at the Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor (EATC) Global Forum, Vegreville Social Centre and Vegreville Pomeroy, March 4 and 5, 2020
- Received letter from Northlands Agriculture dated February 24, 2020 advising that the County of Minburn is eligible to nominate a farm family in 2020 for the BMO Farm Family Awards. Submission deadline is May 29, 2020.

Councillor Wagner moved the Reeve's report be accepted as presented. **Carried.**

GAVEL

Reeve Konieczny assumed the gavel.

DELEGATION: MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT SERVICES GROUP Assessor Ray Crews of Municipal Assessment Services Group (MASG) Inc. joined the meeting and presented information regarding the County's 2020 property assessment. Taxation and Assessment Coordinator Dwight Hopper also joined the meeting. Time 1:40 to 2:30 p.m.

DELEGATION: AUDITORS WILDE AND COMPANY County Auditors Debra Febrouski and Tanya Kropielnicki of Wilde and Company Chartered Accountants joined the meeting to discuss the 2019 Audited Financial Statement. Director of Finance and Administration Susan Babyn and Accounting Clerk Kari Janzen also joined the meeting. Time 2:30 p.m.

39-20 CLOSED SESSION – FINANCIAL ISSUES

Councillor Wowdzia moved that Council close the meeting to the public to discuss financial issues as per Section 16(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Privacy (FOIP) Act.* Time 2:30 p.m.

Carried.

Councillor Wowdzia moved that Council revert to the regular meeting. Time 2:45 p.m.

Carried.

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40-20

APPROVAL OF 2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT Councillor Wagner moved the Audited Financial Statement for the year ended December 31, 2019 be approved.

Carried.

41-20 RESERVE TRANSFERS Councillor Bentley moved the County of Minburn approve the transfer of \$2,643,906 to Future Expenditures Reserve and \$1,056,094 to Landfill Liability Reserve.

Carried.

FEBROUSKI/ KROPIELNICKI/ JANZEN

Debra Febrouski, Tanya Kropielnicki and Kari Janzen left the meeting. Time 2:55 p.m.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION Councillor Wagner moved the Director of Finance and Administration's monthly report and Budget report with revenue and expenditures for the period January 1 to February 29, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

BABYN

Susan Babyn left the meeting. Time 3:00 p.m.

42-20

FCSS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK – FUNDING REQUEST Councillor Kuzio moved to contribute \$500 each to Vegreville FCSS and Mannville-Minburn-Innisfree FCSS to assist in their 2020 volunteer appreciation events.

Carried.

43-20 LAND LEASE RENEWALS

Councillor Bentley moved to renew the following land leases for a period of three years commencing April 1, 2020:

- 33.45 acres in Pt. of NW 9-52-14-W4M;63.99 acres in Pt. NW 27-52-15-W4M;
- Road allowance in SE 29-51-12-W4M.

Motion Defeated.

44-20

LAND LEASE TENDERS

Deputy Reeve Ogrodnick moved to tender the following land leases:

- 33.45 acres in Pt. of NW 9-52-14-W4M;63.99 acres in Pt. NW 27-52-15-W4M;
- 63.99 acres in Pt. NW 27-52-15-W4M; - Road allowance in SE 29-51-12-W4M.

Motion Defeated.

45-20

LAND LEASE RENEWAL Councillor Bentley moved to renew the following land lease for a period of three years commencing April 1, 2020:

- 63.99 acres in Pt. NW 27-52-15-W4.

Motion Defeated.

46-20

LAND LEASE RENEWAL Councillor Kuzio moved to renew the following land lease for a period of three years commencing April 1, 2020:

- Road allowance in SE 29-51-12-W4M.

Carried.

47-20

LAND LEASE TENDER Councillor Kuzio moved to tender the following land lease:

- 63.99 acres in Pt. NW 27-52-15-W4M.

Carried.

48-20

LAND LEASE TENDER Councillor Wowdzia moved to tender the following land lease:

- 33.45 acres in Pt. NW 9-52-14-W4M.

Carried.

49-20 RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 129-19 Councillor Wowdzia moved Motion No. 129-19 to approve the closure of unused Road Plan 4725AU and 795RS in SE 9-52-12-W4M be rescinded.

Carried.

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Reeve
Chief Administrative Office