



## Council Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2023

Council Members  
Present:

Reeve Roger Konieczny, Division 3  
Deputy Reeve Tara Kuzio, Division 5  
Councillor Joey Nafziger, Division 1  
Councillor Eric Anderson, Division 2  
Councillor Cliff Wowdzia, Division 4  
Councillor Carl Ogrodnick, Division 6  
Councillor Kevin Bentley, Division 7

Administration Present:

Pat Podoborzny, Chief Administrative Officer  
Norm De Wet, Director of Operations  
Jason Warawa, Director of Corporate Services  
Mike Fundytus, Director of Protective Services  
Davin Gegolick, Director of Planning and Community Services  
Trudy Shukalak, Legislative Services Coordinator

### 1 CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Konieczny called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

### 2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### 2023-256

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger

THAT the November 20, 2023 regular Council meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

### 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### 3.1 October 16, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

#### 2023-257

**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick

THAT the October 16, 2023 regular Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

#### 3.2 October 16, 2023 Organizational Meeting

#### 2023-258

**Moved by:** Councillor Bentley

THAT the October 16, 2023 Organizational meeting minutes be adopted as amended with the following change:

Page 11, Item 10.q, Vermilion River Watershed Alliance, Resolution No. 2023-254

Should read "THAT Councillor Wowdzia be appointed to the Vermilion River Watershed Alliance Board".

**Carried**

**4 DELEGATIONS**

**4.1 Deb Zaleschuk**

Request to waive the false alarm charge in the amount of \$250 regarding the Innisfree Fire Department's response to her residence in the Hamlet of Ranfurly on September 28, 2023.

**External Presenter:**

Deb Zaleschuk

**5 COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

**2023-259**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wowdzia

THAT the Council Priorities be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

**6 REQUESTS FOR DECISION**

**6.1 2023 Canada-Alberta Drought Livestock Assistance**

**2023-260**

**Moved by:** Deputy Reve Kuzio

THAT the Agricultural Service Board write a letter to the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Agriculture to request that the County of Minburn be included in the extreme dry drought region under the 2023 Canada-Alberta Drought Livestock Assistance Program.

**Carried**

**6.2 Enel Road Maintenance Agreement**

**2023-261**

**Moved by:** Councillor Bentley

THAT Council approve the Road Maintenance Agreement between the County of Minburn and Enel Alberta Wind Inc. as presented.

**Carried**

**6.3 Subdivision File 11-2023**

**2023-262**

**Moved by:** Member Nafziger

THAT the Subdivision Authority approve Subdivision File No. 11-2023 regarding NW 28-53-15-W4M as per the required conditions of the report presented.

**Carried**

**6.4 Donations to Community Organizations, Programs, Events and Activities Policy**

**2023-263**

**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Kuzio

THAT Council approve Donations to Community Organizations, Programs, Events and Activities Policy No. AD 1019-01.

**Carried**

**6.5 Rescind Motion 2023-248 – Appointment to Vegreville Community Network Committee**

**2023-264**

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson

THAT Council approve to rescind Motion No. 2023-248 to appoint Deputy Reeve Kuzio to the Vegreville Community Network Committee as there is no such committee.

**Carried**

**7 REPORTS**

**7.1 Reeve**

**7.2 Council**

*Reeve Konieczny recessed the meeting at 10:58 a.m.*

*Reeve Konieczny reconvened the meeting at 11:07 a.m.*

**7.3 Operations Report**

**7.4 Agriculture and Utilities Report**

**7.5 Planning and Community Services Report**

**7.6 Protective Services Report**

**7.7 Corporate Services Report**

**2023-265**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick

THAT Council accept the reports as information.

**Carried**

**8 CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

**8.1 Benign Energy Canada II Inc.**

Open letter from Benign Energy Canada II Inc. regarding renewable energy projects in Alberta.

**8.2 Vermilion RCMP Quarterly Report**

Quarterly Community Policing Report that covers the July 1 to September 30, 2023 reporting period.

**8.3 Vermilion Airport**

Letter received from the Town of Vermilion stressing the importance of the Vermilion Airport and seeking partnerships for the airport from surrounding municipalities to ensure its future success.

**2023-266**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wowdzia

THAT Council accept the correspondence as information.

**Carried**

**9 COUNCILLOR REQUEST (Information Request and Notices of Motion)**

**9.1 Action Item List**

**2023-267**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick

THAT Council accept the Action Item List as information.

**Carried**

*Reeve Konieczny recessed the meeting at 12:05 p.m.*

*Reeve Konieczny reconvened the meeting at 12:19 p.m.*

**10 CLOSED SESSION**

**2023-268**

**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Kuzio

THAT Council meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*,

specifically Section 24, advice from officials, Section 21, harmful to intergovernmental relations, and Section 17, harmful to personal privacy at 12:20 p.m.

Carried

10.1 Municipal Seed Cleaning Plants  
FOIP Section 24, advice from officials

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborozny	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Norm De Wet	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Jason Warawa	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Darwin Ullery	Presenter

Norm De Wet and Darwin Ullery left the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

10.2 Town of Vegreville Recreation Agreement  
FOIP Section 21, harmful to intergovernmental relations

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborozny	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Jason Warawa	Presenter

Jason Warawa left the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

10.3 Council Communication  
FOIP Section 17, harmful to personal privacy

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborozny	Presenter

11 OPEN SESSION

2023-269  
Moved by: Councillor Anderson  
THAT Council revert to open session at 1:10 p.m.

Carried

12 MOTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSED SESSION

Municipal Seed Cleaning Plants

2023-270  
Moved by: Councillor Nafziger  
THAT Council approve the removal of the Agricultural Fieldman from the Vegreville Municipal Seed Cleaning Association and Innisfree Municipal Seed Cleaning Association boards.

Carried

Town of Vegreville Recreation Agreement

2023-271  
Moved by: Deputy Reeve Kuzio  
THAT Council approve the extension of the existing Vegreville Recreation Agreement with a three percent increase to the existing grant funding in 2023, and an additional three percent in 2024.

Carried

13 ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Konieczny adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

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Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer