



## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**January 23, 2025**

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

Administration Present: Pat Podoborzny, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jason Warawa, Director of Corporate Services  
Norm De Wet, Director of Operations  
Mike Fundytus, Director of Protective Services  
Davin Gegolick, Director of Planning and Community Services  
Audra Kropielnicki, Executive Coordinator  
Quentin Bochar, Agriculture Fieldman and Municipal Services Manager

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**2025-001**

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson

THAT the January 23, 2025 regular Council meeting agenda be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

3.1 December 16, 2024 County Council Meeting

**2025-002**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger

THAT the December 16, 2024 regular Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

**4 DELEGATIONS**

**5 PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bylaw No. 1359-24**

Reeve Konieczny declared the Public Hearing open for Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bylaw No. 1359-24 at 10:17 a.m.

Administration introduced proposed Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bylaw No. 1359-24 and provided a brief overview.

There were two members of the public present.

There were no written submissions received.

Council heard from the following members of public:

1. Dwayne Kisilevich
2. Chad Bown

*Michelle Pinon, Vegreville News Advertiser entered at 10:23 a.m.*

Reeve Konieczny declared the Public Hearing closed at 10:34 a.m.

**6 COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

**2025-003**

**Moved by:** Councillor Kuzio

THAT the Council Priorities be accepted as information.

**Carried**

**7 REQUESTS FOR DECISION**

7.1 Road Encroachments on CN Property

**2025-004**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger

THAT Council approve entering into a lease agreement with Canadian National Railway for the encroachments on Township Road 502A in the Hamlet Minburn and Township Road 512A in the Hamlet of Ranfurly.

**Carried**

7.2 Road Closure Bylaw No. 1353-24

**2025-005**

**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Bentley

THAT Council approve Second Reading to Road Closure Bylaw No. 1359-24.

**Carried**

**2025-006**

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson

THAT Council consider giving unanimous and final consent to Third and Final Reading of Road Closure Bylaw No. 1353-24.

**Carried**

**2025-007**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wowdzia

THAT Council approve Final Reading to Road Closure Bylaw No. 1353-24.

**Carried**

7.3 Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bylaw No. 1359-24

**2025-008**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger

THAT Council approve Second Reading to Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bylaw No. 1359-24.

**Carried**

**2025-009**

**Moved by:** Councillor Kuzio

THAT Council direct Administration to arrange two public engagement sessions prior to third and final readings of Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bylaw No. 1359-24 with one meeting in the Hamlet of Minburn and one in the Hamlet of Lavoy.

**Carried**

7.4 Subdivision File No. 09-2024

**2025-010**

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson

THAT Council move to conditionally approve Subdivision File No. 09-2024 per the recommendations of the report.

**Carried**

7.5 Subdivision File No. 10-2024

**2025-011**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ogradnick

THAT Council move to conditionally approve Subdivision File No. 10-2024 per the recommendations of the report.

**Carried**

7.6 BF 01865 Repair Tender

**2025-012**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wowdzia

THAT County Council approve including BF 01865 in the 2025 bridge repair tender at an approximate cost of \$383,000.00, including engineering and contingency, with any cost overages to be covered by Bridge Reserves.

**Carried**

7.7 Fleet Truck Tender 2025

**2025-013**

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson

THAT County Council approve the purchase of one half-ton F150 4X4 from Vegreville Ford for a cost of \$53,275 and one three-quarter ton F250 4X4 from Vegreville Ford at a cost of \$62,046 excluding GST.

**Carried**

7.8 Bylaw No. 1354-24 Weed Control on Provincial Highways

**2025-014**

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson

THAT County Council give First Reading to Bylaw No. 1354-24 Weed Control on Provincial Highways.

**Carried**

**2025-015**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ogradnick

THAT County Council give Second Reading to Bylaw No. 1354-24.

**Carried**

**2025-016**

**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Bentley

THAT the County of Minburn Council consider giving unanimous and final consent to Third and Final Reading of Bylaw No. 1354-24.

**Carried**

**2025-017**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wowdzia

THAT the County of Minburn Council give Third Reading to Bylaw No. 1354-24, and that Bylaw No. 714-1973 be rescinded on the date this bylaw comes into force.

**Carried**

7.9 Bylaw No. 1355-24 Warble Control Area

**2025-018**

**Moved by:** Councillor Kuzio

THAT County Council give First Reading to Bylaw No. 1355-24 Warble Control Area which rescinds Bylaw No. 668-1971.

**Carried**

**2025-019**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger

THAT County Council give Second Reading to Bylaw No. 1355-24 Warble Control Area.

**Carried**

**2025-020**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick

THAT County of Minburn Council consider giving unanimous and final consent to Third and Final Reading of Bylaw No. 1355-24 Warble Control Area.

**Carried**

**2025-021**

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson

THAT County of Minburn Council give Third Reading to Bylaw No. 1355-24 Warble Control Area, and that Bylaw No. 668-1971 be rescinded on the date this bylaw comes into force.

**Carried**

- 7.10 Bylaw 1356-24 Rescinding Warble Control Area Amending Bylaw No. 679-1972

**2025-022**

**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Bentley

THAT County Council give First Reading to Bylaw No. 1356-24 Warble Control Area.

**Carried**

**2025-023**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wowdzia

THAT County Council give Second Reading to Bylaw No. 1356-24 Warble Control Area.

**Carried**

**2025-024**

**Moved by:** Councillor Kuzio

THAT County of Minburn Council consider giving unanimous and final consent to Third and Final Reading of Bylaw No. 1356-24 Warble Control Area.

**Carried**

**2025-025**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick

THAT County of Minburn Council give Third Reading to Bylaw No. 1356-24 Warble Control Area and that Amending Bylaw No. 679-1972 be rescinded on the date this bylaw comes into force.

**Carried**

- 7.11 Bylaw No. 1357-24 Agricultural Appeal Committee

**2025-026**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger

THAT County Council give First Reading to Bylaw No. 1357-24 establishing an Appeal Committee for agricultural concerns.

**Carried**

**2025-027**

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson

THAT County Council give Second Reading to Bylaw No. 1357-24.

**Carried**

**2025-028**

**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Bentley

THAT County of Minburn Council consider giving unanimous and final consent to Third and Final Reading of Bylaw No. 1357-24.

**Carried**

**2025-029**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick

THAT County of Minburn Council give Third Reading to Bylaw No. 1357-24.

**Carried**

7.12 Agricultural Service Board Terms of Reference

**2025-030**

**Moved by:** Councillor Kuzio

THAT County Council approve the Terms of Reference for the Agricultural Service Board.

**Carried**

7.13 Education Requisition Deferral and Repayment Terms

**2025-031**

**Moved by:** Councillor Kuzio

THAT Council approve the repayment of the 2025 education requisition deferral for non-residential property by increasing the non-residential education tax rate equally over a two-year period in both 2025 and 2026.

**Carried**

7.14 County of Minburn and County of Vermilion River Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) Extension

**2025-032**

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson

THAT County of Minburn Council approve the amending agreement to extend the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement with County of Vermilion River from 2024 to 2027.

**Carried**

7.15 Candidate Nominations to be Accompanied by Deposit Bylaw No. 1360-25

**2025-033**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger

THAT County of Minburn Council give First Reading to Candidate Nominations to be Accompanied by A Deposit Bylaw No. 1360-25.

**Carried**

**2025-034**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick

THAT County of Minburn Council give Second Reading to Candidate Nominations to be Accompanied by a Deposit Bylaw No. 1360-25.

**Carried**

**2025-035**

**Moved by:** Deputy Reeve Bentley

THAT County of Minburn Council consider giving unanimous and final consent to Third and Final Reading of Bylaw No. 1360-25.

**Carried**

**2025-036**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wowdzia

THAT County of Minburn Council give Third Reading to Candidate Nominations to be Accompanied by a Deposit Bylaw No. 1360-25 and that Bylaw 912-83 be rescinded on the date this bylaw comes into force.

**Carried**

7.16 Election Bylaw No. 1361-25

**2025-037**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick  
THAT Council give First Reading to Elections Bylaw No. 1361-25.  
**Carried**

**2025-038**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger  
THAT Council give Second Reading to Elections Bylaw No. 1361-25.  
**Carried**

**2025-039**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Kuzio  
THAT Council consider giving unanimous and final consent to Third and Final reading of Elections Bylaw No. 1361-25.  
**Carried**

**2025-040**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Wowdzia  
THAT Council give Third reading to Elections Bylaw 1361-25 and that Bylaws 1351-21, 1225-13, and 959-86 be repealed on the date this bylaw comes into force.  
**Carried**

**8               REPORTS**

- 8.1 Reeve
- 8.2 Council

*Reeve Konieczny recessed the meeting at 11:30 a.m.*  
*Reeve Konieczny reconvened the meeting at 11:37 a.m.*

- 8.3 CAO
- 8.4 Operations
- 8.5 Planning and Community Services
- 8.6 Protective Services
- 8.7 Corporate Services

**2025-041**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Wowdzia  
THAT Council accepts the reports as presented.  
**Carried**

**9               CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

9.1       **Town of Vegreville Annual Family Day Breakfast**

Letter received from Town of Vegreville seeking additional funding of \$250 to support broader advertising of the annual Family Day breakfast.

**2025-042**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Wowdzia  
THAT Council approves an additional \$250 for advertising costs.  
**Carried**

9.2       **Vegreville Jr. B Rangers Thank You**

Thank you received from Vegreville Jr. B. Rangers for donation of a gift basket for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

9.3     **Elk Island Public Schools re Annual Education Results Report**

Received a copy of the Annual Education Results Report for 2023-24.

9.4     **Elk Island Public Schools re Alberta Rural Education Symposium**

Letter received about the Alberta Rural Education Symposium initiatives and registration information.

**2025-043**

**Moved by:** Councillor Kuzio

THAT Council accept the correspondence as information.

**Carried**

**10            COUNCILLOR REQUESTS** (Information Requests and Notices of Motion)

10.1    Action Item List

**2025-044**

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson

THAT Council accept the Action Item List as information.

**Carried**

**11            CLOSED SESSION**

**12            OPEN SESSION**

**13            MOTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSED SESSION**

**14            ADJOURNMENT**

Reeve Konieczny declared the meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

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Acting Chief Administrative Officer