



Meeting Minutes - Final Council

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

9:00 AM

Through Electronic Communications

A. CALL TO ORDER AND RELATED BUSINESS

The following members of Council were in attendance through electronic means in accordance with section 199 of the Municipal Government Act, the Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation, and Sturgeon County Procedure Bylaw Amendment 1497/20.

Present: 7 - Mayor Alanna Hnatiw, Councillor Dan Derouin, Councillor Kristin Toms, Councillor Wayne Bokenfohr, Councillor Neal Comeau, Councillor Patrick D. Tighe, and Councillor Karen Shaw

A.1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hnatiw called the September 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and acknowledged that Council meets on Treaty 6 Territory, a traditional meeting ground for many Indigenous Peoples, and in particular the Michel Band and Alexander First Nation, and also recognized the Métis and Inuit, whose footsteps have marked these lands and share a deep rooted history.

Administration Present Through Electronic Communication

Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner - CAO

Scott MacDougall, Chief Operations Officer - COO

Jesse Sopko, Director, Corporate Services

Travis Peter, Director, Development and Strategic Services

Andrew Hayes, Director, Finance, Assessment and Procurement Services

Lucas Warren, Manager, Corporate Communications

Bonnie McInnis, Manager, Planning and Development Services

Jeff Yanew, Manager, Utility and Waste Management Services

Rob Schneider, Manager, Information Services

Madisyn Gabriel, Acting Manager, Financial Services

Leanne McBean, Business Retention and Expansion Lead, Economic Development Services

Michael Klassen, Program Lead, Long Range and Regional Planning, Planning and Development Services

Natasha De Sandi, Planning and Engagement Officer, Planning and Development Services

Jonathan Heemskerk, Planning and Subdivision Technician, Planning and Development Services

Christina Kwok, Senior Accountant, Operations, Financial Services

Lisa Schovanek, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services

Dianne Mason, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services

Mayor Hnatiw proclaimed September 20 - 26, 2021 as Rail Safety Week in Sturgeon County.

Mayor Hnatiw proclaimed September 30, 2021 as Orange Shirt Day in Sturgeon County.

Mayor Hnatiw proclaimed October 10, 2021 as World Mental Health Day in Sturgeon County.

Mayor Hnatiw acknowledged and thanked Councillor Tighe (Division 5) and Councillor Shaw (Division 6) for their years of public service and commitment to Sturgeon County.

A.2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

W. Bokenfohr MOVED:

Motion 446/21: That Council adopt the September 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A.3 ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

A.3.1 September 14, 2021 Consent Agenda

D. Derouin MOVED:

Motion 447/21: That Council approve the August 24, 2021 Regular Council Meeting as presented; that Council approve the September 2, 2021 Special Council Meeting Minutes as presented; and that Council postpone first reading of Bylaw 1565/21 indefinitely.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A.4 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A.4.1 August 24, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion approved on consent agenda.

A.4.2 September 2, 2021 Special Council Meeting Minutes

Motion approved on consent agenda.

D. NEW BUSINESS

D.1 Bylaw 1565/21 - 2021 Temporary Mandatory Face Coverings Bylaw - First Reading

Motion approved on consent agenda.

D.2 Broadband Initiative Phase One - Approval for Contract Execution

Presented by Jesse Sopko, Director, Corporate Services and Rob Schneider, Manager, Information Services.

W. Bokenfohr MOVED:

Motion 448/21: That Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the Broadband Initiative Phase One Agreement with the top-ranked proponent subject to the successful conclusion of contract negotiations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.3 Our Future Valley
Bylaw 1555/21, Bylaw 1556/21, and Bylaw 1557/21 - Third Reading

Presented by Bonnie McInnis, Manager, Planning and Development Services and Michael Klassen, Program Lead, Long Range and Regional Planning, Planning and Development Services.

Nick Pryce, Director of Planning Services and Elisa Stamatakis, Planner, V3 Companies of Canada were also in attendance.

As Councillors Shaw and Tighe were absent for all of the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1555/21, they abstained from voting on third reading of the Bylaw in accordance with section 184(a) of the *Municipal Government Act*.

As Councillor Comeau was absent for a part of the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1555/21, he abstained from voting on third reading of the Bylaw in accordance with section 184(b) of the *Municipal Government Act*.

K. Toms MOVED:

Motion 449/21: That Council give third reading of Bylaw 1555/21 as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For:4 - A. Hnatiw, D. Derouin, K. Toms, and W. Bokenfohr

Abstain:3 - N. Comeau, P.D. Tighe, and K. Shaw

K. Toms MOVED:

Motion 450/21: That Council give third reading of Bylaw 1556/21 as amended.

CARRIED

For:6 - A. Hnatiw, D. Derouin, K. Toms, W. Bokenfohr, N. Comeau, and P.D. Tighe

Against:1 - K. Shaw

K. Toms MOVED:

Motion 451/21: That Council give third reading of Bylaw 1557/21.

CARRIED

For:6 - A. Hnatiw, D. Derouin, K. Toms, W. Bokenfohr, N. Comeau, and P.D. Tighe

Against:1 - K. Shaw

D.4 Bylaw 1551/21 - Amendment of Land Use Bylaw 1385/17 - Direct Control District 20 - Second Reading

Presented by Bonnie McInnis, Manager, Planning and Development Services and Jonathan Heemskerk, Planning and Subdivision Technician, Planning and Development Services.

W. Bokenfohr MOVED:

Motion 452/21: That Council give second reading of Bylaw 1551/21.

CARRIED

For:6 - A. Hnatiw, D. Derouin, W. Bokenfohr, N. Comeau, P.D. Tighe, and K. Shaw

Against:1 - K. Toms

The meeting was recessed at 10:35 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:41 a.m. with all those members of Council previously listed in attendance.

W. Bokenfohr MOVED:

Motion 453/21: That Council give third reading of Bylaw 1551/21.

CARRIED

For:6 - A. Hnatiw, D. Derouin, W. Bokenfohr, N. Comeau, P.D. Tighe, and K. Shaw

Against:1 - K. Toms

D.5 **Agribusiness and Agritourism Review Task Force Public Engagement and Communications Plan**

Presented by Bonnie McInnis, Manager, Planning and Development Services; Natasha De Sandi, Planning and Engagement Officer, Planning and Development Services; and Leanne McBean, Business Retention and Expansion Lead, Economic Development Services.

D. Derouin MOVED:

Motion 454/21: That Council approve the Agribusiness and Agritourism Review Task Force Public Engagement and Communication Plan as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.6 Request for Property Tax Penalty Cancellation for Tax
Rolls 1480064 and 1480065

Presented by Madisyn Gabriel, Acting Manager, Financial Services and Christina Kwok, Senior Accountant, Operations, Financial Services.

K. Shaw MOVED:

**Motion 455/21: That Council refuse the request to
cancel 2021 property tax penalties for tax rolls 1480064
and 1480065.**

CARRIED

For:6 - A. Hnatiw, K. Toms, W. Bokenfohr, N. Comeau, P.D. Tighe,
and K. Shaw

Against:1 - D. Derouin

D.7 Request for Property Tax Penalty Cancellation for Tax
Rolls 515001 and 515003

Presented by Madisyn Gabriel, Acting Manager, Financial Services and Christina Kwok, Senior Accountant, Operations, Financial Services.

K. Toms MOVED:

**Motion 456/21: That Council refuse the request to
cancel 2021 property tax penalties for tax rolls 515001
and 515003.**

CARRIED

For:5 - A. Hnatiw, K. Toms, W. Bokenfohr, N. Comeau, and K. Shaw

Against:2 - D. Derouin, and P.D. Tighe

The agenda was reconsidered to move Item E.1 to follow Item D.7.

E. MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- E.1** Amendments to Sturgeon County Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw (Councillor Bokenfohr)

W. Bokenfohr MOVED:

Motion 457/21: That Council direct Administration to undertake a comprehensive review of the County's agricultural subdivision policy, including parcel density and parcels created from land fragmentation, as part of the Municipal Development Plan review proposed in 2022, and to include extensive community engagement related to agricultural lands and agricultural subdivision policy.

CARRIED:

For:6 - A. Hnatiw, D. Derouin, K. Toms, W. Bokenfohr, N. Comeau, and P.D. Tighe

Against:1 - K. Shaw

The meeting was recessed at 11:40 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:03 p.m. with all those members of Council previously listed in attendance.

The agenda was reconsidered to move Item D.9 to follow Item E.1.

D.9**CLOSED SESSION - Land Matter**

Closed session pursuant to section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with section 24 (advice from officials) and section 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

P.D. Tighe MOVED:

Motion 458/21: That Council move to a closed session at 1:03 p.m. pursuant to section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with section 24 (advice from officials) and section 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED

For:6 - A. Hnatiw, D. Derouin, K. Toms, W. Bokenfohr, N. Comeau, and P.D. Tighe

Against:1 - K. Shaw

Presented by Scott MacDougall, Chief Operations Officer - COO and Jeff Yanew, Manager, Utility and Waste Management Services.

The following members of Administration were also in attendance to provide information and/or administrative assistance:

Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner - CAO; Jesse Sopko, Director, Corporate Services; Travis Peter, Director, Development and Strategic Services; Andrew Hayes, Director, Financial, Assessment and Procurement Services; Lucas Warren, Manager, Corporate Communications; Lisa Schovanek, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services; and Dianne Mason, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services.

P.D. Tighe MOVED:

Motion 459/21: That Council move out of the closed session at 2:24 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P.D. Tighe MOVED:

Motion 460/21: That Council direct Administration to take action as recommended in the confidential Request for Decision of item D.9 of the September 14, 2021 Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

For:6 - A. Hnatiw, D. Derouin, K. Toms, W. Bokenfohr, N. Comeau, and P.D. Tighe

Against:1 - K. Shaw

P.D. Tighe MOVED:

Motion 461/21: That the Request for Decision and attachments of item D.9 of the September 14, 2021 Council Meeting Agenda remain confidential in accordance with section 24 (advice from officials) and section 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.8**CLOSED SESSION - Long Run Exploration Property Tax Payment Proposal**

Closed session pursuant to section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with section 24 (advice from officials), section 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) and section 27 (privileged information) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

K. Toms MOVED:

Motion 462/21: That Council move to a closed session at 2:28 p.m. pursuant to section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with section 24 (advice from officials), section 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) and section 27 (privileged information) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presented by Andrew Hayes, Director, Finance, Assessment and Procurement Services; Madisyn Gabriel, Acting Manager, Financial Services; and Christina Kwok, Senior Accountant, Operations, Financial Services.

The following members of Administration were also in attendance to provide information and/or administrative assistance:

Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner - CAO; Scott MacDougall, Chief Operations Officer - COO; Jesse Sopko, Director, Corporate Services; Travis Peter, Director, Development and Strategic Services; Lucas Warren, Manager, Corporate Communications; Lisa Schovanek, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services; and Dianne Mason, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services.

N. Comeau MOVED:

Motion 463/21: That Council move out of the closed session at 2:42 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

N. Comeau MOVED:

Motion 464/21: That Council approve the proposed tax payment agreement with Long Run Exploration Ltd.

CARRIED

For:6 - A. Hnatiw, D. Derouin, K. Toms, W. Bokenfohr, N. Comeau, and P.D. Tighe

Against:1 - K. Shaw

N. Comeau MOVED:

Motion 465/21: That Council commit \$400,744 from the General Operating Reserve to fund tax arrears penalties.

CARRIED

For:6 - A. Hnatiw, D. Derouin, K. Toms, W. Bokenfohr, N. Comeau, and P.D. Tighe

Against:1 - K. Shaw

N. Comeau MOVED:

Motion 466/21: That the Request for Decision and Attachments of item D.8 of the September 14, 2021 Council meeting agenda remain confidential in accordance with section 24 (advice from officials), section 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) and section 27 (privileged information) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.10

CLOSED SESSION - Business Development Opportunity
Closed session pursuant to section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with section 24 (advice from officials) and section 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

K. Toms MOVED:

Motion 467/21: That Council move to a closed session at 2:46 p.m. pursuant to section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with section 24 (advice from officials) and section 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presented by Scott MacDougall, Chief Operations Officer - COO.

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Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner - CAO; Jesse Sopko, Director, Corporate Services; Travis Peter, Director, Development and Strategic Services; Andrew Hayes, Director, Financial, Assessment and Procurement Services; Lucas Warren, Manager, Corporate Communications; Lisa Schovaneck, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services; and Dianne Mason, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services.

W. Bokenfohr MOVED:

Motion 468/21: That Council move out of the closed session at 2:59 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

W. Bokenfohr MOVED:

Motion 469/21: That Council direct Administration to take action as recommended in the confidential Request for Decision of item D.10 of the September 14, 2021 Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

For:6 - A. Hnatiw, D. Derouin, K. Toms, W. Bokenfohr, N. Comeau, and P.D. Tighe

Against:1 - K. Shaw

W. Bokenfohr MOVED:

Motion 470/21: That the Request for Decision and attachments of item D.10 of the September 14, 2021 Council Meeting Agenda remain confidential in accordance with section 24 (advice from officials) and section 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.11

CLOSED SESSION - Economic Development Opportunity
Closed session pursuant to section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with section 24 (advice from officials) and section 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

K. Toms MOVED:

Motion 471/21: That Council move to a closed session at 3:03 p.m. pursuant to section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with section 24 (advice from officials) and section 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED

For:6 - A. Hnatiw, D. Derouin, K. Toms, W. Bokenfohr, N. Comeau, and P.D. Tighe

Against:1 - K. Shaw

Presented by Scott MacDougall, Chief Operations Officer - COO.

The following members of Administration were also in attendance to provide information and/or administrative assistance:

Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner - CAO; Jesse Sopko, Director, Corporate Services; Travis Peter, Director, Development and Strategic Services; Andrew Hayes, Director, Financial, Assessment and Procurement Services; Lucas Warren, Manager, Corporate Communications; Lisa Schovaneck, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services; and Dianne Mason, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services.

P.D. Tighe MOVED:

Motion 472/21: That Council move out of the closed session at 3:33 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P.D. Tighe MOVED:

Motion 473/21: That Council direct Administration to take action as indicated in item D.11 of the September 14, 2021 Council meeting agenda.

CARRIED

For:6 - A. Hnatiw, D. Derouin, K. Toms, W. Bokenfohr, N. Comeau, and P.D. Tighe

Against:1 - K. Shaw

P.D. Tighe MOVED:

Motion 474/21: That the Request for Decision and attachments of item D.11 of the September 14, 2021 Council meeting agenda remain confidential in accordance with section 24 (advice from officials) and section 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D.12

CLOSED SESSION - Intermunicipal Matter

*****Closed session pursuant to section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with section 24 (advice from officials) and section 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*****

K. Shaw MOVED:

Motion 475/21: That Council move to a closed session at 3:36 p.m. pursuant to section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with section 24 (advice from officials) and section 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presented by Scott MacDougall, Chief Operations Officer - COO.

The following members of Administration were also in attendance to provide information and/or administrative assistance:

Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner - CAO; Jesse Sopko, Director, Corporate Services; Travis Peter, Director, Development and Strategic Services; Andrew Hayes, Director, Financial, Assessment and Procurement Services; Lucas Warren, Manager, Corporate Communications; Lisa Schovanek, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services; and Dianne Mason, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services.

P.D. Tighe MOVED:

Motion 476/21: That Council move out of the closed session at 3:55 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P.D. Tighe MOVED:

Motion 477/21: That Council direct Administration to take action as identified in the confidential Request for Decision of item D.12 of the September 14, 2021 Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P.D. Tighe MOVED:

Motion 478/21: That the Request for Decision and attachments of item D.12 of the September 14, 2021 Council Meeting Agenda remain confidential in accordance with section 24 (advice from officials) and 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. MAYOR AND COUNCIL...continued**E.2**

CLOSED SESSION - Personnel Matter

Closed session pursuant to section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with section 17 (disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

P.D. Tighe MOVED:

Motion 479/21: That Council move to a closed session at 3:59 p.m. pursuant to section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with section 17 (disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED

For:6 - A. Hnatiw, D. Derouin, K. Toms, W. Bokenfohr, N. Comeau, and P.D. Tighe

Against:1 - K. Shaw

The following members of Administration were in attendance to provide information and/or administrative assistance:

Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner - CAO; Scott MacDougall, Chief Operations Officer - COO; and Jesse Sopko, Director, Corporate Services.

W. Bokenfohr MOVED:

Motion 480/21: That Council move out of the closed session at 4:41 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P.D. Tighe MOVED:

Motion 481/21: That the Administrative Backgrounder and discussion of item E.2 of the September 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Agenda remain confidential pursuant to section 17 (disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. ADJOURNMENT

K. Shaw MOVED:

Motion 482/21: That Council adjourn the September 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting at 4:44 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR

COUNTY COMMISSIONER (CAO)