

**COUNTY OF TWO HILLS NO. 21 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 14, 2024**

Meeting Called to Order The County Council Meeting was called to order by Reeve, M. Phillips at 10:06 a.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2024.

Attendance Present were:

D. Gulayec S. Dary, CAO  
M. Phillips T. Alexopoulos, Recording Secretary  
D. Saskiw Press:  
S. Dutrisac Vegreville Advertiser – M. Pinion

Agenda The Agenda for the March 14, 2024 Council Meeting was presented for review and consideration, having the following additions being presented:

- Recreation Funding re: Discussion
- Sandy Lake part-time Resident re: Request for Support

There being no further additions; it was moved by:

**R-130294**

**D. SASKIW**

That the Agenda, inclusive of the additions, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Previous Minutes The minutes of the February 21, 2024 Regular Council Meeting having been presented to each Councillor and each Councillor having declared to have received and read the minutes, Reeve, M. Phillips asked for adoption.

**R-130295**

**S. DUTRISAC**

That the minutes of the February 21, 2024 Regular Council Meeting R130269 be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Dust Control Policy- PUB-DUS-1 The CAO placed Dust Control Policy on the table informing Council discussions with the Public Works Supervisor confirm there will be no increase on the Dust Control Policy – PUB-DUS-1 and dates remaining April 1, 2024 – May 15, 2024.

Councillor, E. Yakemchuk entered the Council Chambers.

County of Minburn and County of Vermilion River re: Joint Meeting The CAO provided Council correspondence received from the County of Minburn and the County of Vermilion River regarding meeting in April. Council having discussed this item; it was consensus that the meeting be placed on hold and discussions regarding re-scheduling at a later date.

RMA Member Visits – District 5 – Two Hills The CAO placed correspondence received regarding the RMA Member Visit District 5. Council having discussed this item; it was consensus this date (April 5) is not agreeable and will look at scheduling to another date.

Roadside Cleanup The CAO placed Roadside Cleanup on the table for update from RMA Insurance.

Bank Rec – February The Bank Reconciliation report for the month ending February 2024 indicating a bank balance of \$3,982,160.61 was presented for review and consideration. Council having reviewed and discussed the February 2024 Bank Reconciliation report; it was moved by:

**R-130296**

**D. SASKIW**

That the Bank Reconciliation report for the month ending February 2024, as presented, reviewed, and discussed by Council be approved, signed and incorporated into the minutes.

Motion Carried

Genesis Reciprocal Insurance re: 2024 Annual General Meeting

The Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange will be holding its Annual General Meeting on April 8, 2024 at the River Cree Resort & Casino in Enoch at 3:00 p.m. and will run in conjunction with RMA's RiskPro symposium.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-130297**

**D. GULAYEC**

That the CAO be present to vote at the Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Exchange Annual General Meeting on April 8, 2024 at the River Cree Resort & Casino in Enoch at 3:00 p.m.

Motion Carried

Go East of Edmonton Regional Tourism re: Letter of Support

The CAO presented correspondence received from Go East of Edmonton Region Tourism requesting a letter of support for their Grant Application for the Travel Alberta Rural Promotion Fund.

Council having discussed these items; it was moved by:

**R-130298**

**E. YAKEMCHUK**

That the County of Two Hills provide a letter of support to Go East of Edmonton Regional Tourism for their Grant Application for the Travel Alberta Rural Promotion Fund.

Motion Carried

Two Hills Family and Community Services Society re: Letter of Support

The CAO presented Council correspondence received from Two Hills Family and Community Services Society requesting a letter of support for their Application of The Provincial Assisted Transportation Grant.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-130299**

**D. SASKIW**

That the County of Two Hills provide a letter of support to Two Hills Family and Community Services Society for their Application of the Provincial Assisted Transportation Grant.

Motion Carried

Pathfinder Recreation & Cultural Centre re: Letter of Request

Pathfinder Community Recreation & Cultural Centre will be holding their annual fundraiser on Saturday March 23, 2024. Pathfinder Community Recreation & Cultural Centre is requesting a gravel donation for their Live and Silent Auction.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-130300**

**D. GULAYEC**

That the County of Two Hills provide the Pathfinder Community Recreation & Cultural Centre Live and Silent Auction a gravel donation of two (2) 10-yard loads on Saturday March 23, 2024.

Motion Carried

Provincial Rural Health Professions Action Plan re: Letter of Request

The CAO presented Council correspondence received from the Provincial Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) Committee requesting a monetary donation for their "Let's Go Rural" High School Event on April 25, 2024 at the Two Hills Centennial Hall.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-130301**

**E. YAKEMCHUK**

That the County of Two Hills provide the requested donation to the Provincial Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) Committee for their "Let's Go Rural" High School Event on April 25, 2024 at the Two Hills Centennial Hall.

Motion Carried

Ace Water Corporation re: Managing Partner Role

The CAO received correspondence from Manager of Ace Water Corporation requesting the County of Two Hills take the role of managing partner for ACE Water Vegreville Transfer Station Grant Application.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-130302**

**S. DUTRISAC**

That the County of Two Hills take the role of managing partner for ACE Water Vegreville Transfer Station Grant Application and enter into an Agreement with ACE Water.

Motion Carried

Municipal Administration Leadership Workshop

The CAO requests authorization to attend the Mountain Refresher/Municipal Administration Leadership Workshop in Kananaskis, Alberta on May 14 to 17, 2024 as per Conference, Seminar and Workshop Attendance Policy ADM-CON-6.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-130303**

**D. GULAYEC**

That the CAO and designate be authorized to attend the Municipal Administration Leadership Workshop in Kananaskis, Alberta on May 14 to 17, 2024, as per Conference, Seminar and Workshop Attendance Policy ADM-CON-6.

Motion Carried

Gary Buchanan, Development Officer, entered the Council Chambers.

Windconcerns Group re: Letter of Support

The CAO presented Council correspondence received from a member of the Windconcerns Group requesting a Letter of Support to the Honorable Premier Danielle Smith and Honorable Minister Nathan Neudorf. Development Officer, Gary Buchanan provide information regarding County of Two Hills Land Use Bylaws.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-130304**

**S. DUTRISAC**

That Council table the Windconcerns Group Letter of Support and Administration to gather more information and provide at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Motion Carried

Recess

**E. YAKEMCHUK**

That the meeting be recessed – time 10:46 a.m.

Motion Carried

Meeting Called to Order

The Agricultural Service Board Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, M. Phillips at 10:52 a.m. on Thursday March 14, 2024.

Attendance

Present were:

M. Phillips  
D. Gulayec  
D. Saskiw  
S. Dutrisac  
E. Yakemchuk

S. Dary, CAO  
T. Alexopoulos, Recording Secretary  
Press:  
Vegreville Advertiser – M. Pinion

The CAO placed Alberta Agricultural & Irrigation regarding ASB Liaison Update on the table for discussion.

Delegation(s)  
10:53 a.m.

E. Kozak, Agricultural Fieldman informed the Committee that Dillis Pelletier is the new Alberta Agricultural & Irrigation ASB Liaison and introduced the Co-ordinator to the Committee. Dillis Pelletier updated the Committee on the current and future products and projects the Alberta Agricultural & Irrigation have.

Dillis Pelletier, Alberta Agricultural & Irrigation Liaison ASB, thanked Council for their time and left the Council Chambers.

E. Kozak, Agricultural Fieldman, left the Council Chambers.

**R-130305** The meeting reconvened at 11:26 a.m. having all Councillors in attendance.

Delegation(s) 11:26 a.m. Glenda Farnden, Sr. Municipal Relations Liaison, and Shannon Paquette, Municipal Relations Liaison, STARS Foundation, was invited into the Council Chambers to provide the STARS Foundation Annual Update.

There being no further discussion, Glenda Farnden, Sr. Municipal Relations Liaison, and Shannon Paquette, Municipal Relations Liaison, who thanked Council for their time and left the Council Chambers.

11:55 a.m. Sgt. D. Henry, Two Hills RCMP Detachment Commander, was invited into the Council Chambers to provide the Annual Performance Plan April 1, 2024 – April 1, 2025.

There being no further discussions, Sgt. D. Henry thanked Council for their time and left the Council Chambers.

Recess **S. DUTRISAC**  
That the meeting be recessed – time 12:12 p.m.

Motion Carried

The meeting reconvened at 1:01 p.m. having all Councillors in attendance.

Recreation Funding re: Discussion Deputy Reeve, D. Gulayec informed Council of discussions regarding the Recreation Funding in the Joint Municipalities Meeting March 13, 2024. Concerns regarding recreational funding, the residential footprint and how it can coincide with the Town of Two Hills, if possible and Bylaws.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-130306** **D. GULAYEC**  
That Administration investigate the Recreation Funding and bring back to a future Regular Council Meeting.

Motion Carried

Sandy Lake part-time Resident re: Request for Support The CAO informed Council the County of Two Hills received a request from a Sandy Lake resident for the pilot project by hosting a “Stay Long Weekend” market at the pavilion and campground including possibly live music and a food truck or coffee service. Should this market be successful, eventually the resident would like to use the market concept to raise some funds to build community notice board at Sandy Lake for the residents to share the information. The goal of this event is to bring more activities and community engagement. Additionally, the Sandy Lake resident is inquiring as to whether Council would consider calling it a community sanctioned event.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

**R-130307** **E. YAKEMCHUK**  
That the County of Two Hills Council support the Sandy Lake Pilot project “Stay Long Weekend” a community sanctioned event.

Motion Carried

Committees of Council Councillor, S. Dutrisac provided an update on Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) regarding their Agriculture for research and data as well as succession planning.

Councillor, S. Dutrisac provided an update on the Seed Cleaning Plant advising there was a meeting March 4, 2024.

Councillor, S. Dutrisac provided an update on Sports Activity Council (SAC) advising there was a meeting on March 5, 2024

Councillor, S. Dutrisac provided an update on the Two Hills Adult Learning Centre informing Council they are in collaboration with Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) for a one-day workshop April 13, 2024 as well informed Council they received an increase in funding.

Reeve, M. Phillips updated Council on Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) advising there was a meeting March 13, 2024 and there were four (4) candidates for one (1) vacancy for PAC Members. The operational grant has increased for 2024.

Reeve, M. Phillips updated Council on Lakeland Industry & Community Association (LICA) advising they are reaching out in the communities for programs, workshops, education, and events. The budget increased voluntarily by the Province.

Councillor, D. Saskiw provided an update on Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) advising there was a meeting February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 and they are having a “Skills Day”.

Councillor, D. Saskiw provided an update on the Northern Lights Library advising there was a meeting on March 6, 2024 at the Two Hills Library to raise money, the next meeting will be May 22, 2024.

Councillor, D. Saskiw provided an Airport Commission update, advising there was a meeting on February 26, 2024 and there will be a yearly inspection with NorthStar Electrical. The Provincial Budget for 2024 has been passed. There will be a Motorcycle drag racing event coming up.

Councillor, D. Saskiw provided an update on Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) advising there will be a fundraising event for purchase of the van.

Councillor, D. Saskiw provided an update on Alberta Health Services (AHS) advising there was a round table meeting March 8, 2024 regarding non profits funding, reducing electricity and crime prevention.

Discussion took place on the next Department Head Meeting and Regular Council Meeting dates; it was moved by:

**R-130308**

**E. YAKEMCHUK**

That the Department Head Meetings be held on Thursday April 4, 2024 and Regular Council Meeting be held on Thursday April 18, 2024 in the Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m. and the Public Meeting be held April 18, 2024 in the Committee Room at 7:00 p.m.

Motion Carried

The CAO informed Council of items to be discussed in Closed-Session as per Division 2, Section 16(a)(ii) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

T. Alexopoulos Recording Secretary left the Council Chambers.

**R-130309**

**E. YAKEMCHUK**

That the County of Two Hills meet in closed-session as per Division 2, Section 16(a)(ii) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* re: Personnel with all members in attendance -time 1:42 p.m.

Motion Carried

**R-130310**

**E. YAKEMCHUK**

That the County of Two Hills revert back to their Regular Council Meeting – time 3:55 p.m.

Motion Carried

**Correspondence & Information Items**

- Correspondence from Go East Travel & Tourism re: Collaboration got Tavel Alberta Grants.

**RMA:**

- Contact Newsletters –February 16, 2024 – March 1, 2024.

**Member Bulletins:**

- 2024-02-27 | Drought Webinars for Municipalities Now Open for Registration.
- 2024-02-28 | RMA Seeking Participants for Volunteerism Rural Alberta Study.
- 2024-02-29 | RMA Supportive of Most Changes to Renewable Energy Development in Alberta.
- 2024-03-01 | Alberta Budget 2024 – 2025: RMA Initial Analysis.
- 2024-03-07 | One Emergent Resolution Added to Spring 2024 Order Paper.
- 2024-03-07 | Plan Your Questions for the RMA Convention Ministerial Forums.
- 2024-03-07 | Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Engagement Underway.

Council having dealt with all items contained on the Meeting Agenda; it was moved by;

**R-130311**

**E. YAKEMCHUK**

That the meeting be adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Motion Carried

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