

WHEATLAND COUNTY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2020

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of the Council of Wheatland County, held via: Conference Call, on Friday, April 24, 2019, scheduled to commence at 12:00 P.M. with the following participants:

Reeve	A. Link, Division 2
Deputy Reeve:	S. Klassen, Division 5
Councillors:	J. Wilson, Division 1
	D. Biggar, Division 3
	T. Ikert, Division 4
	G. Koester, Division 6
	B. Armstrong, Division 7

Chief Administrative Officer:	B. Henderson
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GM of Community & Development Services	M. Boscariol
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GM of Transportation & Agriculture	M. Ziehr
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Recording Secretary:	M. Desaulniers
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Special Council Meeting

Under Section 194(1)(a) of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 Chapter M-26, the Chief Elected Official has called a Special Council meeting. The Special Council Meeting will be held via teleconference in accordance with section 199 of the Municipal Government Act. The Special Council Meeting will commence at 12:00 P.M.

Under Section 194(4) of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 Chapter M-26, a special council meeting may be held with less than 24 hours' notice to all Councillors and without notice to the public if at least 2/3 of the whole Council agrees to this in writing before the beginning of the meeting.

Reason For Meeting

The Special Council meeting was scheduled for the following reasons:

- In Camera Session, Brownlee LLP, Pursuant to Section 24 of the FOIP Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 Chapter F-25.
- Three Readings of Bylaw 2020-18, Tax Bylaw, Pursuant to Section 353 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 Chapter M-26.
- Review of property tax due dates and penalties, Pursuant to Section 334(1)(f), 344 and 345 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 Chapter M-26.

Call to Order

Reeve Link called the Special Council meeting to order – time 12:02 P.M. Note: members of County staff were present when the meeting was called to order. Reeve Link reviewed the process for the meeting and informed that the meeting may be recorded and posted on the official Wheatland County website and/or via social media.

Note: a copy of the agenda information package was provided to Council prior to the meeting.

RES. SCM-2020-04-01
Approval of
Agenda

BIGGAR MOVED approval of the Special Council Meeting Agenda, as provided.

- Carried.

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Prior to the closed session with legal counsel, Members of Council declared that they are in a private (secure) location for the purpose of participating in the closed session.

RES. SCM 2020-04-02

Closed Session

LINK MOVED that the meeting go into 'closed session' (in camera) – time 12:06 P.M., pertaining to the following: Legal Matter (FOIP Act – Sec. 24) – Re: Consultation with Legal Counsel (Brownlee LLP)

- Carried.

Participants in the closed session included the following: all members of Council, Chief Administrative Officer, General Manager of Community & Development Services, General Manager of Transportation & Agriculture, Legal Representatives (Brownlee).

Note: Due to other commitments, Councillor Armstrong left the meeting during the closed session – time 12:50 P.M.

RES. SCM 2020-04-03

Closed Session

BIGGAR MOVED that the meeting come out of 'closed session' – time 1:06 P.M.

- Carried.

RES. SCM 2020-04-04

Lakes of Muirfield/
0747744 B.C. Ltd.

KLASSEN MOVED approval of the following:

THAT Council direct administration and Wheatland County legal representation to pursue working with 0747744 B.C LTD ("The Developer") on negotiating, finalizing, and executing the "Transfer Commitment" and Collateral Completion Documents between Wheatland County and The Developer; and further

THAT the Transfer Commitment be effective for May 1, 2020 ("the Effective Date"), with all other steps and exchanges occurring in due course; and further

THAT the security and releases are tendered on or before the Effective Date, and release upon completion of all steps; and further

THAT administration report back to Council on the Completion Date with completed transfers including document exchange, and confirmation of Water Licenses issued to the County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Wheatland County assume operations and responsibility for the water system as of the "Effective Date".

- Carried.

Tax Rate Bylaw

CAO B. Henderson informed Council that a copy of the proposed Tax Rate Bylaw for 2020 was included in the agenda package. It was noted that this matter was previously discussed during the April 20th Planning & Priorities Session.

RES. SCM-2020-04-05

Property Tax Rate
Bylaw 2020-18

IKERT MOVED first reading of Bylaw 2020-18; this being a bylaw of Wheatland County to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within Wheatland County for the 2020 taxation year.

- Carried.

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RES. SCM-2020-04-06
Property Tax Rate
Bylaw 2020-18

WILSON MOVED second reading of Bylaw 2020-18; this being a bylaw of Wheatland County to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within Wheatland County for the 2020 taxation year.

- Carried.

RES. SCM-2020-04-07
Property Tax Rate
Bylaw 2020-18

KLASSEN MOVED that permission be granted to hold third and final reading of Bylaw 2020-18 on April 24, 2020.

- Carried Unanimously

RES. SCM-2020-04-08
Property Tax Rate
Bylaw 2020-18

BIGGAR MOVED third and final reading of Bylaw 2020-18; this being a bylaw of Wheatland County to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within Wheatland County for the 2020 taxation year.

- Carried.

Property Tax
Due Dates &
Penalty Dates

CAO B. Henderson informed Council of the option to revise the property tax due dates and penalty dates.

RES. SCM-2020-04-09
Property Tax
Due Dates &
Penalty Dates

KLASSEN MOVED that Council direct Administration to revise Bylaw 2010-16 to revise property tax due dates to August 31st, 2020 and penalty dates to September 1, 2020 and November 30, 2020.

- Carried.

RES. SCM-2020-04-10
Adjournment

KOESTER MOVED that the meeting adjourn – time 1:16 P.M.

- Carried.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer

Recording Secretary