

COUNTY OF TWO HILLS NO. 21 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 20, 2025

Meeting Called to Order Attendance	<p>The County Council Meeting was called to order by Reeve, M. Phillips at 10:07 a.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2025.</p> <p>Present were:</p> <div><div>D. Gulayec M. Phillips D. Saskiw S. Dutrisac E. Yakemchuk</div><div>S. Dary, CAO L. Ellingham, Executive Assistant C. Shaw, ESC</div></div>
Agenda	<p>The Agenda for the February 20, 2025, Council Meeting was presented for review and consideration, having the following additions being presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• FCSS Volunteer Grant• Regional Fire Agreement• Bonnyville Pumper and Tender Update• RCMP March 12 Update• Myrnam Royal Purple <p>There being no further additions; it was moved by:</p>
R-130610	<p><u>D. GULAYEC</u></p> <p>That the Agenda, inclusive of the additions, be approved as presented.</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
Previous Minutes	<p>The minutes of the January 29, 2025, Regular Council Meeting having been presented to each Councillor and each Councillor having declared to have received and read the minutes.</p> <p>S. Dutrisac requested that Resolution 130604 read, “That the Council of the County of Two Hills direct Administration to instruct the owner to remove the panels from the right of way until an application and successful approval for road closure has been received by the municipality.”</p>
R-130611	<p><u>S. DUTRISAC</u></p> <p>That the minutes of the January 29, 2025, Regular Council Meeting be approved as amended.</p> <p>Motion Carried</p> <p>Business Arising from the Minutes:</p>
Derwent Ag Society	<p>The CAO informed Council of the Derwent Ag Society’s request for a load of gravel at their Cabin Fever Live Auction February 22, 2025, was approved as per Donation Policy, ADM-DON-1.</p>
January 2025 Bank Rec	<p>The Bank Reconciliation report for the month ending January 2025 indicating a bank balance of \$2,904,841.40 was presented for review and consideration.</p>

Council having reviewed and discussed the January 2025 Bank Reconciliation report; it was moved by:

R-130612 **E. YAKEMCHUK**
That the Bank Reconciliation report for the month ending January 2025, as presented, reviewed and discussed by Council be approved, signed and incorporated into the minutes.

Motion Carried

R-130613 **D.SASKIW**
That the County of Two Hills write off Sequoia outstanding taxes in the amount of \$4,078,443.35.

Motion Carried

FCM
Conference. The CAO informed Council the 2025 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conferences to be held at the Rogers Centre, in Ottawa, Ontario from May 29 to June 1, 2025.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-130614 **D. GULAYEC**
That two Council members be authorized to attend the 2025 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference at Rogers Centre, in Ottawa, Ontario from May 29 to June 1, 2025.

Motion Carried

RMA Spring
Conference The CAO informed Council that the Annual RMA Spring Conference is to be held in Edmonton, Alberta on March 17-19, 2025, at the Edmonton Convention Centre.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-130615 **S. DUTRISAC**
That all Councillors, CAO and appointed staff be authorized to attend the Annual RMA Spring Conference in Edmonton, Alberta at the Edmonton Convention Centre, March 17-19, 2025.

Motion Carried

HR Services
agreement The CAO requested that Humanedge Recruitment & Consulting Services enter into a Human Resources Services Agreement with the County of Two Hills.

Council having discussed this item; it was tabled to the afternoon session.

Assessment
services The CAO informed Council that a Memorandum of Agreement was entered into between the County of Two Hills No. 21 and Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. for a one-year term, commencing April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022; and, that the County of Two Hills assessment services for 2022 – 2025 rates remained constant.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-130616 **D. GULAYEC**
That a Memorandum of Agreement be entered into between the County of Two Hills No. 21 and Accurate Assessment Group Ltd. for an additional three years, being 2025-2027.

Motion Carried

RCMP March
12 Update The CAO informed that the RCMP will be in attendance of the Joint Municipalities Meeting on March 12, 2025.

Birds and Bees The CAO updated Council on the Birds and Bees Irrigation project.

FCSS Volunteer
Grant Council Member D. Saskiw placed the FCSS Volunteer Grant on the table for discussion.

Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:

R-130617	<p><u>S. DUTRISAC</u> That the Council of County of Two provide a letter of Support for the FCSS Volunteer Grant.</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
Delegation 11:15 a.m.	<p>K. Kisilevich, Marketing & Development for Go East of Edmonton entered the Council Chambers.</p> <p>There being no further discussion, K. Kisilevich thanked Council for their time and left the Council Chambers.</p>
Myrnam Royal Purple	<p>M. Phillips informed Council the Myrnam Royal Purple 65th Anniversary will be held February 22, 2025, having the County providing a certificate in recognition of their Anniversary.</p>
R-130618	<p><u>D. SASKIW</u> That the meeting be recessed for lunch – time 12:04 p.m.</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
R-130619	<p><u>D. SASKIW</u> The meeting reconvened at 1:14 p.m. having all Councillors in attendance</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
Regional Fire Agreement Pumper and Tender Update	<p>C. Shaw ESC presented the County of Two Hills Regional Fire Agreements for review and consideration, having the ES Coordinator reviewing the said agreement further.</p> <p>C. Shaw, ESC informed Council of the Bonnyville Pumper and Tender, noting the said trucks must go through consignment or public auction.</p> <p>The CAO Informed a request was received from the owner of Lot 27, Block 14, Plan 7620924, be written off.</p> <p>Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:</p> <p><u>D. GULAYEC</u> That the request from the owner of Lot 27, Block 14, Plan 7620924 be accepted as information.</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
Derwent Post Office	<p>The CAO informed Council at the November 26, 2019, Regular Council Meeting Council was informed of the Derwent Post Office closure scheduled for November 29, 2019; and of the ongoing conversations with Canada Post to ensure the service remains, placing the Hamlet of Derwent municipal office as a lease option.</p> <p>Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:</p>
R-130620	<p><u>D. GULAYEC</u> That the County of Two Hills No. 21 extend the offer to lease the Municipal Office in the Hamlet of Derwent for the provision of a Post Office to December 31, 2025.</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
Land Lease Agreement re: N ½ Pt SW 20- 54-8-W4	<p>It was resolved at the January 29, 2025, Regular Council Meeting that the County of Two Hills post a tender for another 3-year lease for the lands located on N ½ Pt. SW-20-54-8-W4.</p> <p>Council having discussed this item; it was moved by:</p>

R-130621 **S. DUTRISAC**
That the County of Two Hills award the tender for N ½ Pt. SW 20-54-8 W4 for a three-year term, being December 31, 2025 – 2027 to highest bidder.

Motion Carried

Land Lease It was resolved at the January 29, 2025, Regular Council Meeting that the County of
Agreement re: Two Hills post a tender for another 3-year lease for the lands located on
SW 20-54-8-W4 SW 20-54-8-W4 & NW 20-54-8-W4.
& NW 20-54-8-
W4 Council having discussed these items; it was moved by:

R-130622 **S. DUTRISAC**
That the County of Two Hills award tender for SW 20-54-8-W4 & NW 20-54-8-W4, for a three-year term, being December 31, 2025 – 2027 to highest bidder.

Motion Carried

Reports

Reports Cont. Councillor, D. Gulayec informed Council of the Ace Water meeting in Lloydminster February 12, 2025, and the Brownlee virtual Law Seminar February 13, 2025.

Councillor, D. Saskiw informed Council of the Two Hills Landfill Commission meeting for PPP and Reynolds Mirth Law Seminar February 7, 2025, and the Brownlee virtual Law Seminar February 13, 2025.

Councillor, S. Dutrisac informed Council of the Adult Learning Council meeting on February 10, 2025, and the Brownlee virtual Law Seminar February 13, 2025.
Councillor
S. Dutrisac also informed Council of the Environmental Farm Program and the Eagle Hill Foundation on February 18, 2025, and Regional Economic Development meeting on February 21, 2025.

Reeve, M. Phillips informed Council of the CMA and Explorers Meeting on January 29, 2025, and the Brownlee virtual Law Seminar February 13, 2025.

Discussion took place on the next Council Meeting date; it was moved by:

S. DUTRISAC
That Department Head Meeting be at the call of the Chair and the next County Council Meeting be held Thursday, March 27, 2025.

Motion Carried

R-130623 **S. DUTRISAC**
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 3:04 p.m.

Motion Carried

R-130624 **D. SASKIW**
That the County of Two Hills revert back to their Regular Council Meeting – time 3:29 p.m.

Motion Carried

R-130625 **E. YAKEMCHUK**
That Policy Vacation Full Time Employees ADM PER-28 be amended as presented

Motion Carried

- **RMA Member Bulletins:**

- 2025-02-13 | *“Losing Bet” – Week 2.*
- 2025-02-07 | *Alberta Health Care System Refocus Engagement*
- 2025-02-07 | *“Losing Bet” – Week 1.*
- 2025-01-30 | *Monthly Resolution Update – January 2025*
- 2025-01-30 | *RMA Launches “Losing Bet” – A Charitable Gaming Campaign*
- 2025-01-21 | *Electronic Monitoring Program Introduced.*
- 2025-01-21 | *Plan Ahead for EOEP’s Munis 101 Course*
- 2025-01-21 | *RMA Releases Police Funding Model Member Resource*
- 2025-01-21 | *Launch of Educational Campaign for Albertans Considering Running for Municipal Office*
- 2025-01-21 | *2024 Resolution Status Update – Volume 2 Now Available.*
- 2025-01-16 | *Resolution Deadline for Spring 2025 Convention*
- 2025-01-16 | *RMA Submits Input into Budget 2025*
- 2025-01-16 | *Health Care System Refocusing Engagement Opportunity.*
- 2025-01-09 | *Register Today for EOEP’s Online Service Delivery Course*
- 2025-01-06 | *Water Availability Engagement Extended and Additional Townhall Announced*
- 2024-12-20 | *Canada Public Transit Fund Programs Now Accepting Applications*
- 2024-12-18 | *Community Aggregate Payment Levy Regulation Extension*
- 2024-12-13 | *Affordable Housing Partnership Program Webinar Recording*
- 2024-12-13 | *New Assessment Year Modifier Methodology Introduced for 2025*
- 2024-12-13 | *Below the Drill – Recap and Summary of Municipal Impacts*
- 2024-12-13 | *New RMA Report: The Case for a Sustainable Community Hospice Funding Model*
- 2024-12-6 | *Province Announces Regulatory Details Related to Renewable Energy Development Projects*
- 2024-12-6 | *New Extended Producer Responsibility Intake Announced*
- 2024-12-6 | *Water Availability Engagement Webinar for RMA Members*
- 2024-12-6 | *Extended Producer Responsibility Webinar*
- 2024-12-6 | *Attend an Affordable Housing Partnership Program Application Webinar with the Government of Alberta*
- 2024-12-6 | *RMA Legislative Update: Week of December 2 to 5, 2024*
- 2024-11-29 | *Government of Alberta Begins Engagement for Passenger Rail Master Plan*
- 2024-11-29 | *Government of Alberta Announces Changes to Growth Management Boards*
- 2024-11-29 | *RMA Legislative Update: Week of November 25 to 28, 2024*
- 2024-11-29 | *Application Period Now Open for Affordable Housing Partnership Program*
- 2024-11-29 | *Monthly Resolution Update – November 2024*
- 2024-11-22 | *Auditor General Releases Report on Alberta Seniors, Community and Social Services*
- 2024-11-22 | *RMA Legislative Update: Week of November 18 to 21, 2024*
- 2024-11-22 | *New Water Licensing System Requires Action from Some Water License Holders*
- 2024-11-15 | *Government of Alberta Announces Rural Health Grants*
- 2024-11-15 | *Government of Alberta Announces Police Funding Model Cost Freeze*
- 2024-11-15 | *RMA Fall 2024 Endorsed Resolutions*
- 2024-11-15 | *Applications Open for the Ethnocultural Grant and Anti-Racism Grant Programs*
- 2024-11-01 | *Below the Drill – Week 6*

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

R-130626

E. YAKEMCHUK

That the meeting be adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Motion Carried

REEVE

CAO