

COUNTY OF PAINTEARTH NO. 18
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023

The Regular meeting of the Council of the County of Paintearth No. 18 held in Council chambers in the municipal office on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Reeve:	Stan Schulmeister
Councillors:	George Glazier, Dale Norton, Terry Vockeroth, Maurice Wiat, Sandy Shipton, Diane Elliott
Chief Administrative Officer:	Michael Simpson
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer:	Lana Roth
Director of Community Services:	Todd Pawsey
Director of Environmental Services:	Jeff Cosens
Director of Public Works:	Bryce Cooke
Community Bylaw Officer:	Colm Fitz-Gerald
Executive Assistant:	Kaitlyn Kenney

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Schulmeister called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

11.28.23. 404

Regular Council Meeting Agenda – November 28, 2023 - MOVED by Councillor Glazier for adoption of the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of November 28, 2023, with the following additions:

6I – Staff Subsistence Allowance Policy HR 018;
6J – RFD - 2024 Upcoming Council Meeting Dates; and,
6K – RFD - Write-off 2019 Outstanding Taxes Customer Number FOR009 – Roll No. 46001120, 46001121, 70004060, 70004070, 70004080, 70009240, and 70011380.

Carried

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

11.28.23. 405

Regular County Council Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2023 - MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiat for the adoption of the minutes of the Regular County Council Meeting held on November 15, 2023.

Carried

PUBLIC HEARING:

None.



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DELEGATIONS:

None.

BUSINESS:

- 11.28.23.406 RFD – International Union of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 955 re: Amendments (ratification) – MOVED by Councillor Vockeroth that the County of Painteath ratify the International Union of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 955 Amendments to Article 9: Annual Vacation Leave and Article 11: Sick Leave, commencing September 30, 2023, this 28th day of November, 2023.
Carried
- 11.28.23.407 RFD – Crowfoot Crossing Industrial Park Site Development Proposal for Preliminary Engineering Services – MOVED by Councillor Norton that the County of Painteath approve MPE’s Preliminary Engineering Services proposal for Crowfoot Crossing Industrial Park Site Development for \$35,000.00, entering into agreement this 28th day of November, 2023; funding the same from reserves.
Carried
- 11.28.23.408 RFD – Municipally Controlled Corporation, Rural Connect Ltd. – MOVED by Councillor Elliott that the County of Painteath That Council authorize Painteath County and Rural Connect Ltd. to establish a municipally controlled corporation (MCC) for the purpose of providing broadband data utility services and related support services in accordance with Sec. 75 of Municipal Government Act and register the Corporation in accordance with the Business Corporations Act. Prior to establishing the Municipally Controlled Corporation, Administration is directed to conduct final legal review and to make amendments and improve formatting, correct typographical errors and make minor amendments such as updates to the table of contents. Any amendments impacting the substance of any agreement or establishing document will be directed back to Council. The effective date of establishment of the Municipally Controlled Corporation will be determined by the Chief Administrative Officer based on completion of reviews required by Council.
Carried
- 11.28.23.409 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiart that the County of Painteath, concurrent with terms of the Unanimous Shareholder Agreement and Corporate requirements for Connect to receive an appointed Director nomination from Painteath County, that the office of Chief Administrative Officer be appointed as a Director to serve on the Board of Directors for Rural Connect Ltd.
Carried
- 11.28.23.410 MOVED by Councillor Vockeroth that the County of Painteath That Council be resolved as shareholders to authorize Rural Connect Ltd. to construct and operate broadband assets within the Village of Halkirk, estimated to cost \$437,183.39 to be funded from the County’s Municipal Broadband Reserve for construction in the 2024 construction season.
Carried



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- 11.28.23.411 **MOVED** by Councillor Elliott that the County of Paintearth That Council be resolved as shareholders to authorize Rural Connect Ltd. to construct and operate broadband assets within the hamlet of Brownfield, estimated to cost \$223,475 to be funded from the County's Municipal Broadband Reserve for construction in the 2024 construction season.
- Carried
- 11.28.23.412 **MOVED** by Councillor Shipton that the County of Paintearth That Council be resolved as shareholders to authorize Rural Connect Ltd. to construct and operate broadband assets within the County of Paintearth, estimated to cost \$223,475 to be funded from the County's Municipal Broadband Reserve for construction in the 2024 construction season.
- Carried
- 11.28.23.413 **MOVED** by Councillor Glazier that the County of Paintearth apply for the new intake of the Alberta Broadband Fund once open as determined by the province for major project funding relating to the construction of a fiber-optic backbone connecting all three urban communities within Paintearth County as part of its contribution to Rural Connect. Ltd.
- Carried
- 11.28.23.414 *RFD – County of Paintearth Re-organization* – **MOVED** by Councillor Norton that the County of Paintearth amend the Organizational Chart as presented this 28th day of November 2023; having the following positions, inclusive of job descriptions and salary grids, be Strategic Initiatives Manager, Finance Manager and Finance Clerk.
- Carried
- 11.28.23.415 *RFD – Roll No. 70005980 Land & Property Rights Tribunal Decision* – **MOVED** by Deputy Reeve Wiart that the County of Paintearth move \$707,552.92 from restricted surplus operating contingency to unrestricted surplus to fund the Land and Property Rights Tribunal decision for Roll No. 70005980 from June 28, 2023.
- Carried
- 11.28.23.416 *RFD – Bylaw Enforcement – Traffic Control Devices re: 'Stop Signs' for TWP 400/402* – **MOVED** by Councillor Norton that the County of Paintearth install temporary North/South traffic Control Devices along Township 400 at the intersections of Range Roads 143 – 154 and along Township 402 at the intersections of Range Roads 143 – 152 for the duration of local construction projects; having Administration enter discussions with appropriate the parties for the installation cost of the same.
- Carried
- 11.28.23.417 *RFD – Northern and Regional Economic Development Program re: Agri-Class* – **MOVED** by Councillor Norton that the County of Paintearth apply to the 2023-2024 Northern and Regional Economic Development Program for the Agri-Class Project, being a grant of \$100,000.00; having the County contribute up to \$50,000.00 for the same.
- Carried
- 11.28.23.418 *Councilor Remuneration, Expenses and Benefits Policy LE 002* – **MOVED** by Councillor Glazier that the County of Paintearth approve Councilor Remuneration, Expenses and Benefits Policy LE 002, as amended, this 28th day of November, 2023.
- Carried



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- 11.28.23.419 Staff Subsistence Allowance Policy HR 018 – MOVED by Councillor Norton that the County of Paintearth approve Staff Subsistence Allowance Policy HR 018, as amended, this 28th day of November, 2023.
Carried
- 11.28.23.420 2024 Upcoming Council Meeting Dates – MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiart that the County of Paintearth set the following dates for upcoming Regular Council meetings, being January 3 and 16, 2024; February 6 and 24, 2024; and, March 5, 2024.
Carried
- 11.28.23.421 RFD - Write-off 2019 Outstanding Taxes Customer Number FOR009 – Roll No. 46001120, 46001121, 70004060, 70004070, 70004080, 70009240, and 70011380 – MOVED by Councillor Vockeroth that the County of Paintearth cancel tax arrears applied to Roll No. 46001120, 46001121, 70004060, 70004070, 70004080, 70009240, and 70011380 for a total of \$38,960.46.
Carried

BYLAWS:

- 11.28.23.422 Bylaw No. 716-23 Land Use Bylaw - Amendment - MOVED by Councillor Glazier that Bylaw No. 716-23, being the Land Use Bylaw Amendment for the County of Paintearth, be given First reading this 28th day of November, 2023, and having the same published in advance of the statutory public hearing.
Carried
- 11.28.23.423 Bylaw No. 717-23 The Procedure Bylaw – MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiart that Bylaw No. 717-23, being the Procedure Bylaw for the County of Paintearth, be given First reading this 28th day of November, 2023.
Carried
- 11.28.23.424 Bylaw No. 717-23 The Procedure Bylaw – MOVED by Councillor Norton that Bylaw No. 717-23, being the Procedure Bylaw for the County of Paintearth, be given Second reading this 28th day of November, 2023.
Carried
- 11.28.23.425 Bylaw No. 717-23 The Procedure Bylaw – MOVED by Councillor Glazier that authority to proceed with Third and Final reading of Bylaw No. 717-23 be given this 28th day of November, 2023.
Carried
- 11.28.23.426 Bylaw No. 717-23 The Procedure Bylaw – MOVED by Councillor Elliott that Bylaw No. 717-23, being the Procedure Bylaw for the County of Paintearth, be given Third and Final reading this 28th day of November, 2023.
Carried

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

- 11.28.23.427 Councillor Reports – MOVED by Councillor Shipton to adopt the verbal Councillor Reports as information.
Carried

Recess – the meeting recessed at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10:27 a.m.



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ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

- 11.28.23.428 Chief Administrative Officer's Report – MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiart to adopt the Chief Administrative Officer's Report as presented. Carried
- 11.28.23.429 Assistant Chief Administrative Officer's Report – MOVED by Councillor Norton to adopt the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer's Report as presented. Carried
- 11.28.23.430 Paintearth Wind Project LP re: Community Benefits Agreement – MOVED by Councillor Vockeroth the County of Paintearth ratify the Community Benefits Agreement with Paintearth Wind Project LP, commencing October 25, 2023, this 28th day of November, 2023. Carried
- 11.28.23.431 Director of Community Services' Report – MOVED by Councillor Norton to adopt the Director of Community Services' Report as presented. Carried

FINANCIAL:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 11.28.23.432 County of Vermilion River re: 2023-2024 Council Appointments – MOVED by Councillor Glazier that the correspondence from County of Vermilion River be received and filed. Carried
- 11.28.23.433 Red Deer River Watershed Alliance re: Municipal Support for the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance – MOVED by Councillor Vockeroth that the County of Paintearth contribute \$995.00, based on \$0.50 per capita and 2021 Canada Census Statistics, to Red Deer River Watershed Alliance; having the correspondence from the same received and filed. Carried
- 11.28.23.434 Paintearth Economic Partnership Society re: Paintearth Economic Partnership Society Membership – MOVED by Councillor Shipton that the County of Paintearth remain a member of Paintearth Economic Partnership Society; having correspondence from the same be received and filed. Carried

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS:

- 11.28.23.435 Closed Session - MOVED by Councillor Glazier that Council move to Closed-Session at 10:45 a.m. to discuss items under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter F-25: Part 1, Div. 2, Sec. 23(1)(a). Carried



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Councillor Glazier declared pecuniary interest and exited chambers at 11:16 a.m. and returned at 11:20 a.m.

11.28.23.436

Open Meeting - MOVED by Councillor Norton that Council return to an Open Meeting at 12:11 p.m.

Carried

Recess – the meeting recessed at 12:11 p.m. to allow return of the public.

Reconvene – the meeting reconvened at 12:12 p.m. with no public present.

ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment – Reeve Schulmeister adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

These minutes approved this 12 day of December, 2023.



Reeve



Chief Administrative Officer