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**Town of Big River
Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2023 – Regular Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Big River was held in the Community Centre Board Room, 606 1st Street North, on February 21, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

Present:

Mayor: David Krawetz
Councillors: Rick Croshaw
Chad Dunn
Sandra Gilbert
Lana Meyers
Administrator: Noreen Olsen

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Mayor David Krawetz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

AGENDA

RES#26/23

Gilbert: THAT the February 21, 2023 Agenda be adopted as amended.
Carried.

MAINTENANCE & SEWER & WATER REPORTS

RES#27/23

Meyers: THAT the regular written Sewer and Water and Maintenance reports to January 31, 2023, be accepted.
Carried.

2023 CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR SUNDAY/HOLIDAY CHECKS AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, SEWER LIFT STATION, AND AERODROME

RES#28/23

Croshaw: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River enter into agreement with Chad Gunderson for Sunday/Holiday checks at the water treatment plant, sewer lift station, and aerodrome.
Carried.

ASPHALT CRUSHING

RES#29/23

Gilbert: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River has no objection to the quote from B.C.E Earthworks for concrete crushing including:
• Cost sharing with the R.M. of Big River No. 555 for the concrete at the landfill;
• Approximately 200-250 yards of the Town's asphalt; and
• Cost sharing a mobilization charge of \$5000.00 with the R.M. of Big River No. 555 and Carrier Forest Products Ltd.
Carried.

QUOTE FROM FLOCOR – WATER AND SEWER SUPPLIES

RES#30/23

Gilbert: THAT quote from Flocor for water and sewer supplies in the amount of \$14,446.28 for water and sewer supplies be approved.
Carried.



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DELEGATIONS

Sgt. Heath Robinson, RCMP Detachment attended the meeting from 10:05 a.m. to 10:44 a.m.

**ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLANS FOR 2022-2023 – BIG RIVER R.C.M.P DETACHMENT
RES#31/23**

Croshaw: Regarding the R.C.M.P. Annual Performance Plans for 2022-2023, THAT the Council of the Town of Big River identifies the following as problem areas and needs of our community and request the R.C.M.P to focus their resources and related police service in their next fiscal year:

- drug trafficking/use;
- continue to visit the schools to take part in events and interagency meetings;
- the increase of rural and property crime;
- making their presence known by routing around town as opposed to using the most direct routes to get from A to B;
- continuing with the initiative to decrease impaired driving and distracted driving; and
- traffic enforcement along Highway 55 including speed limit and no parking zones, be monitored more often due to safety concerns;

Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RES#32/23

Gilbert: THAT the minutes of the January 17, 2023, regular meeting be adopted as presented.
Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND BANK RECONCILIATION

RES#33/23

Croshaw: THAT the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of January 2023 be acknowledged.
Carried.

RES#34/23

Meyers: THAT the Bank Reconciliation for the month of January 2023 be acknowledged.
Carried.

RES#35/23

Croshaw: THAT the Journal Entries for the month of January 2023 be acknowledged.
Carried.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

TOWN REGULAR

RES#36/23

Meyers: THAT accounts for approval to include cheque nos. 19948 through 20028 for a total of \$234,936.61 be approved for payment.
Carried.



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CORRESPONDENCE

RES#37/23

Meyers: THAT Correspondence be filed as presented.
Carried.

DOG CATCHER

RES#38/23

Croshaw: THAT advertisement be made to take applications for the position of Dog Catcher for the
Town of Big River.
Carried.

BOARDS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

**BIG RIVER & DISTRICT RECREATION AND CULTURAL BOARD
MEMBER AT LARGE**

RES#39/23

Croshaw: As recommended by the Big River & District Recreation and Cultural Board, THAT the
Council of the Town of Big River has no objection to the appointment of Dana Kennedy
and James Fraser as members at large for a two-year term with one of these members being
a non-voting member.
Carried.

SOUND SYSTEM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE HALL

RES#40/23

Meyers: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River has no objection to the request from the
Recreation and Cultural Board to assist with funding for a new sound system and projector
for the Big River Community Centre Hall.
Carried.

REGIONAL PARK GARBAGE BIN AND TIPPING FEES

RES#41/23

Dunn: THAT a letter be sent to the Big River Regional Park Authority from the Big River &
District Recreation and Cultural Board advising them that they will be responsible for
future costs associated with purchasing their own garbage bins and tipping fees.
Carried.

RESIGNATION OF FACILITY EMPLOYEE – LEANNA CAMPSALL

RES#42/23

Gilbert: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River acknowledges the written resignation from
Facility Employee, Leanna Campsall, dated February 15, 2023.
Carried.



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BIG RIVER & DISTRICT FIRE COMMITTEE

Doug Panter has been appointed as Chairperson and Dave Krawetz has been appointed as Vice-Chairperson of the Big River & District Fire Committee for 2023.

FIRE/RESCUE UNIT

RES#43/23

Croshaw: The Town Council consensus is that it is time for a new Fire/Rescue Unit, and that it be discussed with the R.M. of Big River No. 555 and THAT we research prices and financing options.
Carried.

BIG RIVER & DISTRICT FIRE COMMITTEE 2023 BUDGET

RES#44/23

Meyers: THAT the 2023 Big River and District Fire Committee Budget be accepted as presented
Carried.

TRANSPORTATION RESCUE EXTRICATION (TRES) PROGRAM

RES#45/23

Gilbert: THAT it be acknowledged that the TRES application has been made for Level 2 Auto Extrication as described in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1006 Standard Vehicle Rescue Technician Level (scenarios such as accidents involving buses, farm machinery or heavy commercial vehicles).
Carried.

Council recessed from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

the following members have been appointed to the Big River Cemetery Committee:

- o Bruce Reed- Chairperson
- o Lana Meyers-Vice-Chairperson
- o Sharon Bradley- Member At Large
- o Dode Dunn- Member At Large
- o Dorothy Kuxhaus- Member At Large
- o Coby Wilson – Member At Large

BIG RIVER CEMETERY COMMITTEE 2023 BUDGET

RES#46/23

Meyers: THAT the Big River Cemetery Committee 2023 budget be accepted as presented.
Carried.

BIG RIVER AND DISTRICT EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION 2023 BUDGET

RES#47/23

Dunn: THAT the 2023 Big River and District Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) budget of \$5,000.00 for the year be approved to cover SEPA and the cost of committee meetings, with the Town and RM for an equal contribution of \$2,500.00 each.
Carried.



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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

RES#48/23

Gilbert: THAT maintenance Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) costs be purchased and submitted for reimbursement in the same calendar year.
Carried.

RES#49/23

Gilbert: That the Board/Committee Reports be filed as presented.
Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

1:30 p.m. to receive comments and submissions relating to amendment to Zoning Bylaw.
Public Hearing on adopting a bylaw pursuant to Section 207 of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 2015-02, known as the Zoning Bylaw – Part 14, C2-Arterial Commercial District Section 14.2 Discretionary Uses to add: is to add A Cannabis Retail Store as a Discretionary Use in the C2-Arterial Commercial District.

Clay Sparks, Flower Power, Cannabis Pharm Inc. attended the public hearing surrounding the adopting of the amended bylaw.

OLD BUSINESS

Nil.

NEW BUSINESS

APRIL 2023 COUNCIL MEETING DATE

RES#50/23

Gilbert: Due to the SUMA Convention dates, THAT the April 2023 Council meeting be scheduled for April 11, 2023.
Carried.

2023 ASSESSMENT ROLL

RES#51/23

Croshaw: THAT it be acknowledged that pursuant to subsection 214 of *The Municipalities Act*, that the assessment roll for the Town of Big River for the year 2023 has been prepared and will be open to inspection in the office of the Assessor from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive until April 17, 2023.
Carried.

BYLAWS

BYLAW 2023-01 A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF BIG RIVER TO AMEND BYLAW 2015-02 ZONING BYLAW

RES#52/23

Gilbert: THAT Bylaw 2023-01 A Bylaw of The Town of Big River to Amend Bylaw 2015-02 Zoning Bylaw be read a first time.
Carried.



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NEXT MEETING DATE


Tuesday, March 21, 2023 @ 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor David Krawetz adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.



Mayor



Administrator