

VILLAGE OF BIG VALLEY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 24, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.
Village Office, 29 1st Avenue South, Big Valley, Alberta
Via ZOOM Meeting

PRESENT: Mayor Clark German, Councillors Art Tizzard, Harry Nibourg and
CAO/Recording Secretary Tracy Mindus

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor German called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

AGENDA:
RES 21-11-141 Moved by Councillor Tizzard
That the meeting agenda be approved with the following addition:
8. J – Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Committee

CARRIED

MINUTES:
RES 21-11-142 Moved by Councillor Nibourg
That the following council meeting minutes be approved as presented:

- May 27, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes;
- June 10, 2021 Special Council Meeting Minutes.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:
**Investment Options
for Reserves
RES 21-12-143** Moved by Mayor German
That the Village of Big Valley Council direct Administration to reach out to
other municipalities to inquire where they invest their reserve monies and
their process.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:
**Bill C-21
RES 21-11-144** Moved by Mayor German
That the Village of Big Valley Council make a resolution concerning Bill C-21,
An Act to amend certain consequential amendments (firearms), specifically
Amendment 26, Section (58.01 (1-8), Conditions – Bylaw.

WHEREAS municipalities have never been responsible for gun control laws in
Canada;

AND WHEREAS law abiding Village of Big Valley residents who own legal
handguns have already been thoroughly vetted through the CFSC, PAL and
ATT applications;

AND WHEREAS illegal gun owners and smugglers do not respect postal
codes;

AND WHEREAS if one municipality enacts a ban and not a neighbouring
municipality, this will create patchwork of by-laws;

AND WHEREAS a municipal ban would be difficult to enforce and easy to get
around.



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Big Valley is OPPOSED to the adoption of any by-laws restricting the possession, storage and transportation of legally obtained handguns;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the following public officials: MP Chris Lewis-essex, MPP Taras Natyshak-Esses, Premier of Ontario The Honorable Doug Ford, Leader of the Official Opposition Andrea Horwath, Prime Minister of Canada The Honorable Justin Trudeau, and Leader of Official Opposition The Honorable Erin O'Toole.

**Big Valley Street
Dance
RES 21-72-145**

Moved by Councillor Nibourg
That the Village of Big Valley Council approve the request to hold a Street Dance on Saturday, August 28, 2021 recognizing that Main Street from Railway Avenue up to approximately the Community Hall Main Entrance will be closed to traffic and FURTHER THAT the Canada Day activities will be held on the same day in conjunction with the Street Dance.

CARRIED

CARRIED

**Community Garden
Concern
RES 21-72-146**

Moved by Mayor German
That the Village of Big Valley Council receive the Community Garden concern for information.

CARRIED

**Big Valley
Campground
RES 21-72-147**

Moved by Councillor Nibourg
That the Village of Big Valley Council receive the Big Valley Campground for information

CARRIED

**Water Tower Colors
RES 21-41-148**

Moved by Mayor German
That the Village of Big Valley Council approve red with white trim and black roof colors for the exterior of the water tower reservoir and further that the colors match as closely coordinated to the existing pump house.

CARRIED

**Office Hours Policy
11-01-21
RES 21-12-149**

Moved by Councillor Tizzrd
That the Village of Big Valley Council approve Policy 11-01-21, Office Hours, and further that the Policy be implemented into the Village of Big Valley Policy Handbook.

CARRIED

**Public Washrooms
RES 21-32-150**

Moved by Councillor Nibourg
That the Village of Big Valley Council approve opening the Village of Big Valley Public Washrooms effective immediately and further that Councillor Nibourg will maintain the public washrooms from June 24, 2021 up to June 28, 2021.

CARRIED

**Local Business
Coupon Program
RES 21-72-151**

Moved by Councillor Nibourg
That the Village of Big Valley Council direct Administration to implement the local business coupon program using the same criteria as last year and further that the books be \$35 instead of \$50 and further the funds are to come out of FCSS grant funding.

CARRIED

**Capital Budget:
Paving vs. Sewer Line
Repairs
RES 21-12-152**

Moved by Councillor Nibourg
That the Village of Big Valley Council direct Administration and Public Works to look into options for QA and QC skillsets with current structured plan and prioritize the plan and further that the paving is amended to exclude 3rd Street South and Fourth Avenue.

CARRIED

**Shirley McClellan
Regional Water
Services Commission
RES 21-41-153**

Moved by Councillor Nibourg
That the Village of Big Valley Council authorize the Shirley McClellan Regional Water Services Commission (SMRWSC) Operators to work on municipal equipment, under the supervision of the Public Works Foreman, in regards to the Village of Big Valley Water Tower repair project, AND FURTHER THAT the Village of Big Valley shall at all times indemnify and save harmless the Commission and any of its officers, employees, contractors or agents from and against all claims and demands, losses, costs, damages, actions, suits or other proceedings by whomsoever made, brought or prosecuted, in any manner based upon, occasioned by or attributable to the execution of work or advice provided by the Commission in good-faith.
t the Village of Big Valley Council

CARRIED

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Recess from 2:30 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.

**REPORTS:
RES 21-12-154**

Moved by Councillor Nibourg
That the following staff and committee reports be received for information:

- CAO Mindus Report;
- Public Works Interim Foreman Report, Tammy Rotvik
- Water Committee Report;
- Council Committee Reports – Mayor German attended the PCPS Annual Meeting and Stettler Waste Management Authority Meeting and Councillor Tizzard attended the Stettler Housing meeting.

CARRIED

**FINANCE:
Recreation
Committee
RES 21-72-155**

Moved by Mayor German
That the Village of Big Valley Council direct Administration to advertise in the Whistle and on Facebook an ad for implementing a Village Recreation Committee.

CARRIED

**Finance Info.
RES 21-12-156**

Moved by Councillor Tizzard
That the Financial Information for the period of May 1-31, 2021 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**ITEMS OF
INFORMATION:**

**Canadian Northern
Society – BV Sign
Replacement**

Moved by Councillor Nibourg



RES 21-12-157 That the Village of Big Valley Council direct Administration to send a letter to Shawn thanking him for his continued commitment in ensuring the appearance at the Canadian Northern Society site is well maintained.

CARRIED

**Energy Management
– Grant Funding
Opportunities
RES# 21-12-158** Moved by Mayor German
That the Village of Big Valley Council direct Administration to have a representative from AUMA attend the August regular council meeting to address the grant opportunities presented.

CARRIED

**Closed Session
RES 21-12-159** Moved by Councillor Nibourg
That the Village of Big Valley Council go into Closed session pursuant to Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* at 3:38 p.m. to discuss: FOIP – Section 17 – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy.

CARRIED

**Closed Session
RES 21-12-160** Moved by Councillor Tizzard
That the Village of Big Valley Council come out of closed session at 4:02 p.m.

CARRIED

**CAO Remote Work
Policy and CAO
Contract
RES 21-12-161** Moved by Councillor Nibourg
That the Village of Big Valley Council revise the CAO agreement to include a trial period for the CAO remote work portion to give more security to the Village of Big Valley and to CAO Mindus.

CARRIED

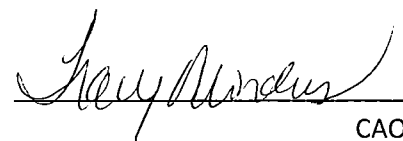
**Adjournment
RES 21 -11-162** Moved by Councillor Tizzard
That the regular meeting of Council adjourn at 4:10 p.m.

CARRIED

These council meeting minutes were approved on the 22nd day of July, 2021.



Mayor



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