

**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the council of the R.M. of Arm River, No. 252 held in Council Chambers at the R.M. Office in Davidson, SK on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 commencing at 8:30 a.m.**

**Present:** Reeve Wayne Obrigewitsch and Councillors Blaine Smith, David Gregor, Brian Schmidt, Allan McNabb, Brian Vibert and CAO Yvonne (Bonny) Goodsman

**Regrets:** Councillor Kris Williams

- 225/23 Call to Order:** Wayne Obrigewitsch: That as a quorum is present the meeting is called to order.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 226/23 Agenda:** Blaine Smith: That the agenda be adopted as presented.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- No Conflicts of Interest were declared at this time regarding agenda items.**
- 227/23 Minutes:** Allan McNabb: That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 11, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. be hereby accepted as presented.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 228/23 Rail Cross:** Brian Schmidt: That CN be notified of repairs needed to railway crossing located at SE 15-26-29 W2.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 229/23 Membership:** Blaine Smith: That RM252 Council authorizes purchasing a 2023-2024 Membership with Federation of Canadian Municipalities for \$204.21.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Councillor Smith left the meeting at 8:38 am.**
- 230/23 Pressure Washer:** David Gregor: That discussion on Pressure Washer Information be deferred until September 2023 Council Meeting.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Councillor Smith reattended the meeting at 8:39 am.**
- 231/23 Correspond:** Allan McNabb: That correspondence be acknowledged as received and accepted as presented and be filed:
- D. Skoropad - Newsletter
  - SARM – Newsletter (July 25/23)
  - CN – 2023 Rail Safety Week
  - Town of Davidson – Newsletter & Info
  - Plant Health Network - Summer Newsletter
  - Fed. Of Cdn. Municipalities – Membership
  - Water Blast Manufacturing LP – Pressure washer info.
  - SARM – Newsletter (August 1/23)
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 232/23 Financials:** Allan McNabb: That Accounts Paid, Statement of Financial Activities, and Employee Payroll Summary for the month of July 2023 be hereby approved as presented and are attached to and form a part of these minutes.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 233/23 Bank Recs:** Blaine Smith: That council approves the July 2023 Bank Reconciliation as presented by CAO.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 234/23 A/P:** Brian Schmidt: That the Accounts Payable and Employee Payroll Summary for the month of August be approved for payment and are attached to and form part of these minutes.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Aaron and Christina Button representing Button Custom Cutting Ltd attended the meeting at 8:55 am**

- Suggested a tentative fall cut start date for September 15, 2023

**Mr. and Ms. Button left the meeting at 9:20 am.**

**Councillor Smith left the meeting at 9:27 am.**

**Reeve Obrigewitsch rescinded chair and left the meeting at 9:27am.**

**Deputy Reeve Allan McNabb assumed chair at 9:27am.**

**Councillor Smith reattended the meeting at 9:3 am.**

**Deputy Reeve Allan McNabb rescinded chair at 9:37am.**

**Reeve Obrigewitsch reattended the meeting and assumed chair at 9:37am.**

**235/23 RIRG:** Allan McNabb: That RM252 Council authorizes CAO to apply with SARM under the RIRG Capital Project Funding Agreement for an interim payment on Girvin Grid East Project. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**236/23 MAIP:** Brian Schmidt: That council acknowledges receipt of information on Rural Municipal Administrator Internship Program and request from individual to consider establishing an internship. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Outside Employee Taylor Muirhead attended the meeting at 9:43 am at council's request**

**Mr. Muirhead left the meeting at 9:55 am**

**Councillor Smith presented a report on the Fire Board Meeting**

**237/23 Report:** Brian Vibert: That Fire Board Meeting Report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**238/23 Pump:** David Gregor: That RM252 Council authorizes purchasing a new water pump from Aquifer Distribution for an estimated \$2519.04 for the Reservoir Well located on NE 21-26-28 W2. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**239/23 Gravel:** Brian Vibert: That council acknowledges receipt of 2023 gravel haul and spread map. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**240/23 Rd Repairs:** Allan McNabb: That council defer discussion on road repairs along Twp Rd 262 and Range Road 2272 to September 2023 Meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**241/23 Weed Insp:** Allan McNabb: That council accepts the weed inspector Mr. Doug Patience information as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Councillor Smith left the meeting at 10:35 am**

**Councillor Gregor presented a report on pest control issue.**

**242/23 Report:** Allan McNabb: That pest control issue report be accepted as presented. Further, pest control officer to monitor the situation and council authorizes purchase of 10 additional bait stations. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**243/23 Rd Maint:** Allan McNabb: That Council authorizes Reeve and CAO to sign Road Haul Maintenance Agreement 02/2023. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**244/23 Cemetery:** Allan McNabb: That Councillor McNabb be given authority to talk to the landowner of NE 22-25-29 W2 regarding the R.M. purchasing land to proceed with subdivision at the Girvin Cemetery site as required for registration of the cemetery. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**245/23 Girvin:** Allan McNabb: That council accepts the tender from Donald Allan Kirk for the purchase of Lots 15,16,17,18, Blk 16 in Girvin, SK. for \$500.00 each or \$2000.00 **DEFEATED**

**246/23 Development:** David Gregor: That council approves Development Permit RM252-D01-2023 with the following stipulations:

The proposed development encompasses the relocation of a vintage house to be solely utilized for an individual who is engaged in the existing agricultural operation:

1. The proposed development, as attached, is in compliance with the municipalities zoning Regulations for the Agriculture District and is a "conforming building" providing adherence to the following standards and conditions:
2. Under section 5.4 (e) (i) The minimum setback of buildings, including a residence, from the centerline of a developed road, municipal road allowance, or provincial highway shall be 46 m
3. Under Section 5.4 (e) (ii) The minimum set back of buildings, including a residence, from the intersection of the centerlines of two or more municipal road right-of-ways shall be 92m.
4. Under Section 5.4 (e) (iii) Trees, shrubs, stone piles, portable structures, machinery or other objects, such as wells, dugouts, or reservoirs on private property shall also adhere to the regulations in 5.4(e)(i) an 5.4(e)(ii).

5. Tree rows and shrub lines that were in existence as at the date of the enactment of the Zoning Bylaw of the R.M. of Arm River, No. 252 are accepted as existing nonconforming uses as allowed under Section 3.4 and all nonconforming uses shall follow the provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2007.
6. Under Section 5.4 (d) (i) All development requiring a development permit will require access to a developed road.
7. Under Section 5.4 (d) (ii) For the purposes of Bylaw “developed road” shall mean an existing paved or graded all-weather road on a registered right of way, or a road for which arrangement have been made with Council to provide for the construction of the road on a registered right of way to a standard approved by Council. Per this section, the applicant must reach an agreement with council regarding the all-weather roadway access prior to this permit coming into force.
8. The R.M. requires the applicants to adhere to Plumbing regulations and that a Plumbing Permit and inspection by the appropriate authority will be conducted to conform to same to ensure adequate water and wastewater infrastructure.
9. Further, this Development Permit is given under the stipulation that this residence being located on the NW 31-25-28 W2 is to be utilized solely and specifically as a residence for occupation by a person who is engaged in the agricultural operation of the landowners.
10. As there is an existing residence on this site, this residence shall be subject to the following:
  - If renovated, there is a permit required;
  - If demolished, there is a permit required;
  - If there will be someone living in it and to avoid taxation, that individual needs to be engaged in the existing agricultural operation and the attached documentation completed and submitted to the RM Office due by March 15 of each year.

Please note that this permit expires on August 31, 2024 whereupon a substantial (greater than 50%) amount of the construction and establishment of the proposed activity should be complete and is given under the provisions that all other Federal and Provincial Government Agencies’ regulations, requirements and approval have been acquired, all National and Provincial Building Standards will be met and satisfied and under the additional provision that the individuals are aware that the placement of any and all buildings and development on site is at their sole responsibility and risk as far as flooding, accessibility and liability are concerned. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**247/23 Disaster:** **Brian Schmidt:** That Council declares an Agriculture Disaster due to ongoing drought conditions within the boundaries of the municipality for 2023 growing season.

The weather conditions resulting from climate change is having a devastating national impact and, the Provincial and Federal Governments are encouraged to give serious consideration regarding provision of assistance to defray the economic and long-term effects this climate change driven disaster will have on the agricultural industry as a whole.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**248/23 Adjourn:** **Wayne Obrigewitsch:** That the meeting be adjourned at 11:17 a.m. and the next regular meeting of council be at the call of the Reeve. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Reeve

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Administrator