

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, June 13, 2023 commencing at 8:30 a.m.

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

- 166/23 Call to Order:** Wayne Obrigewitsch: That as a quorum is present the meeting is called to order.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 167/23 Agenda:** Brian Schmidt: That the agenda be adopted as amended as follows:
 Under 10) Public Works add:
 10) Road in Division 4 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- No Conflicts of Interest were declared at this time regarding agenda items.**
- 168/23 Minutes:** Allan McNabb: That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on May 2, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. be hereby accepted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 169/23 Correspond:** David Gregor: That correspondence be acknowledged as received and accepted as presented and be filed:
 STARS – ‘thank you’ for donation and Info
 PBI Newsletter
 Leafy Spurge Beetle Collection Days
 Sk Highways – Hay Salvage and Ditch Mowing
 SK Highways – culvert replacement South of Girvin
 Kal Tire – info tire sale
 Municipal Revenue Sharing **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 170/23 Culverts:** Allan McNabb: That council requests administration to respond to SK Highways regarding culvert replacement South of Girvin as follows:
 - No slumping or flooding in immediate area. However, as reported last year there is a “manhole” that causes a liability issue located inside the median at bottom of ditch (water run) through NE 05-25-28 W2
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 171/23 Financials:** Brian Vibert: That Accounts Paid, Statement of Financial Activities, and Employee Payroll Summary for the month of May 2023 be hereby approved as presented and are attached to and form a part of these minutes.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 172/23 Bank Recs:** David Gregor: That council approves the May 2023 Bank Reconciliation as presented by CAO.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 173/23 A/P:** Brian Vibert: That the Accounts Payable and Employee Payroll Summary for the month of June be approved for payment and are attached to and form part of these minutes.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 174/23 RIRG:** Allan McNabb: That report on progress on the RIRG Project located on the Girvin Grid be accepted as presented and progress payment presented by Engineer be approved for payment.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 175/23 Mapping:** Brian Vibert: That council has discussed and approved grader mapping as presented.
CARRIED
- Councillor Gregor presented a report on gravelling shoulder along paved portion of the Grid 747.**
- 176/23 Gravel:** Allan McNabb: That council acknowledges receipt of information on gravel shouldering and approves report as presented by Councillor Gregor.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 177/23 Rd Maint:** Allan McNabb: That Reeve and CAO are authorized to sign Road Maintenance Agreement 01/2023.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 178/23 Road Allow:** Allan McNabb: That council held a discussion on complaint received regarding haying/farming of road allowance.

Further, Councillor Williams is directed to investigate and assess the situation and advise both parties of municipal road allowance policy TS-01-2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

179/23 Girvin: **Allan McNabb:** That administration is authorized to send a registered letter to property owners of Lots 16-18/Blk14 G3936 in Girvin regarding requirement for them to clean up all the debris on the property site from the fire as well as the need to cover/close two open wells that were found on the property by the firemen during the fire call which present an immediate danger and liability. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

180/23 Gravel: **Blaine Smith:** That council acknowledges information on Saskatchewan Highways Pit located at NE 33-26-28 W2 Pit 72P090. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Brian Schmidt spoke to building up Twp Road 262 Road along N1/2 9 & 10-26-29 W2.

181/23 Estimate: **David Gregor:** That Reeve request Rioch and Sons Construction Ltd to provide a quote on improving TWP Road 262 (approximately 2 Miles) along N1/2 9 & 10-26-29 W2. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

182/23 Mowing: **Brian Schmidt:** That council acknowledges receipt of information on Button Custom Cutting Ltd. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

183/23 Estimate: **David Gregor:** That council authorizes Rioch & Sons Construction Ltd to provide a quote on improving Range Road 2272 along SE ½ 27-27-27 W2. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Smith presented the Fire Board Meeting Report

184/23 T of D: **Brian Vibert:** That as council has become aware there may be a communication issue occurring at the Davidson Fire Board meetings; And, as it has been brought to the attention of the R.M. of Arm River Council that there may be potential misunderstandings and accusations resulting in an escalation of of behaviour between board members that does not exhibit an inclusive atmosphere and this type of situation is taken extremely seriously by the municipality and is not to be condoned or tolerated;

Be it resolved that the Davidson Fire Board is to be informed of Council's affirmation that open dialogue is essential to making informed decisions and also that Council is confident that our appointed member is representing council appropriately. Also, council believes that the goal of all parties involved is to have productive discussions.

Further, council trusts that positive attitudes can be promoted and discussions occur in an equitable, co-operative and non-accusatory environment. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

185/23 Report: **Brian Vibert:** That council accepts Fire Board Meeting Report as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve Obrigewitsch left the meeting at 10:16 am and returned at 10:19 am

186/23 T of D: **David Gregor:** That council acknowledges receipt of Town of Davidson Recreation Board Budget as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

187/23 Pest Control: **Allan McNabb:** That Councillor Gregor is to contact Provincial Rat Advisor Requesting his attendance at PT SE 24-27-28 W2 along with Pest Control Officer, Division Councillor and Reeve. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve Obrigewitsch left the meeting at 11:12 am and returned at 11:15 am.

188/23 Bait: **David Gregor:** That council authorizes administration to order ten (10) rat bait stations at most economical price. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

189/23 Girvin Cem: **David Gregor:** That council acknowledges receipt of information on custom mowing at Girvin Cemetery.

Also, that administration is authorized to order signage for the entrance to the Girvin Cemetery stipulating that R.M. Office is required to be notified prior to any work/activity occurring at the cemetery and further that permission must be granted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

190/23 A/C: **Brian Schmidt:** That RM252 approves Diakow Plumbing's quote for \$4653.00 for

supply and installation of a Lennox Air Conditioner Unit for the RM Office, subject to approval of RM253. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

191/23 T of D: David Gregor: That the Town of Davidson’s Community in Bloom request to access water at overhead tank fill jointly run with RM253 is approved provided RM253 authorizes same. Further, amount consumed by Communities in Bloom shall be deducted from the Town of Davidson utility bill. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

192/23 Website: Brian Vibert: That council approves \$500.00 quote received from Jessica Foster for updating to the RM Website as required. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

193/23 Allan McNabb: That council acknowledges information presented regarding Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership. Further, information is to be posted on the RM Website. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor McNabb left the meeting at 11:44 and returned at 11:45 pm

194/23 Animals: Allan McNabb: That due to complaints received at the RM Office, copies of Bylaw No, 12/2017 A Bylaw to Provide for the Control of Dogs Running At Large in the Municipality be sent to the following individuals who reside at (and are to be delivered in the following manner) the following locations:
SE 24-27-28- W2 - personal service
SW 19-27-28 W2 – registered letter **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

195/23 Tax Notice: Blaine Smith: That council approves the 2023 Tax Notice Insert as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

196/23 Fire Ban: Blaine Smith: That council establishes a fire ban at this time. **DEFEATED**

197/23 Shop Door: Allan McNabb: That Councillor Smith is authorized to contact Creative Door querring Invoices RQ32169 and R157372. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

198/23 Adjourn: Brian Vibert: That the meeting be adjourned at 12:15 p.m. and the next regular meeting of council be scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 8:30 am in the RM Office in Davidson, SK. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve

Administrator