

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, April 9, 2024 commencing at 8:39 a.m.

Present: Reeve, Wayne Obrigewitsch, Councillors: Blaine Smith, David Gregor, Allan McNabb, Brian Vibert, Brian Schmidt and Administrator, Michelle Bublish

Regrets: Councillor Kris Williams

123/24 Call to Order: Wayne Obrigewitsch: That as a quorum is present the meeting is called to order. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

124/24 Agenda: Allan McNabb: That the agenda be adopted as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

No Conflict of Interest was declared at this time regarding agenda items.

125/24 Minutes: David Gregor: That the minutes from the Special Meeting held on March 15, 2024 be hereby accepted as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

126/24 Minutes: Allan McNabb: That the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on March 7, 2024 be hereby accepted as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

127/24 Meeting: David Gregor: That Grant McIntosh, CATPC representative, be made aware of the Highway 11 Corridor Study Meeting April 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Davidson Town Hall and invited to attend. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

128/24 Membership: Brian Schmidt: That the Municipality purchase a 2024 membership with WUQWATR. **DEFEATED**

129/24 Corresp: Brian Schmidt: That correspondence be acknowledged as received and accepted as presented and be filed:
1) CATPC – Minutes of Nov 22/23 meeting
2) CATPC – AGM April 24/24 in Davidson & 2024 Membership
3) SK Government – 2024 Education Property Tax Mill Rates
4) DC Asphalt repair – crack sealing
5) WUQWATR – AGM Apr 19/24 in Craik – 2024 Membership
6) USask – Discovery Days presentation **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

130/24 Membership: Allan McNabb: That Council authorizes Administration to renew the 2024 Membership with CATPC. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

131/24 Financials: Brian Schmidt: That Accounts Paid, Statement of Financial Activities, and Employee Payroll Summary for the month of March be hereby approved as presented and are attached to and form a part of these minutes. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Smith attended meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Chad Nagel from Brandt attended meeting at 9:04 a.m. to present information regarding John Deere graders.

Chad Nagel left the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

Dion Hagen from Finning attended meeting at 9:57 a.m. to present information regarding CAT graders.

Reeve Obrigewitsch left meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Reeve Obrigewitsch attended meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Dion Hagen left the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Dion Hagen attended the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

Dion Hagen left the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

Councillor Smith left the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

Councillor Smith attended the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

**Tylan Cote attended the meeting at 11:52 a.m. to be interviewed for Equipment Operator.
Tylan Cote left the meeting at 12:07 p.m.**

132/24 Job Offer: **Brian Vibert:** That council authorize Administration to make a job offer to Tylan Cote for full-time equipment operator at \$25.00 per hour starting Tuesday, April 16, 2024 with 13-week probationary period (will be extended if required). Further, that upon successful completion of the probationary period, the wage increases to \$26.00 per hour and the regular benefit package will be available to the employee.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Gregor left the meeting at 12:36 p.m.

Councillor Gregor returned to the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

133/24 Training: **Allan McNabb:** That council will hire Evolution Training to provide training for Operator employees at most economical pricing. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

134/24 Bank Recs: **Brian Schmidt:** That council approves the March 2024 Bank Reconciliation as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

135/24 A/P: **David Gregor:** That the Accounts Payable, Employee Bi-weekly Pay and the Council SARM convention reimbursement for the month of April be approved for payment and are attached to and form part of these minutes. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

136/24 IA Insurance: **David Gregor:** That council authorizes renewing the Industrial Alliance Insurance policy covering the Council members as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

137/24 RIRG: **Brian Schmidt:** That council authorizes Reeve Obrigewitsch to sign RIRG Project Approval documentation. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Gregor presented report on Provincial Pothole & Paving and crack sealing along the paved portion of Grid 653 and Grid 747.

138/24 Report: **Brian Schmidt:** That the crack sealing report given by Councillor Gregor be accepted as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Schmidt presented report on ORC meeting.

139/24 ORC: **Brian Vibert:** That council accept the report from the ORC Meeting as presented.

Further, council supports recommendations of ORC Committee with council authorizing contracting Donald Wedrick as ORC Attendant for \$16.50 per hour.

The 2024 ORC Season will begin on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 and close October 16, 2024; hours of operation will be Wednesdays and Thursdays 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (closed at lunch) and Fridays 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Further, council authorizes contracting Protex Environmental for Used Oil and plastics pick up at the ORC: subject to approval of RM 253 and Town of Davidson. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

140/24 SARM Conv: **Allan McNabb:** That the report and discussion on the 2024 SARM Convention be deferred to the May Regular Council Meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Smith presented the Fire Board Meeting Report

Councillor Gregor left the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

141/24 Report: **Allan McNabb:** That the Fire Board Meeting report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor McNabb presented the Town of Davidson’s Rec Committee Meeting Report

142/24 Report: **Brian Schmidt:** That the Town of Davidson Rec Committee Meeting Report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 143/24 Cemetery:** **Blaine Smith:** That Council accepts the fee estimate provided by 20/20 Geomatics of \$3500.00 plus GST to complete the Survey and ISC registration for the Girvin Cemetery. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 144/24 RM Office:** **Blaine Smith:** That council authorize Administration to hire pest control services at the most economical price, regarding the ant issue in the RM office. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 145/24 Janitor:** **Blaine Smith:** That council authorize Administration to make contract offer for janitorial services for the inside and outside of the RM Office and RSC Centre to Dennis Cullo for \$1,200.00 per month, provided RM253 agrees to same. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 146/24 Child Care Inc:** **Blaine Smith:** That council reviewed RM of Willner correspondence regarding a Joint Contribution to the Davidson Child Care Inc and will consider making a joint contribution with RM of Willer No. 253 to the Davidson Child Care Inc. Further discussion deferred to the May Regular Council Meeting **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 147/24 Bylaw:** **Allan McNabb:** That Bylaw 03/2024 being a bylaw to enter into a fire service Agreement with the Town of Davidson, RM of Willner No. 253 and the RM of Wood Creek No. 281 be read a second time. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 148/24** **Brian Vibert:** That Bylaw 03/202 being a bylaw to enter into a fire service Agreement with the Town of Davidson, RM of Willner No. 253 and the RM of Wood Creek No. 281 be read a third time and be adopted at this meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Councillor Gregor returned to the meeting at 1:41 p.m.**
- 149/24 CCBF:** **David Gregor:** That council authorizes Administration to submit IIP for replacement of the air conditioning unit in the RM Office. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 150/24 Comm. In:** **Allan McNabb:** That Council agrees to the request from Community in Bloom to use the Water fill station at the RM Shop provided that a representative from their group present usage numbers to the Town of Davidson. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 151/24 PBI:** **Blaine Smith:** That council authorizes Joshua Nitz, Class 3 Licensed building Official and Cristin Korchinski, R-Class 2 Licensed building office as an employee of Professional Building Inspections, Inc. be appointed as a building Inspector for the Municipality. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 152/24 Policy:** **Allan McNabb:** That council accepts the Workplace Violence Prevention Policy and Prevention Plan as presented by Administration. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 153/24 Signing:** **Allan McNabb:** That Yvonne (Bonny) Goodsman be removed from signing Authority for the Municipality. Further, that Reeve, Wayne Obrigewitsch, or in his absence, The Deputy Reeve, Allan McNabb, and the Administrator, Michelle Bublish be hereby assigned and empowered to sign cheques, agreements, contracts, promissory notes and other documents authorized by council, on behalf of the municipality for the year. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 154/24 Voter List:** **Blaine Smith:** That Council hires an enumerator to prepare a Voter's Registry for the RM of Arm River No. 252. **DEFEATED**
- 155/24 Gravel:** **Brian Vibert:** That the cost for gravel for 2024 is established at \$22.50 per cubic yard plus haul and road maintenance cost and is to be hauled by the RM's designated hauler.

Further, that gravel hauls shall be restricted to the ratepayers of the Rural Municipality of Arm River, No. 252 and shall be extended to their private property where situate for 2024. For any such gravel hauled for ratepayers of the municipality that is hauled to their private property located outside the municipal boundaries of RM252 an additional surcharge of \$5.00/cu yard will be charged. The Town of Davidson shall be exempt from this restriction and from the \$5.00/cu yard surcharge and sold gravel at \$22.50 per cubic yard. Further, there shall be no haul to commercial property situated outside the boundaries of RM252. All requests for gravel must be arranged through the municipal office.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

156/24 RSC Bldg: **Blaine Smith:** That council authorize Administration to contact Diakow Plumbing to relocate the chimney stack to the side of the RSC Building. Further, that council authorize Administration to contract Dan Gray to perform minor repairs to the RSC building; provided RM253 agrees to same.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor McNabb left the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Councillor McNabb return to the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Reeve Obrigewitsch left the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Reeve Obrigewitsch returned to the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

157/24 Culverts: **Allan McNabb:** That council authorizes culvert replacement on SW 28-26-27 W2. Further, that the Municipality will supply the culvert and installation will be done to RM specifications.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

158/24 Rail Xings: **Brian Schmidt:** That council authorizes Administration to contact CN/LMR regarding Repairs required at the rail crossing located at SE 2-26-29 W2 as well as the East crossing in Girvin.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Gregor left the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Councillor Gregor returned to the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

159/54 Grader: **Brian Schmidt:** That council authorize the purchase of a 2024 JD 770GP Grader at a cost of \$444,359.10. This includes \$20,000.00 discount and Provincial Tire Levy, Trade in of 2012 JD 770G Grader for \$100,000 and applicable taxes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

160/24 Budget: **David Gregor:** That council accept the 2024 Budget with adjustments made for the purchase of the 2024 grader.

Cash Budget Statement:

Revenue	\$ 1,757,707.00
Expenses	\$ (1,703,443.00)
Revenue Over/(under) expenses	\$ 54,264.00
Increase/(Decrease) Capital over Expenditures	\$ (251,705.00)
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventory	\$ 100,000.00
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Financials	\$ (97,441.00)

Accrual Budget Statement:

Transferred to/(from) Unappropriated Surplus	\$ (197,441.00)
Transferred to/(from) Appropriated Reserves	\$ 0.00
Net Increase/(Decrease) in TCA	\$ 251,705.00
Increase/(Decrease) in Accumulated Surplus	\$ 54,264.00

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

161/24 Mill Rate: **Allan McNabb:** That the mill rate for 2024 be established at 11 mills.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

162/24 Cap Works: **Blaine Smith:** That council adopts the five-year capital works plan for the years 2024 to 2028 as presented by the administrator.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

163/24 Adjourn: **Brian Vibert:** That the meeting be adjourned at 2:51 p.m. and the next regular meeting of council be at the call of the Deputy Reeve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve

Administrator