

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, January 9, 2024 commencing at 1:00 p.m.

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

01/24 Call to Order: Wayne Obrigewitsch: That as a quorum is present the meeting is called to order. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

02/24 Agenda: Brian Vibert: That the agenda be adopted as amended as follows:
Under 11. Public Works, add:
8) Gravel on Pavement Edge **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

No Conflicts of Interest were declared at this time regarding agenda items.

03/24 Minutes: Blaine Smith: That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. be hereby accepted as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

04/24 Public Hearing: Blaine Smith: That Public Hearing was held regarding road closure of a portion of Parcel B currently registered under Roadway Plan 63MJ14018 adjacent to the Girvin Cemetery. This road parcel is a purchased road allowance and not currently used for traffic. No issues or concerns were presented on same. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

05/24 Correspond: Kris Williams: That correspondence be acknowledged as received and accepted as presented and be filed:
1) Dana Skoropad – e-mail Seasons Greetings/possibility to meet with council
2) Plant Health Network – Winter 2023 newsletter
3) PBI & Gov. of SK – 2020 Ntnl Bldg Code Adoption, effective Jan 1, 2024
4) APAS – 2024 Annual General Meeting
5) Rural Dart **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

06/24 Financials: Brian Schmidt: That Accounts Paid, Statement of Financial Activities, and Employee Payroll Summary be hereby approved as presented and are attached to and form a part of these minutes. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

07/24 Bank Recs: David Gregor: That council approves the December 2023 Bank Reconciliation as presented by CAO. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

08/24 A/P: Kris Williams: That the Accounts Payable and Employee Bi-weekly Pay for the month of January 2024 be approved for payment and are attached to and form part of these minutes. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

09/24 Unaudited F/S: David Gregor: That council acknowledge receipt of the Unaudited Financial Statement for 2023 as presented by the CAO. Further, council acknowledges there may be asbestos in RM Shop built in 1979. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Taylor Muirhead (maintenance staff) attended the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and presented report on equipment parts and repair requirements.

10/24 Purchases: Blaine Smith: That RM252 council authorizes repairs and purchases as discussed with maintenance staff at most economical cost. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

11/24 Tires: Brian Vibert: That council authorizes Councillor Gregor to make tire purchases at most economical and best quality. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve Obrigewitsch rescinded chair and left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Allan McNabb assumed chair at 2:00 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Allan McNabb rescinded chair at 2:03 p.m.

Reeve Obrigewitsch reattended the meeting and assumed chair at 2:03 p.m.

- 12/24 **Report:** Brian Schmidt: That the Maintenance Report be accepted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 13/24 **Bonds:** Allan McNabb: That upon presentation by the CAO of the fidelity bonds, securities, titles and agreements that we accept the same as in order for the year.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 14/24 **Library:** Kris Williams: That Emily McIvor be hereby appointed to represent the Municipality on the Board of the Palliser Regional Library, Davidson Branch and be paid \$50.00 per meeting and \$0.62/km for the year.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 15/24 **TIP Grant:** Allan McNabb: That the population of the municipality be allocated as follows for the purpose of the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Initiatives Program for 2025.
Davidson Recreation Board 233
Craig Recreation Board 18
Imperial Recreation Board 7
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 16/24 **Fuel Tender:** Brian Vibert: That the municipality tender their fuel requirements for 2024 and further that the invitation for tender be sent to Riverbend Co-operative Limited and McRae Farm Services in Craik, to be reviewed at the March 2024 Council Meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 17/24 **Rec Grant:** Allan McNabb: That the municipality allocates a recreation grant for 2024 to the Davidson Recreation Board of \$10,000.00.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 18/24 **Road Ban:** David Gregor: That the administrator inform Saskatchewan Highways & Transportation that the municipality wishes to enter into the 2024 Provincial "Road Bans".
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 19/24 **SARM:** Kris Williams: That Blaine Smith and David Gregor be appointed the official voting delegates at the annual SARM convention occurring March 13-15, 2024 in Regina, SK. Further, David Gregor be appointed official voting delegate for Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance. Further, that all necessary expenses for council and the Administrator to attend are to be paid by the municipality.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 20/24 **Tradeshow:** Blaine Smith: That council authorizes outside employees to attend the tradeshow at the SARM convention for one day only. Employees are to use RM vehicle and all other associated costs to be covered by the R.M.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 21/24 **Election:** David Gregor: That for 2024, Yvonne Goodsman be appointed as Returning Officer; the Deputy Returning Officer of the municipality be Michelle Bublish, and that Denise Brecht be appointed Poll Clerk; and further that the polling station be as follows: Division 1-6 inclusive be at the municipal office in Davidson, SK on the set date as prescribed by *The Municipalities Act*. Further compensation for staff shall be determined by annual salary.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 22/24 **Gravel:** Wayne Obrigewitsch: That RM 252 request tenders for the 2024 road gravel load, haul and spread of approximately 20,000 cu yards to be hauled in the spring of 2024 after release of road bans, must be completed before August 1, 2024. Further the contractor will provide weekly haul reports to the RM office every Friday until contract completed. Quotes to be requested from the following contractors and advertised in The Davidson Leader. Quote to include a list of contractor's equipment.
Hole Shot
J. Wright Construction
K McIntosh & Sons
Jeff Sagen
Any, or lowest, quote not necessarily accepted.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 23/24 **Craik:** Blaine Smith: That council authorizes a grant of \$1,500.00 be paid to the Craik and District Regional Park in 2024. Council has no interest in entering an agreement to participate in the Park Board.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 24/24 **Election:** Blaine Smith: That council establishes compensation for appointed election officials, who are not currently employed by the municipality, be \$300.00 per day and \$0.62/km. Employees who are appointed election officials will receive their regular pay.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 25/24 **Schedule 10:** Blaine Smith: That council authorizes Schedule 10 to be advertised with the 2023 Audited Financial Statements.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 26/24 **Burrow Bait:** Blaine Smith: That council authorizes the purchase of Burrow Oat Bait.
DEFEATED

- 27/24 Glass:** **Brian Schmidt:** That council authorizes purchase of tempered glass to cover RM Road Maps at RM Shop. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Reeve Obrigewitsch rescinded chair and left the meeting at 2:32 p.m.**
- Deputy Reeve Allan McNabb assumed chair at 2:32 p.m.**
- Deputy Reeve Allan McNabb rescinded chair at 2:35 p.m.**
- Reeve Obrigewitsch reattended the meeting and assumed chair at 2:35 p.m.**
- 28/24 Service Truck:** **Brian Vibert:** That council has reviewed service truck repair quote, Reeve Obrigewitsch and Councillor Smith to attend Watrous Mainline Motors to direct repairs. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 29/24 Stockpile:** **Brian Vibert:** That council confirms rocks located at NW 03-27-27 W2 are to remain and annual rental to be paid per Bylaw No. 06/2022 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Councillor McNabb left the meeting at 3:20 pm and returned at 3:22 pm.**
- 30/24 Bylaw:** **Allan McNabb:** That Bylaw No. 02/2024 being a bylaw to provide for the closing of a municipal road or street be read a first time. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 31/24** **Brian Schmidt:** That Bylaw No. 02/2024 being a bylaw to provide for the closing of a municipal road or street be read a second time. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 32/24** **Blaine Smith:** That Bylaw No. 02/2024 being a bylaw to provide for the closing of a municipal road or street be given a third reading at this meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 33/24** **Brian Vibert:** That Bylaw No. 02/2024 being a bylaw to provide for the closing of a municipal road or street be read a third time and adopted. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 34/24 Weed Ins:** **Kris Williams:** That council acknowledges receipt of PHN Div 5 list of potential weed inspectors. Further, council authorizes advertising for Weed Inspector in local newspaper and request quotes from weed inspectors provided. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 35/24 RCMP:** **Brian Vibert:** That council authorizes Councillor Gregor and Councillor McNabb (or designates) to attend the RCMP Consultative Meeting at the Craik RCMP Detachment on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 36/24 Bylaw:** **Blaine Smith:** That Bylaw No. 01/2024 being a bylaw to license the excavation of gravel from gravel pits be read a first time. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 37/24** **Allan McNabb:** That Bylaw No. 01/2024 being a bylaw to license the excavation of gravel from gravel pits be read a second time. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 38/24** **Brian Schmidt:** That Bylaw No. 01/2024 being a bylaw to license the excavation of gravel from gravel pits be given a third reading at this meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 39/24** **Kris Williams:** That Bylaw No. 01/2024 being a bylaw to license the excavation of gravel from gravel pits be read a third time and adopted. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 40/24 Donation:** **Kris Williams:** That for 2024 council authorize a donation of \$250.00 be given to Ronald McDonald House in Saskatoon SK. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 41/24 T of D:** **Brian Vibert:** That council acknowledges receipt of request for funding on Davidson Family Practice Building received from Town of Davidson. Further RM252 to investigate options. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 42/24 T of D:** **Brian Schmidt:** That council reviewed correspondence from Town of Davidson

dated January 7, 2024 and suggests February 15 or 16, 2024 for a Joint Meeting between Town of Davidson, RM of Willner and RM of Arm River. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Gregor left the meeting at 4:04 pm.

43/24 Misc. Int: **Blain Smith:** That council authorizes a miscellaneous interest be registered on NE 10-27-28 W2 and NE 03-27-28 W2 per Bylaw No. 01/2022. Further, council authorizes a miscellaneous interest be registered on NW 10-27-28 W2 per Bylaw No. 02/2022. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

44/24 Adjourn: **Kris Williams:** That the meeting be adjourned at 4:05 p.m. and the next regular meeting of council be scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2024 in the RM Office in Davidson, SK. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve

Administrator