

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 Thursday 04, 2024 commencing at 8:30 a.m.

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

219/24 Call to Order: **Wayne Obrigewitsch:** That as a quorum is present the meeting is called to order.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

220/24 Agenda: **Kris Willaims:** That the agenda be adopted as amended.
 Add Under 10. Public Works:
 7. Gravel – Brian Vibert
 8. Road Repairs
 Add Under 12. Unfinished Business:
 6. Tender – Lots in Girvin
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Allan McNabb declared a conflict of interest regarding agenda item 6. Girvin Tender under 12. Unfinished Business, as it involves a family member.

221/24 Minutes: **Brian Schmidt:** That the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on June 11, 2024 be accepted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

222/24 LMR: **Allan McNabb:** That council did review Last Mountain Railway Correspondence regarding Prevention Plan and Control of Fires on Railway Rights-of-Way and directs administration to notify Last Mountain Railway of concerns of combustible material (fragments of railway ties) along rail bed.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

223/24 Fire: **Blaine Smith:** That council directs administration to request information from Town of Davidson Fire Department regarding their contact information in the event of an emergency and updating LMR Emergency Information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

224/24 Call to Action: **Blaine Smith:** That RM252 supports “Municipal Call to Action” concerning the creation of the Saskatchewan Marshals Service (SMS) and lack of transparency and accountability. Further, council directs administration to join other municipalities in this “Call to Action”.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

225/24 SARM: **Blaine Smith:** That council authorizes office staff to represent RM252 at SARM’s Board of Directors complimentary dinner being held at the Dakota Dunes Resort on July 15, 2024.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

226/24 Corresp: **Brian Schmidt:** That correspondence be acknowledged as received and accepted and filed:
 SARM – Rural Dart, July 2, 2024
 CATPC – Meeting Minutes March 27/24 with Chairman report
 Mobilgrain – LMR Prevention & Control of Fire Plan
 Ntnl Police Federation – Call to Action re: SK Marshal Service
 SARM Invite - Board of Directors travelling to Division 5 – supper at Dakota Dunes
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Taylor Muirhead attended the meeting at 9:05 am.

227/24 In-Camera: **Brian Vibert:** That Council enters into an in-camera Session at 9:05 am to discuss long term planning and personnel management as allowed under LAFOIP Section 16 and *The Municipalities Act* Section 120 and Part II Section 12 of Bylaw No. 05 Being A Bylaw to Regulate the Proceedings of Municipal Council and Council’s Committees.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In Camera Session entered at 9:05 a.m.

Mr. Muirhead left the meeting at 10:00 am.

Tylan Cote attended the meeting at 10:08 am and job performance review ensued.

Councillor Williams left the meeting at 10:47 am and returned at 10:50 am.

Mr. Cote left the meeting at 10:51 am

In Camera Session exited at 10:55 a.m.

- 228/24 Meeting: Blaine Smith: That Council exit the in-camera session and resume the regular meeting at 10:55 a.m. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 229/24 Probation: Blaine Smith: That Tylan Cote has successfully passed his probation period and will have full access to employee benefits as offered through SARM, Blue Cross and MEPP. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 230/24 Financials: Allan McNabb: That Accounts Paid, Statement of Financial Activities, and Employee Payroll Summary for the month of June be hereby approved as presented and are attached to and form a part of these minutes. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 231/24 Bank Recs: Blaine Smith: That council approves the June 2024 Bank Reconciliation as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 232/24 A/P: Brian Schmidt: That the Accounts Payable for the month of July be approved for payment and are attached to and form part of these minutes. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 233/24 RM Shop: Brian Schmidt: That council defers discussion on cold storage shop lighting until Fall 2024. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 234/24 DEF Fluid: Blaine Smith: That council authorizes outside staff to purchase DEF fluid at most economical pricing. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 235/24 Road Maint: Allan McNabb: That council approves Road Maintenance Agreements 01 and 02 and 03/2024. Further, Reeve and Administrator authorized to sign same. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 236/24 Pvmt Lines: Blaine Smith: That council will contract line painting on the paved portion of Grid 653 and Grid 747 in 2025. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 237/24 Road Repairs: Brian Vibert: That council authorizes Reeve to obtain quotes from Rioch and Sons Construction Ltd. on road repairs as follows:
 - Twp Rd 254 between Rge Rds 2293 and 2292
 - Rge Rd 2291 between Twp Rds 270 and 264
 - Twp Rd 274 between Rge Rds 2772 and 2270
 - Twp Rd 262 between Rge Rds 2293 and 2292
 - Rge Rd 2290 between Twp Rds 254 and 250
 - Twp Rd 250 between Rge Rds 2271 and 2270**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Brian Schmidt left the meeting at 12:05 pm

Councillor Williams presented information about ratepayer’s concerns regarding kochia.

- 238/24 Weed Mgmt: Kris Williams: That Council acknowledges information regarding kochia and directs administration to draft a Weed Management Policy to be reviewed at August council meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 239/24 Web Site: Kris Williams: That council authorizes contracting AJ Thakker of Smart Idea Creative Innovations for website renewal and hosting for an estimate of \$1,500.00+taxes (One-time cost plus annual renewal), after year one an annual fee of \$1,250.00. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 240/24 Girvin: Kris Williams: That council accepts Lot 9, Blk 10, Plan No D960, Surface Parcel #102452891 in Girvin from current owner. Further, that current owner shall be responsible for transfer of title and all associated costs. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 241/24 RM Office: Blaine Smith: That council did review RM Office Repair Quotes. Council approves contracting Edwards Cabinetworks for an estimated \$8,395.41 + taxes to perform repairs. Provided RM253 agrees to same. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor McNabb declared a “Conflict of Interest” and left the meeting at 12:26pm

242/24 Girvin: **Blaine Smith:** That council accepts the “Offer to Purchase” from Murray McNabb and Norah McNabb for \$1000.00 (\$500.00 each) for Blk D Plan 101298618 Ext 22 and Blk F Plan 101298629 Ext 21 in Girvin, subject to conditions that amount is to be paid in full within 30 days from this date and further that purchaser shall be responsible for arranging title transfer and payment of all associated costs with title acquisition. Sale is final and is “as is, where is” condition. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor McNabb returned to the meeting at 12:29pm

243/24 Tax Enf: **Allan McNabb:** That council authorizes proceeding for title under the *Tax Enforcement Act* on the following properties:
SW 27-25-28 W2, Ext 0, Surface Parcel #102487619, Title No. 152181435 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

244/24 RM282: **Blaine Smith:** That council directs administration to send a letter to RM of McCraney, No. 282 regarding weed management concerns along Twp Rd 280. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

245/24 **Kris Williams:** That council directs administration to notify land owner In Division 5 that RM of Arm River, No. 252 will not be providing Custom Spraying/Application to ratepayers on privately owned land at this time. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

246/24 PBI: **Kris Williams:** That council authorizes Charles Fiss, T-Class 1 Licensed Building Official as an employee of Professional Building Inspections, Inc. be appointed as a Building Inspector for the Municipality. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

247/24 RSC: **Blaine Smith:** That council did review correspondence from Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Company regarding the Rural Service Center and a list of deficiencies they would like addressed. Further, council wishes to obtain quotes from the following contractors for these deficiencies:
- Gartner Construction Ltd
- Glen Manz
- Edwards Cabinetworks
- Dezotell Construction
- Brennan Ehman **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

248/24 Adjourn: **Kris Williams:** That the meeting be adjourned at 12:42 p.m. and the next regular meeting of council be on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 8:30 am in the RM Office in Davidson, SK. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve

Administrator