

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, March 7, 2024 commencing at 1:00 p.m.

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

Regrets: Councillors Brian Schmidt and Brian Vibert

88/24 Call to Order: Wayne Obrigewitsch: That as a quorum is present the meeting is called to order. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

89/24 Agenda: Allan McNabb: That the agenda be adopted as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

90/24 Minutes: David Gregor: That the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on February 22, 2024 be hereby accepted as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

91/24 Minutes: Blaine Smith: That the minutes from the Joint Council Meeting with the RM of Willner. No. 253 held on February 22, 2024 be hereby accepted as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

92/24 Minutes: Kris Williams: That the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on February 13, 2024 be hereby accepted as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

93/24 Correspond: Blaine Smith: That correspondence be acknowledged as received and accepted as presented and be filed:
1) SGI – Business Recognition discount
2) SARM – Rural SK desperate for health care support
3) SARRC – New Program Operations Manager
4) Agriculture in the Classroom – 2024 Agreement/sponsorship
5) 3D Dust Control – Information
6) SARM – Call for more Education/Supports for Municipal Leaders **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

94/24 Financials: Blaine Smith: That Accounts Paid, Statement of Financial Activities, and Employee Payroll Summary for the month of February be hereby approved as presented and are attached to and form a part of these minutes. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

95/24 A/P: David Gregor: That the Accounts Payable and Employee Bi-weekly Pay for the month of March be approved for payment and are attached to and form part of these minutes. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

96/24 Bank Recs: Allan McNabb: That council approves the February 2024 Bank Reconciliation as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

97/24 Property Line: Kris Williams: That council instructs outside employees to locate and mark property line at RM252 Shop location – Lot 1, Blk 1 in the Town of Davidson this Spring. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

98/24 Personnel: David Gregor: That council authorizes employing Denise Cote and Kevin Cote for 2024. Denise Cote will be employed as full-time seasonal maintenance employee and will return to work on April 15, 2024. Kevin Cote will be employed as full-time seasonal maintenance employee and will return to work on April 15, 2024 with June 24, 2024 to July 29, 2024 inclusive designated as leave without pay. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Gregor presented update on pavement crack sealing.

99/24 Report: Kris Williams: That updated on pavement crack sealing given by Councillor Gregor be accepted as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

100/24 Rec Grant: Allan McNabb: That RM252 increase the amount of the 2024 recreation grant given to the Davidson Recreation Committee by \$10,000.00. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 101/24 Rec Brd:** **Blaine Smith:** That Councillor McNabb will attend Town of Davidson Recreation And Culture Committee meeting being held on Thursday, March 15, 2024.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 102/24 T of D:** **Blaine Smith:** That council authorizes participating in the SARCAN Glass Recycling Program Agreement with the Town of Davidson and RM of Willner for the term April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 103/24 Fuel Tender:** **Blaine Smith:** That the 2024 fuel tender from Riverbend Coop be accepted for the tender of:
Clear Diesel for \$1.4118 per litre and Gasoline for 1.3391 per litre
(this includes federal fuel charge, federal excise tax, provincial road tax) plus GST.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 104/24 Gravel Spread:** **Blaine Smith:** That council authorizes contracting Hole Shot Services for the 2024 gravel load, haul and spread at a rate of \$0.36 per yard mile (with fuel at \$1.00 per litre) and \$0.65 per yard loading. Fuel surcharge will be applied at the rate of \$.01 per yd/mile for each \$.05 increase in fuel cost. Haul must be completed by August 1, 2024. Further, that council requires weekly reports of gravel hauled be provided by hauler to the R.M. Administrative Office by Friday afternoon of each week
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 105/24 Report:** **Blaine Smith:** That council acknowledges report from ALS confirming less than 1% asbestos (no asbestos) in RM252 shop.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 106/24 Election:** **Blaine Smith:** That resolution 21/24 be repealed. Further, that for 2024 Michelle Bublish be appointed as Returning Officer; the Deputy Returning Officer of the municipality be Denise Brecht, poll clerk to be determined; 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
- 107/24 Notice:** **Blaine Smith:** That council acknowledges receipt of CAO's retirement notice.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 108/24 Contract:** **Allan McNabb:** That Michelle Bublish be hired as the Administrator of the municipality effective April 6, 2024 for an annual salary of \$84,885.84/2 = \$42,442.92 and a 5-5-4 work schedule. Further, council authorizes Reeve, Wayne Obrigewitsch to sign Employment Contract.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 109/24 Clerk:** **Kris Williams:** That council hires Office Clerk Denise Brecht at a pay rate of \$28.00 per hour based on 4 days per week and 7 hours per day; effective April 6, 2024 Subject to approval of RM of Willner, No. 253.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 110/24 Consulting:** **Blaine Smith:** That BG Agencies will be contracted at a rate of \$100.00 per hour as an administrative/financial consultant. Further, consulting requirements will be at the discretion of the administrator and subject to monthly review by council.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 111/24 Resume:** **Blaine Smith:** That council authorizes Administration to contact Mr. J. Davis and get further details.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 112/24 Bylaw:** **Blaine Smith:** That Bylaw 03/2024 to provide for entering into a Fire Service Agreement with the Town of Davidson, RM of Willner No. 253 and RM of Wood Creek No. 281 be read a first time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 3:05 p.m. Layne Abrahamson presented information on weed inspection job**
3:27 p.m. Layne Abrahamson left the meeting
- 113/24 Weed Insp:** **David Gregor:** That council will contract Layne Abrahamson for weed inspection as per the proposal provided.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 3:30 p.m. Layne Abrahamson attended the meeting**
3:38 p.m. Layne Abrahamson left the meeting
- 114/24 Graders:** **Allan McNabb:** That council directs Administration to obtain quotes as follows: Tandem and 6 wheel drive; CAT150 and Brandt 772G graders. Further, to be reviewed at April Council Meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor McNabb left the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

