

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Willow Bunch No. 42 held at the Municipal Office, #16 Edouard Beaupre St., Willow Bunch, Saskatchewan on Monday, July 10th, 2023.

Present were: Reeve Patrick Therrien (phone), Administrator Sharleine Eger, Assistant Administrator Tereena Bartlett and the following councillors:

Division 1 – Denis Lesperance

Division 2 – Albert Lavallee

Division 3 – Denis Bellefleur

Division 4 – Scott Kirby

Division 6 – Gilles Bissonnette

Regrets: Division 5 – Dale Berner

Reeve Patrick Therrien called the meeting to order.

Minutes

131/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the minutes of the June regular meeting of council be approved.
Carried

Amend Minutes

132/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the minutes of June 12th regular meeting be amended to include on Page 2 that “Albert Lavallee assumed the chair @ 1:00 p.m.”
Carried

Enter “In Camera” or “Closed Session”

133/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the RM enter in an “in camera” session at 9:25 am to discuss issues as per Section 12.4 of the Council Procedures Bylaw and that those in attendance are Denis Lesperance, Albert Lavallee, Denis Bellefleur, Gilles Bissonnette, Sharleine Eger, Tereena Bartlett.
Carried

Exit “In Camera” Closed Session

134/2023 Denis Bellefleur: That the RM exit the “in camera” closed session at 10:37 a.m.
Carried

Road Allowance Rules

135/2023 Albert Lavallee: That admin look into the potential laws or rules regarding unopened road allowances and private land access.
Carried

Appoint New Weed Inspector

136/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM appoint Sheridan Mergle to replace Rick Hobbs as weed inspector for the RM of Willow Bunch No. 42 for the remainder of the 2023 season.
Carried

Committee Reports

137/2023 Denis Lesperance: That the following verbal committee reports be accepted as presented:

a) Denis Lesperance:	JLLRP report
b) Albert Lavallee:	Code of Conduct Investigation Healthcare Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee Water Sewer Project
c) Denis Bellefleur:	Crooks Road – water ran over – speak to Mike
d) Dale Berner:	No Report
e) Scott Kirby:	Road Tour for spring/Weed Inspector
f) Gilles Bissonnette:	Lagoon Fence @ St. Victor – RM to rebuild the south portion
g) Pat Therrien:	No Report

Carried

Administrator Eger left at 11:00 a.m. Assistant Administrator Bartlett assumed administrative duties.

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Enter “In Camera” or “Closed Session”

138/2023 Denis Bellefleur: That the RM enter in an “in camera” session at 11:10 a.m. to discuss issues as per Section 12.4 of the Council Procedures Bylaw and that those in attendance are Denis Lesperance, Albert Lavallee, Denis Bellefleur, Gilles Bissonnette, Tereena Bartlett.

Carried

Exit “In Camera” Closed Session

139/2023 Denis Bellefleur: That the RM exit the “in camera” closed session at 11:22 a.m.

Carried

DELEGATION: Miche Cayer – Foreman

Ordered 2 gear boxes

Highways project for South Hill – Botkin Construction Ltd will be hauling clay for side slopes. Route to be determined. Will require a road maintenance agreement.

Delwyn Knoss crossing – make it passable

Met with PDAP engineer

St. Victor main street – needs trees cut and fix/hole

Culverts

Clean up old building policy

Dustin Tessier – moving house – needs lane gravelled

Authorization to Enter into a Road Maintenance Agreement

140/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the Foreman be authorized to enter into and sign a road maintenance agreement with Botkin Construction Ltd. on behalf of the RM.

Carried

Seasonal Worker

141/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM hire Colin Durand as a seasonal employee, with a 3-month probationary period.

Carried

File for Future

142/2023 Denis Lesperance: That the RM keep on file, the resumes of all applicants for 1 year.

Carried

Contract for Culvert Replacement

143/2023 Gilles Bissonnette: That the RM contract BH Excavating Ltd. to remove and replace culvert on the grid at the base of Lautier hill, at NE 34-4-27 W2.

Carried

Seasonal Hourly Wage

144/2023 Gilles Bissonnette: That Colin Durand and Rene Boutin’s hourly wage be set at \$30/hour, beginning July 16/2023.

Carried

Table Item D of Old Business – Shop Sceptic Tank

145/2023 Denis Lesperance: That Item D of Old Business – Shop Sceptic Tank be tabled until the next meeting.

Carried

Acknowledge and Accept Resignation

146/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM acknowledge and accept the resignation of Kurtis Bonneau, effective July 11th, 2023.

Carried

Scout Lake Water Testing Per Diem

147/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the per diem for Scout Lake Water Testing be increased to \$250/month.

Carried



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Hamlet H2O Reports

148/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the RM accept as presented, the H2O reports for the hamlets of St. Victor.

Carried

Pest Control Spring Report

149/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM acknowledge and accept the invoice as presented by Brian Kuysten for pest control in the RM; that the RM request clarification of certain practices in pest control as per the invoice.

Carried

Willow Bunch Library Invitation

150/2023 Albert Lavallee: That Denis Lesperance attends and offer greetings and congratulations on behalf of the RM of Willow Bunch No. 42.

Carried

RM Lake of the Rivers Invitation

151/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM RSVP with well wishes but regrettably cannot attend.

Carried

Prefontaine and Associates – Rockglen

152/2023 Denis Lesperance: That the RM keep on file the CV of Prefontaine and Associates, with knowledge in the fields of Project Management, Civil and Mechanical Engineering for future opportunities with the RM.

Carried

SCMA 2023

153/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM send a letter to the South Central Municipal Association thanking them for the invitation to be a part of the committee but that they will be not be renewing the membership for 2023 but will review in 2024.

Carried

Financials

154/2023 Denis Lesperance: That the Statement of Financial Activities and bank reconciliation for June 2023 be accepted as presented.

Carried

Bank Reconciliation

155/2023 Denis Lesperance: That the bank reconciliation for May 2023 be accepted as presented.

Carried

Accounts

156/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the accounts paid and presented for payment be approved and a list of the cheques 20862 to 20895 inclusive totalling (\$68,471.02) and the June payroll (\$33,528.00) and EFT payments (\$2,422.08) be annexed hereto and form part of these minutes.

Reeve Therrien left @ 4:25 p.m. It. 186/2023

Carried

Enter "In Camera" or "Closed Session"

157/2023 Denis Bellefleur: That the RM enter in an "in camera" session at 4:30 p.m. to discuss issues as per Section 12.4 of the Council Procedures Bylaw and that those in attendance are Denis Lesperance, Albert Lavallee, Denis Bellefleur, Gilles Bissonnette, Tereena Bartlett.

Carried

Exit "In Camera" Closed Session

158/2023 Denis Bellefleur: That the RM exit the "in camera" closed session at 5:45 p.m.

Carried

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Ethics Complaint Investigation & Report as provided by DC Strategic Management

159/2023 Albert Lavallee: That discussion and decision surrounding the ethics complaint report commissioned through DC Strategic Management be tabled to a special meeting.

Carried

Adjournment

160/2023 Denis Bellefleur: That this meeting adjourn (5:48 p.m.)

Carried

REEVE

ADMINISTRATOR

Next Meeting – August 14th, 2023