

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, November 14th, 2023.

Present were: Deputy Reeve – Denis Lesperance, Administrator Sharleine Eger, Assistant Administrator Tereena Bartlett and the following councillors:

Division 2 – Albert Lavallee
Division 3- Vacant
Division 4 – Scott Kirby
Division 5 – Dale Berner (via Zoom)
Division 6 – Gilles Bissonnette

Regrets: Reeve – Patrick Therrien

Minutes

226/2023 Scott Kirby: That the minutes of the October 2023 regular meeting of council be approved.

Carried

Committee Reports

227/2023 Scott Kirby: That the following verbal committee reports be accepted as presented:

a) Denis Lesperance:	JLLRP report, Park Road, SARM convention, Joint meeting with Town, St. Victor H20, Shop Sceptic
b) Albert Lavallee:	Code of Ethics Claim
c) Division 3:	No Report
d) Dale Berner:	No Report
e) Scott Kirby:	Rockglen & District Fire Protection Association, Lamontagne Fence, Lisieux grid on west side of Hwy #2, Dustin Miller approach,
f) Gilles Bissonnette:	St. Victor swimming pool - showerhouse
g) Pat Therrien:	No Report

Carried

Councillor Berner left at 9:30 and returned at 9:45.

Rockglen & District Fire Protection Association

228/2023 Scott Kirby: That Councillor Kirby and Councillor Bissonnette be authorized to sign the declaration of offensive service level at the next meeting of the RDFPA, provided that point #4 and point #5 of the 2024 estimated budget numbers are removed and consideration is given to sourcing used turn out gear.

Carried

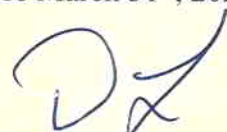
Annual Contribution

229/2023 Dale Berner: That the RM pay to the Rockglen and District Fire Protection Association \$2,500 for the 2023 year.

Carried

Order to Remedy

230/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the council hereby declares the property at PT SE 33-04-29 and PT SW 34-04-29 W2 to be a nuisance under the Sections 5, 11, 15 of Bylaw #2-2006, the Nuisance Abatement Bylaw, for the following reason(s):
Improper storage of outside materials (used grain bags), untidy/unsightly property, nuisances prohibited generally.
Nuisance meaning a condition of property or a thing, or an activity that adversely affects or may adversely affect the safety, health or welfare of people in the neighbourhood; people's use and enjoyment of their property.
That Administration is hereby authorized to issue an order to Scout Lake Feedlot of the said property including Warren Spagrud requiring them to undertake the following work:
Remove all debris from ripped, torn, discarded grain bags that is blowing onto neighbouring property. Dispose of all garbage and unwanted items;
Said work to be completed on or before March 31st, 2024.



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And that if the work noted above is not completed by the date noted above, the municipality is authorized to take whatever steps are necessary to complete the work and recover the costs.

Carried

Sylvan Valley Regional Park

231/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the RM pay to Sylvan Valley Regional Park the budgeted amount of \$10,000 towards the Regional Park swimming pool showerhouse.

Carried

Low-Angle Rescue Equipment

232/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the RM approve the request to provide low-angle rescue as part of the Volunteer Fire Department's activities and that the RM agree to purchase (at 60%) the necessary equipment valued at \$3,500 provided the Town agree to the remaining 40%.

Carried

Request to Purchase Fire Truck

233/2023 Albert Lavallee: That Admin respond to the request to purchase the 1977 Chev Fire Truck indicating the truck is not for sale as per motion of council 214/2023.

Carried

St. Victor Fire Hydrant – Corner of Main and Lalonde

234/2023 Scott Kirby: That due to prohibitive costs and obsolete equipment the council leave the hydrant as is at the corner of Main and Lalonde as long as all remaining hydrants in the hamlet are functioning and can service the entire hamlet.

Carried

Appointed Volunteer Recognition and Appreciation

235/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM participate, with the Town of Willow Bunch in offering \$40 in Willow Bucks to municipal appointed volunteers as appreciation for volunteering in the community.

Carried

Bylaw 1-2023 Second Reading – Building Bylaw

236/2023 Albert Lavallee: That bylaw 1-2023 being a bylaw respecting buildings be given second reading.

Carried

DELEGATION: Michel Cayer – RM Foreman

More repairs on the red Chev

Thompson/Beck road – spring is running under the culvert – would require a track hoe.

Culvert South of Michel Cayer's – large hole in the ground on the West side – will fill

Put up several new signs within the RM as per Road Tour

New mower arrived

Fence on Lsx grid – reflectors – sign a waiver/liability

Scout Lake – shop (TTP)

Amend Motion 221/2021

237/2023 Albert Lavallee: That motion 221/2021 be amended to add "for \$3,000" after the "Lisieux".

Carried

Hamlet H2O Reports

238/2023 Dale Berner: That the RM accept as presented, the H2O reports for the hamlets of St. Victor and Scout Lake.

Carried

2024 Appointments

239/2023 Gilles Bissonnette: That the list for 2024 appointments attached hereto and forming part of these minutes, be approved.

Carried



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Building Inspector

240/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the RM of Willow Bunch NO. 42 appoint the following from Professional Building Inspections Inc. to perform Class 1, 2 and 3 inspections services under the authority of subsections 16(2) and 16(3) of the *Constructions Codes Act*.
Douglas Mulhall, Class 3 Licensed Building Official, SK BOL001
Virginia Shepley, Class 3, Licensed Building Official, SK BOL517
Bobby Baker, R-Class 3, Licensed Building Official, SK BOL552/701
Amanda Kaufmann, Class 2, Licensed Building Official, SK BOL405
Joshua Nitz, R-Class 2, Licensed Building Official, SK BOL 785/804
Walter Schroeder, Class 1, Licensed Building Official, SK BOL488
David Kindred, Class 1, Licensed Building Official, SK BOL514
John Dulle, Class 1, Licensed Building Official, SK BOL789

By-Election – Division 3

241/2023 Scott Kirby: That February 14th, 2024 be set for Division 3 by-election and that nominations open December 15th, 2023 with nomination day being January 10th, 2024.

Carried

Deputy Reeve Lesperance stepped out at 2:30 p.m.

Enter “In Camera” or “Closed Session”

242/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM enter in an “in camera” session at 2:30 p.m. to discuss issues as per Section 12.4 of the Council Procedures Bylaw and that those in attendance are ~~Denis Lesperance~~, Gilles Bissonnette, Dale Berner, Tereena Bartlett, Sharleine Eger.

Carried

Exit “In Camera” Closed Session

243/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the RM exit the “in camera” closed session at 2:40 p.m.

Carried

Deputy Reeve Lesperance returned at 2:40 p.m.

Purchase TV for Council Chambers

244/2023 Dale Berner: With the ever increasing requirement for online meetings with council, admin or staff that the RM contribute 50% towards the purchase of a TV for council chambers.

Carried

Property Insurance Renewal Coverage Review

245/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM, having reviewed coverages for property within the SARM Property Self-Insurance Program Renewal, with no changes required, submit to SARM for 2024.

Carried

Order to Remedy

246/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the council hereby declares the property at 2-05-EX598 in the Hamlet of Scout Lake to be a nuisance under the Sections 4-11 and Section 14 of Bylaw #2-2006, the Nuisance Abatement Bylaw, for the following reason(s): Dilapidated building, unoccupied buildings, overgrown grass and weeds, unitdy & unsightly.
Nuisance meaning a condition of property or a thing, or an activity that adversely affects or may adversely affect the safety, health or welfare of people in the neighbourhood; people’s use and enjoyment of their property.
That Administration is hereby authorized to issue an order to Melvyn Hutchinson of the said property requiring him to undertake the following work:



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Demolish and remove building(s), fill in all open excavations (basements)
Said work to be completed on or before April 15th, 2024.

And that if the work noted above is not completed by the date noted above, the municipality is authorized to take whatever steps are necessary to complete the work and recover the costs.

Carried

Canada Summer Jobs

247/2023 Gilles Bissonnette: That the RM apply to CSJ for 2024, 16 weeks at \$19/hour.

Carried

Meeting Dates, Times and Council Procedures Bylaw

248/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM change the meeting dates for 2024 to the second Tuesday of the month, commencing at 8:00 a.m. and that admin draft an amendment to apply these changes to the Council Procedures Bylaw for December's meeting.

Carried

Pasture Rental

249/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the RM renew the lease with Jean Lemieux for rental of Parcel H at \$138/year plus GST and that the lease will be reviewed in 2027.

Carried

Councillor Kirby left the room at 3:00 p.m.

Development Permit

250/2023 Gilles Bissonnette: That the RM approve the development application submitted by Scott Kirby to build a 54' x 120' x 22' cold storage shed on NE 27-4-29 W2 and that this permit expire 12 months from the date of issuance.

Carried

Councillor Kirby returned at 3:03 p.m.

Request for Donation

251/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the RM respond to the request for donation that they are unable to assist this year but to apply in 2024.

Carried

2024 Library Levy - Fund Extra Hours

252/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM approve the request to fund an additional 5.5 hours at a cost of \$6,688 for the Willow Bunch Regional Library at a 50% cost share with Town of Willow Bunch; the RM's share being \$3,344.00.

Carried

Financials

253/2023 Dale Berner: That the Statement of Financial Activities and bank reconciliation for October 2023 be accepted as presented.

Carried

Accounts

254/2023 Scott Kirby: That the accounts paid and presented for payment be approved and a list of the cheques 21089 to 21148 inclusive totalling (\$115,387.07) and the October payroll (\$36,202.90) and EFT payments (\$90,296.42) be annexed hereto and form part of these minutes.

Carried

Correspondence

255/2023 Scott Kirby: That the following correspondence be approved as presented:

- a) CDO Report
- b) RCMP Report
- c) Sask Ag Now Regional Bulletin
- d) SAR – Voice of Rural Sask in Ottawa

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Adjournment

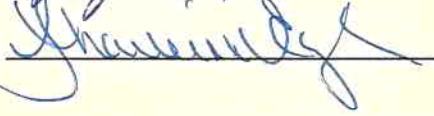
256/2023 Scott Kirby: That this meeting adjourn. (3:30 p.m.)

Carried

REEVE



ADMINISTRATOR



Next Meeting – December 11th, 2023