

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Willow Bunch No. 42 held at the Municipal Office, #16 Edouard Beupre St., Willow Bunch, Saskatchewan on Thursday, February 15th, 2024

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

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

Regrets: Reeve – Patrick Therrien,
Division 2 – Albert Lavallee

Declarations of Elected Officials

13/2024 Dale Berner: That the RM acknowledge and accept the results of the February 14th, 2024 by-election:
Colby Cairns – Division 3

Carried

Minutes

14/2024 Scott Kirby: That the minutes of the January 2024 regular meeting of council be approved as presented.

Carried

Committee Reports

15/2024 Scott Kirby: That the following verbal committee reports be accepted as presented:

- a) Denis Lesperance: RM 72 meeting regarding Wind Towers and their experience
- b) Albert Lavallee: No Report
- c) Division 3: No Report
- d) Dale Berner: No Report
- e) Scott Kirby: Willow Bunch Volunteer Fire Department Meeting with several different fire departments – changing boundaries – prelim discussions Delwyn Knoss – low level crossing – bus route
- f) Gilles Bissonnette: St. Victor Garbage Bins
St. Victor Post Office - Retirement
- g) Pat Therrien: No Report

Carried

Fire Chiefs Association

16/2024 Scott Kirby: That the RM apply for an annual membership to the Saskatchewan Association of Fire Chiefs at a cost of \$200/year.

Carried

SAFC Annual Conference and Trade Show

17/2024 Scott Kirby: That the RM register the Fire Chief Keith de Ronde for the 74th Annual Conference and Trade show in North Battleford, SK May 30th, 31st and June 1st, 2024 and pay all associated fees.

Carried

Letter of Eligibility

18/2024 Gilles Bissonnette: That the RM sign the letter of eligibility confirming ENGIE Canada Inc. is eligible to apply for permits should they be the successful proponent of Sask Power's 200 megawatt power project.

Carried

Letter of Eligibility

19/2024 Gilles Bissonnette: That the RM sign the letter of eligibility confirming Renewable Energy Systems group is eligible to apply for permits should they be the successful proponent of Sask Power's 200 megawatt power project.

Carried

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Amend Policy 400-29 Approach Development

20/2024 Scott Kirby: That point 3.1 of Policy 400-29 be amended to replace “20 foot top” with “30 foot top” to accommodate the ever increasing size of equipment going forward.

Carried

Bylaw 1-2024 First Reading

21/2024 Scott Kirby: That bylaw 1-2024 being a bylaw to provide for road closure and selling portions of plan BW901 known as the Jean Louis Legare Park Road be given first reading.

Carried

Bylaw 1-2024 Second Reading

22/2024 Gilles Bissonnette: That bylaw 1-2024 being a bylaw to provide for road closure and selling portions of plan BW901 known as the Jean Louis Legare Park Road be given second reading.

Carried

Open Public Hearing Meeting

23/2024 Scott Kirby: That the time being 10:00 a.m. that the RM declare the public meeting regarding the bylaw to close and sell portions of the JLLRP road open.

Carried

Close Public Hearing Meeting

24/2024 Dale Berner: That the time being 10:30 a.m. and having received no submissions or delegations regarding the bylaw, the RM declare the public hearing closed and resume the regular meeting.

Carried

Bylaw 1-2024 Three Readings

25/2024 Dale Berner: That bylaw 1-2024 being a bylaw to provide for road closure and selling portions of plan BW901 known as the Jean Louis Legare Park Road read three times at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously

Bylaw 1-2024 Third Reading

26/2024 Gilles Bissonnette: That bylaw 1-2024 being a bylaw to provide for road closure and selling portions of plan BW901 known as the Jean Louis Legare Park Road be given third and final reading.

Carried

Land Use Agreement 2.0

27/2024 Dale Berner: That the draft agreement Land Use 2.0 be amended to provide for the *permanent* placement of Mr. Martin’s fence along the south exit route of the Jean Louis Legare Regional Park and that the agreement be forwarded for signature.

Carried

DELEGATION: Assiniboia Rural Fire Protection Association – Cole Payant and Robin Cristo
Funding options for fire services

DELEGATION: Nathan Douglas – Canada Post – St. Victor post office retirement

Special Meeting Tuesday, February 20th, 2024

28/2024 Gilles Bissonnette: That the RM meet Tuesday, February 20th, 2024 to review and discuss RM policies.

Carried

Hamlet H2O Reports

29/2024 Scott Kirby: That the RM accept as presented, the H2O reports for the hamlets of St. Victor and Scout Lake.

Carried

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Purchase 2022 Chev 1 Ton Truck

30/2024 Gilles Bissonnette: That the RM purchase a 2022 Chev 1 Ton Truck for \$78,000 plus GST, plus \$1,800 for extended warranty.

Carried

Snow Plough Registrations for 2023/2024

31/2024 Dale Berner: That the following people listed on the snow ploughing registration forms received for the 2023/2024 winter season be approved for snow ploughing in RM#42 for liability and they must all be equipped with a flashing amber/blue light and sign a contractor's agreement: Les Deblois, Larry Deblois

Carried

St. Victor Mail Delivery

32/2024 Gilles Bissonnette: That as a result of retirement and facility closure in the hamlet of St. Victor, the retail outlet of Canada Post transition to community mailbox delivery, with items that need signatures, money collected or do not fit in the mailboxes be picked up in Assiniboia and/or Willow Bunch. Delivery will continue to be Monday to Friday and that the community of St. Victor to keep the current postal code of S0H 3T0.

Carried

Sask Lotteries Grant

33/2024 Scott Kirby: That the RM approve and sign the Sask Lotteries grant forms to the Town of Willow Bunch for distribution.

Carried

DELEGATION:

Colin Durand – Lots of snow removal – Lisieux plugged, all bus routes Worked through the weekend. Kept in contact with Admin.

Assiniboia Rural Fire Protection Association

34/2024 Scott Kirby: That the RM continue the annual funding of \$2,500/year for 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 for fire services covering the North West corner of the RM (not including St. Victor).

Carried

Compensation

35/2024 Dale Berner: That two weeks pay less deductions be compensated to Colin Durand for the changes to employment schedules resulting in less than one week advance notice.

Carried

Community Engagement Form

36/2024 Scott Kirby: That the RM sign the community engagement form acknowledging Greenwood Sustainable Infrastructure LLC is applying to Sask Power's 100-megawatt utility-scale solar power project in South Central Saskatchewan, with proposed development within RM #42 boundaries.

Carried

Sask Power – Work Through Road Bans

37/2024 Dale Berner: That the RM approve Sask Power's request to work through road bans this spring provided they apply for proper permits prior to beginning and compensate the RM for the extra road repairs/damages that may occur.

Carried



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Bylaw 2-2024 First Reading

38/2024 Scott Kirby: That bylaw 2-2024 being a bylaw to provide for the use of snowmobiles and ATV's be given first reading.

Carried

Bylaw 2-2024 Second Reading

39/2024 Gilles Bissonnette: That bylaw 2-2024 being a bylaw to provide for the use of snowmobiles and ATV's be given second reading.

Carried

Bylaw 2-2024 Three Readings

40/2024 Dale Berner: That bylaw 2-2024 being a bylaw to provide for the use of snowmobiles and ATV's be read three times at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously

Bylaw 2-2024 Third Reading

41/2024 Scott Kirby: That bylaw 2-2024 being a bylaw to provide for the use of snowmobiles and ATV's be given third and final reading.

Carried

Bylaw 3-2024 First Reading

42/2024 Gilles Bissonnette: That bylaw 3-2024 being a bylaw to provide for road maintenance agreements be given first reading.

Carried

Bylaw 3-2024 Second Reading

43/2024 Dale Berner: That bylaw 3-2024 being a bylaw to provide for road maintenance agreements be given second reading.

Carried

Bylaw 3-2024 Three Readings

44/2024 Scott Kirby: That bylaw 3-2024 being a bylaw to provide for road maintenance agreements be read three times at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously

Bylaw 3-2024 First Reading

45/2024 Gilles Bissonnette: That bylaw 3-2024 being a bylaw to provide for road maintenance agreements be given third and final reading.

Carried

Bylaw 4-2024 First Reading

46/2024 Dale Berner: That bylaw 4-2024 being a bylaw to provide for gravel extraction and licensing be given first reading.

Carried

Bylaw 4-2024 Second Reading

47/2024 Scott Kirby: That bylaw 4-2024 being a bylaw to provide for gravel extraction and licensing be given second reading.

Carried

Bylaw 4-2024 Three Readings

48/2024 Gilles Bissonnette: That bylaw 4-2024 being a bylaw to provide for gravel extraction and licensing be read three times at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously

Bylaw 4-2024 First Reading

49/2024 Dale Berner: That bylaw 4-2024 being a bylaw to provide for gravel extraction and licensing be given third and final reading.

Carried

Financials

50/2024 Scott Kirby: That the Statement of Financial Activities and bank reconciliation for January 2024 be accepted as presented.

Carried



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Enter “In Camera” or “Closed Session”

51/2024 Gilles Bissonnette: That the RM enter in an “in camera” session at 2:05 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, Scott Kirby, Tereena Bartlett, Sharleine Eger.

Carried

Exit “In Camera” Closed Session

52/2024 Scott Kirby: That the RM exit the “in camera” closed session at 2:20 p.m.

Carried

Accounts

53/2024 Scott Kirby: That the accounts paid and presented for payment be approved and a list of the cheques 21243-21286 and 21288 to 21289 inclusive totalling (\$101,557.19) and the January payroll (\$16,801.16) and EFT payments (\$64,581.21) be annexed hereto and form part of these minutes.

Carried

Correspondence

54/2024 Albert Lavallee: That the following correspondence be approved as presented:

- a) CDO Report
- b) RCMP Report
- c) Municipal Hail Insurance
- d) Assiniboia Rural Fire Protection Association – attend Feb. meeting
- e) APAS

Carried

Adjournment

55/2024 Dale Berner: That this meeting adjourn. (2:45 p.m.)

Carried

REEVE

ADMINISTRATOR

Next Meeting – March 12th, 2024