



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**Held on Thursday, February 15, 2024**  
**in the RM Council Chambers**  
**at 101 Railway Avenue in Bethune, Saskatchewan**

**Present**

Reeve	Brian Weisbrod
Division 1 Councillor	Kyle Sanderson
Division 2 Councillor	Wesley Hofer
Division 3 Councillor	Sheila Fishley
Division 4 Councillor	Brent Smith (via Zoom)
Division 5 Councillor	Ashton Riche
Division 6 Councillor	Robert Bennett
Administrator/CAO	Tammy Knuttila
Assistant Administrator	Marshall Drysdale


**Call to Order**

Reeve Weisbrod called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**Declaration of Conflict**

Councillor Hofer indicated that he would be declaring an interest in Item 14.d. regarding a request of Arm River Colony when it came up in the agenda. No other members of Council indicated that they would be declaring a conflict of interest with items on the agenda.


<b>Agenda</b>	024.24	<b>Fishley:</b> That the agenda be approved as distributed.	CARRIED
<b>Minutes</b>	025.24	<b>Hofer:</b> That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on January 11, 2024 be approved.	CARRIED
<b>Financial Activity Reports</b>	026.24	<b>Sanderson:</b> That the January, 2024 Budgetary Control Report and Balance Sheet for the month ended January 31, 2024 be received.	CARRIED
<b>Accounts for Payment</b>	027.24	<b>Bennett:</b> That the List of Accounts for Approval, as attached hereto and forming a part of these minutes, from Cheque 14569 to 14606 and all EFT payments, totalling \$337,770.86 plus payroll direct deposited in the amount of \$24,745.43 be approved for payment.	CARRIED
<b>Tax Owing Report</b>	028.24	<b>Riche:</b> That the Tax Owing Report be received.	CARRIED
<b>Dropbox Fees</b>	029.24	<b>Fishley:</b> That Council members be reimbursed for fees paid to have availability to Dropbox for RM business.	CARRIED
<b>Long Service Appreciation</b>	030.24	<b>Bennett:</b> That the Municipality purchase tickets for George and Dolores Riche as an appreciation for the long service George Riche provided on the RM Council.	CARRIED

  
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<b>Deputy Reeve</b>	031.24	<b>Riche:</b> That Councillor Fishley be appointed Deputy Reeve for 2024.	CARRIED
<b>Organizational Chart</b>	032.24	<b>Bennett:</b> That the Organizational Chart as attached hereto be approved and form part of the HR Policy.	CARRIED
<b>Administration Report</b>	033.24	<b>Sanderson:</b> That the Administration Report be received.	CARRIED
<b>Development Report</b>	034.24	<b>Smith:</b> That the Development Report be received.	CARRIED
<b>Dust Control Fee</b>	035.24	<b>Hofer:</b> That the charge for dust control for ratepayers to have dust control applied adjacent to residential properties be set at \$550.00 for 2024 to reflect the increase in the cost of completing the work. The amount continues to be approximately one third of the actual costs.	CARRIED
<b>Foreman's Report</b>	036.24	<b>Smith:</b> That the Foreman's Report be received.	CARRIED
<b>Delegation/ K+S</b>		Council met with Gene Cochrane, KSPC in order for Mr. Cochrane to provide an update of the activities at the mine. The delegation attended from 11:30 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.	
<b>Bylaw #1-2024 Repealing Bylaw</b>	037.24	<b>Bennett:</b> That Bylaw No. 1-2024 being a Bylaw to repeal outdated or expired Bylaws and Agreements, be now read a first time.	CARRIED
<b>Bylaw #1-2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	038.24	<b>Riche:</b> That Bylaw No. 1-2024 be now read a second time.	CARRIED
<b>Bylaw #1-2024 Three Readings</b>	039.24	<b>Hofer:</b> That Bylaw No. 1-2024 be considered for three readings at this meeting.	CARRIED UNANI- MOUSLY
<b>Bylaw #1-2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading</b>	040.24	<b>Sanderson:</b> That Bylaw No. 1-2024 be now read a third time.	CARRIED
<b>Bylaw #2-2024 Gravel Extraction</b>	041.24	<b>Sanderson:</b> That Bylaw No. 2-2024 being a bylaw to license the excavation of gravel from gravel pits be now read a first time.	CARRIED
<b>Bylaw #2-2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	042.24	<b>Smith:</b> That Bylaw No. 2-2024 be now read a second time.	CARRIED
<b>Bylaw #2-2024 Three Readings</b>	043.24	<b>Riche:</b> That Bylaw No. 2-2024 be considered for three readings at this meeting.	CARRIED UNANI- MOUSLY

  
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<b>Bylaw #2-2024</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Reading</b>	044.24	<b>Fishley:</b> That Bylaw No. 2-2024 be now read a third time.	CARRIED
<b>Arm River</b> <b>Colony Request</b>	045.24	<b>Smith:</b> That the request of Arm River Colony for assistance with the cost of installing drainage pipe under Range Road 2230 be declined, however the Council would support the Colony in approaching Water Security Agency for assistance as the supplier of the drainage design previously installed.  (Councillor Hofer declared a conflict of interest in the above noted request and left the meeting during discussion and voting thereon.)	CARRIED
<b>Subdivision/</b> <b>Mountenay</b>	046.24	<b>Fishley:</b> That the application of Compass Surveyors, on behalf of Leslie and Heather Mountenay, to subdivide a 10 acre parcel from NW-24-19-24-W2 be approved subject to notation of the non conformance of the existing building front yard setbacks in the zoning bylaw.	CARRIED
<b>Enbridge</b> <b>Crossing</b> <b>Agreement</b>	047.24	<b>Hofer:</b> That the execution of the road crossing agreement with Enbridge to provide for temporary equipment crossing, temporary workspace and general use of the roadways between NE-12-19-24-W2; NW-7-19-23-W2; SE-13-19-24-W2 and SW-18-19-23-W2 be authorized.	CARRIED
<b>HELP</b> <b>International</b>	048.24	<b>Sanderson:</b> Our RM recognizes the central role trees play in wind and snow protection, carbon sequestration, oxygen production, and habitat development and is interested in our rural residents' participation in HELP International's proposed Free Tree/Tree Mulch/Drip Irrigation materials program under the Federal Government's Two Billion Tree Initiative.  Our region is considered Semi-arid by international rainfall standards. The addition of plastic mulch and drip irrigation would greatly heighten the success in establishing trees and lessen the maintenance burden on landowners. Drip Irrigation for tree installations is understood as an important water conservation technology that helps preserve limited dugout and well water supplies for humans and livestock.	CARRIED
<b>RM Map</b>	049.24	<b>Sanderson:</b> That the names of property owners be removed from the digital version of the RM map on the Municipality's website.	LOST
<b>Highwood</b> <b>Beach Slots</b>	050.24	<b>Smith:</b> That a draw be opened to property owners in Highwood Beach for lease of one of four boat slots at the municipal reserve for a five year period at \$250.00 per year.	CARRIED

  
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<b>Kutcher Consolidation Request</b>	051.24	<b>Bennett:</b> That the request of Harold and Aileen Kutcher to consolidate Lot 8, Block 1, Plan A4163 with Lot 6A, Block 1, Plan A4163 be approved.	CARRIED
<b>Findlater Hall Roof Repair</b>	052.24	<b>Bennett:</b> That opportunities for grant funding for the repair of the Findlater Hall be researched.	CARRIED
<b>SARM Convention</b>	053.24	<b>Sanderson:</b> That Reeve Weisbrod, Councillor Bennett and Councillor Riche be authorized to attend the SARM Convention on March 13 to 15, 2024.	CARRIED
<b>SMHI Delegate</b>	054.24	<b>Fishley:</b> That Councillor Riche attend the Sask. Municipal Hail Insurance AGM on behalf of the Municipality.	CARRIED
<b>Crime Stoppers Donation</b>	055.24	<b>Sanderson:</b> That a \$200.00 donation be provided to Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers.	CARRIED
<b>Receive Correspondence</b>	056.24	<b>Fishley:</b> That the following correspondence be received: <b>Action Items</b> a) Harold & Aileen Kutcher – Request to Amalgamate Lots b) Findlater Hall – Quote for Roof Repairs c) SAMA – Notice of 2024 Annual Meeting d) SARM – 2024 Annual Convention & Trade Show e) SMHI – 2024 AGM Municipal Delegate & Trade Show f) Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers – 2024 Donation Request  <b>Information Items</b> a) APAS – 2023 AGM Resolutions & Performance Review b) APAS – Update – January 11, 2024 c) APAS – Update – January 18, 2024 d) APAS – Update – January 25, 2024 e) APAS – Update – February 1, 2024 f) APAS – Update – February 8, 2024 g) Enbridge – 1st Quarter Update – 2024 h) Enbridge – Sale of Interest in Alliance Pipeline i) Lumsden & District Heritage Home – Nov. 27, 2023 Minutes j) Lumsden & District Heritage Home – Dec. 18, 2023 Minutes k) Lumsden & District Heritage Home – Advocacy Thank you l) Lumsden & District Heritage Home – February 2024 Newsletter m) Lumsden RCMP – Community Policing Report – Nov. & Dec. 2023 n) Lumsden RCMP – Update – January 2024 o) RM of Emerald No. 277 – Res. for 2024 SARM Annual Convention p) SARM – Message to Members q) SARM – Rural Dart – January 9, 2024 r) SARM – Rural Dart – January 16, 2024 s) SARM – Rural Dart – January 23, 2024 t) SARM – Rural Dart – January 30, 2024 u) SARM – Rural Sheaf – January 2024	

  
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- v) SARM – Rural Dart – February 6, 2024
- w) SARM – News Release – February 7, 2024
- x) SAW – January 2024 Newsletter
- y) SMHI – 2023 Summary of Business Written & Claims Paid
- z) Statistics Canada – Data Lens – February 2024

CARRIED


**Adjourn**

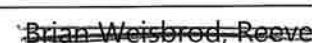
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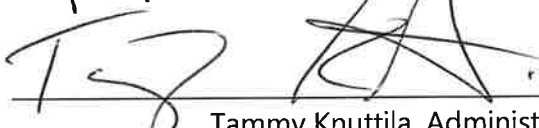
**Hofer:**

That this meeting now adjourn at 2:20 p.m.

CARRIED

  
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Sheila Fishley  
Deputy Reeve

  
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~~Brian Weisbrod, Reeve~~ R.

  
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Tammy Knuttila, Administrator/CAO

Next Meeting – March 7, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.