

**The R.M. of Val Marie No. 17 held its first meeting after the 2020 Election on Monday, November 16, 2020 in the Municipal Chambers in Val Marie, Saskatchewan commencing at 1:00 p.m.**

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**PRESENT:** Reeve Larry Grant; Division 1 Councillor: Tyler Jensen, Division 2 Councillor: Timothy B. Christianson; Division 3 Councillor: Steven Gunter; Division 4 Councillor: Shadrick Peno; Division 5 Councillor: Greg Kornfeld

**LATE:** Division 2 Councillor: Timothy B. Christianson

**STAFF ATTENDANCE:** Cathy Legault, Administrator; and Ben McLearn, Public Works Foreman

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum being present, Reeve Grant called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

226/20	AGENDA	<p>PENO: That the agenda for this October 13, 2020 Council meeting be approved with the addition of a draft agreement regarding the transfer of the former Catholic Church in Val Marie. Cd.</p>
227/20	REGULAR MEETING MINUTES	<p>JENSEN: That the minutes of the October 13, 2020 special meeting and the October 13, 2020 regular meeting be approved as read. Cd.</p> <p><i>Councillor Christianson joined the meeting, time 1:43 p.m.</i></p>
2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	DELEGATE	<p>Adriana Bacheschi, Saskatchewan South Field Unit Superintendent Parks Canada attended in person, along with Stefano Liccioli and Shelley Duquette Larson via teleconference.</p> <p><u>Draft Grasslands National Park Management Plan</u> - Ms. Bacheschi reviewed the structure of the management plan and explained that the RM Council did receive a copy of the plan before publishing for public consultation. She would welcome any written comments about the plan. Cultural Resource Management as it pertains to historic ranch buildings and outbuildings was discussed.</p> <p><u>Grasslands National Park Steering Committee</u> – Ms. Bacheschi did confirm that all R.M.’s that are stakeholders in the formation of Grasslands National Park would be invited to any future steering committee meetings.</p> <p><u>Request to work with RM17 on naming and re-signing the road that GNP refers to as “Ecotour Road” to the locally known name “River Road” (res. 138/20, July 14, 2020)</u> – Shelly Duquette Larson explained that the tour that GNP promotes to explore the park on this road is called “Ecotour Scenic Drive”, and that the two signs that refer to it as “Ecotour Road” are slated to be replaced or removed in the near future. The new signs will reference entry to Grasslands National Park and not a road name.</p> <p><u>Request for GNP to hold a public meeting to hear concerns from ratepayers on Prairie Dog Management (res. 207/2, October 13, 2020)</u> – Ms. Bacheschi explained that because of COVID19 restrictions this will not be possible for the foreseeable future.</p> <p><u>Ministers Round Table</u> – Ms. Bacheschi informed the Council that she would take comments related to this comment/consultation period directly if R.M.17 wanted to submit any comments rather than posting them on the website.</p> <p><u>Request to GNP to co-ordinate a meeting with the organizations who are requiring GNP to make and implement a recovery strategy for the Black Tailed Prairie Dog in Canada (res. 158/20 August 11, 2020)</u> - Stephen Peterson Co-Chair of the terrestrial mammal committee of COSEWIC, as well as Yeen Ten Hwang, representing Environment and Climate Change Canada joined the meeting via teleconference at 3:30 p.m. The process that was followed to heighten prairie dogs on the “risk” scale as it pertains to species at risk legislation was explained. It was noted that the local notification of assessment was sent to SARM and not to the individual R.M.’s.</p>

		Mr. Peterson, Ms. Hwang, Mr. Larson, and Ms. Duquette Larson left the conference call at 4:10 p.m.
228/20	ADMIN REPORT	KORNFELD: That the Administrators report be accepted as presented. Cd.
229/20	FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	GUNTER: That the Statement of Financial Position as at October 31, 2020 be accepted as presented. Cd.
230/20	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS	PENO: That the attached list of accounts for payment be approved. Cd.
231/20	LIST OF LANDS IN ARREARS	CHRISTIANSON: That the list of lands in arrears be advertised. Cd.
232/20	TAX ENFORCEMENT	PENO: Whereas a tax lien was registered against the title on the following properties on January 7, 2020 and the arrears of taxes remain unpaid as of the date of this resolution;  That the Administrator proceed to acquire title to the following properties as outlined by <i>The Tax Enforcement Act</i> : SW 01-03-14-W3, NW 13-02-14-W3, NW 22-02-14-W3, SW 22-02-14-W3, SW 26-02-14-W3, NE 28-02-14-W3, NW 28-02-14-W3, NE 33-02-14-W3, NE 34-02-14-W3, Lot 2 Blk B Plan 60SC09884, Lot 3 Blk B Plan 60SC09884, PT SW 21-02-14-W3 (Blk A Plan 96SC12977). Cd.
233/20	COMMITTEE REPORTS	KORNFELD: That the committee reports and minutes be accepted and filed. Cd.
234/20	BYLAW 14-20	GUNTER: That Bylaw 14-20, A Bylaw to Establish a Road Naming Policy, be introduced and read for the first time. Cd.
235/20	BYLAW 14-20	GUNTER: That Bylaw 14-20, A Bylaw to Establish a Road Naming Policy, be read for the second time. Cd.
236/20	BYLAW 14-20	GUNTER: That Bylaw 14-20, A Bylaw to Establish a Road Naming Policy, be given three readings at this one meeting. Carried Unanimously.
237/20	BYLAW 14-20	PENO: That Bylaw 14-20, A Bylaw to Establish a Road Naming Policy, be read for the third time and adopted. Cd.
238/20	AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH	KORNFELD: That the Reeve and Administrator have authorization from Council to sign the agreement between the R.M. of Val Marie, the Village of Val Marie, and the Archbishopial Corporation of Regina as drafted by the R.M.'s legal counsel provided the final draft reflects the same general terms and conditions. Cd.
239/20	AUDITORS FOR 2021 YEAR	PENO: That Dudley & Company LLP be appointed as the municipal auditors for the 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 year. Cd.
240/20	APPOINTMENTS	JENSEN: That the following appointments to boards/committees be made for the 2021 year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deputy Reeve (until next Organizational Meeting in November 2022) – Shadrick Peno</li> <li>• Fire Chief –Daniel Facette</li> </ul>

- Fire Department Members: the following persons are appointed to as Fire Department Members who are authorized to respond with municipal equipment:
  - Sand Lake Fire Station – a driver with a driver’s licence and any member over the age of 16 responding with the driver.
  - Orkney Fire Station – Cory Carleton, Shadrick Peno, Steven Grant, Ross Evans, Larry Carleton, Raymond Peno, Butte Hutterian Brethren (a driver with a drivers licence and any member over the age of 16 responding with the driver).
  - Rapley Fire Station – Clint Rapley, Rod Hammond, Tyler Jensen, Curtis Hammond, Ryan Mything, Tim Christianson
  - Val Marie Fire Station – Daniel Facette, Stacey McCrea, Rick Waldner, Dwight Olson, Serge Duquette, Dean Grant, Lynn Grant, Patrick Hayes, Marlon McGuire, Drew Hayes, Jacques Beauchamp
  - Beaver Valley Fire Station – Ian Fargey, Alan Palaschak, Brett Grant, Larry Grant, Jason Legault
  - Rosefield Fire Station – Greg Kornfeld, Glenn Kornfeld, Klinton Kornfeld, Brock Harbor, James Harbor, Martin Laturnus, Tim Christianson, Jesse Christianson
  - Public Works Crew – authorized to respond with municipal equipment as needed or requested.
- STARS Fuel Trailer Responders:
  - Daniel Facette, Duane Hanson, Jacques Beauchamp, Arthur Facette, Marlon McGuire, Dwight Olson, Lynn Grant, Brett Grant, Ben McLearn, Jason Legault, Terry Acker, John Glas, Clint Rapley
- EMO – Reeve, Deputy Reeve, then rest of Council
- Returning Officer – Cathy Legault
- Nomination Officers – Mylee Lamb, Jodie Harbor
- Polling Place: Val Marie Municipal Office Boardroom or Palais Royal Theatre in Val Marie (as decided by the Returning Officer)
- Pest Control Officer – Ben Vause
- Weed Inspector – Rick Hobbs
- ADD Board Representative – Tyler Jensen
- Chinook Regional Library – Catherine MacAuley
- Val Marie Local Library Board – Catherine MacAuley
- Development Appeals Board & Board of Revision Members – Mike Waldner, Terry Jensen, Larry Jarman, Sydney Smailes, Lynn Grant
- Secretary to the Board of Revision – Mylee Lamb
- Val Marie Recreation Board – Greg Kornfeld
- Stray Animals Act Administration – Administrator
  - Pound/Poundkeeper – Shaunavon Livestock Sales Ltd, Shaunavon, SK; Heartland Livestock Services, Swift Current, SK; Mankota Stockmen’s Weigh Co., Mankota, SK
- Road Committee (as established by Bylaw 6/81 & as permitted by section 16 of *The Municipalities Act Regulations* - for the purpose of issuing orders regarding the use of roads) – Administrator and Public Works Foreman. Applicable Division Councillor or Reeve can substitute for the Administrator or Public Works Foreman if either of those employees are unable to sign the order. (res 85/18)
- Designated Officer under Nuisance Abatement Bylaw – Timothy Christianson
- Frenchman River/Wood River Weed Management Area Representative – Tim Christianson

- Val Marie Economic Development Committee (2 Council reps & 1 agricultural producers representative) – Larry Grant, Greg Kornfeld, & Shadrick Peno as alternate
- Southwest Transportation Planning Committee Rep. – Ervin Carlier
- Village/RM Joint Administration Matters – Larry Grant/Shadrick Peno
- Designated Officer Bylaw 5-16, A Bylaw to Regulate Activities and Things in or on Municipal Roads – Public Works Foreman
- Southwest Municipal Government Committee – all Council authorized to attend (res. 32/18)
- Lease Land Sales Approvals – Larry and Shadrick
- Auditors: Dudley & Company LLP, Regina, Saskatchewan

Cd.

241/20 COUNCIL REMUNERATION

GRANT: That remuneration for Council and mileage rates for Council and staff be set as follows:

- Council and Appointees Mileage Rate: \$0.55/km
- Employee Mileage Rate: \$0.55/km with the exception of attending RMAA or SARM conventions in which case a \$200 convention allowance will be paid in lieu of mileage to each employee attending.
- Council Remuneration, as well as other representatives appointed by Council, set at \$225 per diem.
- Meal Allowances for Council, Council representatives, and staff:
  - Breakfast: \$15
  - Lunch: \$20
  - Supper: \$25

Cd.

242/20 ADJOURNMENT

GRANT: That this meeting do now adjourn (time 6:00 p.m.), and that a special meeting be called on November 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to finish the agenda items from this meeting. That this resolution serves as notice of the special called meeting and that no other formal notices will be issued.

Cd.