

The R.M. of Val Marie No. 17 held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 in the Municipal Chambers in Val Marie, Saskatchewan commencing at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Reeve Larry Grant; Division 2 Councillor: Timothy B. Christianson; Division 3 Councillor: Ervin E. Carlier; Division 4 Councillor: Shadrick Peno; Division 5 Councillor: Greg Kornfeld

ABSENT: Division 1 Councillor: Clint Rapley

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 7:00 p.m.

200/20	AGENDA	PENO: That the agenda for this October 13, 2020 Council meeting be approved with the addition of the request from Keystone Pipeline and notification of a meeting date from the Southwest Municipal Government Committee. Cd.
201/20	REGULAR MEETING MINUTES	CARLIER: That the minutes of the September 8, 2020 regular meeting be approved as read. Cd.
202/20	ADMIN REPORT	CHRISTIANSON: That the Administrators report be accepted as presented. Cd.
203/20	FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	KORNFELD: That the Statement of Financial Position as at September 30, 2020 be accepted as presented. Cd.
204/20	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS	CARLIER: That the attached list of accounts for payment be approved. Cd.
205/20	RBC SAVINGS ACCOUNT	PENO: That the balance in the mutual fund savings account with RBC Dominion Securities be moved to the SARM High Interest Savings Account. Cd.
	COMMITTEE REPORTS	KORNFELD: That the committee reports and minutes be accepted and filed. Cd.
206/20	REPLY FROM MIN. OF AG RE: PRAIRIE DOG DAMAGE	PENO: That the Ministry of Agriculture be requested to make the necessary modifications to the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation program that would compensate landowners for wildlife damage (such as damage from Black Tailed Prairie Dogs) on all grasslands as well as seeded acres. Cd.
207/20	PRAIRIE DOG CONCERNS FROM RATEPAYERS	PENO: Whereas the RM Council has received concerns from ratepayers who are in great danger of losing their livelihood due to the expansion of prairie dogs; and Whereas the concerned ratepayers have also expressed disfavor with the destruction of native prairie caused by prairie dog colony expansion within and outside Grasslands National Park boundary; That Grasslands National Park be requested to hold a public meeting to hear concerns from ratepayers on Prairie Dog Management within and outside the Grasslands National Park boundary. That the superintendent, all resource conservation staff, COSEWIC and SARA representatives be available to hear concerns from those in attendance. Cd.
208/20	PUBLIC HEARING TO ROAD NAMING BYLAW	CHRISTIANSON: That it be noted the public hearing to Bylaw 14-20, A Bylaw to Establish a Road Naming Policy, closed at 8:30 p.m. and no concerns were received or heard. Cd.

209/20	BYLAW 16-20	PENO: That Bylaw 16-20, A Bylaw to Provide for the Municipality to Enter into an Agreement with the Village of Val Marie for Cemetery Maintenance & Operation, be introduced and read for the first time. Cd.
210/20	BYLAW 16-20	KORNFELD: That Bylaw 16-20, A Bylaw to Provide for the Municipality to Enter into an Agreement with the Village of Val Marie for Cemetery Maintenance & Operation, be now read for the second time. Cd.
211/20	BYLAW 16-20	CHRISTIANSON: That Bylaw 16-20, A Bylaw to Provide for the Municipality to Enter into an Agreement with the Village of Val Marie for Cemetery Maintenance & Operation, be given three readings at this one meeting. Carried Unanimously.
212/20	BYLAW 16-20	CARLIER: That Bylaw 16-20, A Bylaw to Provide for the Municipality to Enter into an Agreement with the Village of Val Marie for Cemetery Maintenance & Operation, be read for the third time and adopted. Cd.
213/20	FENCING BIDS	GRANT: That the fencing quotes for Hillandale and Rosefield Cemetery be tabled until the December meeting. Cd.
214/20	LETTER OF SUPPORT MENTAL HEATH & SLEEP STUDY	CARLIER: That a letter of support be written indicting our support for the project outlined by the University of Saskatchewan & The Agricultural Health and Safety Network looking into farm stress, mental health and sleep problems in rural Saskatchewan. Cd.
215/20	GNP CONT. ARRANGEMENT CULVERTS	CHRISTIANSON: That the administrator have the authorization to sign the contractual arrangement with Grasslands National Park for supplying culverts provided they agree to an additional 12% administration fee due to the unknown cost increases that the R.M. may incur in replacing those culverts in inventory. Cd.
216/20	BRIDGE DETAILED DESIGN	GRANT: That the SARM Bridge Services Department be requested to complete detailed design on the "Olson" (N of the NE 09-03-13-W3 Bridge File 313-03-09), "Walker" (in NW 24-01-11-W3 Bridge File 311-01-24), and Dixon (SE 03-02-11-W3 Bridge File o. 311-02-03#1). That the engineering be tendered if SARM is unable to do the work. Cd.
217/20	POLLING PLACE	PENO: That the polling place for the 2020 Municipal Elections be moved to the Palais Royale Theatre, 204 Centre Street, Val Marie, Saskatchewan, SON 2T0. Cd.
218/20	ELECTION OFFICIAL REMUNERATION	CARLIER: That the remuneration for poll clerk and special constable be set at \$180 per diem. Cd.
219/20	OFFICE OUTSIDE LIGHTS	KORNFELD: That the east and north side lights at the office be changed to LED's with a photo eye sensor and a photo eye sensor be added to the lights under the awning on the west and south sides of the building as quoted by Kornfeld Electric. Cd.
220/20	MCCREA GRAVEL REQUEST	PENO: That the application of pit run at Mr. Tim McCrea's expense be approved on soft spots on the road east of SE 36-03-14-W3 after the road crew has repaired low areas; and that the R.M. maintain the portion of road south of section 31-03-14-W3 and south of SE 36-03-14-W3 as a gravel road up to the texas gate that services the Val Marie Community pasture. Cd.

221/20	ADMIN HOLIDAYS	CARLIER: That the administrators holiday request of October 28, 29, 30, November 2, and 3 rd 2020 be approved. Cd.
222/20	TRANSCANADA ROAD MAINT. AGREEMENT	KORNFELD: That the terms of the road maintenance agreement with TransCanada Keystone Pipeline be extended until December 31, 2021 and that the Line of Credit be renewed with the same terms and conditions. Cd.
223/20	COMMUNICATIONS	CARLIER: That the communications listed on the agenda be acknowledged as required and filed as deemed appropriate. Cd.
224/20	PRECONSTRUCTION MEETINGS	CHRISTIANSON: That a preconstruction meeting be held prior to the start of an asset upgrade/construction project with the applicable R.M. Staff (foreman and administration), Division Councillor and any other affected parties. Cd.
225/20	ADJOURNMENT	GRANT: That this meeting do now adjourn, time 10:30 p.m. Cd.

Approved November 16, 2020