

The R.M. of Val Marie No. 17 held its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 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: Steven Gunter; Division 4 Councillor: Shadrick Peno; Division 5 Councillor: Greg Kornfeld

LATE: Division 5 Councillor: Greg Kornfeld

REGRETS: Division 1 Councillor: Tyler Jensen

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.

57/21	AGENDA	GUNTER: That the agenda for this April 13, 2021 Council meeting be approved. Cd.
58/21	PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES	CHRISTIANSON: That the minutes of the March 3, 2021 regular meeting be approved as read. Cd.
7:30 p.m. – 8:05 p.m.	DELEGATE	Jody Larson, Realty Officer with Grasslands National Park was received by Council in order to deliver an update on where the Order in Council process for the formation of Grasslands National Park. Mr. Larson informed the Council that there has been some finalization of the transfer of boundary alteration and waterway's agreements. The next Order in Council will transfer the lands (both lease and freehold) acquired through the Dixon, Walker, Piorier, Grant, Jenkins, and Anderson purchases to Her Majesty the Queen Canada, Government of Canada, Parks Canada Agency. This second Order in Council is in the final stages of approvals. After this second order is complete, Parks Canada can request transfer of the roads and road allowances from the Ministry of Highways. The Ministry of Highways will then consult with the municipalities involved regarding the transfer request. <i>Councillor Kornfeld joined the meeting, time 8:11 p.m.</i>
59/21	PUBLIC HEARING	PENO: That is be noted in the minutes there were no representations (in person or written) to the public hearing to Bylaw 1-21 scheduled for this meeting. Cd.
60/21	ADMIN REPORT	GUNTER: That the Administrators report be accepted as presented. Cd.
61/21	FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	KORNFELD: That the Statement of Financial Position as at March 31, 2021 be accepted as presented. Cd.
62/21	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS	CHRISTIANSON: That the attached list of accounts for payment be approved. Cd.
63/21	AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	CHRISTIANSON: That the Audited Financial Statements for 2020 be approved as presented, noting the final documents will have the changes outlined by the Administrator. Cd.
64/21	COMMITTEE REPORTS	PENO: That the committee reports and minutes be accepted and filed. Cd.

65/21	AMBULANCE FUNDING REQUEST	CHRISTIANSON: That R.M. 17 declines to contribute funds for wage supplementation for Ambulance Services to the R.M. There is the potential to be supplementing three different ambulance services that serve the R.M. and the Council is not in favor of supplementing any one of these services. The R.M. Council has been more than a 50% partner in the establishment, operation, and response efforts with the STARS Fuel Trailer in Val Marie and the Council views that commitment as the R.M.'s contribution to emergency health care for R.M. residents. Cd.
66/21	LETTER TO MLA RE: RESOLUTION 45/21	PENO: That the wording prepared regarding the letter to the MLA referred to in resolution 45/21 be approved and the letter sent. Cd.
67/21	BYLAW 1-21	PENO: That Bylaw 1-21, A Bylaw to Provide for the Sale of Dedicated Lands, be introduced and read for the first time. Cd.
68/21	BYLAW 1-21	KORNFELD: That Bylaw 1-21, A Bylaw to Provide for the Sale of Dedicated Lands, be now read for the second time. Cd.
69/21	BYLAW 1-21	GUNTER: That Bylaw 1-21, A Bylaw to Provide for the Sale of Dedicated Lands, be given three readings at this one meeting. Carried Unanimously.
70/21	BYLAW 1-21	CHRISTIANSON: That Bylaw 1-21, A Bylaw to Provide for the Sale of Dedicated Lands, be read for the third time and adopted. Cd.
71/21	PRAIRIE DOG CONTAINMENT PLAN	PENO: That the R.M.'s response to the request to participate in the formation of a black tailed prairie dog containment plan by Grasslands National Park be approved as presented. Cd.
72/21	GNP MANAGEMENT PLAN	GUNTER: That the response to the proposed 10 year Grasslands National Park Management Plan be approved as presented. Cd.
73/21	INSURANCE QUOTE CHURCH	CHRISTIANSON: That the insurance policy for the church property be approved as quoted by Cornet Agencies. Cd.
74/21	SPECIAL MEETING	KORNFELD: That a special meeting be scheduled for April 20, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. in order to receive delegates from Agriculture and Agrifood Canada in regard to the federal divestiture of the Val Marie and West Flat Irrigation project works. That no other notice will be given to those Council members in attendance at this meeting. Cd.
75/21	TEXAS GATE APPROVAL	KORNFELD: That the request to install a cattle guard on the trail in the south 1/2 of section 20-06-15-W3 by Beaver Valley Grazing be approved provided the guard is installed per municipal policy. Cd.
76/21	BYLAW 2-21	PENO: That Bylaw 2-21, A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 14-20, A Bylaw to Establish a Road Naming Policy, be introduced and read for the first time. Cd.
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80/21	RECORDS RETENTION BYLAW	CHRISTIANSON: That the records retention bylaw be tabled until the next meeting. Cd.
81/21	RM17 COSTS TO PRAIRIE DOG MATTERS	PENO: That Grasslands National Park be sent an invoice for the time spent by R.M. 17 administration and Council to discuss, respond and negotiate prairie dog matters. The time that has been spent reviewing, responding, meeting, deliberating, and discussing prairie dog concerns with ratepayers is becoming unworkable. R.M. 17 ratepayers should not be paying for responding administratively to these concerns. Cd.
82/21	GNP ADVISORY COMMITTEE	KORNFELD: That Grasslands National Park be requested to re-initiate the Advisory Committee that was formerly in place in order to address matters of concern between Grasslands National Park, adjacent landowners, and the greater community. Further to this request, R.M. 17 offers to assist in co-ordination of re-establishing this committee. Cd.
83/21	REMAINDER OF AGENDA ITEMS	GRANT: That the remainder of the agenda items be addressed at the special meeting on April 20, 2021 (called in resolution 74/21) after the delegation from AAFC. Cd.
84/21	ADJOURNMENT	PENO: That this meeting do now adjourn, time 12:10 a.m. Cd.

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Administrator