



Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17
Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting September 7, 2021 - 07:00 PM

PRESENT: Reeve: Larry Grant; Division 2 Councillor: Timothy B. Christianson; Division 3 Councillor: Steven Gunter; Division 5 Councillor: Greg Kornfeld

REGRETS: Division 1 Councillor: Tyler Jensen, Division 4 Councillor and Deputy Reeve: Shadrick Peno

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

1 Call to order

A quorum being present Reeve Grant called the meeting to order, time 6:00 p.m.

2 Approval/Adoption of the Agenda

Res. No. 191 /21

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the agenda for this September 7, 2021 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 Adoption of Minutes

3.1 August 10, 2021 Special Meeting

Res. No. 192/21

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the minutes of the August 10, 2021 Special Meeting be approved as read.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 August 10, 2021 Regular Meeting

Res. No. 193/21

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the minutes of the August 10, 2021 Regular Meeting be approved as read.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.3 August 25, 2021 Special Meeting

Res. No. 194/21

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the minutes of the August 25, 2021 Special Meeting be approved as read.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 Public Hearings

5 Delegations

5.1 7:00 - 8:40 PM - Adriana Bacheschi Field Unit Superintendent, Saskatchewan South Field Unit Parks Canada, Government of Canada

Mrs. Bacheschi was received by Council. Council discussed on the following topics:

1. Prairie Dog Concerns and Grasslands National Park's responses in the Prairie Post Article of May 12, 2021.
 2. A request that will be coming the next business day requesting the transfer of roads and road allowances within Grasslands National Park boundary.
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3. Traffic Routing to Grasslands National Park - Mrs. Bacheschi reported that visitor services staff do mostly direct visitors to enter the park via the north entrance of the park (on the River Road).
4. The amount of time spent on Grasslands National Park matters.
5. Establishing an Advisory Board - Mrs. Bacheschi reported that the advisory board that was previously formed had the purpose of consulting of the management plan for that era. The formation of a more "stakeholder" relations group could be developed in the future in order to improve communication between Grasslands National Park and its stakeholders.

6 Reports of Administration & Committees

6.1 Administrative Update

Res. No. 195/21

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Administrator's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 List of Accounts for Approval

Res. No. 196/21

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the attached List of Accounts be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Monthly Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet

Res. No. 197/21

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2021 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Committee Reports

Res. No. 198/21

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the committee reports and minutes be accepted and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7 Unfinished Business

7.1 Dudley & Co. Letter disclosing tender receiving error

Res. No. 199/21

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the letter from Dudley and Co. disclosing the error regarding receiving bridge lumber tenders be noted as received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 2021 Budget

Res. No. 200/21

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the error in Schedule 'B' of the 2021 Annual Budget be acknowledged and that the amount of total wages in Transportation Services should have been \$229,595 and the total amount of benefits should have been \$57,638. Amended Schedule B is attached to these minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 TC Energy Crossing Agreements Re: Reshaping Road Ditch SE/SW 26-02-14-W3

Res. No. 201/21

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Steven Gunter

That the changes to the Crossing Agreements with TransCanada Energy regarding work to be conducted in the road allowance south of the SW 25-02-14-W3 be approved and presented to TransCanada Energy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 New Business

8.1 Letter to Ministry of Highways re: Speed Limit on Hwy 4 south of Val Marie

Res. No. 202/21

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That a letter be sent to the Ministry of Highways requesting the speed limit be increased on Highway No. 4 from Cadillac to the Monchy Border Crossing (after the construction is finished) to 100 km/hr.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Letter to Minister of Agriculture regarding reducing lease fees due to drought conditions

Res. No. 203/21

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That a letter to the Minister of Agriculture be sent requesting a reduction on lease fees for 2021 for lands in R.M. 17 due to the extreme drought conditions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency - Request to Amend 911 Fire Dispatch Agreement

Res. No. 204/21

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the request to amend the 911 Fire Dispatch Agreement and resulting Bylaw 8-21 be tabled until the next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 CRA Volunteer Firefighters Deduction Amount

Res. No. 205/21

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the draft letter confirming volunteer firefighting commitments from the fire department be approved for issuance for all volunteer fire department members annually.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Val Marie Pasture Manager - Request to Build Trail to Hillandale Corrals

Res. No. 206/21

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the RM equipment improve the trail from the West Flat Road into the Hillandale Corrals (approx. 836 m length) in the Val Marie Grazing community pasture.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 Interest on Lot 8 Blk 15 Plan 02SC05736

Res. No. 207/21

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

Whereas the Village of Val Marie acquired Lots 8 & 9 Blk 15 Plan 02SC05736 via The Tax Enforcement Act, and Whereas the R.M. of Val Marie has an interest registered with the title of those lands;

That a request to purchase Lots 8 and 9 Blk 15 Plan 02SC05736 from the Village of Val Marie for the cost of the taxes be made, provided the sewer billing into the future can be ceased or negotiated.

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- 9** **Communications**
Res. No. 208 /21
Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the communications listed on the agenda be acknowledged as required and filed as deemed appropriate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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- 10** **Reeve & Councillors Forum**

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- 11** **Adjournment**
Res. No. 209/21
Moved by: Reeve Grant

That this meeting do now adjourn, time 10:45 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve

Administrator