



Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17

112 Railway Ave E, Val Marie, Saskatchewan

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting June 12, 2024 - 07:00 PM

PRESENT:

Reeve: Larry Grant
Division 1 Councillor: Tyler Jensen
Division 2 Councillor: Timothy Christianson
Division 3 Councillor: Steven Gunter
Division 4 Councillor and Deputy Reeve: Shadrick Peno
Division 5 Councillor: Greg Kornfeld

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

1 Call to order

A quorum being present, Reeve Grant called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

2 Approval of the Agenda

Res. No. 2024-0143

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the agenda for this June 12, 2024 meeting be approved with the addition of:

- Personnel Plans for WSP and Tri-Core Projects Ltd. for the McGuire Bridge Replacement (SW 30-05-15-W3).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 Adoption of Minutes

3.1 May 8, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Res. No. 2024-0144

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the minutes of the May 8, 2024 Regular Meeting be approved as read.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 Public Hearings

5 Delegations

5.1 Mr. Marco Johnson, Detachment Commander, Ponteix Detachment

Sgt. Johnson was received by Council at 5:00 p.m. Sgt. Johnson introduced himself and gave a brief career history. Sgt. Johnson and Council discussed policing priorities any concerns for the R.M. of Val Marie No. 17. Sgt. Johnson excused himself at 5:25 p.m.

6 Reports of Administration & Committees

6.1 Administrative Update

Res. No. 2024-0145

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. 2024-0146

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the "List of Accounts for Approval" detailing the following payments be approved:

Inn. CU - Cheques 4323 - 4345 totalling \$49,852.90

Inn. CU - CAFT Payments No.'s 2024-0050 to 2024-0068 totalling - \$30,997.46

Inn. CU - Online Banking Payment No.'s 2024-0043 to 2024-0052 totalling - \$20,520.59

Inn. CU - Automatic Withdrawal Payment No.'s 2024-0004 to 2024-0005 totalling - \$388.47

Collabria Credit Cards Payment No.'s 2024-0048 to 2024-0062 totalling - \$2,510.84

Total Payments - \$104,270.26

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Monthly Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet

Res. No. 2024-0147

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Statement of Financial Position, Balance Sheet, and Bank Reconciliations as of May 31, 2024 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Committee Reports

Res. No. 2024-0148

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the committee reports and minutes be accepted and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7 In Camera Session

7.1 Move to In Camera Session

Res. No. 2024-0149

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That we move to an in-camera session in order to discuss employee matters, time:2:42 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ben McLearn left the meeting room at 2:42 p.m., Cathy Legault left the meeting room at 3:04 p.m.

All staff rejoined the meeting room at 3:15 p.m.

7.2 Rise from In-Camera Session

Res. No. 2024-0150

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That we rise from in-camera session, time 3:16 pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 Unfinished Business

8.1 Outstanding Texas Gate Agreement - Dale Laturus

Res. No. 2024-0151

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the outstanding texas gate agreement with Dale Laturus be tabled until the next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Financial Services Proposals - Innovation Credit Union and Bank of Montreal

Res. No. 2024-0152

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the financial services proposals from Innovation Credit Union and Bank of Montreal be tabled until the next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Violence Prevention Policy

Res. No. 2024-0153

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the attached "Violence Prevention Policy" be approved and implemented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Grasslands National Park Expansion

Res. No. 2024-0154

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That it be noted the no additional lands were added to Grasslands National Park in Bill S-14. The listing of lands in Bill S-14 that now form Grasslands National Park's West Block include lands that were previously purchased and have been under management and administration of Parks Canada for some time already.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 2024 Annual Budget

Res. No. 2024-0155

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the attached 2024 Budget approved and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 2024 Mill Rate

Res. No. 2024-0156

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the mill rate factor for 2024 be set at 3.8 mills, noting that Bylaw 6-21 "The Mill Rate Factor Bylaw" applies the following:

- A mill rate factor of 0.8 to the Non Arable, Other Agricultural and Residential Assessment Classes resulting in the Factored Mill Rate being 3.04 for these classes.
- A mill rate factor of 2.0 to the Commercial/Industrial and Commercial Resource Assessment Classes resulting in the Factored Mill rate being 7.6 for these classes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.7 Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit - Bank Stabilization of the Frenchman River SW 03-05-14-W3

Res. No. 2024-0157

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit issued by Water Security Agency for the Frenchman River Bank Stabilization measures in the SW 03-05-14-W3 proposed by the R.M. be noted as received, reviewed, and accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9 New Business

9.1 Organizational Chart & Review of Office Position Job Descriptions

Res. No. 2024-0158

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That the attached updated Organizational Chart and job descriptions for the Assistant Administrator, Clerk and Janitor be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 Jason Knoblauch - Bladed Trail Request - E SE 16-05-18-W3

Res. No. 2024-0159

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the request to develop the .5 mile of road allowance East of SE 16-05-18-W3 be approved, and that Administration arrange for the road allowance to be surveyed before the development begins.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 Mylee Gunter - "No Thru Road" Sign Request

Res. No. 2024-0160

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That a "NO THROUGH ROAD - LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY" sign be installed where the road to Mylee and Harlan Gunter's yard meets the Newton Lake Road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 Robert Lamotte - Upgrade to Gravel Road Request (thru section 20-06-13-W3, north of section 21-06-13-W3, north of section 22-06-13-W3)

Res. No. 2024-0161

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That a 50/50 cost share gravelling agreement be offered to Robert Lamotte for gravelling the road that goes through section 20-06-13-W3, and north of sections 21 & 22-06-13-W3. The R.M. would cover the cost of 50% of gravel applied at a rate of 100 yds/mile on these sections of road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5 National Police Federation - Proposal for Val Marie to Join Call to Action re: Saskatchewan Marshall Service

Res. No. 2024-0162

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That the R.M. of Val Marie does not support the National Police Federation's call to action regarding the Saskatchewan Marshals Service at this time, due to a lack of information and understanding of the Saskatchewan Marshals Service and the reasons for its proposed implementation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.6 Patrick & Trudy Hayes - Use of Former Rail bed as an Access Road

Res. No. 2024-0163

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That approval to Patrick and Trudy Hayes be granted to use the former rail bed (LLD: NE 19-03-13-W3 BM1663 Ext 81, Parcel Number 150766634) as a road to access the yard they are developing in Blk B Plan 101706094 Ext. 43, Parcel Number 151190030. That it be noted the approach and lane built to access this yard is built off the rail bed parcel and crosses Blk A Plan 101706106 Ext 32, Surface Parcel 151190018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.6.1 Grasslands National Park - Adding GNP to RM17 911 Call out List

Res. No. 2024-0164

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the request to have Grasslands National Park fire crew phone/text numbers added to the R.M.'s 911 call out list be refused due to the call out list due being reserved to dispatch municipal equipment. The R.M. fire department will contact Grasslands National Park if assistance is requested, per previous agreement between the R.M. and Grasslands National Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.7 Masefield Grazing Ltd. - Bladed Trail Request

Res. No. 2024-0165

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the road allowance north of section 33 & 35-01-14-W3 be improved to a bladed trail, as requested by Masefield Grazing Ltd.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.8 Administrator Annual Leave Request

Res. No. 2024-0166

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the Administrator's annual leave requests noted below be approved, noting that hours worked to ensure payroll and any other urgent matters are attended to, will be banked:

- July 22-26, 2024 (5 days)
- July 29 - August 2, 2024 (5 days)
- August 19 - August 23, 2024 (5 days)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.9 Personnel WSP & Tri-Core

Res. No. 2024-0167

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the personnel list presented at the pre construction meeting by WSP and Tri-Core Projects Ltd. for the McGuire Bridge (over Frenchman River) Replacement Project in the SW 30-05-15-W3 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 Communications

Res. No. 2024-0168

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.1 Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association - SSGA Urges Producers to Comment on GHG and Water-Stress Disclosures

Res. No. 2024-0169

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Administrator send a letter regarding the Green House Gas and Water-Stress Disclosures to all Federal and Provincial political leaders suggested in the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association correspondence.

That the letter relays the Council's concerns with "Disclosure of Sustainability-Related Financial Information and Climate Related Disclosures" being:

- Saskatchewan livestock producers will be detrimentally affected by these proposed standards.
- The fact that producing food does have a carbon footprint and people need to eat is not acknowledged. As a level of government, this R.M. does not support policies that detriment its citizens food supply system.
- The "trickle down" effect is inevitable. It is highly unlikely that these reporting and disclosure requirements won't be required by other sectors - including municipalities. Once one sector has been required to abide - other sectors will follow.
- These reporting and disclosure requirements will cause competitive disadvantages for producers, and - will not benefit the environment. There are no advantages to these policies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11 Reeve & Councillors Forum

12 Adjournment

Res. No. 2024-0170

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That this meeting does now adjourn, time 6:50 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
