



Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17

112 Railway Ave E, Val Marie, Saskatchewan

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting August 23, 2023 - 07:00 PM

PRESENT:

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

Absent:

Reeve: Larry Grant

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Cathy Legault, Administrator

Ben McLearn, Public Works Foreman

1 Call to order

A quorum being present, Deputy Reeve Peno called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2 Approval of the Agenda

Res. No. 2023-0246

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the agenda for this August 23, 2024 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 Adoption of Minutes

3.1 July 6, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Res. No. 2023-0247

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the minutes of the July 6, 2023 Regular Meeting be approved as read.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 July 21, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

Res. No. 2023-0248

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the minutes of the July 21, 2023 Special Meeting be approved as read.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.3 July 31, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

Res. No. 2023-0249

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the minutes of the July 31, 2023 Special Meeting be approved as read.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.4 August 4, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

Res. No. 2023-0250

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the minutes of the August 4, 2023 Special Meeting be approved as read.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 Public Hearings

5 Delegations

5.1 Receive an Unscheduled Delegate

Res. No. 2023-0251

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That Council receive Richard Perrault as a delegate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Richard Perrault - Questions about Olson Bridge Flood Analysis and Road Tie in

Richard Perrault was received by Council at 7:33 p.m. Mr. Perrault asked about the results of the flood analysis. Council shared the email from WSP outlining the preliminary flood analysis results, noting that WSA did not get the LiDAR information to WSP yet. Council and Mr. Perrault discussed the changes to the road design and the bank sloping near the bridge that was done. Mr. Perrault excused himself at 8:15p.m.

6 Reports of Administration & Committees

6.1 Administrative Update

Res. No. 2023-0252

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the Administrator's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 List of Accounts for Approval

Res. No. 2023-0253

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

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

- Inn. CU Cheques 4109 - 4134 totalling \$798,795.52
- Inn CU CAFT Payment # 2023-0084 - 2023-0119 totalling \$98,820.80
- Inn CU Online Banking Payment # 2023-0065 - 2023-0078 totalling \$28,946.10
- Automatic Withdrawal Payment #2023-0006 - totalling \$10,239.80
- Collabria Credit Card Payment #2023-0049 - 2023-0060 totalling \$3,128.98
- Total Payments \$937,931.20

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Monthly Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet

Res. No. 2023-0254

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the Statement of Financial Position, Balance Sheet, and bank reconciliations as of July 31, 2023 as well as the bank reconciliations for the SARM HISA and the RBC accounts as of June 30, 2023 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Committee Reports

Res. No. 2023-0255

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. 2023-0256

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That we move to an in-camera session in order to discuss employee matters, time 8:58 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

All staff left the meeting room, time 8:58 p.m.

All staff rejoined the meeting room, time 9:01 p.m.

7.2 Rise from In Camera Session

Res. No. 2023-0257

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That we now rise from in-camera session, time 9:01 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 Unfinished Business

8.1 Right of Way Agreement for Backsloping Amendment #1 - Grasslands National Park

Res. No. 2023-0258

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That amendment #1 to the "Right of Way Agreement for Backsloping" with Grasslands National Park be approved and signed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Right of Way Agreement for Fencing & Backsloping Amendment #1 - Olson

Res. No. 2023-0259

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That amendment #1 to the "Right of Way Agreement for Fencing & Backsloping" with Bernice Katherine Olson be approved and signed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Right of Way Agreement for Backsloping Amendment #1 - D.M.G. Ranches

Res. No. 2023-0260

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That amendment #1 to the "Right of Way Agreement for Backsloping" with D.M.G. Ranches Ltd. be approved and signed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Olson Bridge Replacement Project (N NE 09-03-13-W3)

8.4.1 Lumber from Old Bridge

Res. No. 2023-0261

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the local landowner that ended up with the old bridge timbers be requested to sign a waiver absolving the R.M. of all liability relating to the use, future use, or possible use of the bridge lumber.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4.2 Force Account Use - Additional Bank Shaping

Res. No. 2023-0262

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That \$4,800 be approved for use from the force account for the Olson Bridge Replacement Project (N NE 09-03-13-W3) for additional bank sloping and rip rapping.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Response from Minister Marit re: Declaring an Agricultural Disaster due to Drought

Res. No. 2023-0263

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That Minister Marit be written back and requested to include prairie dog damage under the Gopher Control Program as they are definitely contributing to the drought scenario.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 Response from Minister of Environment re: Prairie Dog Control Permits

Res. No. 2023-0264

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Minister of Environment be written that the timelines are unacceptable. They cannot let this issue continue on for years. The expansion of prairie dog colonies is clearly causing damage and landowners need a legal control measure.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.7 Grasslands National Park - Walker & Dixon Bridge Replacement Project Update

Res. No. 2023-0265

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the bridge update from Grasslands National Park (pursuant to the agreement within Bylaw 9-21) be noted as received. The update being that: Dixon Bridge replacement will be completed this fall and the Walker Bridge will be replaced in 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9 New Business

9.1 WSA - Val Marie & West Val Marie Dams Emergency Preparedness Plan

Res. No. 2023-0266

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the Val Marie & West Val Marie Dams Emergency Preparedness Plan be noted as received from Water Security Agency. That Mr. Ray Klein from Water Security Agency be made aware that he told multiple ratepayers we had this information, when in fact we did not.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 Bylaw 2023-05, A Bylaw to Provide for the Closing and Selling of a Municipal Road or Street

9.2.1 Bylaw 2023-05 - First Reading

Res. No. 2023-0267

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2023-05 "A Bylaw to Provide for the Closing and Selling of a Municipal Road or Street", be introduced and read for the first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2.2 Bylaw 2023-05 - Second Reading

Res. No. 2023-0268

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That Bylaw 2023-05 "A Bylaw to Provide for the Closing and Selling of a Municipal Road or Street", be now read for the second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2.3 Bylaw 2023-05 - Three Readings at One Meeting

Res. No. 2023-0269

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That Bylaw 2023-05 " A Bylaw to Provide for the Closing and Selling of a Municipal Road or Street", be given three readings at this one meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2.4 Bylaw 2023-05 - Third Read & Adopt
Res. No. 2023-0270
Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That Bylaw 2023-05 "A Bylaw to Provide for the Closing and Selling of a Municipal Road or Street", be read for the third time and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 Jodie Harbor - Sign Request
Res. No. 2023-0271
Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That "children at play" signs be installed on the road south of section 25-02-15-W3 east and west of the Harbor yardsites, provided the Harbors agree to pay for the signs and installation of them.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 Grasslands National Park - Road Maintenance Agreement 2023-2027/28 (Amendments)
Res. No. 2023-0272
Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the Contribution Agreement with Grasslands National Park regarding road maintenance be approved after deleting all the wording under "Reporting" Annex B (page 7) and replace it with "The R.M. agrees to invoice the Parks Canada before March 31, of each fiscal year". That resolution 2023-0136 be rescinded due to the agreement not being executed by Grasslands National Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5 Grasslands National Park - Plague found in Prairie Dog Colony
Res. No. 2023-0273
Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the email of July 28, 2023 from Grasslands National Park Superintendent informing the Council of the presence of sylvatic plague being identified in a prairie dog colony within Grasslands National Park be noted as received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.6 Federally Designated Livestock Tax Deferral Areas
Res. No. 2023-0274
Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That it be requested the R.M. of Val Marie be included in the Livestock Tax Deferral Areas designated by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada for the 2023 taxation year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.7 Notice of Intent - Seismic Activity - Terra-Sine Resources Ltd - Pinto Creek 2D2023
Res. No. 2023-0275
Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Notice of Intent from the Ministry of Energy and Resources for the Licence Holder TerraSine Resources Ltd., Program Name: Pinto Creek 2D 2023 Program Number 23P019, be acknowledged and signed noting that this notice was previously approved by resolution #2022-301 however the commencement and end dates have changed resulting in a new program number.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.8 SaskPower - Underground Service Request (File #20391818)

Res. No. 2023-0276

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the work outlined in SaskPower File 20391818 be approved; noting that lines will be plowed through undeveloped road allowances from the NE 21-02-13-W3 to NW 22-02-13-W3M, and NW 22-02-13-W3 to SW 27-02-13-W3. This approval is conditional that in future the R.M. wants to develop the road SaskPower will lower any required lines at no cost to the R.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.9 SaskPower - Rebuild 2A 123Val Marie NE

Res. No. 2023-0277

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the work outlined in File 20394577 from Primary Engineering on behalf of SaskPower be approved, noting the relocation of power lines to 0.5m inside the road allowance along HWY 18 east of Val Marie, through section 31-03-12-W3 and along the west road allowance of NW 32-03-12-W3; be approved noting that it is still in planning stage.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.10 Ministry of Agriculture - Referral under The Agricultural Operations Act

Res. No. 2023-0278

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the application be noted for referral to the R.M. intensive livestock expansion and that the applicant has an outstanding issue with the R.M. regarding risers for the current manure injection system that was installed in an R.M. road allowance without permission. The R.M. is requesting that this infrastructure be moved off the R.M. road allowance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.11 Special Meeting - Receive and Review Church Tenders (105 Highway #4, Val Marie, SK)

Res. No. 2023-0279

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the Church Tenders be reviewed at the next regular meeting and the Village of Val Marie Council be requested to attend the next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.12 Fire Department Member Addition - Chris Peters

Res. No. 2023-0280

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That Chris Peters be added to the Val Marie fire station call-out list.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 Communications

Res. No. 2023-0281

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the communications listed on the agenda be acknowledged as required and filed as deemed appropriate. that Mr. Patzer be sent an email thanking him for bringing the prairie dog issue up in parliament and that Council and Administration work on drafting a response to Mr. Guilbeault's reply.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11 Reeve & Councillors Forum

12 Adjournment

Res. No. 2023-0282

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That this meeting do now adjourn, time 10:55 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
