

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF INVERGORDON No. 430

Regular meeting of Council held in the R.M. Council Chambers

7 Struthers Lake Drive in Crystal Springs, SK

April 14th 2021

9:00am

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| <i>Present:</i> | <i>Reeve</i> | <i>Bruce Hunter</i> |
| | <i>Councillor, Division 1</i> | <i>Kelvin Dutka</i> |
| | <i>Councillor, Division 2</i> | <i>Keith Thibault</i> |
| | <i>Councillor, Division 3</i> | <i>Calvin Parsons</i> |
| | <i>Councillor, Division 4</i> | <i>Kevin Hawreschuk</i> |
| | <i>Councillor, Division 5</i> | <i>Wayne Bacon (arrived at 9:09am)</i> |
| | <i>Councillor, Division 6</i> | <i>Edwin Rundbraaten</i> |
| | <i>Administrator</i> | <i>Courtney Beaulieu</i> |
| | <i>Delegations</i> | <i>Richard Reid</i> |
| | | <i>Bill Prybylski, APAS (by Zoom)</i> |
| | | <i>Curtis West, Greenland Waste (by Zoom)</i> |

A quorum being present, Reeve Hunter called the meeting to order at 9:04am.

Foreman, Myron Toner and Utility Manager, Trevor Plessl as well as delegate Richard Reid all present in Council Chambers at the time the meeting was called to order.

Councillor Wayne Bacon joined the meeting at 9:09am.

Utility Manager Plessl presented his report to the Council and departed the meeting at 9:16am.

Delegation

Richard Reid presented his proposal to the Council regarding the sale of SW 30-44-23-W2 to the municipality. Richard Reid departed the meeting at 9:30am.

Land Sale Proposal

088/21 Bacon

WHEREAS, the R.M. endeavors to maintain municipal gravel resources for perpetuity and realizes its value as a commodity within its municipal boundaries.

WHEREAS, a landowner in the R.M. recently passed away and provided a right of first refusal to the R.M. on the sale of one of their quarter sections known to have gravel deposits.

WHEREAS, the valuation of the land was based off of an engineered report conducted by Machibroda who estimated the amount of gravel anticipated to be existing on the land.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the R.M. enter into an option agreement to purchase the full quarter section legally described as SW 30-44-22-W2 from Richard Reid at a price of \$735,000.00 with an expiry of September 30, 2022.

CARRIED

Staff Reports

089/21 Hunter

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Utility Manager Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Foreman Toner departed the meeting at 10:05am.

Delegation

Bill Prybylski of the *Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS)* joined the meeting by Zoom at 10:08am to provide the Council with an update on their 2021 policy and objectives. Bill Prybylski departed the meeting at 10:34am.

Minutes of Regular Meeting

090/21 Dutka

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of Regular Meeting held on Wednesday March 11, 2021 be approved as read.

CARRIED

Statement of Financial Activities

091/21 Bacon

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Statement of Financial Activities as at March 31, 2021 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Bank Statement

092/21 Parsons

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bank Statement as at March 31, 2021 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Ratify FD Ambulance

093/21 Dutka

BE IT RESOLVED, that the purchase of a 1994 Ford E-350 Ambulance be hereby ratified as approved by written majority of Council submitted to the Administrator on April 8, 2021 and as under approved funding through the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program (MEEP).

CARRIED

Authorized Expenditure Report

094/21 Rundbraaten

WHEREAS, wages have been paid through EFT up to March 15, 2021 by utilizing the Accounts Payable program, however wages are now paid by direct deposit by utilizing the EasyPay program.

WHEREAS, that Reference No. 000001 to 000029 has been allocated in EasyPay as wage data paid during the year-to-date payroll periods: Jan 15, Jan 31, Feb 1, Feb 28, and Mar 15.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Cheque No. 2273 to 2274, and EFT No. 1596 to 1602, totaling \$22,904.54 as outlined in the Authorized Expenditure Report dated April 13, 2021 attached to and forming part of these minutes, be accepted as presented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Reference No. 000030 to 000036, totaling \$11,568.79 as outlined in the Payroll Register (Period 06: March 15-31) dated March 30, 2021, attached to and forming part of these minutes, be accepted as presented.

AND, that Reference No. 900001 to 900002, totaling \$738.43 as outlined in the Payroll Register (Retro Pay) dated March 31, 2021, attached to and forming part of these minutes, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

List of Accounts for Approval

095/21 Hawreschuk

BE IT RESOLVED, that Cheque No. 2275 to 2312, and EFT No. 1603 to 1611, totaling \$60,863.05 as outlined in the List of Accounts for Approval dated April 14, 2021, attached to and forming part of these minutes, be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Mastercard Report

096/21 Thibault

BE IT RESOLVED, that electronic payments in the amount of \$2,248.21 and \$5,070.59 as outlined in the presented April 1, 2021 and April 13, 2021 Mastercard Reports, respectively, be acknowledged as paid under the authority granted in Resolution 148/20.

CARRIED

Unpaid Taxes Report

097/21 Dutka

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Unpaid Taxes Report as at March 31, 2021 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence

098/21 Thibault

WHEREAS, the following Correspondence has been presented to Council:

- Ministry of Environment Waste Management Program Review
- Pinter & Associates Ltd. Landfill Cell Remaining Capacity Assessment
- Government of Canada Receipt of Gas Tax IIP (Crystal Springs WTP Project)
- Government of Canada Receipt of Gas Tax IIP (Yellow Creek WTP Project)
- Ministry of Gov. Relations 2021 Organized Hamlets Revenue Sharing Figures
- Ministry of Gov. Relations 2021 Municipal Revenue Sharing Figures

BE IT RESOLVED, that Council accept the presentation of Correspondence as read.

CARRIED

Withdraw Gas Tax IIP

099/21 Dutka

WHEREAS, the IIP application for Gas Tax funding for upgrades to the Crystal Springs water treatment plant on Resolution 083/21 was deemed ineligible as a result of the system being hygienic rather than a potable system and must be withdrawn.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gas Tax IIP # 2122-006128 be hereby withdrawn.

CARRIED

Fence Post Complaint

100/21 Thibault

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Council Procedures Bylaw 2015-11 and under the authority of Part III Exemptions of the *Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the Council move into a closed session at 11:24am.

CARRIED

In attendance: Reeve Hunter, Councillors: Dutka, Thibault, Parsons, Hawreschuk, Bacon and Rundbraaten, and Administrator Beaulieu.

The closed session concluded at 12:03pm.

Expropriation Compensation NW 22-45-22-W2

101/21 Parsons

WHEREAS, the matter of compensation in regards to the land expropriation on Bylaw 16-02 to facilitate the construction of the new speed curve on NW 22-45-22-W2 has not been resolved on account of the landowner requesting a higher valuation to the land so acquired.

WHEREAS, the R.M. tendered compensation in the sum of \$12,000.00 which was subsequently rejected by the landowner and matters were set to proceed to a judgement in June 2021.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Expropriation Act, acquisition of the land continued and is now under title ownership of the municipality. Furthermore, the construction of the speed curve has been completed.

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2021 legal counsel to the R.M. advised of an offer for compensation in the amount of \$10,000.00 would be agreeable to the landowner in order to avoid the matter proceeding to a judgement.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the R.M. accept the offer of \$10,000.00 as final compensation for the expropriated land (3.26 acres) on NW 22-45-22-W2.

CARRIED

Foreman Toner re-joined the meeting at 12:03pm.

102/21 Hunter

THAT, the meeting be recessed for a lunch break at 12:04pm.

CARRIED

Reeve Hunter called the meeting back to order at 12:42pm.

Foreman Report

103/21 Bacon

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Council Procedures Bylaw 2015-11 and under the authority of Part III Exemptions of the *Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the Council move into a closed session at 12:44pm for the purpose of discussing personnel.

CARRIED

In attendance: Reeve Hunter, Councillors: Dutka, Thibault, Parsons, Hawreschuk, Bacon and Rundbraaten, Administrator Beaulieu and Foreman Toner.

The closed session concluded at 12:51pm.

Delegation

Curtis West of *Greenland Waste* joined the meeting by Zoom at 1:01pm to discuss his landfill proposal on SW 6-44-23-W2, with respect to remaining contractual negotiations and outcomes following the RM ratepayer meeting held on April 12, 2021.

104/21 Hawreschuk

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Council Procedures Bylaw 2015-11 and under the authority of Part III Exemptions of the *Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the Council move into a closed session at 1:03pm for the purpose of strategic planning and negotiations.

CARRIED

In attendance: Reeve Hunter, Councillors: Dutka, Thibault, Parsons, Hawreschuk, Bacon and Rundbraaten, Administrator Beaulieu and Foreman Toner.

The closed session concluded at 1:40pm.

Curtis West departed the meeting at 1:40pm.

Highways Contract

105/21 Rundbraaten

BE IT RESOLVED, that Contract Agreement # 8321-35-01 for the provision of road blading and snow removal services with the Ministry of Highways (Wakaw division) April 1, 2021 through to March 31, 2022 with a contract maximum of \$50,000.00 be hereby approved.

CARRIED

Spring Road Bans

106/21 Bacon

BE IT RESOLVED, that as a matter of policy, the R.M. annually opt-out of the Spring Road Bans as set by the Ministry of Highways.

CARRIED

Recall Seasonal Operators

107/21 Hawreschuk

BE IT RESOLVED, that seasonal equipment operators be hereby recalled as follows:

- Dennis Drapak April 19, 2021
- Daryl Filpula April 19, 2021
- Brad Laroche April 19, 2021
- AJ Chitrenia March 29 2021

CARRIED

Foreman Toner departed the meeting at 2:16pm.

108/21 Thibault

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Foreman Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Appoint Bylaw Enforcement Officer

109/21 Hunter

WHEREAS, the R.M. has seen minimal success in hiring outside contractors for Bylaw Enforcement over the years and in the creation of the full-time permanent position, Utility Manager, the in-house provision of these services was included as part of the duties.

WHEREAS, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer shall primarily enforce the following Bylaws commencing immediately upon appointment:

- Bylaw #12-05 Nuisance Abatement
- Bylaw #11-07 Septic Disposal
- Bylaw #88-03 Ploughing, Encumbering & Obstructing of Roads
- Bylaw #09-09 Cutting of Hay along Roads
- Bylaw #12-09 Animal Control
- And, any others that may be adopted and directed for enforcement by the Council.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Utility Manager, Trevor Plessl be hereby appointed as the Bylaw Enforcement Officer for the R.M. for the year 2021.

CARRIED

Grader Buyout Payment

110/21 Bacon

WHEREAS, under the R.M Capital Budget the replacement of the 2016 CAT 160M Grader was executed in November of 2020 with payment deferred to 2021.

WHEREAS, under the Capital Budget an amount up to \$250,000 could be allocated from capital reserves and the balance must be paid for by drawing upon the existing loan with Affinity Credit Union.

WHEREAS, the buyout total for the purchased 2020 CAT 150M Grader is \$325,000.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the R.M. allocate \$150,000.00 from its capital reserves and the balance shall be paid by drawing loan funds in the amount of \$175,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a wire transfer to CAT Finning immediately following this meeting in the amount of the buyout total (\$325,000.00) and to immediately request loan funds (\$175,000.00) from Affinity Credit Union.

CARRIED

Acquire Tax Title Property

111/21 Thibault

WHEREAS, tax enforcement proceedings have been ongoing on three (3) properties in the Organized Hamlet of Meskanaw and one (1) in the Special Service Area of Yellow Creek since 2017, are under the assessment threshold of \$17,500.00, are vacant lands without an occupied residence or building, and no amounts have been paid on the arrears as of the date of this meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the Tax Enforcement Act, the Council hereby authorizes the Administrator, acting as the Treasurer, to immediately transfer title to the name of the municipality for the following four (4) properties:

- Lot 11, Block 4, Plan BF2974 (108 2nd St W), Meskanaw, SK; Title #115893311
- Lot 12, Block 4, Plan BF2974 (110 2nd St W), Meskanaw, SK; Title #115893322
- Lot 12, Block 2, Plan BF2974 (111 1st St E), Meskanaw, SK; Title #144017018
- Lot 6, Block 3, Plan BF706 (201 Railway Ave), Yellow Creek, SK; Title #149665034

CARRIED

Add Firefighters

112/21 Dutka

BE IT RESOLVED, that Tanner Pipchuk and Trevor Plessl be added to the Yellow Creek Fire Department and added accordingly to the SARM Group Benefits for Elected and Appointed Officials for the year 2021.

CARRIED

Landfill Operating Summary Schedule

113/21 Thibault

WHEREAS, a capacity assessment was completed on April 6, 2021 by Pinter & Associates Ltd at the municipal landfill to determine if there was existing volume in the cell to warrant an extension to the Permit to Operate which is set to expire June 1, 2021.

WHEREAS, the capacity assessment deemed minimal volume is available in the cell, as such Pinter & Associates Ltd recommends applying to the Ministry of Environment for an extension to operate through to September 30, 2021 wherein decommissioning activities can begin as of October 1, 2021.

WHEREAS, in November 2020 under Resolution 256/20 the Council closed the landfill on Saturdays, however there is renewed interest in resuming operations on Saturdays for the summer until the site permanently closes September 30, 2021.

WHEREAS, the previous landfill attendant service contract was with Vernon Holland at a flat rate of \$1,000.00/month for Wednesday and Saturday services, 10:00am – 4:45pm.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council offer a landfill attendant service contract to Vernon Holland at a rate of \$500.00/month for Saturday services only, from 10:00am – 4:45pm, to be effective May 1, 2021 through to September 30, 2021.

CARRIED

Adjourn

114/21 Hunter

BE IT RESOLVED, that this meeting be adjourned at 3:09pm.

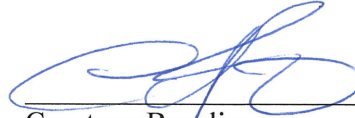
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Rural Municipality of Invergordon, No. 430

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Bruce Hunter
Reeve



Courtney Beaulieu
Administrator