# 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 February 10<sup>th</sup> 2021

9:00am

Present: Reeve Bruce Hunter

Councillor, Division 1 Kelvin Dutka Councillor, Division 2 Keith Thibault

Councillor, Division 3 Calvin Parsons (joined 10:47am by teleconference)

Councillor, Division 4
Councillor, Division 5
Councillor, Division 6
Administrator

Kevin Hawreschuk
Wayne Bacon
Edwin Rundbraaten
Courtney Beaulieu

Delegations Curtis West, Greenland Waste

Dr. Christie De Villiers

A quorum being present, Reeve Hunter called the meeting to order at 9:09am.

Foreman, Myron Toner present at the time the meeting was called to order.

#### Ratify Truck Purchase

#### 035/21 Hunter

BE IT RESOLVED, that the purchase of a 2012 Ford Super Duty F-350 (Serial No. 1FT7W3B6XCEB01442) from Auto Gallery Subaru in Regina, SK for \$25,500.00 (inclusive of applicable taxes) approved by majority vote submitted to Administrator Beaulieu by email on January 19, 2021 and so paid on Cheque No. 2191 be hereby ratified.

**CARRIED** 

Foreman Toner departed the meeting at 9:46am.

# Council Reports

## 036/21 Bacon

WHEREAS, Councillor Bacon presented a letter from the Kinistino Rink Board President, Gerald VanBurgsteden, requesting a one-time grant from surrounding municipalities to be put towards lost revenues as a result of COVID-19 restrictions.

WHEREAS, a large portion of ratepayers patron the Kinistino Rink for winter sports and activities.

WHEREAS, the RM has not fully expended its Safe Restart Funding.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the RM allocate \$5,000.00 of its Safe Restart Funding and provide immediate payment of same to the Kinistino Rink Board, as contribution towards lost revenues as a direct result of COVID-19 restrictions.

CARRIED

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# Minutes of Regular Meeting

## 037/21 Dutka

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of Regular Meeting held on Wednesday January 13, 2021 be approved as read.

**CARRIED** 

## Statement of Financial Activities

#### 038/21 Hawreschuk

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Statement of Financial Activities for December 31, 2020 be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED** 

#### Bank Statements

#### 039/21 Rundbraaten

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Affinity Bank Statement for January 31, 2021 be accepted as presented.

AND, that the Conexus Bank Statement be acknowledged as closed with a zero balance as of January 31, 2021.

**CARRIED** 

# Authorized Expenditure Report

## 040/21 Hunter

BE IT RESOLVED, that Cheque No. 2191 to 2194, and EFT No. 1559 to 1571, totaling \$94,507.89 as outlined in the Authorized Expenditure Report dated February 9, 2021 attached to and forming part of these minutes, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

# List of Accounts for Approval

## 041/21 Thibault

BE IT RESOLVED, that Cheque No. 2195 to 2224, and EFT No. 1572 to 1576, totaling \$65,380.83 as outlined in the February 9, 2021 List of Accounts for Approval, attached to and forming part of these minutes, be approved for payment.

**CARRIED** 

## Mastercard Report

#### 042/21 Dutka

BE IT RESOLVED, that electronic payments in the amount of \$967.00 and \$760.59 as outlined in the presented January 27, 2021 and February 9, 2021 Mastercard Reports, respectively, be acknowledged as paid under the authority granted in Resolution 148/20.

**CARRIED** 

# Unpaid Taxes Report

# 043/21 Hawreschuk

BE IT RESOLVED, that the January Unpaid Taxes Report be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED** 

## TS-001 Custom Work Policy Revision

#### 044/21 Rundbraaten

WHEREAS, the Administrator has presented a revision to Custom Work Policy TS-001 to allow landowners to sign a Work Authorization Form to permit a renter or person(s) who have purchased the property over a number of years, lease-to-own situation or similar, to incur custom work charges against the land title without the required prepayment.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that Council hereby adopts revision 9 of Custom Work Policy TS-001.

**CARRIED** 

# Tax Certificate Bylaw

#### 045/21 Bacon

BE IT RESOLVED, that Bylaw 21-02, being a Bylaw to set a fee for Tax Certificates, be read a first time.

**CARRIED** 

## 046/21 Dutka

BE IT RESOLVED, that Bylaw 21-02 be read a second time.

**CARRIED** 

#### 047/21 Hawreschuk

BE IT RESOLVED, that Bylaw 21-02 be given three readings at this meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

#### 048/21 Thibault

BE IT RESOLVED, that Bylaw 21-02 be read a third time and is hereby adopted.

**CARRIED** 

# Ratify Land Agreement (Landfill Proposal)

## 049/21 Dutka

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate crown-owned SW 1-44-24-W2 as a potential site for the commercial Landfill proposal still under Council's evaluation and to meet the wildlife habitat requirements established by the Ministry of Environment, Council proposed entering into an option-to-purchase agreement with the landowners of SW 12-44-24-W2 for \$180,000 with conditions of Ministry approval and an expiry date of May 31, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Council hereby ratify the authorization provided by written majority of Council to the Administrator on December 29, 2020 for Reeve Hunter and Administrator Beaulieu to sign a land purchase agreement on SW 12-44-24-W2.

**CARRIED** 

Councillor Parsons joined the meeting by teleconference (Zoom) at 10:47am.

Councillor Dutka departed the meeting at 10:52am.

## Consent to Land Sale SW 11-44-24-W2

#### 050/21 Bacon

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands Branch, has requested Council's consent to the land sale of SW 11-44-24-W2.

WHEREAS, adequate road access exists to this parcel and its sale does not restrict access to any other parcels.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council hereby consents to the public sale of SW 11-44-24-W2 by the Ministry of Agriculture.

**CARRIED** 

#### Set Snowblower Rate

#### 051/21 Rundbraaten

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council set the Snowblower Custom Work rate at \$110.00 per hour.

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# Highways Snowblower Contract

#### 052/21 Hawreschuk

BE IT RESOLVED, that Council acknowledge Contract #8320-35-17 with the Ministry of Highways for the provision of snowblowing work in the Wakaw section through March 31, 2021, at the hourly rate of \$110.00 to a contract maximum of \$5,000.

**CARRIED** 

# 2021 Groundwater Monitoring Proposal

#### 053/21 Hunter

WHEREAS, the landfill's current Permit to Operate expires on June 1, 2021 and in order to apply to the Ministry of Environment for a permit extension a capacity assessment must be completed to confirm the waste cell has capacity to continue operations.

WHEREAS, should the assessment reveal that the waste cell does not have feasible capacity, the RM must make application for closure to the Ministry of Environment by April 1, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Council approve the proposal from Pinter & Associates Ltd. to conduct a waste cell capacity assessment during the first week of March 2021 at a cost of \$1,475.00 plus applicable taxes.

**CARRIED** 

# Gerald Amonson Retirement

#### 054/21 Rundbraaten

WHEREAS, Gerald Amonson completed his duties as utility operator in Crystal Springs, SK on January 31, 2021 and does not wish to remain on contract for backup services at this time.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council give Gerald Amonson a \$100.00 appreciation gift in cash for his years of service as the Crystal Springs utility operator.

**CARRIED** 

# Tax Enforcement

# 055/21 Thibault

WHEREAS, tax enforcement proceedings have been ongoing on Lot 14, Block 4, Plan BF2974 (113 1st Street West) in Meskanaw, SK since 2017 with total arrears owing to date of \$1,596.59.

WHEREAS, as the property contains an unoccupied building valued over \$17,500 the file went to the Provincial Mediation Board whom issued consent for the municipality to take title in November of 2020.

WHEREAS, the thirty (30) days from the date Form G was issued by the RM to the landowner expired on January 23, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 26.1 of *The Tax Enforcement Act* the Council of the RM of Invergordon hereby authorize the Administrator acting as the Treasurer to apply to the registrar for the registration of a transfer of title #136062592 for the property legally described as Lot 14, Block 4, Plan BF2974 in the Organized Hamlet of Meskanaw into the name of the municipality.

**CARRIED** 

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#### 056/21 Thibault

WHEREAS, tax enforcement proceedings have been ongoing on Lot 14, Block 3, Plan CZ343 (101 Third Street East) in Yellow Creek, SK since 2017 with total arrears owing to date of \$3,176.53.

WHEREAS, as the property contains an unoccupied residence valued over \$17,500 the file went to the Provincial Mediation Board whom issued consent for the municipality to take title in November of 2020.

WHEREAS, the thirty (30) days from the date Form G was issued by the RM to the landowner expired on January 23, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 26.1 of *The Tax Enforcement Act* the Council of the RM of Invergordon hereby authorize the Administrator acting as the Treasurer to apply to the registrar for the registration of a transfer of title #148476145 for the property legally described as Lot 14, Block 3, Plan CZ343 in the Special Service Area of Yellow Creek into the name of the municipality.

**CARRIED** 

## SARM Annual Convention

#### 057/21 Parsons

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Regular Meeting scheduled for March 10, 2021 be rescheduled to March 11, 2021 to facilitate the Council's attendance at SARM's Annual Convention being held digitally on March 9 & 10, 2021.

**CARRIED** 

#### 058/21 Hunter

THAT, the meeting be recessed for a lunch break at 11:57am.

**CARRIED** 

Reeve Hunter called the meeting back to order at 12:34pm.

# Delegations

Curtis West of *Greenland Waste* joined the meeting at 12:35pm to provide an update to the Council on his landfill proposal.

Dr. Christie De Villiers joined the meeting by teleconference (Zoom) at 12:49pm to discuss his submitted letter of concerns regarding the landfill proposals' potential site SW 1-44-24-W2. Christie De Villiers departed the meeting at 1:13pm.

Curtis West departed the meeting at 1:30pm.

Utility Manager, Trevor Plessl joined the meeting at 1:42pm to present his monthly report to the Council.

Councillor Kelly Dutka returned to the meeting at 2:06pm.

Councillor Bacon and Utility Manager Plessl departed the meeting at 2:14pm.

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# Staff Reports

# 059/21 Hawreschuk

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

**CARRIED** 

#### Truck Purchase

## 060/21 Thibault

WHEREAS, the RM's 2004 Ford F350 truck is in disrepair and in order to avoid paying mileage to employees traveling for municipal business the Council is looking to purchase another truck.

WHEREAS, prior to departing the meeting Councillor Bacon presented a 2018 Dodge Ram 1500 truck advertised for private sale.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the RM purchase a 2018 Dodge Ram 1500 Crew (Serial No. 1C6RR7ST9JS142180) from Carol Bacon of Kinistino, SK for \$27,000 plus GST pending approval and acceptance by Foreman Toner.

**CARRIED** 

# Jumping Lake Curve – Land Acquisition

## 061/21 Rundbraaten

WHEREAS, during a proposed subdivision of NW 10-45-24-W2 in September of 2018 the Council purchased 1.10 hectares (2.7 acres) of land from the landowner and applicant in order to secure the location of a potential speed curve.

WHEREAS, payment for the 2.7 acres has been paid by the RM to the landowner, however in November of 2019 the subdivision application was withdrawn due to insufficient safe building elevation as determined by Water Security Agency.

WHEREAS, Palliser Surveys requires confirmation from the Council on acquisition of the land and further registration of the new road parcel.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the RM acquire 2.7 acres of land on NW 10-45-24-W2 in order to facilitate the registration of a new road parcel.

**CARRIED** 

## Correspondence

# 062/21 Rundbraaten

WHEREAS, the following Correspondence has been presented to Council:

Delbert Dynna Law
 Objection to Landfill Proposal at SW 1-44-24-W2

• iHunter 2020 Map Sales

• Ministry of Agriculture 2020 Saskatchewan Clubroot Distribution Map

Statistics Canada
 2021 Census – Resolution Request

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

**CARRIED** 

# Adjourn

### 063/21 Hunter

BE IT RESOLVED, that this meeting be adjourned at 2:51pm.

**CARRIED** 

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Bruce Hunter Reeve Courtney Beaulieu Administrator