

The Regular Meeting of the council of Rural Municipality of Lipton No. 217 was held Lipton Seniors Centre on Tuesday August 3, 2021 commencing at 8:00 a.m.

Present were Reeve Corey Senft, Councillor, Tomas Arthur, Dale Czemerer, Bill Huber, Twila Miller, James Slywka, Greg Van Luven

In attendance: Nick Petrar, Public Works Foreman

Administrator: Frank Kosa

**Call to Order:**

Reeve Senft called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

**Agenda:**

#177/21-MILLER:

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

**Public Works Report:**

#178/21-Czeemeres:

That the Public Works Foreman's report be accepted as presented.

Carried

**Minutes Regular Meeting:**

#179/21- CZEMERES:

That the minutes of the July 6, 2021 Regular Meeting be adopted.

Carried

**Public Hearing Minutes Zoning Amendment:**

#180/21-SLYWKA:

That the minutes of the July 6<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing for the Zoning Amendment be adopted.

Carried

**Public Hearing Discretionary Use Permit for Propane Storage and Distribution Facility:**

#181/21-VAN LUVEN:

That the minutes of the Public Hearing held on July 6<sup>th</sup> for the Discretionary Use Permit be adopted.

Carried

**June Financial Statement:**

Due to time lines the July Financial Statement is not available.

**Accounts Payable:**

#182/21-HUBER:

That the June payables in the amount of \$130,546.21 represented by cheque numbers 4707 to 4723, payroll 621 to 624 and on-line payments be approved for payment

Carried

**Delegation:**

**Council Reports:**

Division 1:

Councillor Huber stated that the road between East of Section 12-22-14-W2 has holes that require filling the road by west of section 12 and 13-23-13-W2 also requires some repair He suggested that he would contact the Foreman and check the back roads before harvest.

Division 2

Councillor Van Luven stated that a road was build north of Section 4-23-14-W2 and that some of the back roads may need grading.

Division 3

Councillor Czemerer stated that Jackson's cleaned up some bush on the backroads for harvest, the grading is fine, and he is waiting for the mower operator to start the cutting in his Division.

Division 4

Councillor Slywka stated the there is some washboard, and when speaking to the operator it appears to have been a tire issue. He stated that Buium's have approximately 5,000 yards of gravel available, and that he would check to see the specifications of the crushed material to see if it meets the RM's

requirements.

Division 5:

Councillor Miller stated that the top cut has been completed in Division 5 and question with the crops turning, should the reinstatement of the Fire Ban be considered.

Division 6:

Councillor Arthur that the mowing was proceeding in Division 6 and that he had a conversation with Mr. Nistor regarding gravel requirements on the boundary road.

Reeve:

Reeve Senft reported that in general it has been quite, and stated that the sand road has been graveled in Division 2.

#183/21- CZEMERES:

That the Council reports be accepted.

Carried

**Taxes in Arrears:**

#184/21-ARTHUR:

That the Municipality proceed to advertise the lands in tax arrears and those properties not paid at the end of the 60 day period have liens registered against the land.

Carried

**Declare the RM a local emergency area due to drought :**

#185/21-MILLER:

That the Council of the Municipality of Lipton, No. 217 declare the municipality a local emergency area due to the drought.

Carried

Reeve Senft stated that the meeting be adjourned for the Public Hearings at 9:00 and 9:15 AM., and that the regular meeting would resume after the Public Hearing.

Councillor Van Luven declared a conflict of interest, vacated his chair, and became a private party to represent his position as a land owner for the Public

Hearing on the proposed road closure east of Section 13-22-14-W2 and the SE ¼ of Section 24-22-14-W2.

**Tree clearing in road right of way:**

#186/21-MILLER

That approval be granted to Kevin Domm to clear the trees in the right of way east of section 13-23-15-W2 as per the Municipality's policy, and that the trees be buried or removed from the right of way. Mr. Domm shall be responsible for any utility locates in the right of way.

Carried

Councillor Huber declared a conflict on the business item of an approach for Garnet Harman. Refrained from discussion and voting.

**Second approach to SW-20-23-14-W2**

#187/21-MILLER:

That approval be granted to Garnet Harman, for a second approach to the SW-20-23-14-W2 with the conditions of the Municipality's approach policy.

Carried

Councillor Huber returned to the Council Meeting

**Painting Office window sills and sign:**

#188/21-CZEMERES:

That the Municipality forward a letter to the landowners relating to the control of gophers in February 2022 and that a draft of the letter be approved by Council at their January meeting.

Carried

**Integrated Road Program:**

#189/21-MILLER:

That the Municipality determine if the Freeland road qualifies under the requirements of the Rural Integrated Road Program, and should the road qualify that the Municipality make an application for funding for the two miles South of section 4 and 5-24-14-W2.

Carried

**Developing a new Community Plan and Zoning By-law:**

#190/21-MILLER

That the Municipality proceed to develop a new community plan and zoning by-law and retain the SARM Planning department to complete the project.

Carried

Councillor Van Luven declared a conflict of interest and vacated his chair at the Council table and refrained from discussion and voting.

**Second reading to bylaw 2021-04 Road Closure : (request for recorded vote)**

#191/21-CZEMERES:

That second reading be given to bylaw 2021-04, being a bylaw for the closure of the road allowance East of Section 13-22-14-W2 and the SE-24-22-14-W2.

Carried

Recorded Vote: In favour, Reeve Senft, Councillor Arthur, Czemerer, Huber and Miller

Opposed: Councillor Slywka

**Third reading to bylaw 2021-04 Road Closure: (Recorded vote requested)**

#192/21-Miller:

That third reading be given to bylaw 2021-04, being a bylaw for the closure of the road allowance East of Section 13-22-14-W2 and SE-24-22-14-W2.

Carried

Recorded Vote: In favour, Reeve Senft, Councillor Arthur, Czemerer, Huber and Miller.

Opposed: Councillor Slywka

Councillor Van Luven returned to the Council meeting

**Second Reading to bylaw 2021-05 Road Closure South of Section 28-23-15-W:**

#193/21-ARTHUR:

That second reading be given to bylaw 2021-05, being a bylaw to close the road south of Section 28-23-15-W2.

Carried

**Third Reading to bylaw 2021-05, Road Closure South of Section 28-23-15-W2:**

#194/21-MILLER:

That third reading be given to bylaw 2021-05, being a bylaw to close the road South of Section 28-23-15-W2.

Carried

**Correspondence:**

#195/21-ARTHUR:

That the correspondence be noted and filed.

Carried

**Administration report:**

#196/21-CZEMERES:

That the administration report be accepted.

Carried

**Appointment of Committee to review options for the Administration position:**

#197/21-MILLER:

That a committee of Council being composed of, Councillor Arthur, Huber, Miller and the Reeve be appointed to review options for the replacement of the administrator and report back to Council with its recommendations.

Carried

**Adjust Foreman's Wage:**

#198/21-HUBER:

That the foreman's wage be adjusted by \$1.00 as of August 1, 2021 as he has completed the probationary period and is now a permanent employee.

Carried

**Adjourn:**

#199/21-ARTHUR:

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Carried

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Reeve:

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Administrator:

**Next Meeting: Tuesday September 7, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. at the Municipal Office, 226 Main Street.**