

Rural Municipality of Lipton, No. 217
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Lipton No. 217 was held at the Municipal Office located at 226 Main Street, Lipton on Tuesday April 18th, 2023 commencing at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Reeve:

Corey Senft

Councillors:

Division 1: Bill Huber (via zoom)

Division 2: Darwin Huber

Division 3: Dale Czemerer

Division 4: Christopher Catto

Division 5: Twila Miller

Division 6: Tomas Arthur

Administrator:

Ronda Heisler

Foreman:

Nick Petrar

Call To Order

Deputy Reeve Czemerer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Councillor Arthur declared a conflict of interest regarding agenda item 11.7 being the Sask. Municipal Hail Insurance Withdrawal List.

Approval/Additions/Deletions To the Agenda

2023/102

Moved By: Councillor Tomas Arthur

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Foreman Report:

- Went to look at a one-way speed plow with Dale and Tomas. It won't work for us as it needs a different quick attach than we have and would be too costly.
- Gaza the second grader operator was called back on April 11th, 2023.
- Are there any plans for rock removal? The first 3 miles on the Freeland Road off the 35 highway needs to have some rocks removed.
- Looking into getting a new remote for the door opener for the south overhead door.

2023/103

Within Foreman Report - Quote for Rock Removal

Moved By: Councillor Tomas Arthur

THAT we obtain a quote on rock removal on the Freeland Road as per the Foreman's Report. The Foreman is to go ahead with the work if it is under \$2000.00.

CARRIED

2023/104

Foreman Report

Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller

THAT Council accepts the Foreman's report as presented.

CARRIED

Foreman Nick Petrar exited Council Chambers at 8:10 a.m.

2023/105 March 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
Moved By: Councillor Christopher Catto
THAT the March 21st, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes be approved as presented.
CARRIED

Reeve Senft entered Council Chambers at 8:11 a.m. and assumed the chair.

2023/106 March 21, 2023 Public Hearing Minutes - Gravel Pit Disc. Use
Moved By: Councillor Tomas Arthur
THAT the March 21st, 2023 Public Hearing minutes for the gravel pit discretionary use application be approved as presented.
CARRIED

2023/107 March 21, 2023 Public Hearing Minutes - Sub-Division Disc. Use
Moved By: Councillor Bill Huber
THAT the March 21st, 2023 Public Hearing minutes for the sub-division discretionary use application be approved as presented.
CARRIED

2023/108 April 3, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes
Moved By: Deputy Reeve Dale Czemerer
THAT the April 3rd, 2023 Special Meeting minutes be approved as presented.
CARRIED

2023/109 April 6, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes
Moved By: Councillor Christopher Catto
THAT the April 6th, 2023 Special Council Meeting minutes be approved as presented.
CARRIED

Councillor Darwin Huber entered Council Chambers at 8:16 a.m.

2023/110 Statement of Financial Activities
Moved By: Councillor Christopher Catto
THAT the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of March 2023 be approved as presented and form part of the minutes.
CARRIED

2023/111 Bank Reconciliations
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
THAT the RCU and RBC Bank Reconciliations for the month of March 2023 be approved as presented.
CARRIED

2023/112 List of Accounts for Approval
Moved By: Deputy Reeve Dale Czemerer
THAT Council approves the List of Accounts for Approval as presented including Cheque No. 5157 to 5172 and other online payments totaling \$54,464.17, Mastercard totaling \$142.95 and payroll for periods PP#6 and PP#7 totaling \$8,469.48.
CARRIED

Council Reports:

Division 1:

- Talked to Nick since the spring thaw. Future Legends Road had some water across it but wasn't a threat. Just had Nick flag it.
- North of Onrait's water was across the road. However, that was within Tullymet

so just had Nick move some snow to get things moving.

- Would like to see the gravel brought back up before the grass starts growing. We really need 4 pass with the grader on the main roads.

Division 2:

- I received the same call as Bill regarding the Future Legends Road. If it persists we may need to look into having a culvert installed to the east.
- Took a drive in the division and am not happy with the first cut with the grader as we already have washboards. I received a call regarding the washboard.
- I have asked for blading right across the road to spreading the gravel right across the road. 4 pass with the grader.

Division 3:

- Not much to report. One approach may cause some trouble and we may have to put a culvert in there.
- Attended the annual East Central Transportation meeting and I'm on the board for another 2 years. Our MLA also attended the meeting. It's good seeing him out at these meetings.

Division 4:

- Strasbourg was graded and looks good.

Division 5:

- No complaints. Strasbourg was graded. He did a good job. Brought up bunch of gravel and took the edges off.
- On the weekend I discovered another RM used a tractor with mulcher to work up the top layer of a road to remove the protruding rocks. We could maybe look at this for removing the rocks on the Strasbourg.
- No water issues in the division just 1 at my yard where an old culvert is the water isn't draining. We will personally purchase a culvert from the R.M. and install it at our cost.

Division 6:

- Nick tried grading and cutting on the 639 Grid last week but it was still a bit wet so he left and came back.
- The Creek crossing is ok no beaver issues as of yet.
- Did a trip to Humbolt with Nick and Dale. Didn't purchase the one-way plow as per Nick's report.

Reeve:

- Minor water on the road issue in Division 1 by G. Horseman's but it corrected itself.
- If we come up with a plan how we want grading done for example having a 4 pass done on all main roads. Do we want the grader in certain divisions longer than others?
- Need to look into developing a policy for snow removal in the future for backroads. I would suggest we just make anyone pay if they want a road opened.

- 2023/113 **Council Reports**
Moved By: Councillor Darwin Huber
 THAT the Council reports be accepted.
 CARRIED
- 2023/114 **FCM Membership**
Moved By: Councillor Tomas Arthur
 THAT the R.M. renews their membership with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for 2023.
 CARRIED
- 2023/115 **Change Date of May Meeting**
Moved By: Councillor Tomas Arthur
 THAT the May regular meeting date be changed to Wednesday, May 3rd at 8:00 a.m.
 CARRIED
- 2023/116 **2023 Education Property Tax Mill Rates**
Moved By: Councillor Christopher Catto
 THAT Council acknowledges the 2023 education property tax mill rates as set by the Government of Saskatchewan.
 CARRIED
- 2023/117 **Audit Completion Letter**
Moved By: Deputy Reeve Dale Czemerer
 THAT Council acknowledges the 2022 audit completion letter from Dudley & Company as presented.
 CARRIED
- 2023/118 **RCMP Quarterly Community Policing Report**
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
 THAT Council acknowledges the RCMP quarterly community policing report as presented.
 CARRIED
- 2023/119 **Police Cost Re-distribution Formula**
Moved By: Deputy Reeve Dale Czemerer
 THAT Council acknowledges the letter from the Province of Saskatchewan stating the Municipalities will endure a cost increase of 5.92% costs for policing fees in 2023/24.
 CARRIED
- Councillor Arthur exited Council Chambers at 8:57 a.m. due to a conflict of interest declared.**
- 2023/120 **Sask. Municipal Hail Insurance - Withdrawals List**
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
 THAT as per section 20 of *The Municipal Hail Insurance Act, 1978*, we hereby approve the Municipal Hail Withdrawal List consisting of withdrawal numbers 217-0633, 217-0634, 217-0635 and 217-0636.
 CARRIED
- Councillor Arthur re-entered Council Chambers at 8:58 a.m.**
- 2023/121 **Appoint R.M. Representative to Attend Parkland Regional Library AGM**
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
 THAT Council appoints Deb Halbgewachs as the R.M. delegate for the Parkland Regional Library annual general meeting on May 6th, 2023.
 CARRIED

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2023/122 Change to Administrator Holidays
Moved By: Councillor Darwin Huber
THAT Council acknowledges that the Administrator did not take the approved holidays from April 11th - 13th as previously approved. Therefore, Council approves of the Administrator taking holidays from May 23rd to the 25th.
CARRIED

2023/123 Lipton Mud Bog's Request to Use R.M. Property
Moved By: Councillor Darwin Huber
THAT Council approves the request from the Lipton Mud Bog's Committee to use the R.M. lots north of the shop for parking during the events in 2023.
CARRIED

Councillor Bill Huber left the meeting via zoom at 9:20 a.m.
Councillor Arthur exited Council Chambers at 9:28 a.m.

2023/124 Acquire Right of Way for Freeland Road Project
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
THAT the Municipality make a formal offer under an agreement for sale to purchase the road right of way of approximately 2.5 acres each from the SW-5-24-14-W2, SE-5-24-14-W2, SW-4-24-14-W2, SE-4-24-14-W2, NW-32-23-14-W2, NE-32-23-14-W2, NW-33-23-14-W2 and NE-33-23-14-W2 at a cost which is equal to the assessed value of the land per acre.
CARRIED

2023/125 Contract Surveyor for Freeland Road Project
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
THAT Council contracts 20/20 Geomatics Ltd. to complete the surveying for the Freeland Road project road widening to allow for a 42 metre right of way as per the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth agreement at an approximate cost of \$11,310.00
CARRIED

2023/126 Correspondence
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
THAT the following correspondence be accepted as presented and filed:
1) Agriculture in the Classroom - Sponsorship Request
2) Gov. Of Sask. - 2023-24 Municipal Revenue Sharing Estimates
3) Health Foundation of East Central Sask. - Request for Contribution
4) Ministry of Government Relations - Potential Changes to the Municipalities Act
5) SARM - Division 1 Director Information
6) SARM News Release - 2023-24 Provincial Budget
7) Sask Energy - TransGas 2023 Mitigation Payment Letter
8) Sask. Safety Council - Notice of Annual General Meeting
9) Sask. Municipal Hail Insurance - 2022 Audited Consolidated Report
10) Gov. of Canada - Canada Community Building Fund 2022/23 Supplemental Payment
11) Sask. Assessment Management Agency – 2022 Annual Report
CARRIED

2023/127 Administration Report
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
THAT Council accepts the Administrator report as presented.
CARRIED

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2023/128 **In Camera**
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller

THAT this meeting moves to closed session at 10:23 a.m.
as per section 120 of The Municipalities Act and section 21 of The Local Authority
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act to discuss the following
matters:
1) Lawyer Correspondence

CARRIED

2023/129 **Revert to Open Meeting**
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller

THAT Council revert to an open meeting at 10:26 a.m.

CARRIED

2023/130 **Adjournment**
Moved By: Councillor Darwin Huber

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

CARRIED



Reeve



Administrator