

Rural Municipality of Lipton, No. 217
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 5, 2022

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 July 5, 2022 commencing at 8:05 a.m.

Present: Reeve: Corey Senft
Councillors: Dale Czemerer, Tomas Arthur, Bill Huber and Greg Van Luven
Administrator: Ronda Heisler
Foreman: Nick Petrar
Absent: Councillors: Twila Miller and James Slywka

Call To Order

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

Approval/Additions/Deletions To the Agenda

186/22

Moved By: Councillor Arthur

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Deputy Reeve Czemerer declared a conflict of interest for cheque number 4967 within the list of accounts for approval.

Foreman Report

- Graveling has begun. They are still working on Divisions 1, 4 and a bit of 5.
- After 5000 hours on the 140 Grader the def filter needs to be cleaned. Asking for approval to move forward with the maintenance.
- The washout and rocks across the South Creek Crossing road are bad. This will be looked at during Council's road tour to determine a solution.
- Dust control was applied and was applied quite heavy which caused issues. Will look at a better solution next for next year.

Foreman Report

187/22

Moved By: Councillor Van Luven

THAT Council accepts the Foreman's report as presented.

CARRIED

Foreman Nick Petrar exited Council Chambers at 8:33 a.m.

June 7th, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

188/22

Moved By: Deputy Reeve Czemerer

THAT the June 7th, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Financial Statement

189/22

Moved By: Councillor Huber

THAT the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of June 2022 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Deputy Reeve Czemerer refrained from the discussion and voting.

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List of Accounts for Approval**Moved By:** Councillor Van Luven

THAT Council approves the List of Accounts for Approval as presented including Cheque No. 4965 to 4979 and other online payments totaling \$145,469.78, Mastercard totaling \$281.77 and payroll for periods PP#11, PP#12 and PP# 13 totaling \$18,502.06.

CARRIEDDivision Reports

Reeve:

- Jackson Brother's would like \$.25 per yard to load gravel due to the extra time used using the scale provided to print tickets for weighing.
- Garnet Harman called about the creek crossing. He went ahead and completed the work there. Nick did go with the grader to level it off. Garnet would like a culvert and a little bit of gravel there.

Councillor Huber declared a conflict of interest and exited Council Chambers at 8:55 a.m. regarding the discussion during the Reeve's report regarding the repair of the Creeks Road.

Councillor Huber returned to Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m.

- Took a tour with Nick around the Municipality.

Division 1:

- Councillor Huber met with a Sask Energy representative to discuss having the gas line lowered that is crossing the hill at NE-25-22-14-W2 to allow the Municipality to possibly remove clay from that hill to build up the road. Sask Energy provides the lowering of gas lines at no cost to R.M.'s that are doing road work.
- Division 1 gravel map may change as I may pull a few roads from getting gravel until I get a better idea of what is left on the road once the grader gets down them again.
- Hoping the grader gets to Division 1 soon.

Division 2:

- Road south of Murray Huber's is the worst.
- Garnet Harman has a backroad he would like the R.M. to remove brush from so he can get through with the air seeder. He would like only a mile cleared. He was informed that it would be \$500 as per the policy.
- Four years ago, from the Harold Phillips pit all the way to the low-level crossing to the bottom I had grass seeded. It didn't grow but the second year I had it graveled and the grass came back. The road is quite smooth now but may need a little gravel. This should save time and money.
- The Weed Inspector sprayed some leafy spurge by Aaron Huber's. Division 3
- Had some leafy spurge sprayed.
- Most graveling is complete in my division and am very happy with everything.

Division 4 (Written Report):

- Couple of culverts damaged or plugged near Grainger's and at Strasbourg/Catto intersection.
- Ratepayers were getting concerned about grading or lack of. Most of the division was graded last week.

- Some graveling has been completed. - Concerns of over application of the dust control on the road by Vey's. The company is very inconsistent in application.

Division 5 (Written Report)

- Grass cutting began in my division. - Concerns of first grass cutting within the division. - Roads are ok for the most part.
- Still wondering what the plan is for the roads with rocks sticking out?
- Gravel maps have been given, however nothing has begun within my division.
- Sign down at Fisher Corner off the Strasbourg.
- If doing a road tour I would like to know when to plan for it. There is not really much to show on my side unless Nick has some suggestions. My main area of concern is the Strasbourg rocks and the Freeland rebuild.

Division 6:

- Gravel on the Dysart Grid has had 3 passes on it at 100 yards a mile. It is just ok now.
- There is a spot on the Freeland by Joe Varga's that I will talk to the engineer about.
- Mowing started. Would like to make sure the mower is cutting fence line to fence line.
- I Have been watching Kellross with their Mulcher. We could maybe have Kevin start earlier next year and have him mulching.
- Gophers have been an issue. People are losing crops due to gophers.
- Had 2 resident's contact me regarding permits for residential new buildings or additions.
- Would like us to consider sending a letter to SARM with our concerns on the removal of strychnine for use in gopher control.

Council Reports

191/22

Moved By: Councillor Huber

THAT the Council reports be accepted.

CARRIED

Technical Break: 9:58 a.m.

192/22

Moved By: Reeve Senft

THAT the time being 9:58 a.m. we take a 5-minute recess.

CARRIED

Reconvene: 10:02 a.m.

193/22

Moved By: Reeve Senft

THAT the time being 10:02 a.m. we reconvene our regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Chainsaw Safety Training

TABLED

Request for Temporary Road Closure

194/22

Moved By: Councillor Huber

THAT we deny Darren Shindle's request for a temporary road closure of Range Road 2151 from the Freeland Road south to Range Road 234 for one week in July and one week in August to allow his cattle to graze the land as that road is a graded road and it provides access to the cemetery.

CARRIED

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195/22 Gravel Loading Fees
Moved By: Councillor Arthur
THAT Council agrees to reimburse Jackson Brother's \$.25 per yard for loading fees out of the Schlosser Pit providing Schlosser's loading fees do not exceed \$.50 per yard.
CARRIED

196/22 Road Tour/Council & Staff BBQ
Moved By: Councillor Arthur
THAT Council takes a road tour together on July 13th, 2022. Furthermore, a Council & Staff team building BBQ will be held after the tour at the Dysart Golden Years Club hall.
CARRIED

197/22 Professional Writing for Administrator's Workshop
Moved By: Deputy Reeve Czemerers
THAT Council approves of the Administrator taking the Professional Writing for Administrator's workshop at a cost of \$50.00 plus taxes.
CARRIED

198/22 Sask Power - Rebuilding New Single-Phase powerlines
Moved By: Deputy Reeve Czemerers
THAT Council acknowledges the Sask Power new single-phase powerlines project #20368797. Furthermore, Council instructs the Administrator to reply to Sask Power informing them the Rural Municipality does not have any road widening plans in our area for 2022 and that there are no water lines within the project scope.
CARRIED

199/22 Sask Power - Switching Cube Installation Revised Construction Design
Moved By: Councillor Huber
THAT Council acknowledges Sask Power switching cube installation revised construction design for project #20374957.
CARRIED

200/22 CAT 140 Grader Maintenance
Moved By: Councillor Arthur
THAT Council approve the service quote from Finning for the CAT 140 grader to clean the diesel particulate filter and replace the diesel exhaust fluid pump at a cost of \$1,982.64 taxes included.
CARRIED

201/22 Amend 2022 Budget
Moved By: Councillor Huber
THAT Council adopts the amended 2022 budget as presented and forming part of these minutes.
CARRIED

Reeve Senft exited Council Chambers at 11:06 a.m.

Deputy Reeve Czemerers assumed the Chair position at 11:06 a.m.

Reeve Senft returned to Council Chambers and assumed the Chair at 11:08 a.m.

202/22 Within Correspondence: Letter of Support for the R.M. of Biggar
Moved By: Councillor Huber
THAT the R.M. send a letter of concern to the Honorable David Marit, Minister of Agriculture to show our support for the R.M. of Biggar and their state of emergency cause by drought and the importance of having a feasible disaster relief program in place to deal with such an emergency.
CARRIED

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203/22 Correspondence
Moved By: Councillor Arthur

THAT the following correspondence be accepted as presented and filed:

- 1) R.M. of Biggar - Requesting Support Regarding Municipal Drought Conditions
- 2) STARS - 2021-22 Mission Record
- 3) STARS - 2021-22 Year in Review
- 4) Finning - Price Increase
- 5) Sask Association of Watersheds - Prairie Watersheds Climate Program
- 6) SARM - News Release - Bridge Collapse
- 7) Ministry of Agriculture - Acknowledgement of Appointment of Pest Control Officers
- 8) Shannon Stubbs, M.P. - Rural Broadband Strategy

CARRIED

204/22 Administration Report
Moved By: Councillor Van Luven

THAT Council accepts the Administrator report as presented.

CARRIED

Foreman Nick Petrar entered Council Chambers at 11:50 a.m.
Foreman Nick Petrar exited Council Chambers at 11:58 a.m.

205/22 In Camera
Moved By: Councillor Arthur

THAT this meeting move to closed session at TIME as per section 120 of The Municipalities Act and section 17(1)(d) of The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act to discuss the following matters:

- 1) Personnel

CARRIED

206/22 Revert to Open Meeting
Moved By: Deputy Reeve Czemeris

THAT Council revert to an open meeting at 12:19 p.m.

CARRIED

207/22 Foreman Wage Increase
Moved By: Councillor Van Luven

THAT Foreman Nick Petrar be given a \$1.00 per hour Foreman duties wage increase effective July 6th, 2022.

CARRIED

208/22 Adjournment
Moved By: Councillor Huber

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve

Administrator