

The Regular Meeting of the council of Rural Municipality of Lipton No. 217 was held in the Municipal office on Friday June 14, 2019 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

Administrator: Frank Kosa

**Call to Order:**

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

**Agenda:**

#121/19-SLYWKA:

That the agenda be adopted with the following additions, under business, issues with gophers, traffic signage and additional accounts payable.

Carried

**Minutes Regular Meeting:**

#122/19- VAN LUVEN:

That the minutes of the May 10th, 2019 Regular Meeting be adopted with an amendment to Councillor Slywka's report by changing the name of the Freeland to the Strasburg Road as to gravel requirements.

Carried

**May Financial Report:**

#123/19-CZEMERES:

That the May financial report be accepted as presented.

Carried

**Accounts Payable:**

#124/19-MILLER:

That the accounts payable represented by cheque No.4179 to 4196, payroll accounts 527 to 529 in the amount of \$36,410.50 and direct payments for utilities through the bank in the amount of \$598.13 be approved.

Carried

**Delegation:**

Roger Junek representing the Lower Qu'Appelle Watershed Stewards and Rachel Kraynick representing the Ministry of Agriculture made a presentation to Council as to a pilot project for the decommissioning of old wells not in use and that the funding for this project is a 90%-10% cost share between the Province and the property owner. Should the Municipality support the program, that the ratepayers be informed by a general mail out of the program. The representatives further informed Council on the funding available for Farm Stewardship Programs.

Reeve Senft thanked the presenters and stated that Council would discuss the program and inform the LQWS of their decision.

**LQWS Decommissioning Well Program:**

#125/19-MILLER:

That the Municipality partner with LQWS in the decommissioning well program, with the Province funding 90% of the cost and that the Municipality would fund the additional 10% and invoice the property owner who has requested to have a well(s) decommissioned for that amount.

Should the invoice it not be paid by year end, that the Municipality will place that cost on their taxes, and further that an information flyer be mailed out to the property owners with their 2019 tax notice.

Carried

**Road Tour 2019:**

#126/19-CZEMERES:

That the Council set the date of Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. for a road tour of the municipality's roads.

Carried

**Council Reports:**

Division 1:

Councillor Huber expressed concern that the gravel on the Hayward was grading to the side over the edge of the road when the rock removal was in process, and that it cannot be recovered which is an additional cost to the municipality for gravel. He inquired if he should proceed with the repair of the road to give access to the NW-2-23-13-W2, which was quoted at \$5,000 by

Hired Gunn Construction in 2018, but the weather did not permit it to be completed.

#### Division 2

Councillor Van Luven that in general the roads in Division 2 are in good condition. On the road tour, review the road into the lands east of section 20-22-14-2 in an desire to finalize the issue of the bush and access. Councillor Van Luven inspected the north fence line on the SW30-22-14-W2 and is of the opinion that the fence is in reasonable condition and does not have to be rebuild.

#### Division 3

Councillor Czemerer informed Council that the roads are in good condition. He stated that the rocks have not been picked on the road edges and that the mower operator be directed to pick the rocks prior to cutting the grass as to not cause damage to the mower.

#### Division 4

Councillor Slywka stated rocks on the Strasburg should be capped with clay as the repair done in the wet years was with rock to hold the road. Perhaps this can be looked at during the road tour and include the clay capping of the portion during the clay-capping of the Strasburg. He attended the Parkland Regional Library Boards AGM, and that there is an outstanding levy not paid by the City of Yorkton as being a member of the Regional Library District. He informed Council that the Cupar Nursing Home upgrades would be completed by the end of July.

#### Division 5:

Councillor Miller informed Council that the gravel hauler, KF Aggregates has issues with their drivers not obeying the traffic regulations as to Yield signs and being courteous when traveling on the Strasburg when meeting on- coming traffic. She had KF Aggregates place calcium chloride on the Strasburg in front of Walter Nakonechny's property, as it is within 100 metres of the road. Mr. Nakonechny stated that he would do his own dust control on the Freeland as in previous years and asked that it not be graded

#### Division 6:

Councillor Arthur stated that the dust control on the Dysart North as per the Municipality's policy is well done, and the rocks on the Dysart north have been removed and the road graveled from the Strasburg to Highway #22. He has an issue with a fence on the west boundary road, the fence is within the right of way and a farmer expressed concern that he cannot get his equipment down the road. He will do an onsite inspection and hopefully resolve the matter.

Councillor Arthur informed Council that he spoke to the owner of KF Aggregate and the RCMP relating to their drivers not practicing traffic rules as to the yield sign as they approach the #639 Grid. Councillor Arthur would like to see the yield signs changed to stop signs at that location.

Reeve:

Reeve Senft stated that he had a call from Daryl Huber regarding the bush on the road allowance East of Section 20-22-14-W2 and informed him that the original Council motion is active, that being to have the bush removed by June 30<sup>th</sup>, but with the road tour set for July 8<sup>th</sup> the situation may change as Council meets on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July.

#127/19-ARTHUR:

That the Council reports be accepted.

Carried

**Rock removal from roads:**

#128/19-CZEMERES:

That \$1,000 be approved for rock removal off the road surface for the following road, being the municipal road East of Section 4,9,17 & 20-24-13-W2.

Carried

**2019 Operating and Capital Budget approval with Mill Rate:**

#129/19-MILLER:

That the 2019 Operating and Capital Budget be approved with a mill rate of 8.84 mills and the capital budget approval is for two miles of clay-capping, one mile south of section 13-23-14-W2 and one mile south of Section 28-24-13-W2.

Carried

**Mill Rate Factors :**

#130/19-MILLER:

That the Administrator review the mill rate factors as to determine if they are equitable and in scope with per cent age values of total tax dollars.

Carried.

**PCO Appointments:**

#131/19-MILLER:

That Katey Makohoniuk, Joanne Kwasnicki, Betty Johnson, Lynne Roszell, Chelsea Baraniecki and Colleen Fennig be appointed as Pest Control Officers for the Rural Municipality of Lipton, No. 217 for the purposes of the Club Root Survey.

Carried

**Recess:**

132/19-CZEMERES:

That the Council meeting be recessed to 1:20 p.m.

Carried

**Reconvene:**

133/19- MILLER:

That the meeting reconvene at 1:15 p.m.

Carried

**Install Stop Signs to replace Yield Signs:**

#134/19-ARTHUR:

That the Municipality change the yield signs at the intersection of the Strasburg Grid and Grid Road #639 from yield signs to stop signs on the east and west bound lanes of the Strasburg Grid.

Carried

**Install Yield Signs:**

#135/19-SLYWKA:

That the Municipality install yield signs at the intersection South side of the SE of Section 20 & North side of the SW 28-23-13-W2 in the east and west bound lanes

Carried

**Fire Restriction By-law 2019-02:**

#136/19-ARTHUR

That By-law 2019-02 to place fire restrictions in the Municipality be given first reading.

Carried

**Fire Restriction By-law 2019-02 :**

#137/19-VAN LUVEN::

That By-law 2019-02 to place fire restrictions in the Municipality be given second reading.

Carried

**Authorization for third reading:**

#138/19-MILLER:

That by-law 2019-02 being a bylaw to place fire restrictions in the Municipality be given authorization for third reading.

Carried Unanimously

**By-law 2019-02 third and final reading**

#139/19-SLYWKA:

That 2019-02, being a bylaw to place fire restrictions in the Municipality be third and final reading.

Carried Unanimously

**Level 1 Fire Restriction:**

#140/19-MILLER:

That a level 1 fire restriction is the suggested level to be put in place at this time within the Municipality.

Carried

**Control of Gophers:**

#141/19-CZEMERES:

That the Municipality write a letter to the Minister of Agriculture seeking Provincial government assistance in the control of Richardson Ground Squirrels more commonly known as gophers, with a copy to SARM .

Carried

**Correspondence:**

#142/19-SLYWKA:

That the correspondence be noted and filed.

Carried

**Enter into Camera:**

#143/19-MILLER:

That Council enter into an in-camera session to discuss personnel matters, under the provisions of the Municipalities Act and Freedom of Information Act.

Carried

**Revert to an open meeting:**

144/19-SLYWKA:

That Council revert to an open meeting.

Carried

**Administration Report:**

#145/19-CZEMERES:

That the administration report be accepted.

Carried

**Adjourn:**

#146/19-MILLER:

That the meeting be adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Carried

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Reeve:

Administrator:

**Next Meeting: Friday, July 12, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.**