

Rural Municipality of Lipton, No. 217
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 20, 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 June 20, 2023 commencing at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Reeve:

Corey Senft

Councillors:

Division 1: Bill Huber

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

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

Councillor Bill Huber declared a conflict of interest within the list of accounts for approval for a payment to Garnet Harman.

Councillor Darwin Huber entered Council Chambers at 8:03 a.m.

Approval/Additions/Deletions To the Agenda

2023/176

Moved By: Deputy Reeve Dale Czemerer

THAT the agenda be adopted with the administration report being moved up on the agenda to review after the statement of financial activities.

CARRIED

Foreman Report:

- Update on A/C and Compressor repairs on the CAT 140M3.
- Worked on unplugging culverts from beavers.
- Kevin Goodfeather our mower operator is back to work for the season.
- Took a road drive with Tomas and think we have to cut as many trees and willows on backroads as we can to get them open.
- Would like to see mowing in Divisions 1, 2 and 3 fence to fence this year as a goal.
- Searching for good pit run to use to fix up some roads. - Dust control was completed.
- Graveling has started.

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Foreman Report

Moved By: Councillor Christopher Catto

THAT Council accepts the Foreman's report as presented.

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2023/178 May 10, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
Moved By: Councillor Tomas Arthur
THAT the May 10th Regular Council Meeting minutes be approved as presented.
CARRIED

2023/179 Bank Reconciliations
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
THAT the RCU and RBC Bank Reconciliations for the month of May be approved as presented. These reports shall be attached hereto and form part of these minutes.
CARRIED

2023/180 Statement of Financial Activities
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
THAT the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of May 2023 be approved as presented. This report shall be attached hereto and form part of these minutes.
CARRIED

Councillor Bill Huber exited Council Chambers at 8:29 a.m. due to a conflict of interest declared.

2023/181 Remove Payment Within List of Accounts for Approval
Moved By: Councillor Tomas Arthur
THAT cheque #5198 being a payment to Garnet Harman to remove bush from the road allowance be held from payment until the R.M. receives a letter from Kelsey Pletz stating she approved of the bush being pushed onto her land as per motion 2023/155.
CARRIED

2023/182 List of Accounts for Approval
Moved By: Councillor Tomas Arthur
THAT Council approves the List of Accounts for Approval as presented including Cheque No. 5182 to 5197 (excluding cheque No. 5198) and other online payments totaling \$55,866.40, Mastercard totaling \$1,933.79 and payroll for periods PP#9, PP#10, PP#11 and PP#12 totaling \$25,025.31.
CARRIED

Council Reports:

Division 1:

- Put a culvert in 1 mile east of the 35 highway on the north side of the Hayward Road as the old culvert split and created a hole in the road.
- Paul Drew would like us to fix the road we did work on last year on range road 2131 between the Hayward Road and the next east and west road.
- Jeremy Pletz wanted some work done for a few years now that needs disking. I would like to put some pit run in those spots. I have been unable to connect with Jeremy as of lately regarding this.
- Went on a road tour with Twila, Dale and Tomas in Divisions 4 and 1.
- Nick came out and cleaned out the culvert at Fred Bigalky's. Put a new cage on one culvert and the old cage on another culvert.
- After the first rain the Hayward Road was bad I had it graveled.

Division 2:

- Complaints about where Sask Power is dumping hydrovacating dirt in the ditch and they are still dumping.

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- Complaints about washboard roads.
- Greg VanLuven doesn't want gravel on backroads as he seeded them. All are grown with grass and there are lumps of dirt and grass in the ditches in the tall grass.
- We need more of a crown on the backroads. They need to be fixed up.
- There are roads being fixed without me knowing about it.
- Disappointed in the hours we are getting out of the graders.

Division 3:

- Started graveling in Division 3
- Kevin Domm made a complaint that no pit run was used to fix a spot. I am not putting pit run in I'm putting gravel its fine.
- Murray Huber made a complaint regarding flooding of a back road in the spring but it wasn't flooded in spring as per Brodner's.
- One grade needs to be fixed on J. Nakonechny's road.

Division 4:

- David Mandziak called and asked for clay capping on road. Putting gravel on the road.
- Freeland issue to be talked about later

Division 5:

- Gravel allotments need to be reviewed.
- Woolsey Construction moved in to crush at pit.
- There is a parade July 1st in Lipton we should try to have something in there on behalf of the R.M.
- Would like to remind everyone who hasn't to complete the respect in the workplace workshop.
- There have been concerns from people regarding our union and that the R.M. should get rid of it. There is a process and only the employees can decide to dissolve the union as per the information I am sharing with the rest of Council.
- Everyone was to have maps for brush clearing. The Shindle Road in my division is very important to get cleared. We need to come up with a plan for brush clearing.
- There are a few line of sight issues. On the Strasbourg on the east side of highway 35 along Johnny Degelman's and Ralph Goff's corner trees need to be cut by chainsaw.

Division 6:

- Took a few afternoons looking at pits to find pit run as Jackson's have none. Met with Big Rock and they have some good pit run.
- The mower needs to get backroads opened up and it needs to be done as he's cutting. Would like him to be reminded to be aggressive on the trees and willows and cut them as he sees them.
- Looked at a few holes that need pit run to get them into decent shape.
- Went on small road tour with Dale, Twila and Bill. I would like everyone to attend the road tour in the future this summer.
- Joel Heggie from Kellross said they hired a lady to come in and help deal with the union negotiations.
- Started graveling in my Division too.

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- Nick had a complaint that the material is too coarse but I find it to be good.

Reeve:

- Been quiet mostly
- Brian Braumberger culvert needs to be put in a lower spot.
- Darwin covered on the sludge in the ditch.
- Deer Creek asked if they could put pit run on a road in Division 2 as it was very soft.
- Darren Buium is taking out about 1200 cubic metres of his pit. He has no pit run but has a clay pit. I will get a quote from him for clay.
- Tomas touched on Warren Lutz's cart went of the road into the ditch and he had to cross someone's land to get out.
- Ditch Murray Huber dug in the side of the road has been like that for seven years. Policy with Watershed Authority says a ditch like that should be closed in within six months and it has been seven years. Is there a liability with the ditch that high? Not sure if Darwin knows about that ditch.
- What should we do with the bad spots. Do we run around and fix spots while we grade only roads that are still ok. Do we want to chase around with the grader or should we just stay on rotation and fix spots as we get to them?

Council Reports

2023/183

Moved By: Councillor Bill Huber

THAT the Council reports be accepted.

CARRIED

Recess

2023/184

Moved By: Reeve Corey Senft

THAT the time being 9:23 a.m. we take a 5-minute recess.

CARRIED

Reconvene

2023/185

Moved By: Reeve Corey Senft

THAT the time being 9:29 a.m. we reconvene our regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Within Administrator Report- Apply for Clearing the Path Initiative

2023/186

Moved By: Councillor Christopher Catto

THAT the Strasbourg Grid from the 35 highway to the most easterly boundary of the Rural Municipality of Lipton #217 meets the requirements to be considered an eligible roadway through the Clearing the Path Municipal Weight Corridor System Program. Therefore, the Administrator be authorized to apply for the Clearing the Path Municipal Weight Corridor System Program for the Strasbourg grid from the 35 highway to the most easterly boundary of the Rural Municipality of Lipton #217 being six and a half miles.

CARRIED

Direct Grader Operators

2023/187

Moved By: Councillor Darwin Huber

THAT the graders grade with their blades angled not straight when they are grading.

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2023/188 **Administration Report**
Moved By: Councillor Tomas Arthur
 THAT Council accepts the Administrator report as presented.
CARRIED

2023/189 **2023 Mill Rate**
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
 THAT the Rural Municipality of Lipton #217 establish a mill rate of 8.143 for the 2023 taxation year to meet the needs of the budget. This mill rate is subject to the mill rate factors outlined in Bylaw #2021-02.
CARRIED

2023/190 **Debra Halbgewachs Parkland AGM Report**
Moved By: Councillor Tomas Arthur
 THAT Council acknowledges Debra Halbgewachs Parkland Annual General Meeting report as presented. Furthermore, Council would like to say thank you to Debra for attending on behalf of the Rural Municipality.
CARRIED

2023/191 **Raymore Credit Union - Patronage Allocation**
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
 THAT Council acknowledges the Raymore Credit Union's 2022 patronage allocation payment to the Rural Municipality of Lipton #217 in the amount of \$2,072.22.
CARRIED

2023/192 **Purchase Munisoft E-Notices Program**
Moved By: Councillor Tomas Arthur
 THAT the Administrator is authorized to purchase the Munisoft E-notices program at a cost of \$1997.00 plus applicable taxes.
CARRIED

2023/193 **Ratification for Schulte Mower Tender**
Moved By: Councillor Christopher Catto
 THAT no other offers to purchase were received therefore the tender for ratification for the Schulte mower and side arm from Willie Durno at a price of \$24,760.00 plus GST be ratified.
CARRIED

2023/194 **Agreements For Sale of Land Freeland Road Project**
Moved By: Deputy Reeve Dale Czemerer

THAT further to resolution 2023/124 the following signed agreements for sale to widen the road allowance for the Freeland Road Project be approved for signature by the Reeve and Administrator as follows and forming part of these minutes:

<u>Name of Owner</u>	<u>Legal Land Description</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Darrel Wagner, Todd Wagner & Carla Lee Armstrong	NW-33-23-14-W2 Ext. 1 & NW-33-23-14-W2 Ext. 2	2.18	\$1,701.34
Darrel Wagner, Todd Wagner & Carla Lee Armstrong	NE-33-23-14-W2 Ext. 1 & NE-33-23-14-W2 Ext. 2	2.18	\$2,281.86
Carmacks Group Ltd.	NE-32-23-14-W2	2.18	\$1,573.47
Calum Akrigg	NW-32-23-14-W2	1.09	\$900.70
John & Bonnie Moleski	SW-5-24-14-W2	2.18	\$2,787.61

CARRIED

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2023/195 **Freeland Project Engineer Agreement Update**
Moved By: Councillor Bill Huber

THAT due to company changes within WSP Engineering the engineering firm being used for the Freeland Road Project. Council acknowledges the only change in the agreement shall be a name change and further approves of the Reeve and Administrator signing a new agreement with the new Company name WSP E&I Canada Limited.

CARRIED

2023/196 **Freeland Road Engineering Changes Review**

THAT the engineer for the Freeland Project requested Council to review two options for a change to the original engineering plans to further reduce a possible snow trap. Therefore, Council directs the Administrator to notify the engineer to cut a ditch, landscape and install a culvert on the north side of the Freeland Road Project

CARRIED

2023/197 **Decommission South Water Well**
Moved By: Deputy Reeve Dale Czemerer

THAT we contract Highway One Drilling to complete the decommissioning of the R.M. water well located at Block A, Plan 101232380 Ext 27 within SE-04-22-15-W2 at a cost of \$6,502.38 including taxes.

CARRIED

2023/198 **Apply for the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program**

THAT the Rural Municipality of Lipton #217 apply for the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program to help with the costs of decommissioning the R.M. water well located at Block A, Plan 101232380 Ext. 27 within SE-04-22-15-W2.

CARRIED

2023/199 **Sell Grasshopper Bait Spreader**
Moved By: Councillor Tomas Arthur

THAT the Administrator sell the grasshopper bait spreader. Furthermore, the Administrator is to accept the highest offer.

CARRIED

Councillor Bill Huber left the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

2023/200 **2024-25 Application Intake for Rural Integrated Roads for Growth Program**
Moved By: Councillor Tomas Arthur

THAT the Administrator apply for the 2024-25 rural integrated roads for growth program to complete clay capping to the first two miles of the Strasbourg Road west of the 35 highway.

CARRIED

2023/201 **Bylaw 2023-03 Closing and Selling a Municipal Road Second Reading**
Moved By: Councillor Darwin Huber

THAT Bylaw 2023-03 being a Bylaw to provide for the closing and selling of a municipal road be read a second time.

CARRIED

2023/202 **Bylaw 2023-03 Third Reading and Adoption**
Moved By: Councillor Christopher Catto

THAT Bylaw 2023-03 being a Bylaw to provide for the closing and selling of a municipal road be read a third time and adopted.

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2023/203 **Bylaw 2023-04 Closing and Selling a Municipal Road Second Reading**
Moved By: Councillor Tomas Arthur
THAT Bylaw 2023-04 being a Bylaw to provide for the closing and selling of a municipal road be read a second time.
CARRIED

2023/204 **Bylaw 2023-04 Third Reading and Adoption**
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
THAT Bylaw 2023-04 being a Bylaw to provide for the closing and selling of a municipal road be read a third time and adopted.
CARRIED

2023/205 **Bylaw 2023-05 Closing and Selling of Municipal Road Second Reading**
Moved By: Deputy Reeve Dale Czemeris
THAT Bylaw 2023-05 being a Bylaw to provide for the closing and selling of a municipal road be read a second time.
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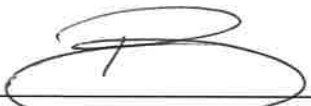
2023/206 **Bylaw 2023-05 Third Reading and Adoption**
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
THAT Bylaw 2023-05 being a Bylaw to provide for the closing and selling of a municipal road be read a third time and adopted.
CARRIED

2023/207 **Correspondence**
Moved By: Councillor Christopher Catto
THAT the following correspondence be accepted as presented and filed:
1) Professional Building Inspections - Newsletter
2) SARM - News Release - Wildlife Damage Compensation
3) SARM - SCAP-IPCP Program Guidelines
4) SARM - SCAP - PBP Rebate Program
5) SARM - Gopher Control Program Common Questions
5) STARS - 2022 Stars Missions
CARRIED

2023/208 **Adjournment**
Moved By: Councillor Darwin Huber
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:30 p.m.
CARRIED



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