

Rural Municipality of Lipton No. 217
March 1, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes

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 March 1, 2022 commencing at 9:02 a.m.

Present: Reeve: Corey Senft

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

Call to Order:

Reeve Senft called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Deputy Reeve Czemerer declared a conflict of interest for cheque #4889 within the list of accounts for approval.

Agenda

#39/22 – MILLER

THAT the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

- 1) Gravel purchase from Big Rock Trucking
- 2) Lawyer Correspondence
- 3) Foreman Report

CARRIED

Minutes

#40/22 – ARTHUR

THAT Council adopts the February 2, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes with the following change:

That the Division 4 Director report to state the Director attended a regular Meeting at the Cupar Nursing home in which pandemic planning was discussed.

CARRIED

Minutes

#41/22 – ARTHUR

THAT Council adopts the February 2, 2022 Public Hearing minutes as presented.

CARRIED

Foreman Nick Petrar entered Council Chambers at 9:12 a.m.

- Pushing snow and keeping roads open has been the main task.
- The Foreman is trying his best to ensure all divisions are cleared equally and in a timely manner.
- Councillor's should communicate with the Foreman what roads in their division do not need snow removal so more time can be spent in the bad areas.
- Skid plates on the V-Plow wear out quickly but the V-Plow works very well on the roads. Should look into a possible new V-Plow in the future.

Foreman Nick Petrar left the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Foreman Report

#42/22 – MILLER

THAT Council accepts the Foreman’s report as presented.

CARRIED

Financial Statement

#43/22 - CZEMERES

THAT Council adopts the December 2021 Financial Statement as presented.

CARRIED

Financial Statement

#44/22 - MILLER

THAT Council adopts the January 2022 Financial Statement as presented.

CARRIED

Bank Reconciliation

#45/22 - SLYWKA

THAT Council adopts the January 2022 Bank Reconciliations as presented.

CARRIED

List of Accounts for Approval

#46/22 – HUBER

THAT Council approves the List of Accounts for Approval as presented including Cheque No. 4888 to 4904 and other online payments totaling \$80,850.15, Mastercard totaling \$116.97 and payroll for periods PP#3 and PP#4 totaling \$12,514.28.

CARRIED

Council Reports

Division 1:

- Councillor Huber has received a few calls regarding the roads but nothing that was urgent.
- Nick is doing a great job keeping the roads clear. Gaza was also out on his roads a few times trying to keep up with snow removal.
- Comparing the RM of Lipton to other RM’s we are very fortunate for our grader operator’s as they have been doing a good job keeping the roads open.
- Councillor Huber did notify grader operator Gaza to not open the road past Materi’s farm anymore as that road is not needed any further this winter.

Division 2:

- Councillor Van Luven stated roads and snow clearing have been the main items within his division.
- Follow up regarding the question the owner of the new Propane storage and distribution facility asked Administration.

Councillor Huber left the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Division 3:

- Nothing to report happy with everything at this time.

Division 4:

- Councillor Slywka attended the regular board meeting at the Cupar Nursing home and noted the MLA was also in attendance for the meeting.
- Is happy to report that all of the out of scope positions at the Cupar Nursing home have been filled and the new Executive Director started on March 1st, 2022.

Division 5:

- Councillor Miller has concerns over the Strasbourg Road and the large rocks pushing out of the road. It is very hard to grade as per the foreman. She is looking for direction on how to plan to deal with that road for Spring.
- Concerns that the V plow may not make it through some of the snow on certain roads. Possible option would be to use the snow blower and blow approximately ½ mile on Freeland road and others.

Division 6:

- Councillor Arthur stated the Dysart grid was quite muddy on the nice day we had and now it is full of bad ruts after it re-froze.
- A plan is needed to deal with the Dysart grid first thing this spring. Could possibly try to gravel it to have the gravel push into the road or may have to consider closing it at some point if it becomes impassable. At the creek and north end it will definitely not be good. The culverts are starting to show in the road. North culvert is still up about 18” above the road.
- Follow up on whether the RM purchased another beaver cage.
- Ridging has been great and has been working. Maybe next year we could do it sooner.

Reeve:

- Reeve Senft had nothing extra to add on top of all the roads already talked about.
- Brought forward Mike Lawrek requesting a road to be opened.

Council Reports

#47/22 – VAN LUVEN

THAT the Council reports be accepted.

CARRIED

Recess: 10:50 a.m.

#48/22 - SENFT

THAT the time being 10:50 a.m. we take a 5-minute recess.

CARRIED

Reconvene: 10:55 a.m.

#49/22 – SENFT

THAT the time being 10:55 a.m. we reconvene our regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Road Maintenance Agreement

#50/22 – MILLER

THAT the RM of Lipton No. 217 Road Maintenance Agreement as attached to and forming part of the minutes be hereby approved.

CARRIED

Statistics Canada 2021 Census

#51/22 – VAN LUVEN

THAT Council acknowledges the Statistics Canada 2021 Census report for the RM of Lipton as presented.

CARRIED

Agreement for Building Inspection Services

#52/22 - CZEMERES

THAT Council agrees to enter into an Agreement for Building Inspection Services with Professional Building Inspections Incorporated. Furthermore, the Reeve or Administrator has authority to sign the agreement as presented and forming part of the minutes.

CARRIED

Acknowledgement of Auditor Management Representation Letter

#53/22 - MILLER

THAT Council acknowledges the Auditor's management representations letter as presented.

CARRIED

Acknowledgement of Summary of Possible Adjustments vs Materiality

#54/22 – VAN LUVEN

THAT Council acknowledges the Auditor's summary of possible adjustments vs materiality as presented.

CARRIED

2021 Draft Financial Statement

#55/22 – CZEMERES

THAT Council approve the draft 2021 Financial Statement for the Municipality as prepared by Dudley & Company LLP.

CARRIED

Acknowledgement that Dudley & Company Met Their Obligation for the Audit

#56/22 - ARTHUR

THAT Council acknowledges that the audit firm of Dudley & Company LLP have met their obligations as required to complete the 2021 audit.

CARRIED

Acknowledgement that the RM Met Its Obligation for the Audit Requirements

#57/22 - MILLER

THAT the Council of the Municipality have met their obligations as required for the completion of the 2021 audit of the Municipality.

CARRIED

Set Meeting with SARM Planner Re: OCP & Zoning Bylaw

#58/22 - MILLER

THAT Council instructs the Administrator to set a meeting on March 21st, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. with Robyn Rechenmacher SARM's senior planner to discuss the progression of the RM's updated OCP and Zoning Bylaw.

CARRIED

Set Date for Budget Meeting

#59/22 - MILLER

THAT a budget meeting be held on March 21st, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Appoint SARM Voting Delegate

#60/22 - ARTHUR

THAT Council appoint Deputy Reeve Dale Czemerer as the Municipality's voting delegate at the 2022 SARM Convention.

CARRIED

SARM TLE Trust Fund Individual Account Information

#61/22 – MILLER

THAT Council acknowledges the SARM TLE Trust Fund individual account report as presented.

CARRIED

Government of Saskatchewan Spring Road Restrictions 2022

#62/22 – VAN LUVEN

THAT Council acknowledges the Ministry of Highways spring road restrictions bulletin. Furthermore, the RM of Lipton will continue to opt in to the spring road restrictions program.

CARRIED

Repeal Proof of Vaccination Policy

#63/22 – CZEMERES

THAT the Province of Saskatchewan has removed the Provincial requirement to provide proof of vaccination or negative tests in Saskatchewan businesses. Therefore, Council repeals the RM's Proof of Vaccination Policy for Covid-19 passed through resolution #233/21.

CARRIED

Bylaw 2022-01 District Board of Revision Introduction and First Reading

#64/22 - MILLER

THAT Bylaw 2022-01 being a Bylaw to provide for entering into an agreement to provide for a district board of revision be introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED

Bylaw 2022-01 Second Reading

#65/22 – CZEMERES

THAT Bylaw 2022-01 be read a second time.

CARRIED

Recess: 11:50 a.m.

#66/22 - SENFT

THAT the time being 11:50 a.m. we take a 5-minute recess.

CARRIED

Reconvene: 11:54 a.m.

#67/22 – SENFT

THAT the time being 11:54 a.m. we reconvene our regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Authorization for Council to give three readings to Bylaw 2022-01

#68/22 – ARTHUR

THAT authorization be given to offer third and final reading to Bylaw 2022-01.

UNANAMOUSLY CARRIED

Bylaw 2022-01 Third Reading and Adoption

#69/22 - SLYWKA

THAT Bylaw 2022-01 being a Bylaw to provide for entering into an agreement to provide for a district board of revision be read a third time and adopted.

CARRIED

Bylaw 2022-02 License the Extraction of Gravel Introduction and First Reading

#70/22 – VAN LUVEN

THAT Bylaw 2022-02 being a Bylaw to license the excavation of gravel from gravel pits be introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED

Bylaw 2022-02 Second Reading

#71/22 - MILLER

THAT Bylaw 2022-02 be read a second time.

CARRIED

Authorization for Council to give three readings to Bylaw 2022-02

#72/22 - SLYWKA

THAT authorization be given to offer third and final reading to Bylaw 2022-02.

UNANAMOUSLY CARRIED

Bylaw 2022-02 Third Reading and Adoption

#73/22 - ARTHUR

THAT Bylaw 2022-02 being a Bylaw to license the excavation of gravel from gravel pits be read a third time and adopted.

CARRIED

Item Arising from Correspondence – STARS Contribution

#74/22 – CZEMERERS

THAT Council agrees to donate \$1000.00 to STARS.

CARRIED

Correspondence

#75/22 - ARTHUR

THAT the following correspondence be accepted as presented and filed:

- 1) SARM – 2022 Annual Convention information & registration
- 2) Richard Tessier – Request for support at SARM for Director of Division 1
- 3) STARS – Request for financial contribution

- 4) RCMP Combined Traffic Services Sask. – District Commander update
- 5) SaskPower – Salvage pole top transformers
- 6) MP Julian Peter – Seeking endorsement for Bill C-229
- 7) Grasslands News Group – Ag news premium edition advertisement
- 8) SARM – Rural Crime Watch Initiative Volunteers Needed
- 9) CIMA – SaskPower Rural Rebuild Project
- 10) Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Annual Conference and Tradeshow

CARRIED

Administrator's Report

#76/22 – VAN LUVEN

THAT Council accepts the Administrator's report as presented.

CARRIED

In Camera

#77/22 – VAN LUVEN

THAT Council enter into an in-camera meeting at 11:15 a.m. to discuss the following:

- 1) Union Contract
- 2) Lawyer Correspondence

CARRIED

Councillor Van Luven declared a conflict of interest at 12:30 p.m. and left the meeting.

Revert to Open Meeting

#78/22 - ARTHUR

THAT Council revert to an open meeting at 2:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Adjournment


#79/22 - ARTHUR

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

CARRIED



Reeve



Administrator