

Rural Municipality of Lipton, No. 217
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 21, 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 March 21, 2023 commencing at 9:02 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 9:02 a.m.

Councillor Bill Huber declared a conflict of interest regarding agenda item 13.14 being a letter of concern regarding the residential mill rate from rate payer Chad Tomolak.

Approval/Additions/Deletions To the Agenda

2023/068

Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2023/069

Public Hearing 9:00 a.m. Discretionary Use Application - Gravel Pits NE, NW & SE-15-24-15-W2

Moved By: Councillor Tomas Arthur

That this meeting be recessed at 9:03 a.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed gravel pit operations located at legal land descriptions NE, NW & SE-15-24-15-W2 for Schlosser Land and Gravel.

CARRIED

2023/070

Resume Regular Meeting

Moved By: Councillor Christopher Catto

THAT the Regular Meeting of Council resume at 9:05 a.m.

CARRIED

Foreman Report:

- Had the clutch fixed on the tractor as it was very jerky.
- Still having problems with the v-plow skids.
- The willows and trees at Pigott's will need to be cut by the mower this year.
Requesting a letter be sent to remove electric fence in the road allowance to allow the work to be completed.
- Spring grading will begin soon hopefully.

2023/071 **Foreman Report**
Moved By: Councillor Bill Huber
THAT Council accepts the Foreman's report as presented.
CARRIED

Foreman Nick Petrar exited the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

2023/072 **February 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes**
Moved By: Deputy Reeve Dale Czemerer
THAT the February 7th, 2022 Regular Council Meeting minutes be approved as presented.
CARRIED

Business Arising From Minutes

- Follow up on discussions with Buim's regarding purchasing gravel.
- Follow up on road haul agreement with Michael Lawrek.

2023/073 **February Financial Statement**
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
THAT the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of February 2023 be approved as presented.
CARRIED

2023/074 **Bank Reconciliations**
Moved By: Councillor Bill Huber
THAT the RCU and RBC Bank Reconciliations for the month of February 2023 be approved as presented.
CARRIED

2023/075 **List of Accounts for Approval**
Moved By: Councillor Christopher Catto
THAT Council approves the List of Accounts for Approval as presented including Cheque No. 5135 to 5156 and other online payments totaling \$45,026.72, Mastercard totaling \$1,163.34 and payroll for periods PP#3, PP#4 and PP#5 totaling \$11,346.06.
CARRIED

2023/076 **Public Hearing - 9:30 a.m. - NE-28-23-15-W2 Subdivision Discretionary Use Application**
Moved By: Councillor Tomas Arthur
That this meeting be recessed for the purpose of conducting a public hearing at 9:32 a.m. to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed residential subdivision from legal land description NE-28-23-15-W2.
CARRIED

2023/077 **Resume Regular Meeting**
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
THAT the Regular Meeting of Council resume at 9:35 a.m.
CARRIED

Council Reports:

Division 1:

- Nothing much. Had a few calls when it stormed. There were a few finger drifts that needed clearing.

C.S. RH

Division 2:

- Nothing to report.
- Is there something in place with the R.M. of North Qu'Appelle to take grain bags at no cost?

Division 3:

- Nick is doing a good job and was on top of clearing the roads after the last storms.
- SARM Annual Convention updates: Healthcare was about 90% of the discussion during the bear pit and about 20 R.M.'s looking for grader operators
- We should approach SARM to get the displaced Ukrainian new comers trained as grader operators.

Division 4:

- Nothing to report. No complaints.

Division 5:

- Glad Nick got going and got a lot of the roads opened quickly that were blocked after the last storm.
- We are going to have issues with the Shindle road. Something needs to get done down the whole two miles to stop it from filling in so bad.
- I would like the rest of Council to go look at the Strasbourg Road to see what Nick is dealing with, with the rocks in the road. He can't grade properly because the rocks are sticking out so much.

Aiden Bateman and Jeff Olson entered Council Chambers at 9:59 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Aiden Bateman & Jeff Olson - Ducks Unlimited

To update Council on Ducks Unlimited forage program, marginal areas program, grazing map plan, wetland restoration and fall rye winter wheat programs.

Aiden Bateman and Jeff Olson exited the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

CANCELLED - 10:30 a.m. S/Sgt. Dean Lerat To Discuss RCMP Annual Action Plan

Action Within Council Reports

2023/078

THAT a registered letter be sent to Leonard Piggot and Mike Wild to remove their fences that are located within the ditch or right of way to allow for willow and tree maintenance within the ditch.

CARRIED

Council Reports Cont':

Division 6:

- Nick had called and asked whether he should keep the road open for Terry Nistor. It is terrible for blowing in however there is no residence there and Terry would like it kept open.
- Had the tractor clutch fixed after talking with Bill the head of the equipment committee.
- Piggot's electric fence is in the bottom of the ditch. We mulched there in the past However, it is now starting to grow back in. Need to have the fence removed to allow for maintenance of the trees and willows there.

R.S.
RH.

Reeve:

- Nick had me look at the v-plow and I noticed it was sitting low on the front.
- Nick asked if he should have Gaza in to help with snow removal after the last storm. I said go ahead as some areas were quite plugged.
- We had the second grader come out after the storm as with only one grader it takes 4 days to clear the R.M. but we start getting calls around day 3 if everything is open by then.

Council Reports

2023/079 **Moved By:** Councillor Tomas Arthur

THAT the Council reports be accepted.

CARRIED

Councillor Christopher Catto exited the Council Meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Discretionary Use Permit - Gravel Pits NE, NW & SE-15-24-15-W2

2023/080 **Moved By:** Councillor Tomas Arthur

THAT the Municipality approve the development permit for the gravel pits and crushing operation on the NE, NW & SE-15-24-15-W2 with the following conditions:
The excavation shall be 15 metres from the road allowance;
The excavation and crushing site shall be 400 metres from any dwelling.
The site is to be reclaimed as follows:
Upon commencement of opening the gravel pit, the top soil shall be piled in a manner that it can be used for reclamation of the site.
Upon completion of the gravel extraction, the slopes of the excavation of the gravel pit shall be sloped to a 4:1 slope and the top soil spread over the site and be seeded to grass.
The operation shall meet Provincial and Municipal standards.
Prior to final reclamation approval, the Municipality shall be notified and an inspection of the site will be carried out with the contractor.

CARRIED

Discretionary Use Permit - Subdivision NE-28-23-15-W2

2023/081 **Moved By:** Councillor Tomas Arthur

WHEREAS an Application to Subdivide Land has been received from Community Planning their file No. SUBD-001154-2023, for Tyler and John Lekivetz for NE 28-23-15-W2M.
AND WHEREAS the Application, as presented, appears to comply with the provisions of the Basic Planning Statement 2002-03 and Zoning Bylaw 2002-02.
THAT the proposed residential subdivision application for Tyler and John Lekivetz regarding NE 28-23-15-W2 be recommended for approval subject to the following conditions:
All costs associated with the subdivision including upgrades to or construction of roads if required, approaches, culverts, and if the developer wants dust control, shall be the responsibility of the developer. Approaches including culverts must be in consultation with the Councillor of that Division and the RM Foreman, prior to building.
AND FURTHER THAT all permits from all other regulatory agencies involved in the subdivision are the responsibility of the developer to obtain and comply with.

CARRIED

Building Inspector Appointment

2023/082 **Moved By:** Deputy Reeve Dale Czemeser

THAT in accordance with the service agreement with Professional Building Inspections, Inc., the RM of Lipton No. 217 hereby resolves to appointment the following individual as a building inspector for the Municipality for 2023:
John Dulle - Class 1 Licensed Building Official, Saskatchewan BOL779

CARRIED

C.S.
RH

- 2023/083 **Appoint Loraas as an Essential Service**
Moved By: Councillor Tomas Arthur
- THAT Loraas Disposal is hereby authorized to use all municipal roads within the municipal boundaries during our spring road ban period, as they are providing an essential service to the area ratepayers.
- CARRIED**
- 2023/084 **RMAA Convention**
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
- THAT the Administrator attend the RMAA Convention in Saskatoon including the women on the go tour from May 15th to the 18th.
- CARRIED**
- 2023/085 **SAMA Annual Meeting and Workshop**
Moved By: Councillor Tomas Arthur
- THAT the Administrator attend the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency's assessment workshop on Wednesday, April 5th in Regina.
- CARRIED**
- 2023/086 **Set Date for Budget Meeting**
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
- THAT a meeting to review and discuss the 2023 budget be held on April 3rd, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.
- CARRIED**
- 2023/087 **Public Utility Right of Entry Freeland Road Project**
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
- THAT Council approves of the use of the public utility right of entry document as presented which will be signed with each property owner the R.M. is obtaining clay from for the Freeland Project on S 04, 05-24-14-W2.
- CARRIED**
- 2023/088 **TLE Trust Fund Account Information**
Moved By: Deputy Reeve Dale Czemerer
- THAT Council acknowledges the Treaty Land Entitlement tax loss compensation trust fund statement for the R.M. dated December 31, 2022. Furthermore, Council does not want to change the percentage factor that is used to calculate the annual payments.
- CARRIED**
- 2023/089 **New Treaty Land Entitlement**
Moved By: Deputy Reeve Dale Czemerer
- THAT the R.M. notify the Ministry of Highways as per their request that the R.M. does not foresee any municipal roadway issues that Council believes should be dealt with should the land located at NE-35-22-15-W2 obtain Reserve status.
- CARRIED**
- 2023/090 **Resident Letter Re: Review Residential Mill Rate**
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
- THAT Council acknowledges the letter from Chad Tomolak regarding his concerns with the residential mill rate.
- CARRIED**

2023/091 **Cell Phone Allowance**
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
THAT Council acknowledges the request for an increase in maintenance cell phone allowances.
CARRIED

2023/092 **In Camera**
Moved By: Deputy Reeve Dale Czemerer
THAT this meeting move to closed session at 12:07 p.m. as per section 120(2)(b) of *The Municipalities Act* and section 21 of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to discuss the following matters:
2023 Wages
Lawyer Correspondence

In Attendance:

Reeve	Corey Senft
Division 1 Councillor	Bill Huber
Division 2 Councillor	Darwin Huber
Division 3 Councillor	Dale Czemerer
Division 5 Councillor	Twila Miller
Division 6 Councillor	Tomas Arthur

CARRIED

Administrator Ronda Heisler exited Council Chambers at 12:08 p.m.

Administrator Ronda Heisler re-entered Council Chambers at 12:19 p.m.

2023/093 **Revert to Open Meeting**
Moved By: Councillor Bill Huber
THAT Council revert to an open meeting at 1:07 p.m.
CARRIED

2023/094 **Administrator 2023 Wage Increase**
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
THAT the Administrator Ronda Heisler's wage be increased to \$80,000.00 per year with 4 weeks of holidays effective March 27th, 2023.
CARRIED

2023/095 **Foreman 2023 Wage Increase**
THAT the foreman Nick Petrar receive a \$1.00 per hour increase in his foreman's pay effective March 27th, 2023.
CARRIED

2023/096 **Administration Report**
Moved By: Councillor Tomas Arthur
THAT Council accepts the Administrator report as presented.
CARRIED

2023/097 **Correspondence**
Moved By: Councillor Twila Miller
THAT the following correspondence be accepted as presented and filed:
1) Parkland Regional Library - 2023 Branch Hours Reduction
2) Professional Building Inspections - March Newsletter
3) SARM News Release - Call for Support for Sask. Cattle Industry
4) SARM News Release - Lake Diefenbaker Irrigation Project
5) SARM News Release - Rural Healthcare
6) SARM - Final Resolution Listing
7) SARM 2022 Annual Report
8) SGI - Business Recognition Assessment

RH

- 9) SARM News Release - Attract Next Generation to Rural Government
- 10) Gov. of Sask. - Increase in Assessment Roll Notice Fees
- 11) Gov. of Canada - Payment of Canada Community-Building Fund
- 12) Sask. Power - Notification of Utility Right of Way

CARRIED

2023/098

Adjournment

Moved By: Councillor Bill Huber

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve

Administrator