

The Regular Meeting of the council of Rural Municipality of Lipton No. 217 was held at the Lipton Seniors Recreation Centre on Tuesday February 2, 2021 commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present were Reeve Corey Senft, Councillor Tomas Arthur, Dale Czemerer, Bill Huber Twila Miller, James Slywka, Greg Van Luven

Administrator: Frank Kosa

In Attendance: Gordon Bradford

**Call to Order:**

Reeve Senft called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**Agenda:**

#025/21-MILLER:

That the agenda be adopted, with the addition of accounts payable and that the Technical Break be added to the agenda.

Carried

Reeve Senft presented Councillor Dale Czemerer with a 20 year recognition plaque and thanked him for his years of public service to the Municipality.

Councillor Czemerer thanked the Reeve for the recognition and stated that it was greatly appreciated and the time serving the Municipality has been a great experience.

**Minutes Regular Meeting:**

#026/21- CZEMERES:

That the minutes of the January 5, 2021 Regular Meeting be adopted.

Carried

**Public Hearing Minutes:**

#027/21-ARTHUR:

That the Minutes of the January 5, 2021 Public Hearing be adopted.

Carried

**January 2021 Monthly Financial Statement:**

That the January, 2021 financial report will be presented at the March Regular meeting

**Accounts Payable:**

#028/21-Van Luven:

That the January payables in the amount of \$39,590.82 represented by cheque numbers 4603 to 4616, payroll 599 to 601 and on-line payments be approved for payment

Carried

**Delegation:**

Travis Keisig, MLA for the Last Mountain-Touchwood was present to discuss with Council the changes to the CTP road funding program. He stated that the Municipality can appeal the decision, and that the RM of Tullymet and Gary are filing formal appeals. Discussion moved to the Gravel Haul Agreements which are under review by the Province and he noted Council's concern regarding the rates being paid by the haulers versus the damage to the road systems due to the volume of trucks hauling. There was some discussion relating to the assessment system on the gravel operations, as to the value of the product versus the taxes paid on the marginal lands where the pits are located as the majority of the gravel operations are commercial activities however the owner or operator pay minimal taxes.

Reeve Senft thanked MLA Keisig for discussing the issues with Council and that he would bring our concerns to the appropriate Ministries.

Council took a technical break at 10:06 a.m. and the meeting reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

**Council Reports:**

Division 1:

Councillor Huber stated there are some finger drifts on the Hayward road at the east end. In general the roads are in good winter condition.

Division 2

Councillor Van Luven informed Council he met with Garnet Harman regarding the fence between the RM quarter which we lease for pasture and his property to the north. Mr. Harman was of the opinion that the Municipality should replace the fence.

Division 3

Councillor Czemerer stated the roads were in good winter shape. He had Jackson's sand the intersections on the roads that entered onto Highway due to the icy conditions during the warm spell when it rained. He stated that he had a discussion with the RM of Cupar too explore if they were interested in a joint use sander.

Division 4

Councillor Slywka stated there are some signs to be installed for directional locations are too close to the road and that we should inquire with the contractor why they installed them in that manner and are they going to relocate them further back off the road. He stated he had a call from Michael Lawrek regarding gravel availability for the Dysart Grid. He had some snow removal and there may be a few spots to be redone due to the winds when the grader operator is in for other snow removal needs.

Division 5:

Councillor Miller stated that the roads are reasonable, there are a couple of finger drifts on the Strasbourg west of Highway #35. The directional sign on the corner of the Range Road 2143 and Strasbourg is knocked down. Councillor Miller suggested that we investigate a different carbide blade for ice.

Division 6:

Councillor Arthur stated he had a couple of roads that could be plowed, one being the Blundell road and he has forwarded a map indicated the other sites. The directional signs that were recently installed may not be on the correct road and should be checked against the signage map.

Reeve:

Reeve Senft informed Council that the grader operator is investigating a more aggressive carbide blade which can be used for ice removal and also washboard grading. The blades are priced at \$5,000 a set and that the tips can be replaced. The operator is going to do some research and contact some municipalities that are using them to determine how well they work versus the cost factor.

**Council Reports:**

#029/21-HUBER:

That the Council reports be accepted.

Carried

**Application for a Development Permit for the storage of propane:**

#030/21-VAN LUVEN :

That the application for a development permit from Gordon Bradford be denied for the storage of 2,000-20lb propane tanks on the NW-23-22-14W2 as the proposed use is not a permitted or discretionary use within Zoning By-law 2002-02.

Carried

**Approval of tender for gravel crushing, loading and hauling:**

#031/21-SLYWKA:

That Council approve the tender for the crushing, loading and hauling of gravel for a three year period, with the addition in the tender that the Municipality reserves the right to retain an outside contractor to crush rock at the site.

Carried

**Recycling Proposal from Loraas:**

#032/21-HUBER:

That Council proceed with a six month trial period for recycling, with a container in the Village of Lipton and Dysart, with a location to be determined in Dysart, the bin in Lipton would be located at the Public Works yard and that Administration contact Loraas to determine if they are prepared to proceed with the project on a trial basis.

Carried

**Inquiry for a retail cannabis outlet:**

#033/21-ARTHUR:

That 101121738 Saskatchewan Ltd be informed that proposed cannabis retail outlet is not proposed within the Rural Municipality and should an application for a retail facility be made to the Municipality, the proponent would be required to make an application for a land use zoning amendment to rezone a parcel of land from Agricultural Zone to a Commercial Zone, and further to amend the uses in a Commercial zone for a cannabis retail operation and an amendment to the Municipality's Planning Statement By-law 2002-03 recognize the new use.

Carried

**Support for Broadband Communication Upgrades:**

#034/21-ARTHUR:

That the Municipality send a letter to the Federal Minister of Economic Development and the Provincial Minister responsible for Sasktel urging them to commence the upgrade to the communication system for broadband internet service that will be reliable to serve the people in Saskatchewan.

Carried

**Safe Community Grant Program:**

Councillor Van Luven declared a conflict on the Royal Canadian Legion application for a grant as he is a member and refrained from discussion and voting and vacated the Council meeting area.

#035/21-CZEMERES:

That the request for a safe community start-up grant by the Lipton Royal Canadian Legion Branch in the amount of \$1,000 be approved.

Carried

Councillor Arthur declared a conflict on the Dysart Community Rink's application for a grant he is involved with the Board and refrained from discussion and voting and vacated the Council meeting area.

#036/21-HUBER:

That the request from the Dysart Community Rink for a safe community start-up grant in the amount of \$7,500 be approved.

Carried

Recorded Vote:

In favour: Reeve Senft, Councillor Czemerer, Huber, Miller and Van Luven  
Opposed: Councillor Slywka

#037/21-MILLER:

That the request from the Dysart Historical Museum for a safe community start-up grant in the amount of \$432.22 be approved.

Carried

#038/21-HUBER:

That the request from the Lipton Recreation Organization for a safe community start-up grant in the amount of \$1,227.99 be approved.

Carried

#039/21-CZEMERES:

That the request from the Dysart Skating Club for a safe community start-up grant in the amount of \$1,400 be approved.

Carried

#040/21-HUBER:

That the request from the Cupar Dance Club for a safe community start-up grant in the amount of \$4,000 be approved.

Carried

Recorded Vote:

In favour: Councillor Arthur, Czemerer, Huber, Miller and Van Luven

Opposed: Reeve Senft, Councillor Slywka

#041/21-MILLER:

That the Lipton Library Branch and Dysart Library Branch be approved for a grant in the amount of \$500 each under the safe community start-up grant program.

Carried

#042/21-ARTHUR:

That the Dysart Community Centre be approved for a grant under the safe communities start-up program in the amount of \$3,000.

Defeated

#043/21-MILLER:

That the Dysart Golden Years Club be approved for a grant in the amount of \$500 under the safe community start-up program.

Carried

#044/21-ARTHUR:

That motion #042/21 be rescinded.

Carried

#045/21-HUBER:

That the Dysart Community Centre be approved for a grant in the amount of \$3,000 under the safe community start-up program.

Carried

#046/21-MILLER:

That the community organizations that have been approved for a grant under the Safe Communities Start-up Program be informed that that they are required to file with the Municipal Office prior to March 2, 2021, receipts dated August 1, 2020 onward as to additional costs to their organization prior to receiving the funding.

Carried

**Correspondence:**

#047/21-MILLER:

That the correspondence be noted and filed.

Carried

**Tender for Grader:**

#048/21-MILLER:

That the Municipality tender for the replacement of the John Deere 772GP Grader in Sasktenders, tenders closing February 26, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Carried

**In-Camera:**

#049/21-CZEMERES:

That Council enter into camera to discuss personnel and land acquisition items.

Carried

**Revert to an open meeting:**

#050/21-ARTHUR:

That Council revert to an open meeting.

Carried

**Acquire right of way for 639 Grid:**

#051/21-ARTHUR:

That the Municipality make a formal offer under an agreement for sale to purchase the right of way from the NE-4-24-15-W2 ,being 1.04 ha. for \$1,413 as offered by the property owner, as this right of way was not acquired at the original construction of the grid road.

Carried

**Advertise for the position of Foreman/Grader Operator:**

#052/21-VAN LUVEN:

That the Municipality advertise for the position of a Foreman/Grader Operator and that the Union be informed of Council's actions.

Carried

**Adjourn:**

#053/21-ARTHUR:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

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Reeve:

Administrator:

**Next Meeting: Tuesday March 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Lipton Seniors Centre**