

## **Rural Municipality of Wolverine**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Council 20/10/2020 - 08:00 AM**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the Rural Municipality of Wolverine No. 340 held on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, commencing at 8:00 am at the Council Chambers in the RM Office in Burr, SK.**

#### **Attendance:**

Reeve - Bryan Gibney	Div. 1 - Councillor Donald Williams
Div. 2 - Councillor Ron Suchy	Div. 3 - Councillor Elise Dale
Div. 4 - Councillor Sandy Flory	Div. 5 - Councillor Dennis Merkosky
Div. 6 - Blaine Possberg	Administrator- Sandi Dunne

#### **Call to Order**

Reeve Gibney called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

#### **Adopt Agenda**

**Resolution No:** 2020-230

**Moved By:** Blaine Possberg

THAT THE agenda be amended as follows, and approved as amended:

Add:

6.0 - Delegations

6.1 Dale Becker, PW Supervisor - 8:30 am

6.1.19 - Request for Custom Work - Division 2

11.0 - New Business

11.9 - COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure ICIP Grant Application

**CARRIED**

#### **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Councillor Suchy declared a conflict on interest in the custom work request in Division 2 that was just added to the agenda at this meeting as the work request is for him personally.

Councillor Flory declared a conflict of interest in the Children at Play signage request as she has a land rental agreement with the individual that is requesting the signage.

#### **Adopt Minutes**

**Resolution No:** 2020-231

**Moved By:** Dennis Merkosky

THAT THE Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 18, 2020 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### **Business Arising From Minutes**

Councillor Dale arrived at 8:23 am.

#### **Lanigan Hospital - Emergency Services Follow up Letter**

**Resolution No:** 2020-232

**Moved By:** Ron Suchy

That a letter be sent to the following Provincial Government Ministries, showing our support in regards to the opening of the Lanigan Hospital Emergency Department as per the request from a group of concerned citizens from the Lanigan community:

Humboldt - Watrous, MLA

Minister of Health


Minister of Rural and Remote Health

Saskatchewan Health Authority

Minister of Finance

**CARRIED**

Councillor Flory declared a conflict of interest as she has a land rental agreement with the individual that is requesting the installation of "Children at Play" signage at the end of his driveway within the municipal right of way and left the meeting at 8:29 am.



**Request for Children At Play Road Signage**

**Resolution No:** 2020-233

**Moved By:** Ron Suchy

That the request from the owner of Pt. NW 25-34-22 W2, to be have a Children at Play sign erected on either side of his driveway in the municipal right of way be approved under the following conditions:

- The landowner must purchase the signs and posts at their own cost and the RM will provide the installation at no cost to the landowner.
- The landowner will be responsible to replace the signage if it gets destroyed or stolen and the municipality will repair and/or replace the posts as required.
- When the signs are no longer required, the municipality will provide a monetary prorated rebate to the landowner based on the condition of the signage and will remove and keep the signage.

Further, that this become an RM policy and it be attached hereto and form a part of these minutes.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Flory returned to the meeting at 8:38 am

**In Camera Session - Land Sale Discussion**

**Resolution No:** 2020-234

**Moved By:** Dennis Merkosky

That this meeting got in camera at 8:40am, in order for Council to discuss ongoing negotiations for the sale of the rail bed/trail property.

**CARRIED**

**Verbal Report from Councillor Flory**

**Adjourn In-Camera Session**

**Resolution No:** 2020-235

**Moved By:** Sandy Flory

That this In-Camera session be adjourned at 9:35 am and that we revert back to the Regular Council meeting.

**CARRIED**

**Sale of Rail Bed/Trail Property Owned by the RM**

**Resolution No:** 2020-236

**Moved By:** Sandy Flory

That a Committee of Council members and the Administrator meet with representatives of the landowners involved in the possible sale of the rail bed/trail property in order to review and discuss the landowners concerns that were brought forward to Council in regards to the original land sale proposal of these lands by the municipality and to discuss how to proceed with the sale of these land parcels.

**CARRIED**

**Delegations**

**Dale Becker - PW Supervisor - 8:30 am**

The RM Public Works Supervisor, Dale Becker, arrived as a delegation at 9:50 am to discuss various public work matters.

**PW Supervisor Report - September 2020**

**Resolution No:** 2020-237

**Moved By:** Elise Dale

That the PW Supervisor Report for the month of September, 2020 be received for information and filed.

**CARRIED**

**Dean Ewen - Discuss Sale of Rail Bed Right of Way - 10:00 am**

Mr. Dean Ewen, arrived as a delegation at 9:58 am to discuss the offer to purchase the rail bed property that he received from the municipality. Mr. Ewen stressed that the purchase price of \$500/acre was too high for the type of land being offered and that the cost to reclaim it to make it farmable would be cost prohibitive. Mr. Ewen concluded his presentation by requesting the property



be given to the adjacent land owners rather than sold and if this was not an option, then the land should be left as is or given to a wildlife association. Mr. Ewen was advised that the municipality would be meeting with representatives from the landowner group to discuss the sale of these land parcels further. Mr. Ewen left the meeting at 10:10 am.

**Rock Truck – Discuss Insurance Claim**

**Resolution No:** 2020-238

**Moved By:** Bryan Gibney

That this municipality accept and sign the Final Proof of Loss Statement in the amount of \$89,975.00 as provided by SARM, property insurance providers for the municipality in regards to the claim submitted on the 2007 - 250D John Deer Articulating Truck.

Further, that this municipality has no interest in purchasing the Articulating Truck back as salvage.

**CARRIED**

**Discuss Air Compressor Purchase**

**Resolution No:** 2020-239

**Moved By:** Sandy Flory

That the municipality purchase a New Holland 7.5 HP 80 Gallon Stand Up Air Compressor for the new shop from Farm World at a cost of \$2,850.00 plus applicable taxes.

**CARRIED**

**Discuss Gravel Haul/Stockpile**

**Resolution No:** 2020-240

**Moved By:** Sandy Flory

That the following annual winter gravel stockpile to the Burr location be undertaken by municipal forces:

- 2,000 cu yds of reject gravel from the Highways/Lands Branch stockpile
- 3,000 cu yds of screened gravel from the Land Branch Stockpile
- 4,000 cu. yds of crushed gravel from the Highways/Lands Branch stockpile

Further, that AMEC measure all current stockpiles owned by the RM closer to the end of the year to determine year-end inventory volumes.

**CARRIED**

**Request for Work in Rail Bed Right of Way**

**Resolution No:** 2020-241

**Moved By:** Elise Dale

That the request from the landowner of Block B, Plan 77H11500 Ext 0 (Pt. SE 36-36-23 W2) to remove bush from the rail bed property owned by the municipality, as it may cause flooding to his yard-site/acreage if there is excessive snow and rainfall this coming spring, be tabled for discussion at the November 2020 Council meeting.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Elise Dale	✓			
Sandy Flory	✓			
Bryan Gibney	✓			
Dennis Merkosky		✓		
Blaine Possberg	✓			
Ron Suchy	✓			
Don Williams	✓			

**CARRIED**

**Request for Approach Widening - Div. 4 – SW 25-35-22 W2**

**Resolution No:** 2020-242

**Moved By:** Sandy Flory

That the request to widen an existing approach on the SW 25-35-22 W2 be denied as it is already as wide as the municipal standard for the road classification; however that municipal forces haul clay to build the approach up and clean out the culvert on both sides of the approach.

**CARRIED**

**Request for Approach Widening - Div. 1 - NW 13-35-22 W2**

**Resolution No:** 2020-243

**Moved By:** Don Williams

That the request to widen an existing approach and lower the culvert by 12" located on the NW 13-35-22 W2 be tabled for discussion at the November, 2020 Council meeting to allow the Division 1 Councillor time to view the approach in question.

**CARRIED**

**Request for New Approach NE 2-35-22 W2 - Division 1**

**Resolution No:** 2020-244

**Moved By:** Don Williams

That the request for a new approach (no culvert) to be constructed on the NE 2-35-22 W2 be approved as per the application.

**CARRIED**

**Custom Work Request- Div. 6-NE 16-36-24 W2**

**Resolution No:** 2020-245

**Moved By:** Blaine Possberg

That the request for custom work from the landowner of the NE 16-36-24 W2 to level off a hill and move some clay be approved.

**CARRIED**

**Custom Work Request – Div. 4 - NE 12-36-22 W2**

**Resolution No:** 2020-246

**Moved By:** Sandy Flory

That the request for custom work from the landowner of the NE 12-36-22 W2 to push some tree lines together be approved.

**CARRIED**

**Custom Work Request – Div. 3 - Wolverine Grazing Alliance**

**Resolution No:** 2020-247

**Moved By:** Elise Dale

That the request from the Wolverine Grazing Alliance to haul gravel from the Highways Stockpile to various locations within the Lands Branch pasture be approved.

**CARRIED**

**Custom Work Request – Div. 4 – NW & SE 33-35-22 W2**

**Resolution No:** 2020-248

**Moved By:** Sandy Flory

That the request for custom work to bury rock piles on the NW & SE 33-35-22 W2 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**Request for Bush Pushing In ROW – Div. 2**

**Resolution No:** 2020-249

**Moved By:** Ron Suchy

That the request to push bush within the right of way along the west side of the West 1/2 Section 4-35-23 W2 be approved and if the landowners of the West 1/2 Section 4-35-23 W2 want any bush removed on their private property it would be undertaken as custom work.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Suchy declared a conflict of interest in the following custom work request as he is the landowner requesting the custom work and left the meeting at 12:46 pm.

**Custom Work Request - Div. 2 – SE 03-34-23 W2**

**Resolution No:** 2020-250

**Moved By:** Dennis Merkosky

That the request for the custom work of digging a dugout on the SE 3-34-23 W2 be approved.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Suchy returned to the Council Chambers at 12:48 pm. Mr. Dale Becker left the meeting at 12:48 pm.





**Statement of Receipts & Expenditures**

**Resolution No:** 2020-251

**Moved By:** Ron Suchy

THAT THE Statement of Financial Activities for the month of September, 2020 be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**List of Accounts for Approval**

**Resolution No:** 2020-252

**Moved By:** Elise Dale

THAT THE List of Accounts for the period ending October 20, 2020 represented by General Cheque No. 9592-9629, in the amount of \$366,146.11 and Direct Payroll Deposits dated September 30 and October 14, 2020 in the amount of \$33,099.48 as indicated on the list attached hereto and forming a part of these minutes, be approved for payment and subsequently signed by the Reeve and Administrator.

**CARRIED**

**Correspondence**

**Resolution No:** 2020-253

**Moved By:** Sandy Flory

THAT THE Correspondence having been read now, be filed and that a list of correspondence be attached hereto and form a part of these minutes.

**CARRIED**

**Administrator's Report**

**Resolution No:** 2020-254

**Moved By:** Blaine Possberg

THAT THE Administrator's Report for the Month of September, 2020 be received for information and filed.

**CARRIED**

**Council Listing of Tax Arrears**

**Resolution No:** 2020-255

**Moved By:** Dennis Merkosky

That the List of Lands in Arrears, dated October 19, 2020 be amended by removing all properties with tax arrears that are less than one-half (1/2) of the current years taxes, and subsequently be approved for publication in an issue of The East Central Recorder and The Lanigan Advisor.

Further that this listing be attached hereto and form a part of these minutes.

**CARRIED**

**Tax Cancellation - Block A, Plan 102237623 - Div. 6**

**Resolution No:** 2020-256

**Moved By:** Blaine Possberg

That the following tax cancellation be approved as this land is now owned by the municipality and will be exempt from taxation.:

Block A, Plan 102237623 - Municipal Taxes - \$60.22 Horizon School Division - \$19.91

**CARRIED**

**Community Planning - Sub-Division Application - Division 2**

**Resolution No:** 2020-257

**Moved By:** Ron Suchy

That the application to sub-divide approximately 22.67 acres from the NE 6-35-23 W2 for residential purposes be approved in accordance with Section 5.3.1 of the Municipal Zoning Bylaw.

**CARRIED**



**Council Ipads**

**Resolution No:** 2020-258

**Moved By:** Sandy Flory

That in accordance with municipal policy, the following council members be provided with new Ipads:  
Reeve Gibney; Councillor Ron Suchy; Councillor Flory; New Councillors for Division 3 & 5

**CARRIED**

**Next Meeting Date**

It was noted that the November, 2020 meeting would be called by the Administrator in accordance with legislation.

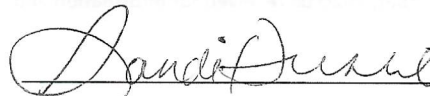
**Adjournment**

**Resolution No:** 2020-259

**Moved By:** Dennis Merkosky

THAT THE Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 1:29 pm.

**CARRIED**

  
Bryan Gibney – Reeve  
Sandi Dunne - Administrator