

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BIRCH HILLS NO. 460**  
**August 11, 2015**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** Reeve Alan Evans, Councillors Chris Hovdebo, Kyle Jensen, Steven Adams, Ted Boutin, Dean Manson, Leyton Elsaesser and Administrator Shirley Pratchler.

Reeve Evans called to the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

**134-2015 Minutes: Manson** That the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 8, 2015 be accepted as circulated.

*Carried*

**135-2015 Financial Statement: Hovdebo** That the statement of financial activities as at July 31, 2015 be accepted as presented.

*Carried*

**136-2015 Accounts Payable: Elsaesser** That the accounts as per the attached list of cheques #12886 - 12929 totaling \$96,168.87 be approved.

*Carried*

**Delegation: 8:20-8:30 Connor Jauck, Brandt Tractor Ltd.** attended to review the satisfaction with the 2014 John Deere 770G grader and discuss future equipment needs.

**137-2015 Correspondence: Jensen** That the following correspondence be accepted as presented:

- SARM Update
- CIBC Branch Closure
- RCMP Quarterly Report
- Water Security Agency – Channel Clearing Assistance
- Saskatchewan WCB – Excess Surplus Distribution
- Gov't of Saskatchewan – Volunteer Medal & Order of Merit
- Municipal Hail – 2015 Scholarship Recipients
- Struthers Lake RP – August 4, 2015 Minutes

*Carried*

**138-2015 Committee Reports: Boutin** That the following committee reports be accepted as presented:

**Short Line Rail:** A meeting is scheduled for this evening, August 11, 2015.

**Invasive Plant Management Committee:** Barry Swanson has made contact with CN Rail regarding the weeds found on their property in the Town and RM of Birch Hills. The Administrator will contact him to ensure he has the contact information for OmniTRAX (Carlton Trail) as well.

**Fire Department/EMO/First Responders:** overall, the summer has been slow. Attended a STARS landing and the department has also met and watched the STARS landing video.

**Recreation Board:** the Board has received a matching grant for skating rink repairs.

**Shop & Equipment:** Brandt was contacted about lack of power in new 770G grader and it was repaired under warranty. The invoice for travel was discussed with Connor and the charges will be reversed. The Capital I quote for the gravel reclaimer/slope was discussed briefly and was deferred until the November meeting. Work started on the New England Road, but has been delayed by rain.

*Carried*

**139-2015 Culvert Donation: Elsaesser** That the RM donate one 4 m x 500 mm culvert to the Birch Hills golf course for the cost of \$155.00.

*Carried*

- 140-2015     **Hwy 25 & 20 Committee: Evans** That the RM form a joint committee with the RMs of St. Louis and Invergordon to advocate for improvements to Highways 20 and 25; further, that Reeve Evans and Councillors Kyle Jensen and Ted Boutin be appointed on behalf of the RM of Birch Hills.

*Carried*
  
- 141-2015     **Fenton Road Culverts: Jensen** That the two wooden/box culverts through the road north of Hwy 25 leading to Fenton be inspected as part of the bridge to culvert project at NE 08-46A-25 W2.

*Carried*
  
- 142-2015     **Employment: Boutin** That Pat Lepine's seasonal employment status be changed from seasonal full time to permanent full time effective immediately guaranteed until at least October 2016 at the same wage rate until annual employee reviews.

*Carried*
  
- 143-2015     **Section 293 Exemption: Elsaesser** That we cancel taxes on SE 05-47A-24 W2 for Eunice Evans (Municipal \$361.94; SRPSD No. 119 \$134.86) and on SW 03-46-24 W2 for Bruce Stamnes (Municipal \$1,537.52; SRPSD No. 119 \$572.87) as Section 293 land exemptions.

*Carried*
  
- 144-2015     **Building Permit: Hovdebo** That the permit application received from Preston and Roseann Crosswell for construction of a garage at Pt NE 36-46-23 W2 be acknowledged and issued.

*Carried*
  
- 145-2015     **Planning Services: Evans** That the Administrator is authorized to hire SARM's Planning Department to draft new zoning and building bylaws for the RM.

*Carried*
  
- 146-2015     **OmniTRAX Study: Evans** That the farm family address list used by the U of S Agri-Health Network can be released to OmniTRAX for their study of grain movement via the Port of Churchill.

*Carried*
  
- 147-2015     **Adjournment: Boutin** That this meeting be adjourned at 9:55 am.

*Carried*

Certified correct this 9<sup>th</sup> of September, 2015.

  
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Administrator

  
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Reeve