

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BIRCH HILLS NO. 460

July 9, 2014

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Present: Reeve Alan Evans, Councillors Chris Hovdebo, Kyle Jensen, Greg Cochet, Gerald Olsen and Administrator Shirley Pratchler.

Reeve Evans called to the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

110-2014 Minutes: Hovdebo That the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 11, 2014 be accepted as circulated.

Carried

111-2014 Financial Statement: Cochet That the statement of financial activities as at June 30, 2014 be accepted as presented.

Carried

112-2014 Accounts Payable: Hovdebo That the accounts as per the attached list of cheques #12347 – 12383 totaling \$83,191.31 be approved.

Carried

113-2014 Correspondence: Cochet That the following correspondence be accepted as presented:

SARM – Update/Grid Road Map Update/Division Mtg
Gas Tax Program Renewal
APAS
United Steelworkers – Resolution Request
AECOM – Bridge Inspections
Cory Braaten Memorial Golf Tournament

Carried

114-2014 Committee Reports: Cochet That the following committee reports be accepted as presented:

Public Works & Maintenance: Todd Devenis attended the meeting and gave a verbal report. Gerald Holmgren has returned to operate the grader to allow Todd & Pat to focus on sign replacement, culvert installation, bridge repairs, frost boil repairs and graveling. Weather permitting the summer gravel program is to be completed by the end of July.

Recreation Board: playground equipment installed, the grand opening July 1st was well attended. Meeting held June 30th to approve the financial statements.

Fire Department/First Responders/EMO: reviewed minutes of June 16th, First Responder program supplies are on order and final arrangements are being made for storage of the main kit.

Invasive Plant Management Committee: Kyle Jensen reported the area infected with the field scabious invasive weed has been sprayed and scouting will continue throughout the summer in the Town and RM of Birch Hills.

Coxby Road: the culvert installation was delayed until July 14th due to the holiday schedule of Dean Bear and flooding related issues at Muskoday.

Town/RM: a letter of response was received from the Town of Birch Hills, the letter was tabled until the next RM meeting since all Council was not present at this meeting.

Carried

115-2014 Tractor Seat: Jensen That we purchase an air ride seat and installation kit for the main mowing tractor.

Carried

116-2014 Culvert: Cochet That we purchase an extension to the culvert installed at SE 8-46A-26 W2 plus rip rap to mitigate erosion, installation to be done by McIntyre Construction.

Carried

Delegation: Michel Louiseize of Evolution Training & Consulting presented information on the training opportunities the Saskatoon based company offers municipalities.

Delegation: Mark Gordon of the Birch Hills C&D attended to update Council on the C&D's efforts to expand the C&D, the creek maintenance scheduled for this summer and the water drainage issues in the Peonan (Long Lake) area.

117-2014 Miller Response: Evans That the letters sent to Mary Miller in response to her inquires be attached to and form part of these minutes.

Carried

118-2014 Beaver Control: Hovdebo That Richard Patterson, Greg Cochet and Pat Lepine be added to the list of authorized individuals to remove problem beavers under the SARM program.

Carried

119-2014 Taxes: Cochet That we cancel the following minimum tax applied in Hagen: Roll #1044 Lt 5-6 Blk 1 \$387.50 and Roll #1060 Lt 15 Blk 1 \$386.03.

Carried

120-2014 TransGas: Jensen That the Administrator be authorized to sign the Master Road Crossing Agreement with TransGas Limited on behalf of the RM of Birch Hills No. 460.

Carried

121-2014 Holidays: Evans That the holiday request for July 18, July 25 and August 18-22 inclusive be granted for the Administrator.

Carried

Councillor Chris Hovdebo left the meeting at 10:50 am.

Delegation: Mary Miller brought forward various points that have been discussed at previous meetings and have now been addressed in the letters attached to these minutes. The Reeve asked that concerns be addressed directly to him and that personal comments to and about Councillors need to stop. Any further discussion of Council's decisions will need to be addressed by petition as per the provisions of *The Municipalities Act*.

122-2014 Adjournment: Olsen That this meeting be adjourned at 11:45 am.

Carried

Certified correct this 13th of August, 2014.



Administrator



Reeve