

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BIRCH HILLS NO. 460

July 8, 2015

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

**Regrets:** Councillors Chris Hovdebo and Ted Boutin.

Reeve Evans called to the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**117-2015 Minutes: Manson** That the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 10, 2015 be accepted as circulated.

*Carried*

**118-2015 Financial Statement: Adams** That the statement of financial activities as at June 30, 2015 be accepted as presented.

*Carried*

**119-2015 Accounts Payable: Elsaesser** That the accounts as per the attached list of cheques #12851 - 12885 totaling \$79,121.53 be approved.

*Carried*

**120-2015 Correspondence: Jensen** That the following correspondence be accepted as presented:

SARM Update – MLDP Survey  
Denny Foster – taxation concerns  
APAS – July 20<sup>th</sup> Forum on Grain Transportation  
SHA Hall of Fame – sponsorship request  
Meridian Surveys – unmanned aerial vehicles  
NCTPC – April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes  
RM of Reno No. 51 – letter to SARM re: pipeline  
Cory Braaten 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Golf Tournament  
STARS – Thank You

*Carried*

**121-2015 Foster Response: Manson** That the Administrator respond in writing to the letter from Denny Foster regarding taxation of rural residential property.

*Carried*

**122-2015 Committee Reports: Manson** That the following committee reports be accepted as presented:

**Employee Relations:** evaluations were received and reviewed from Evolution Training & Consulting. All three evaluations were positive.

**Coxby Road:** it was confirmed since the last meeting that Coxby Road is now under the "care and control" of the RM. The last mile should be re-sloped by the end of this week and then graveled.

**Shop & Equipment:** clutch repaired on FL80, Brandt will be contacted about lack of power in new 770G grader, permission granted to purchase appropriate tools for shop truck, arrangements to be made to see demonstration of the Capital I gravel reclaimer/sloper. Once work starts on the New England Road, another tandem will need to be rented, this is already part of the budget.

**Recreation Board:** June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were reviewed, the golf course requires a 500 mm x 4 m length of culvert.

**Fire Department/EMO/First Responders:** gear replacements are arriving, tanker truck and four firefighters on standby for northern forest fires.

**Invasive Plant Management Committee:** the non-infected area within Town limits will be hayed once this year; after that, it will be cultivated and seeded next spring.

**Short Line Rail:** Annual meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2015 was postponed, will be rescheduled for early August.

*Carried*

**123-2015 Fire Department Purchase: Adams** That the Fire Department's capital reserve fund be utilized to purchase the six radios and charger unit for the command unit and up to 20 pairs of the Kevlar/heat resistant gloves.

*Carried*

**124-2015 Highway Signage: Evans** That the RM institute a policy of signing the all-weather, year round Township or Range Roads intersecting a provincial highway and further, that application be made to the Ministry of Highways & Infrastructure to approve and install the sign.

*Carried*

**125-2015 Beaver Control: Evans** That Dwayne Rhead be added as an authorized individual to remove problem beavers under the SARM program.

*Carried*

**126-2015 Section 293 Exemption: Elsaesser** That we cancel taxes on Pt NW 06-47A-24 W2 for Blayne Lewis (Municipal \$21.53; SRPSD No. 119 \$8.02 as a Section 293 land exemption.

*Carried*

**127-2015 Minimum Tax Cancellation: Adams** That we cancel the following minimum tax applied in Hagen: Roll No. 1044 Lots 5-6 Block 1 \$487.50 and Roll No. 1060 Lot 15 Block 1 \$486.03.

*Carried*

**A recorded vote was requested for Motion 128-2015.**

**128-2015 Budget/Mill Rate: Evans** That the 2015 budget be approved as presented with the municipal mill rate set at 13.5, Brancepeth at 7, and Hagen at 10.5.

For: Jensen, Manson, Elsaesser, Evans

Against: Adams

*Carried*

**129-2015 Mill Rate Factor Bylaw: Elsaesser** That Bylaw No. 04-2015 being a Bylaw to establish mill rate factors be read a first time.

*Carried*

**130-2015 Mill Rate Factor Bylaw: Manson** That Bylaw No. 04-2015 being a Bylaw to establish mill rate factors be read a second time.

*Carried*

**131-2015 Mill Rate Factor Bylaw: Evans** That Bylaw No. 04-2015 be given three readings at this meeting.

*Carried Unanimously*

**132-2015 Mill Rate Factor Bylaw: Jensen** That Bylaw No. 04-2015 being a Bylaw to establish mill rate factors be read a third time and adopted.

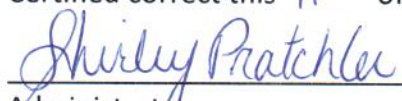
*Carried*

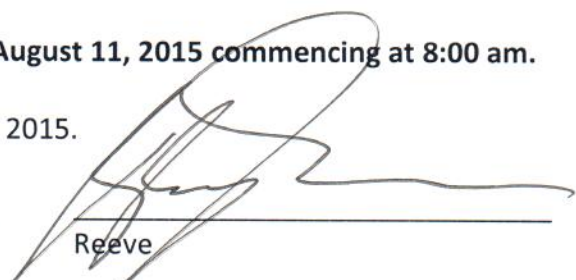
**133-2015 Adjournment: Manson** That this meeting be adjourned at 10:48 am.

*Carried*

**August meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 commencing at 8:00 am.**

Certified correct this 11<sup>th</sup> of August, 2015.

  
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Administrator

  
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Reeve