

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BIRCH HILLS NO. 460

June 11, 2014

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

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

84-2014 Minutes: Adams That the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 7, 2014 be accepted as circulated.

Carried

85-2014 Financial Statement: Cochet That the statement of financial activities as at May 31, 2014 be accepted as presented.

Carried

86-2014 Accounts Payable: Olsen That the accounts as per the attached list of cheques #12309 – 12346 totaling \$61,701.79 be approved.

Carried

87-2014 Correspondence: Hovdebo That the correspondence be accepted as presented.

Carried

88-2014 Committee Reports: Manson That the following committee reports be accepted as presented:

Public Works & Maintenance: Todd Devenis attended the meeting and gave a verbal report. Blading, culvert and road repairs continue. A request was made for consideration to be given to the purchase of a clean out bucket attachment for the backhoe. Graveling map was presented and discussed as well as quantities per mile and types of gravel used.

Recreation Board: playground equipment to be installed at the sports ground on Friday, June 13th.

Fire Department/EMO: reviewed minutes of June 2nd, further clarification is required on the First Responder program. Town and RM representatives will meet with Fire Department Executive.

Weed Management Committee: Kyle Jensen reported that area infected with the field scabious invasive weed will be sprayed before the end of June and scouting will continue throughout the summer in the Town and RM of Birch Hills.

Town/RM: the Reeve and Administrator attended the Town Council meeting on Wednesday, May 28th to discuss issues of joint concern. A letter summarizing the items discussed was sent to the Mayor and Council, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Carried

89-2014 PAPHR/Pineview Terrace: Manson That we authorize the release of pre-amalgamation funds from the former Northern Housing Development Corporation as per the agreement signed in March 1994 and further that the funds be utilized for construction costs of Pineview Terrace.

Carried

Delegation: Stacie Walker of Golder Associates Ltd. joined the meeting at 8:50 am

90-2014 In-camera Session: Manson That the meeting move in-camera (8:51 am).

Carried

91-2014 Suspend In-camera Session: Cochet That we resume regular meeting (9:00 am).

Carried

- 92-2014** **Macs Creek Road Project: Evans** That we accept the technical memorandum from Golder Associates Ltd. that is attached to and forms part of these minutes and based on that memorandum award the contract to Lindsay Construction.
Carried
- 93-2014** **Invasive Plant Control: Jensen** That the Weed Management Plan prepared by Weed Inspector Barry Swanson be accepted and that the RM participate in the Invasive Plant Control Program administered by SARM.
Carried
- 94-2014** **Beaver Control: Evans** That Luke Tilford be added to the list of authorized individuals to remove problem beavers under the SARM program.
Carried.
- 95-2014** **Road Damage: Cochet** That a letter and invoice be sent to Westcan Bulk for the road damages to Winton Park Road and Lake Park Road due to the company's trucks deviating from the designated New England Road route.
Carried
- 96-2014** **Loan: Manson** That the Reeve and Administrator be authorized to arrange an unsecured loan for \$50,000 from the Affinity Credit Union to finance the purchase of shares in Northern Lights Rail Ltd. at floating prime + 1%, 36 month term with monthly payments withdrawn from the CIBC operating account.
Carried
- 97-2014** **Budget/Mill Rate: Evans** That the 2014 budget be approved as presented with the municipal mill rate set at 15, Brancepeth at 7, and Hagen at 10.5 with a minimum tax of \$400 on residential improvements within the Hamlet of Hagen.
Carried
- 98-2014** **Bylaw 01-2014 1st Reading: Hovdebo** That Bylaw #01-2014 being a Bylaw to establish mill rate factors be read a first time.
Carried
- 99-2014** **Bylaw 01-2014 2nd Reading: Manson** That Bylaw #01-2014 being a Bylaw to establish mill rate factors be read a second time.
Carried
- 100-2014** **Three Readings - Bylaw 01-2014: Jensen** That Bylaw #01-2014 be given three readings at this meeting.
Carried Unanimously
- 101-2014** **Bylaw 01-2014 3rd Reading: Evans** That Bylaw #01-2014 being a Bylaw to establish mill rate factors be read a third time and adopted.
Carried
- 102-2014** **Gravel Program: Hovdebo** That gravel be applied to the following roads:
Division 1-South 2, 3; West 3, 10, 15, 22, 29, 32, 34; **Division 2**-South 2, 3, 4, 29, 30; West 26, 29, 30, 31, 35; **Division 3**-South 16, 30; West 3, 6, 10, 12, 30, 31; Southwest 3; **Division 4**-South 14, 15, 16, 25, 26; West 1, 4, 9, 12, 14, 16, 23, 26; **Division 5**-South 1, 2, 15, 16, 17, 18, 29, 30 in Township 47; West 2, 9, 11, 14, 16, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28, 33, 35, 36 in Township 47; South 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 17, 18 in Township 48; West 4, 9 in Township 48; **Division 6**-South 4, 5, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 25 Township 47A; mid-southwest 6 in Township 47A; West 1, 4, 5, 13, 24, 25, 36 in Township 47A; South 1, 13 in Township 48 for a total of 87.5 miles.
Carried

103-2014 Channel Clearing: Jensen That we apply to the Water Security Agency for funding for channel clearing and beaver control.

Carried

104-2014 Equipment Purchase: Hovdebo That we purchase a clean out bucket attachment for the JD310SJ backhoe from Brandt Tractor for the quoted price of \$1,966.00 plus applicable taxes.

Carried

105-2014 Coxby Road: Evans That the Reeve and Administrator be authorized to sign the agreement with Muskoday First Nation to install a culvert on Coxby Road as per the engineer's report for the consideration of \$1.00 with the understanding that the RM is responsible for all associated costs.

Carried

106-2014 Hagen Pipeline Arrears: Evans That we add the following 2013 Hagen pipeline and water and sewer arrears to taxes due to nonpayment:

Roll #338 Pt SW 3-46A-25 W2	\$ 626.30
Roll #1053 Lt 12-13, Blk 1	\$ 1,434.71
Roll #1057 Lt 14, Blk 1	\$ 626.30
Roll #1068 Lt 19, Blk 1	\$ 626.30

Carried

107-2014 Ditching: Hovdebo That the Administrator confirm the report of ditching in the municipal right-of-way along the south road of 17-46-23 W2 and send a letter asking that the right-of-way be remediated and if not, the municipality will do it and send an invoice for associated costs.

Carried

108-2014 Brancepeth: Hovdebo That the minutes and bylaw proposal from the OH of Brancepeth be accepted as presented.

Carried

Delegation: Mary Miller attended to discuss her letter presented to Council at the May 7th meeting stating that she felt disrespected. A response to that letter and a subsequent letter regarding recreation funding will be sent before the next Council meeting.

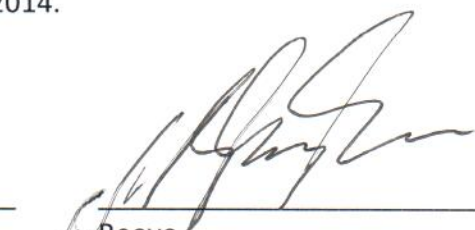
109-2014 Adjournment: Cochet That this meeting be adjourned at 11:30 am.

Carried

Certified correct this 9th of July, 2014.



Administrator



Reeve