

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BIRCH HILLS NO. 460

June 10, 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 8:30 am.

098-2015 Minutes: Hovdebo That the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 6, 2015 be accepted as circulated. *Carried*

099-2015 Financial Statement: Manson That the statement of financial activities as at May 31, 2015 be accepted as presented. *Carried*

8:35 am Councillor Kyle Jensen declared a pecuniary interest and left Council Chambers.

100-2015 Winter Gravel Haul: Boutin Whereas, an accurate measurement could not be provided by Clunie Consulting Engineers as gravel was removed from the RM shop stockpile and stockpiling was not completed prior to measurement; that the final invoice from Jensen Sand & Gravel Ltd. for 31 loads x 16 yards/load equaling 496 yards hauled to the RM shop yard be accepted as the completion of the contract and further the certified cheque be returned to Jensen Sand & Gravel Ltd. *Carried*

8:55 am Councillor Kyle Jensen rejoined the meeting.

101-2015 Accounts Payable: Elsaesser That the accounts as per the attached list of cheques #12809 – 12850 totaling \$120,974.77 be approved. *Carried*

102-2015 Correspondence: Hovdebo That the following correspondence be accepted as presented:

- SARM – Update
- RMAA Golf Tournament & Supper
- Urban Systems/Muskoday First Nation
- CN Rail – 2015 Information
- Kramer CAT – Change of Ownership
- Farm & Food Care – Sponsorship Request
- RCMP Community Policing Report
- SAMA 2014 Annual Report



Carried

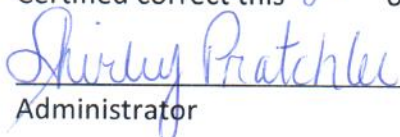
103-2015 Committee Reports: Jensen That the following committee reports be accepted as presented:

- Employee Relations:** the Committee met with staff after the last Council meeting, work is getting done, and the main roads are graveled.
- Shop & Equipment:** the clutch is being replaced on the FL80 and should be back in service today; the truck seems to be working okay otherwise. If conditions allow for road repair and rebuilding, the scraper should be readied to go.
- Recreation Board:** the annual meeting was held May 20th; a thank you letter for the RM's support was received and read.
- Fire Department/EMO/First Responders:** it has been relatively quiet. The Administrator has applied to host the BEM Training in late fall, dates have not been confirmed yet.
- Invasive Plant Management Committee:** inspections are currently being done.
- Health Foundation:** Money received from PAPHR for the First Responder program. The receipt and report will be sent to the Health Foundation.
- Short Line Rail:** Annual meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 7:30 pm at the Half Century Club in Kinistino.

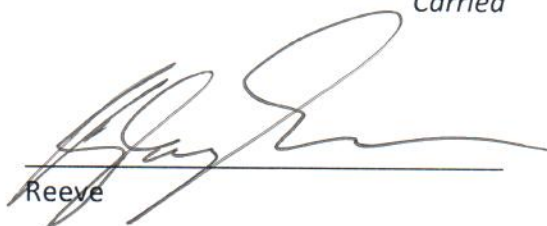
Carried

- 104-2015 Dust Control: Evans** That the RM offer dust control for a cost of \$4.50/meter applied utilizing R&B Custom Work of Shellbrook on the condition that the ratepayers sign the agreement prior to application and further that the program and road conditions will be reviewed prior to offering in 2016.
Carried
- 105-2015 Permit: Boutin** That yearly permits of \$100 each for twelve units be issued to Sofina Foods Inc. of Wynyard for hauling loads of live poultry from the Winding River Colony site to Highway No. 3 utilizing the east-west road from Birch Hills.
Carried
- 106-2015 Invasive Plant Control: Evans** That the RM continue the Cooperative Weed Management Area with the Town of Birch Hills and participate in the Invasive Plant Control Program administered by SARM.
Carried
- 107-2015 Channel Clearing: Hovdebo** That we apply to the Water Security Agency for funding for channel clearing and beaver control.
Carried
- 108-2015 Minimum Tax Bylaw: Manson** That Bylaw No. 03-2015 being a Bylaw to provide for a minimum tax in Hagen be read a first time.
Carried
- 109-2015 Minimum Tax Bylaw: Jensen** That Bylaw No. 03-2015 being a Bylaw to provide for a minimum tax in Hagen be read a second time.
Carried
- 110-2015 Minimum Tax Bylaw: Adams** That Bylaw No. 03-2015 be given three readings at this meeting.
Carried Unanimously
- 111-2015 Minimum Tax Bylaw: Boutin** That Bylaw No. 03-2015 being a Bylaw to provide for a minimum tax in Hagen be read a third time and adopted.
Carried
- 112-2015 Administrator Holidays: Jensen** That the request from the Administrator to utilize annual holidays for June 30, July 2, 3, 13, Aug 12-17 and 25-28 be granted.
Carried
- 113-2015 In-camera Session: Elsaesser** That the meeting move in-camera at 11:40 am to review applicants for the seasonal operator position.
Carried
- 11:45 am Reeve Evans declared a pecuniary interest and left Council Chambers, turning the meeting over to Deputy Reeve Manson.**
- 114-2015 Suspend In-camera Session: Manson** That we resume the regular meeting at 11:55 am.
Carried
- 115-2015 Seasonal Position: Elsaesser** That Brian Evans be offered the position of full-time seasonal maintenance operator at \$23.50 per hour plus statutory and holiday pay and that any waiting period for benefits be waived.
Carried
- 116-2015 Adjournment: Boutin** That this meeting be adjourned at 11:58 am.
Carried

Certified correct this 8th of July, 2015.



Administrator



Reeve