

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BIRCH HILLS NO. 460

June 16, 2017

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Present:** Reeve Alan Evans, Councillors Brent Fenner, Kyle Jensen, Mathew Njaa, Ted Boutin, Matt Robertson, Leyton Elsaesser and Administrator Lois Lange.

Reeve Evans called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

**95-2017 Minutes: Robertson** That the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 10, 2017 be approved as circulated.

*Carried*

**96-2017 Financial Statement: Njaa** That the statement of financial activities and bank reconciliation as at May 31, 2017 be accepted as presented.

*Carried*

**97-2017 Accounts Payable: Elsaesser** That the accounts as per the attached list of Cheques #13769 - #13815 and Other Direct Utility Payments of \$49,066.65 plus payroll \$24,196.8 totaling \$73,263.45 be approved.

*Carried*

**98-2017 Correspondence: Robertson** That the following correspondence be accepted as presented:

SARM – June Division Meeting – Monday June 19<sup>th</sup> 2 - 4:20pm / Weekly updates / Beaver Control & Invasive Plant Application deadlines / Crime Watch Signage / Crime Watch Program Information / SARM Insurance: Cochrane Tractor / letter of response /  
Government of Canada – Clean Water and Wastewater Fund –Brancepeth Wastewater  
CRA – Small Business Job Credits received: RP0001 \$880.01 RP0002 \$28.59  
Office of Prime Minister: acknowledgement of correspondence  
Mainlines Upgrade Federal Funding: \$65,550, Provincial Funding \$32,775  
Minister of Health – Response to SARM Resolution  
Ministry of Gov Relations: Confirmed 2017 Revenue Sharing Grants / Legacy Federal Infrastructure programs to be transferred through the Gas Tax Fund  
Advisory Services Response – 293 Exemptions  
SMHI – PST on hail premiums postponed until August 1 – All Policies prior to July 31 will be PST exempt.  
RCMP 2017-18 Priority Issues  
Sask Highways – Detour : Option 1  
WSA – Channel Clearing – June 30 application deadline  
Town of Birch Hills – Fire Hall Lighting / Fire Trucks  
SaskPower Voluntary Payment of Fire Claims  
NCTPC: June 23<sup>rd</sup> Workshop / Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Minutes / Hands on Grader Training July / Services provided  
Hamlet of Brancepeth – AGM Minutes – Speed Limit Request / House Numbering / Water Rates Increase  
TLC Daycare – 2017 Tax Notice \$3,181.40 School Taxes  
Eddy Suteau – Beaver Removal List  
Blair Ross – Beaver Removal List  
Anderson Pump House – Fire Brochure  
-Melfort Journal – Canada 150 Advertising  
-Resume: Murray Dyck  
-SaskTip Newsletter  
-South SaskRiver Watershed –Newsletter  
-APAS – July 13,14 Carbon Summit  
-Sask Wildlife Federation – Land Trust Agreement with Ducks Unlimited  
-PA Health Region Operating and Capital Budgets approved  
-4H request

*Carried*

**9:30 a.m.** The Reeve called a short recess.

**9:40 a.m.** The regular meeting of council was reconvened by the Reeve.

- 99-2017 **NCTPC: Evans** That Todd Devenis and Pat Lepine attend the Grader Operators training in Canwood, SK. on July 20, 2017.  
*Carried*
- 100-2017 **Beaver Removal List: Boutin** That Eddy Suteau and Blair Ross be added to the list of individuals approved to remove problem beavers within the Municipality.  
*Carried*
- 101-2017 **Hamlet of Brancepeth: Evans** That the Administrator contact the Board from the Hamlet of Brancepeth to request a meeting be set up to discuss the residential house numbering within the hamlet and also the request to lower the speed limit.  
*Carried*
- 102-2017 **Melfort Journal-Canada 150 Advertising: Elsaesser** That the Administrator be authorized to place an Advertisement in the Melfort Journal to Celebrate Canada 150.  
*Carried*
- 103-2017 **Anderson Pump House: Njaa** That council give approval for Anderson Pump House to submit a Fire Brochure to send along with the 2017 Tax Notices upon agreement to pay 1/3 of mailing costs.  
*Carried*
- 104-2017 **TLC Daycare: Evans** That the request for support from the TLC daycare be acknowledged and that in order to maintain services council agrees to a one time donation of \$3,181.40 and that the cheque will be made payable to the Town of Birch Hills in lieu of TLC daycare paying school taxes.  
*Carried*
- Civic Addressing: Evans** That the proposal for civic addressing be tabled.  
**Centennial Agreement: Evans** Discussion on the Centennial Agreement is tabled.
- 11:00 a.m. The Reeve called a short recess.  
11:14 a.m. The regular meeting of council was reconvened by the Reeve
- 105-2017 **Amend Minutes: Njaa** That resolution 58-2017 be amended by striking out the words February 28, 2017 and replacing them with March 31, 2017.  
*Carried*
- 106-2017 **Mower Operator: Jensen** That mower operator Victor Doderai be recalled to work effective June 19, 2017.  
*Carried*
- 107-2017 **Affinity Financing : Evans** That the Administrator arrange for financing with Affinity CU in the amount of \$100,000 over 3 years to purchase a new tractor.  
*Carried*
- 108-2017 **Board of Revisions: Evans** That Dean Manson be appointed to the Board of Revisions as the third member.  
*Carried*
- 109-2017 **Hauling Agreement: Elsaesser** That the Municipality enter into a hauling agreement with Sterner to haul gravel on the CTP road 3.5 miles south of Town.  
*Carried*



- 110-2017     **Committee Reports: Boutin** That the following committee reports be accepted as presented and filed:  
**Highway 25**  
**Invasive Plant Management Committee**  
**Health Foundation**  
**Fire Department/EMO/First Responders**  
**Recreation Board**  
**Health Foundation**  
**Shop & Equipment**  
**Employee Reviews**  
**Rural Crime Watch**

*Carried*
  
- 111-2017     **Bylaw for Water Rates in Brancepeth: Evans** That Bylaw 03-2017 being a Bylaw to regulate and fix the water rates in the Hamlet of Brancepeth be read a first time.

*Carried*
  
- 112-2017     **Bylaw for Water Rates in Brancepeth: Boutin** That Bylaw 03-2017 being a Bylaw to regulate and fix the water rates in the Hamlet of Brancepeth be read a second time.

*Carried*
  
- 113-2017     **Bylaw for Water Rates in Brancepeth: Jensen** That Bylaw 03-2017 being a Bylaw to regulate and fix the water rates in the Hamlet of Brancepeth be given a third reading at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously
  
- 114-2017     **Bylaw for Water Rates in Brancepeth: Elsaesser** That Bylaw 03-2017 being a Bylaw to regulate and fix the water rates in the Hamlet of Brancepeth be read a third time and adopted.

*Carried*
  
- 115-2017     **In Camera: Evans:** That council move in camera at 12:10 p.m. to discuss the human resources.


*Carried*
  
- 116-2017     **In Camera: Njaa** That the regular meeting of council reconvenes at 12:15 p.m.

*Carried*
  
- 117-2017     **Adjournment: Boutin** That the meeting be adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

*Carried*

Certified correct this 12<sup>th</sup> of July, 2017.

  
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 Administrator

  
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 Reeve