

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BIRCH HILLS NO. 460

March 13, 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.

**039-2015 Minutes: Hovdebo** That the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 11, 2015 be accepted as circulated.

*Carried*

**040-2015 Financial Statement: Elsaesser** That the statement of financial activities as at February 28, 2015 be accepted as presented.

*Carried*

**041-2015 Accounts Payable: Manson** That the accounts as per the attached list of cheques #12695 - 12732 totaling \$154,412.62 be approved.

*Carried*

**042-2015 Correspondence: Jensen** That the following correspondence be accepted as presented:

SARM – Update  
SAMA 2015 AGM – April 15, 2015 in Regina  
NCTPC – Dec. 4/14 mtg minutes & AGM April 16/15 @ Blaine Lake  
RCMP – 2014 Policing Report; 2015/16 APP Consultation  
SLRP – Meeting minutes of Feb. 6, 2015  
Road Maintenance Agreement – Ministry of Highways  
Ministry of Highways – Spring Road Bans & Notices  
SGI Auto Fund Division – Discount & Business Recognition  
Communities in Bloom

*Carried*

**Delegation:** 9:00-9:15 **Birch Hills C&D Authority** representatives Grant Getz and Kevin Evans attended to provide an update on the Peonan drainage plan. Work is continuing on this project with the hope that all required paperwork will be in place for July or August. The C&D may need assistance with the removal of top soil and clay with the understanding that the RM will utilize the clay for road repair.

**043-2015 Committee Reports: Hovdebo** That the following committee reports be accepted as presented:

**Shop & Equipment:** discussed upcoming training on March 26<sup>th</sup> for staff and Council.

**Fire Department/EMO/First Responders:** reviewed Fire Department minutes of February 23 & March 9; RM & Town Council Representatives and Administrators met with Larry Zadvorny of the Office of the Fire Commissioner on March 9<sup>th</sup>. An operational bylaw should be passed by both Councils and all other bylaws in place should be reviewed.

**Health Foundation:** AGM is March 17, 2015.

**Invasive Plant Management Committee:** Barry Swanson has requested a meeting in April to start the 2015 control planning.

**ADD Board:** Chris Hovdebo reported that an ADD Board Meeting has been called and he is planning to attend.

**Short Line Rail:** Chris Hovdebo reported that the Saskatchewan government has approved the loan for the purchase from CN. The locomotive is on the way under a lease to purchase arrangement; it will still be two to three months before the ownership transfer.

*Carried*



**044-2015 RCMP 2015/16 APP Consultation: Evans** That an invitation be extended to Staff Sgt. McLeod to attend the April meeting of Council to discuss the needs of the municipality for the 2015/16 performance year.

*Carried*

**045-2015 Mower: Jensen** That the quote of \$22,300 plus taxes from Triod Supply (2011) Ltd. for a new Bush Hog 3815 mower be accepted for delivery after May 1, 2015.

*Carried*

**046-2015 In-camera Session: Hovdebo** That the meeting move in-camera at 10:00 am.

*Carried*

**10:25 am Councillor Kyle Jensen declared a pecuniary interest and left Council Chambers.**

**047-2015 Suspend In-camera Session: Hovdebo** That we resume the regular meeting at 10:40 am.

*Carried*

**10:41 am Councillor Steven Adams left the meeting.**

**048-2015 Summer Gravel Tender: Evans** That the invitational tender as attached to and forming part of these minutes be accepted and further the Administrator is to mail the tender to local gravel haulers.

*Carried*

**10:42 am Councillor Kyle Jensen rejoined the meeting.**

**049-2015 Financial Statements: Boutin** That we accept the 2014 financial statements as prepared by the accounting firm of Ingram & Yeadon Accountants.

*Carried*

**050-2015 Clearing the Path: Jensen** That the Reeve & Administrator be authorized to execute Maintenance Agreement between SARM and the RM for the Clearing the Path Primary Weight Corridor located E5, E8, E17, E pt. SE 20-46-24 W2.

*Carried*

**051-2015 Range @ Fenton: Evans** That the RM acknowledges the addition to the Lavigne home located on Lot 18, Block 3, Plan L876A Ext 0 in Fenton and has no objection to the utilization of the addition as a range for hobby and training purposes.

*Carried*

**Delegation: 11:00-11:40 Mary Miller** attended to discuss how she has been treated during previous appointments and the letter she received from Reeve Alan Evans, specifically the following:

- Councillors need to be reminded that they represent taxpayers and need to read and review all agreements that the RM has entered;
- the RM should not be paying any rent as an occupant in the Civic Centre and the current Council should rescind the motions made by previous Councils (referred to as "dumb") agreeing to rental rates. The RM Council should enter arbitration with Town Council to clarify and return to the terms of the original agreement;
- this RM Council needs to ensure that ratepayers know that the RM contributes \$15,000 per year to the BH & District Recreation Board for capital projects and signs over the SK Lotteries Grant of \$4,210 for programming;
- when recording her appointments, it should be recorded that members of Council yell at her and interrupt her;

- the Town of Birch Hills owns the rink, she is offended by the comment that her kids used the rink at one time and no other rural municipalities she contacted contribute to recreation;
- the RM should never have agreed to the land exchange for Coxby Road and although due process was followed, the entire RM should have had the opportunity to vote of the exchange; she feels a former member of Council misled Council and RM ratepayers on the costs related to this road;
- residents in the Winton Park Road area have alternate access so the road should remain closed and no further work done on that road;
- several times, derogatory comments were made about current and former Council members;
- Council meeting minutes need to be accurate and reflect what is said at meetings.

11:25 am Councillor Dean Manson left the meeting.

052-2015 Adjournment: Elsaesser That this meeting be adjourned at 11:42 am.

*Carried*

Certified correct this 8<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015.

  
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Administrator

  
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Reeve