

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BIRCH HILLS NO. 460

May 6, 2015

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Present: Reeve Alan Evans, Councillors Chris Hovdebo, Kyle Jensen (at 8:20), Steven Adams, Ted Boutin, Dean Manson, Leyton Elsaesser and Administrator Shirley Pratchler.

Reeve Evans called to the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

077-2015 Minutes: Boutin That the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 8, 2015 be accepted as circulated.

Carried

078-2015 Financial Statement: Hovdebo That the statement of financial activities as at April 30, 2015 be accepted as presented.

Carried

079-2015 Accounts Payable: Elsaesser That the accounts as per the attached list of cheques #12763 - 12808 totaling \$109,328.21 be approved.

Carried

080-2015 Correspondence: Jensen That the following correspondence be accepted as presented:

SARM – Update
SimplyAg Solutions Inc.
Water Security Agency – new EPO introduction
Minister of Government Relations – 2015 Education Mill Rates
SaskTel – annual report & rate increase
Melfort Rural Pipeline Association – updated bylaw
Ministry of Highways – Road Traffic Count Program
Birch Hills Coop – Notice of Meetings
NCTPC – minutes

Carried

081-2015 Committee Reports: Adams That the following committee reports be accepted as presented:

Employee Relations: Pat Lepine returned full time for the season as of May 4th; the Committee will meet with staff tomorrow morning at 8:00 am at the shop to review summer projects and the gravel program.

Shop & Equipment: a sensor was changed on the FL80 and is being picked up today in Saskatoon; further research will be done on a replacement truck. All expenses for the shop truck will need to be tracked and the truck is to stay at the shop. The slip tank will be moved to the truck as well. The mulcher attachment works on both graders.

Recreation Board: the annual meeting was started but not completed as the meeting did not stay on agenda and the Chair resigned during the meeting. The meeting will now be completed on May 20th with a Chair chosen that evening.

Fire Department/EMO/First Responders: reviewed Fire Department minutes of April 20th; a brief discussion was held about the agreements & bylaws. The Administrator will apply to host the BEM Training in late fall.

Invasive Plant Management Committee: meeting was held Monday, April 27th at 9:15 am. The SARM program will continue, just waiting on details and forms.

Short Line Rail: A shareholder's meeting was held and the agreements are in the hands of the lawyers and are awaiting signatures.

Carried

082-2015 Beaver Control Program: Hovdebo That we participate in the SARM Beaver Control Program for 2015 and reimburse authorized individuals \$30 per beaver tail. Authorized individuals to remove program beavers are as follows: Joe Lepine, Landon Cochrane, David Wilson, Brent Fenner, Andrew Boyle, David Jones, Reg Quaale, Todd Devenis, Gerry Gudelot, Luke Tilford, Richard Patterson, Greg Cochet, Pat Lepine, Steven Lima, Mark Evans, Braeden Blondeau, Kyle Jensen and Greg Swales.

Carried

- 083-2015 Borrow Pit: Evans** That the RM no longer requires the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure permit for PCL B, Plan CX5574 in SE ¼ 20-46-24 W2 for a borrow site.
Carried
- 084-2015 SLRP Board: Jensen** That Trevor Campbell be appointed to the Board of Struthers Lake Regional Park as the representative from the RM of Birch Hills.
Carried
- 085-2015 Subdivision: Boutin** That we approve the proposed subdivision request from George and Franceline Doderai for a 10 acre subdivision from NW 9-46A-26 W2.
Carried
- 086-2015 Building Permit: Boutin** That the application received from Ken & Kathleen Pilling for renovation to and construction of an addition to the home located at Pt SE 27-46A-26 W2 be acknowledged and issued.
Carried
- 087-2015 Approach Development: Elsaesser** That the request from Terry Tessier to construct a second approach at Pt NE 05-47A-24 W2 be approved with the understanding that all related costs are the responsibility of the landowner and that RM staff will inspect after completion.
Carried
- 088-2015 Approach Development: Evans** That the RM install a culvert in the approach to NW 27-46-23 W2 owned by David Jones and that the approach be repaired accessing SE 27-46-23W2 owned by Ducks Unlimited.
Carried
- 089-2015 Approach Development: Evans** That the request from Ted Boutin to construct a second approach to Sections 15 & 16-46A-26 W2 be approved with the understanding that all related costs are the responsibility of the landowner.
Carried
- 090-2015 Fenton Road Closure: Evans** That the RM has no objection to the proposed road closure in Fenton as per the attached map; further, that RM Administration begin the process outlined in *The Municipalities Act* for road closure.
Carried
- 091-2015 Gas Tax Fund IIP: Elsaesser** That we submit an Infrastructure Investment Plan to the Gas Tax Fund to utilize funding for bridge replacement at NE 08-46A-25 W2; if approved, the quoted estimate of \$13,760.90 from the engineering firm of Amec Foster Wheeler plc for culvert design and tender package preparation be accepted.
Carried
- 092-2015 Road Restrictions: Adams** That road restrictions be lifted in the RM of Birch Hills No. 460 effective 12:01 am Monday, May 11, 2015.
Carried
- 093-2015 In-camera Session: Evans** That the meeting move in-camera at 10:15 am.
Carried
- 094-2015 Suspend In-camera Session: Boutin** That we resume the regular meeting at 10:40 am.
Carried
- 095-2015 Seasonal Position: Evans** That the Administrator be authorized to advertise for another seasonal full time operator with equipment experience; preference to be given to candidates with a 3A or 1A license.
Carried

096-2015 Highway #25: Evans That the RM of Birch Hills No. 460 contact the RM of St. Louis No. 431 and propose that both RMs work in a joint effort in lobbying the Provincial Government to put in place a plan for improving Highway #25. *Carried*

097-2015 Adjournment: Boutin That this meeting be adjourned at 10:45 am. *Carried*

Certified correct this 10th of June, 2015.



Administrator



Reeve