

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BIRCH HILLS NO. 460

May 11, 2016

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Present: Reeve Alan Evans, Councillors Chris Hovdebo, Kyle Jensen, Steven Adams, Ted Boutin, Dean Manson, Leyton Elsaesser, Administrator Lois Lange

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

079-2016 Minutes: Hovdebo That the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 13, 2016 be accepted as circulated.

Carried

080-2016 Financial Statement: Manson That the statement of financial activities and bank reconciliation as at April 30, 2016, be accepted as presented.

Carried

081-2016 Accounts Payable: Elsaesser That the accounts as per the attached list of Cheques #13304 – 13350 and Other Direct Debit and Wire Transfer Payments totaling \$210,045.18 be approved.

Carried

082-2016 Correspondence: Jensen That the following correspondence be accepted as presented:

SARM – Update & Policy Bulletin / Increased B & E at RM offices / Excess Fire Fighting Coverage / Albert Fire Appeal / Voluntary Crime Stoppers Contribution / Work Zone Signing Guidelines

Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada – Upcoming Insect Pest Monitoring Surveys

Minister of Government Relations – 2016 Education Mill Rates

Ombudsman Saskatchewan Annual Report & Public Interest Disclosure Report

Ministry of Highways – Spring Road Ban –Seventeenth Order

NCTPC – AGM & Executive Minutes

C & D: 2016 Assessment Roll Open – 2016 Rates

Hamlet of Brancepeth – April 27, 2016 - Annual Meeting Minutes

North Central Rural Pipeline – April 1, 2016 Rate Increase

Vincent Harper – DFO – Bridge to Culvert

SAMA – Resolution Results 2016 AGM

Meridian Surveys – Introduction letter

Wapiti Library – Board Vacancy – Nomination Form

CIBC – greater flexibility on day-to-day banking

ISC – 2016 First Quarter Financial Results – AGM May 16, 2016

Seth Helm – NE-34-46A-25-W2 – request to build – all weather road

Infinity – Culvert Cleaning – May 10th Invitation

Carried

Delegations: Mary Ann Hovdebo – Wapiti Library: Mary Ann attended to inform council that after 20 years on the library board she is resigning December 2016. A new representative who shall be a board member must be appointed. Mary Ann thanked council for their funding support that provides 16 library hours. Their gala was a success, and the library continues to provide evening craft programs, storytime, book deliveries to shut-ins, seniors computer programs, digital magazines and books. The library still continues to sponsor the Red Cross Babysitting courses, Birchview residents performers, guest authors, library week and more. Mary Ann informed council that due to cuts there has been a reduction of Wapiti office positions. The Reeve thanked Mary Ann for her commitment to the Wapiti Library and for her 20 years of service.

Todd Devenis: Attended to discuss Gravel Maps: deferred to next month / Approach: Municipal policy is one approach per quarter, new and additional approaches will be at owners cost / Summer Help: RM will make due until

seeding is complete. Most roads are tightening with the moisture from rain, the frost is leaving and sloughs are dropping / RM may bring Victor back earlier than the expected date / Crime Stoppers Signage: Discussion ensued to confirm the best locations; posts will be added to put up new signs / Culvert: RM will supply culvert if owner constructs the approach and installs the culvert. If RM installs it will cost \$600 plus the cost of the culvert and construction will take place as time permits / Tools: impact for over \$500 / Command Unit: The Committee will determine the price and then advertise to sell the 1991 command unit.

RCMP: Constables were in Town and made an impromptu visit. They encourage all members of council to contact SCAN to report suspicious behavior and to make complaints as required. The RCMP will require calls to support requests for additional manpower to patrol the area. The P.A. detachment is down to 8 members for the summer months from the usual 15 members. Letters from Town and Municipal councils in the area putting pressure on the Province may provide extra assistance.

- 083-2016** **Committee Reports: Manson** That the following committee reports be accepted as presented:
Highway 20 & 25 Committee: The RM will arrange for a joint meeting once seeding is completed.
Invasive Plant Management – Field Scabious no meeting scheduled to date.
Fire Department/EMO/First Responders: Reviewed Fire Department minutes of April 18 and May 3, 2016. Truck works good, summer training to be provided, dug out pumps failed; possibly due to stale gas so alkaline gas will be used for items that may sit for any length of time. Fire bans are not required with the recent rain, but the situation will be monitored closely.
Health Foundation: Nothing to report
Shop & Equipment: There is one large tire on the Payloader. The committee will check on the requirements and inquire on a quote to rectify the situation before it causes damage.
Employee Relations: Brian returned May 1st. Gaylen may be brought back on a part time basis to run the scraper or for road building if needed. Frost boils on Coxby Road require attention every second day. Roads are a priority and frost boils require prompt attention, they may require cloth, rubber then cloth. The road committee will determine the worst roads. The committee will plan a spring meeting with the guys.

Carried

- 084-2016** **North Central Rural Pipeline: Eyans** That the Administrator contact the SARM lawyers to inquire what steps the Municipality may be required to take.

Carried

- 085-2016** **Beaver Control: Elsaesser** That the Rural Municipality of Birch Hills No. 460 participate in the Beaver Control Program for 2016 and reimburse authorized individuals \$30 per beaver tail. Authorized individuals 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, Greg Swales, Dwayne Rhead, Dwade Segi, Curtis Parent, Donald Stobbs, Cole Ross.

Carried

- 086-2016** **SPCAO Annual Seminar: Jensen** That council approves sending Vern Holland to the annual seminar in Moose Jaw on June 8th and 9th, 2016 and that the RM of Birch Hills No. 460 will reimburse their 1/3 portion of shared costs.

Carried

087-2016 **June Meeting: Evans** That the June regular meeting of council be moved from June 8th to June 10, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. and that the July 15, 2016 and August 10, 2016 meetings also start at 8:00 a.m. the changes will be posted by public notice and on the RM website.

Carried

088-2016 **Adjournment: Boutin** That this meeting be adjourned at 10:50am.

Carried

Certified correct this of June, 2016.



Administrator



Reeve