

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BIRCH HILLS NO. 460

September 10, 2014

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Present:** Reeve Alan Evans, Councillors Chris Hovdebo, Kyle Jensen, Greg Cochet, Dean Manson, Gerald Olsen and Administrator Shirley Pratchler.

Reeve Evans called to the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

**138-2014 Minutes: Manson** That the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 13, 2014 be accepted as circulated.

*Carried*

**139-2014 Financial Statement: Hovdebo** That the statement of financial activities as at August 31, 2014 be accepted as presented.

*Carried*

**140-2014 Accounts Payable: Olsen** That the accounts as per the attached list of cheques #12429 - 12472 totaling \$386,744.47 be approved.

*Carried*

**141-2014 Correspondence: Jensen** That the following correspondence be accepted as presented:

SARM – Update/Rural Signing  
STARS – AGM Saskatoon – September 25, 2014  
NCTPC – July 17<sup>th</sup> minutes  
Saskatchewan Federation of Police Officers – Advertising Request  
RM of Reno No. 51 – SARM's position re: PFRA transition  
Connie Turner letter  
Mary Miller letter

*Carried*

**142-2014 Turner Letter: Manson** That the Administrator respond in writing to the letter from Connie Turner regarding assessment and taxation of rural residential property.

*Carried*

**143-2014 Miller Letter: Evans** That the Administrator respond in writing to the letter from Mary Miller addressing the concerns stated in her letter.

*Carried*

**8:30 am Gravel Tenders:** The Administrator opened the tenders one at a time and passed them to the Reeve who read them aloud. Tenders were received from Con Alexander Trucking Ltd., Jensen Sand & Gravel Ltd., Ruskowski Enterprises Ltd., Westar Ventures Ltd. and Kirsch Construction (2008) Ltd.

**8:47 am Councillor Kyle Jensen declared a pecuniary interest and left Council Chambers.**

**144-2014 In-camera Session: Hovdebo** That the meeting move in-camera (8:47 am).

*Carried*

**145-2014 Suspend In-camera Session: Manson** That we resume regular meeting (9:15 am).

*Carried*

**146-2014 Tender Award: Olsen** That the tender from Jensen Sand & Gravel Ltd. be accepted as submitted and attached to and forming part of these minutes upon receipt of the certified cheque for 5% of the tendered amount.

*Carried*

**Councillor Kyle Jensen rejoined the meeting.**

- 147-2014 Committee Reports: Hovdebo** That the following committee reports be accepted as presented:  
**Public Works & Maintenance:** Todd Devenis attended and reported that work continues on approach building, culvert installation, blading and mowing. The gravel truck and mower are in the municipal shop being repaired. The material removed from the Macs Creek slope by Murphy Excavating will be utilized to build up the adjacent road with municipal staff providing the necessary equipment and manpower.  
**Recreation Board:** Minutes from the August 19, 2014 meeting.  
**Fire Department/First Responders/EMO:** Minutes from August 25<sup>th</sup> & September 8<sup>th</sup> Fire Department meetings. \$548.60 was raised at the pancake breakfast on August 17<sup>th</sup> for the First Responder program.  
**Health Foundation:** Carol Pryznyk has notified the municipal office that she will not be continuing after this year as the RM's representative.  
**Coxby Road:** MP Randy Hoback has been reviewing the process that is required to get the agreement signed at the Federal level and will be monitoring its progress.

*Carried*

**Councillor Greg Cochet left the meeting at 9:55 am.**

- 148-2014 SARM Benefits Plan: Evans** That the RM renew the SARM Benefits Plan for 2015 for all eligible employees.

*Carried*

- 149-2014 Regional Contract Operator: Hovdebo** That Ryan Shore be contracted as the Regional Contract Operator to provide supervision of the Brancepeth uncertified operators and water & sewer facilities.

*Carried*

- 150-2014 Subdivision/Consolidation: Evans** That the application from Steven & Jeanette Tomtene to consolidate the NE ¼ Section 33-46-23 W2 with a five acre parcel from the SE ¼ Section 33-46-23 W2 be approved.

*Carried*

- 151-2014 Subdivision: Hovdebo:** That we approve the proposed subdivision request from Vern Gronvold for the 10 acre subdivision from NE 36-46-23 W2.

*Carried*

- 152-2014 Rock: Manson** That a counter offer of \$25/m<sup>3</sup> for the 80m<sup>3</sup> of two inch rock stockpiled in Birch Hills be made to Lindsay Construction.


*Carried*

- 153-2014 Adjournment: Jensen** That this meeting be adjourned at 10:15 am.

*Carried*

Certified correct this 8<sup>th</sup> of October, 2014.

  
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 Administrator

  
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 Reeve