

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BIRCH HILLS NO. 460
279 Bellamy Avenue, Birch Hills, Saskatchewan
November 19, 2019
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Present: Reeve Alan Evans, Councillors Brent Fenner, Ted Boutin, Matt Robertson, Leyton Elsaesser and Administrator Cherie Opseth.

Reeve Evans called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

Councillor Kyle Jensen joined the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

Regrets: Councillor Mathew Njaa.

210-2019 Minutes: Robertson That the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 9, 2019, be approved as circulated.

Carried

211-2019 Financial Statement: Fenner That the statement of financial activities and bank reconciliation as at October 31, 2019, be accepted as presented.

Carried

212-2019 Accounts Payable: Elsaesser That the accounts as per the attached list of Cheques #14977 - #15027 and Other Direct Utility Payments of \$77,210.55 plus payroll \$29,051.00 totaling \$106,261.55 be approved.

Carried

213-2019 Correspondence: Fenner That the following correspondence be accepted as presented:

SARM – Federal Government – Rural Saskatchewan & Alberta

Community Partnerships with Canadian Red Cross

Zatlyn Bendig Kassen Raas – RM Lawyer – Follow-up to Arbitration

Lavoie Stonechild – Town Lawyer

– Request Additional Time

Hamlet of Brancepeth Meeting Minutes

Town of Birch Hills

– Offer to Purchase Civic Centre/Termination of Civic Centre Agreement

Arleigh Johnstone – Letter of Support for the Proposed Landfill

Annelle Johnstone – Letter of Support for the Proposed Landfill

Prince Albert District Ferries – Closed for the season

Gramma's for TLC – Donation for Civic Centre Rental

Birch Hills Lions Club – Donation for Civic Centre Rental

HELP International – Shelterbelt Program

Carried

214-2019 Committee Reports: Jensen That the following committee reports be accepted as presented and filed with these minutes:

Invasive Plant Management Committee

Health Foundation

Fire Department

First Responders & EMO

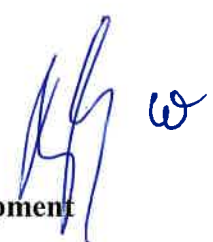
Recreation Board

Shop & Equipment

Employee Relations


Rural Crime

Proposed Landfill Development



Carried

Acting Foreman, Todd Devenis joined the meeting from 9:01 a.m. – 9:22 a.m. to report on the monthly public works operations.

- 215-2019** **Gramma's for TLC Fundraiser: Evans** That the RM make a donation of \$65.52 towards the Civic Centre rental fee for a fundraiser hosted by the Gramma's for TLC Fundraiser held on October 9, 2019. *Carried*
- 216-2019** **Birch Hills Lions Club Donation: Elsaesser** That the RM make a donation in the amount of the RM's 25% portion of the rental fee towards the Civic Centre for a fundraiser hosted by the Birch Hills Lions Club held on October 25, 2019. *Carried*
- 217-2019** **Winter Gravel Haul: Evans** That the Administrator post the gravel tender for 10,000 cubic yards of Type 106 (as per Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure Table 4300.3.T1 – Traffic Gravel Properties) road gravel on the SaskTenders website as soon as possible with a closing date of December 9, 2019 at 12:00 noon; tenders to be opened publicly at 9:00 am during the December regular meeting of Council. *Carried*
- 218-2019** **Tax Enforcement: Elsaesser** That Council ratify the electronic resolution dated November 7, 2019, to allow for the lands of which the amount of taxes in arrears does not exceed one half the 2018 tax levy be removed from the List of Land in Arrears and further that advertisement of the list proceed prior to the legislated November 30th deadline excluding any properties where payment has been made; and that unless arrears and costs are paid within 60 days of advertising, that the administrator proceed to register a tax lien. *Carried*
- 219-2019** **Tax Enforcement: Boutin** That the List of Land in Arrears, as attached to and forming part of these minutes, be accepted as was presented to the head of Council on November 8, 2019. *Carried*
- 220-2019** **Quarterly Policing Report: Evans** That the RM of Birch Hills Council acknowledges the Community Policing Report for the term of July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019 as submitted by the Prince Albert RCMP Detachment. *Carried*
- 221-2019** **Federal Gas Tax Fund Program: Robertson** That the RM submit an Infrastructure Investment Plan Application for Federal Gas Tax Funding towards the renovations of 2019 and the proposed renovations of 2020 to the RM office and RM shop which promote energy efficiency in the buildings. *Carried*
- 222-2019** **Renewal of Financial Services: Evans** That the RM of Birch Hills renew the financial services contract with Affinity Credit Union. *Carried*
- 223-2019** **Brancepeth Inspection: Fenner** That the water and sewer inspection reports for the Hamlet of Brancepeth from the Water Security Agency be accepted as presented and filed. *Carried*
- 224-2019** **Hagen Inspection: Jensen** That the water and sewer inspection reports for the Hamlet of Hagen from the Water Security Agency be accepted as presented and filed. *Carried*
- 11:34 a.m. – 12:01 p.m.**  **Delegate: Jody Penman, Brandt Tractor**
- 225-2019** **Extended Warranty: Elsaesser** That the RM purchase extended warranty for the powertrain of the 2014 - 770G Grader for the term length of 72 months or 7,500 hour limit expiring November 24, 2020 in the amount of \$3,500.00. *Carried*

226-2019 Tree Planter Rental: Elsaesser That in the event ratepayers of the RM of Birch Hills plant trees for the purpose of a shelter belt the RM will donate the use of the tree planter upon receipt of a damage deposit of and a signed agreement for the terms of the contract.

Carried

227-2019 RM of St. Louis Request to Name Road: Evans That as the Department of Highways requires consent from the RM of Birch Hills No. 460 for the purposes of naming the portion of Township Road 2254 from Highway 25 going south through the RM of St. Louis to the Hemp Processing site to be named "Canopy Growth Road" the position of the RM of Birch Hills is as follows:

- The RM of Birch Hills will support the RM of St. Louis should they choose to name the road as stated above however, this approval applies only to the portion of Township Road 2254 off highway 25 going south through the RM of St. Louis and ends at Highway 25 when entering the RM of Birch Hills.

Carried

228-2019 New Stop Sign Installation: Evans That a stop sign and a new stop ahead sign be installed at the intersection described as SE 25-46-25W2.

Carried

229-2019 Building Permit: Elsaesser That the RM approves an extension of time for the Building Permit approved in resolution 229-2018 for Building Permit No.03-2018RMBH. In addition, Council approves the revised blueprints submitted November 7, 2019 subject to the approval of the appointed Building Official for the municipality.

Carried

Councillor Ted Boutin left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

12:45 p.m. In Camera: Fenner That Council move in camera to discuss employee relations and the proposed landfill development.

1:38 p.m. In Camera: Robertson That the regular meeting of Council be reconvened.

230-2019 Adjournment: Elsaesser That the meeting be adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Carried

Certified correct this 11th day of December, 2019.



Administrator



Reeve