

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BIRCH HILLS NO. 460

April 9, 2014

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Present: Reeve Alan Evans, Councillors Chris Hovdebo, Kyle Jensen (at 8:05), Steven Adams (at 8:10), Greg Cochet, Dean Manson, Gerald Olsen and Administrator Shirley Pratchler.

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

53-2014 Minutes: Cochet That the minutes of the meeting held on March 14, 2014 be accepted as circulated.

Carried

54-2014 Financial Statement: Manson That the statement of financial activities as at March 31, 2014 be accepted as presented.

Carried

55-2014 Accounts Payable: Olsen That the accounts as per the attached list of cheques #12238 - 12265 totaling \$101,269.31 be approved.

Carried

56-2014 Correspondence: Hovdebo That the correspondence be filed as presented.

Carried

57-2014 Committee Reports: Cochet That the following committee reports be accepted as presented:

Public Works & Maintenance: A list of spring priorities was discussed and Todd Devenis attended the meeting and gave a verbal report. The tractors are back at the shop and ready to go. A seal will need to be fixed on the JD 770G, and both will need tune-ups this fall.

Recreation Board: meeting held on March 25th, AGM to be held end of April.

Fire Department/EMO: reviewed minutes of March 24th.

Invasive Plant Committee: meetings have been held to deal with the field scabious weed and infested bales. An inspection will need to be carried out this spring, highest infestation in the cemetery/card lock area. Barry Swanson is developing the Invasive Plant Management Plan.

Rail Line: Chris Hovdebo reported that a preliminary business plan has been completed, has been reviewed by the Committee and that recommended changes need to be made before the final plan is complete. The success of the purchase will be dependent on the buy in from local farmers. Further information to follow.

Town/RM: meeting has been requested, waiting on suitable date for all Committee members.

Carried

58-2014 Coxby Road: Olsen Whereas the Rural Municipalities of Birch Hills No. 460, Kinistino No. 459 and Willow Creek No. 458 recognize the importance of the 69 km of primary grid #789 located between Provincial Highways #3 and #6 for the purpose of economic development and movement of people, materials and resources; therefore, be it resolved we apply to the Municipal Roads for the Economy Program to have the road designated as a Clearing the Path corridor.

Carried

59-2014 New Deal: Hovdebo That an Infrastructure Investment Plan be submitted to the New Deal Program for a new water pressure system in the Organized Hamlet of Brancepeth utilizing the Hamlet's per capita grant allocation of \$10,548.

Carried

60-2014 Staff Relief Position: Evans That Gerald Holmgren be contracted to provide holiday coverage and additional help for patrol operators at \$25.00 per hour if required.

Carried

Delegation: RM ratepayer Mary Miller attended to discuss the history of the joint agreements between the RM and Town of Birch Hills respecting the Civic Centre and recreation funding. A request for more detail on the annual joint statement was made. These issues will be discussed at the Town/RM joint committee meeting and reported back to Mrs. Miller.

Gravel Tenders: The Administrator opened the two tenders received and passed each to Reeve Alan Evans who read the tenders aloud. Both tenders were passed around the table for Council's review and are attached to these minutes.

At this time, Councillor Kyle Jensen declared a pecuniary interest and abstained from any further discussion or voting.

61-2014 Gravel Tender: Olsen That the 2014 summer gravel haul be awarded to Jensen Sand & Gravel Ltd. as per the tender submitted and attached to these minutes.

Carried

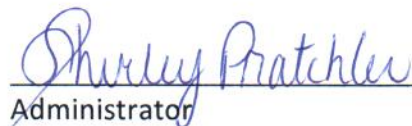
62-2014 Adjournment: Cochet That this meeting be adjourned at 11:05 am.

Carried

NOTE: The municipal office will be closed Friday, April 18th and Monday, April 21st for the Easter weekend.

The May meeting will be held on the first Wednesday, May 7th in order for the Administrator to attend the annual RMAA Convention.

Certified correct this 7th of May, 2014.



Administrator



Reeve