

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BIRCH HILLS NO. 460
279 Bellamy Avenue, Birch Hills, Saskatchewan
July 8, 2020
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

The social distancing requirements due to COVID-19 were followed by Council and staff throughout the meeting.

A quorum being present Reeve Evans called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

131-2020 Minutes: Njaa That the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 10, 2020, be approved as circulated.

Carried

132-2020 Financial Statement: Jensen That the statement of financial activities and bank reconciliation as at June 30, 2020, be accepted as presented.

Carried

133-2020 Accounts Payable: Elsaesser That the accounts at July 8, 2020 as per the attached list of Cheques #15343 - #15381 and Other Direct Utility Payments of \$42,633.16 plus payroll in the amount of \$19,836.99 totaling \$62,500.15 be approved.

Carried

134-2020 Correspondence: Fenner That the following correspondence be accepted as presented:

- WSA – Hamlet of Brancepeth
 - Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory – June 15, 2020
- WSA – Hamlet of Brancepeth – Rescinded Water Advisory – June 26, 2020
- Municipal Election Survey
- SaskPower – Tree Trimming around power lines
- NCTPC – Minutes – April 9, 2020
- Abram Consulting Services
- Armtec – SARM purchasing agreement
 - Guardrail, tunnel liner, bridge, plates, bin walls and bridge in a box system

Carried

135-2020 Committee Reports: Fenner 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

136-2020 Weed Inspector Order Deadline: Boutin That the Weed Inspector for the RM of Birch Hills issue a deadline of July 17, 2020 for the titled owner of Parcel No. 203743526 to control the weeds on the property of Plan Portion 7 Block MU1 Plan #102316126 on NE PT 21-46-24-W2.

Carried

137-2020 Wage Increase: Njaa That the RM increase Don Morrow's wage (Seasonal Public Works Operator) to \$20.00 per hour effective August 1, 2020.

Carried

- 138-2020 Declaration of State of Emergency: Fenner** That the RM acknowledges the Declaration of State of Emergency in resolution E-01-2020 as attached to these minutes. *Carried*
- 139-2020 PDAP Designation: Elsaesser** That the RM of Birch Hills No. 460 ratify the electronic resolution from June 15, 2020 to apply to the Ministry of Government Relations to be designated an eligible assistance area under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP), which provides financial assistance for restoring essential services and property as a result of substantial damages caused by a heavy plough wind and severe hail on June 14, 2020. *Carried*
- 140-2020 Termination of State of Emergency: Fenner** That the RM ratifies the resolution from June 16, 2020 to terminate the local emergency *Carried*
- 141-2020 Pump and Pipe: Evans** That the RM purchase a used Berkeley pump and pipe in the amount of \$3,000.00 from Lorna Gjesdal. *Carried*
- 142-2020 2020 Mill Rates: Robertson** That the Council of the RM of Birch Hills No. 460 approves the following Tax Rates for the 2020 year:
Mill Rates
 - Municipal Mill Rate - 7.39
 - Hamlet of Brancepeth Mill Rate - 5.5
 - Hamlet of Hagen Mill Rate - 9.4 *Carried*
- 143-2020 2020 Tax Rates: Boutin** That the Council of the RM of Birch Hills No. 460 acknowledge the following Tax Rates for the 2020 year:
Conservation and Development Tax Levy
 - Birch Hills Conservation & Development
 o Peonan & Cromartie Creek - \$0.55/acre
 o Peonan Lake Drainage Basin - \$1.00/acre
 o Art Head Lateral - \$1.50/acre
 - St. Louis Conservation & Development - \$0.25/acre
Saskatchewan Rivers School Division No. 119
 - Agricultural Property - 1.43 mills
 - Residential Property - 4.12 mills
 - Commercial/Industrial - 6.27 mills
 - Resource (oil and gas, mines and pipelines) - 9.68 mills *Carried*
- 144-2020 Bylaw 04-2020: Jensen** That Bylaw 04-2020 being a Bylaw to establish Mill Rate Factors be read a first time. *Carried*
- 145-2020 Bylaw 04-2020: Njaa** That Bylaw 04-2020 being a Bylaw to establish Mill Rate Factors be read a second time. *Carried*
- 146-2020 Bylaw 04-2020: Boutin** That Bylaw 04-2020 being a Bylaw to establish Mill Rate Factors be given three readings at this meeting. *Carried Unanimously*
- 147-2020 Bylaw 04-2020: Robertson** That Bylaw 04-2020 being a Bylaw to establish Mill Rate Factors be read a third time and adopted. *Carried*

- 148-2020** **Bylaw 05-2020: Njaa** That Bylaw 05-2020 being a Bylaw to provide for a Minimum Tax in the Hamlet of Hagen be read a first time. *Carried*
- 149-2020** **Bylaw 05-2020: Fenner** That Bylaw 05-2020 being a Bylaw to provide for a Minimum Tax in the Hamlet of Hagen be read a second time. *Carried*
- 150-2020** **Bylaw 05-2020: Boutin** That Bylaw 05-2020 being a Bylaw to provide for a Minimum Tax in the Hamlet of Hagen be given three readings at this meeting. *Carried Unanimously*
- 151-2020** **Bylaw 05-2020: Elsaesser** That Bylaw 05-2020 being a Bylaw to provide for a Minimum Tax in the Hamlet of Hagen be read a third time and adopted. *Carried*
- 152-2020** **Minimum Tax Cancellation: Njaa** That the Municipality cancels the Minimum Tax applied in Hagen to the following:
 - **Roll No.** 1044 Lots 5-6 Block 1 \$580.45
 - **Roll No.** 1060 Lot 15 Block 1 \$569.92 *Carried*
- 153-2020** **Pandemic Plan: Robertson** That Council adopts the Pandemic Plan for the RM of Birch Hills as presented. *Carried*
- 154-2020** **Dust Control Agreement: Njaa** That Council approves the Dust Control Agreement as presented. *Carried*
- 11:22 a.m.** **In Camera: Jensen** That Council move in camera to discuss legal matters. *Carried*
- 12:05 p.m.** **In Camera: Fenner** That the regular meeting of Council be reconvened. *Carried*
- 155-2020** **Legal Counsel Appointment: Jensen** That the RM appoint the firm Bendig Klassen Raas, Barristers & Solicitors as legal Counsel for the RM of Birch Hills. *Carried*
- 156-2020** **Adjournment: Boutin** That the meeting be adjourned at 12:20 p.m. *Carried*

Certified correct this 12 day of August, 2020.



 Administrator



 Reeve