

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the council of the R.M. of Willner, No. 253 held at the RM Office in Davidson, SK on Thursday, March 14, 2024 commencing at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Reeve Len Palmer, Councillors Neil Palmer, Ellen Symington, Martin Cammer, Steven Barlow, Rich Kowalski, Matt Arend and Assistant Administrator Michelle Bublish

55/24 Call to Order: Len Palmer: That as a quorum is present this meeting is called to order. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

56/24 Agenda: Martin Cammer: That the agenda be adopted as amended to add:
Under 13. New Business
11. Ratepayer Concerns **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

There is no conflict of interest declared at this time regarding agenda items.

57/24 Minutes: Ellen Symington: That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on February 15, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. be hereby approved as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

58/24 Corresp: Matt Arend: That the correspondence be acknowledged as received and accepted as presented and be filed.
1) SGI – Business Recognition discount
2) SARM – Rural SK desperate for health care support
3) Agriculture in the Classroom – 2024 Agreement/sponsorship
4) 3D Dust Control – Information
5) SARM – Call for more Education/Supports for Municipal Leaders
6) WUQWATR – AGM & 2024 Membership Info
7) APAS – Updates March 7/24
8) SARRC – new Program Operations manager
9) Davidson Library – Minutes of Meeting March 6/24 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Barlow attended the meeting at 1:16 pm.

59/24 Financials: Neil Palmer: That the Statement of Financial Activities, Accounts Paid, Employee Payroll Summary for the month of February 2024 be hereby approved as presented and are attached to and form part of these minutes. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

60/24 A/P: Matt Arend: That Accounts Payable, Employee Bi-Weekly Payroll Summary and Council Indemnity for the month of March 2024 be approved for payment and attached to and form part of these minutes. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

61/24 Bank Recs: Martin Cammer: That the Bank Reconciliation for the month of February 2024 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

62/24 Wages: Matt Arend: That council establishes 2024 wages for the following individuals
J. Young - \$27.50/hour
P. Lyke - \$29.00/hour
Effective January 1, 2024 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

63/24 Resume: Steven Barlow: That council reviewed resume from Mr. Stoian. Further, council defer discussion on employment until April Regular Council Meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Palmer presented a report on the Joint Meeting with the Town of Davidson and RM of Arm River.

64/24 Report: Martin Cammer: That council accepts the report as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

65/24 Rec: Steven Barlow: That council acknowledges invitation from Town of Davidson to attend a Recreation and Culture Committee Meeting. Further, Rich Kowalski will attend this meeting on Thursday, March 14 at 7:00pm. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

66/24 Recycling: Matt Arend: That council will partner with the Town of Davidson and RM of Arm River into a glass recycling agreement through SARCAN. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

67/24 Lease: Neil Palmer: That council defer discussion on Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways regarding the lease agreement with SK Highway for gravel stockpiling at

NE 21-27-01 W3 until April 2024 Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

68/24 T of D: **Ellen Symington:** That council authorizes increasing the Town of Davidson's recreation grant to \$20,000.00 for 2024. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

69/24 Fuel: **Neil Palmer:** That council accepts the quote from McRae Farm Service for their quote of \$1.35 for clear diesel plus GST and \$1.36 for Regular Gas plus GST to supply fuel for the municipality in 2024. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

70/24 Child Care: **Ellen Symington:** That council directs administration to inquire if the RM of Arm River would be interested in a joint contribution to Davidson Child Care Inc. **CARRIED**

Councillor Arend left the meeting at 3:03 pm and returned at 3:07 pm.

Councillor Arend left the meeting at 3:08 pm and returned at 3:13 pm.

71/24 RSC: **Ellen Symington:** That council authorizes approaching Mr. D. Gray regarding RSC roof issues. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

72/24 Repeal: **Neil Palmer:** That council repeal resolution 19/24 and replace as follows: That for 2024 Michelle Bublish be appointed Returning Officer and that the Deputy Returning Officer of the Municipality be Denise Brecht and poll clerk to be determined, further that the polling place be as follows: Division 1 through 6 inclusive be at the municipal office in Davidson SK on the set date as prescribed by *The Municipalities Act*. Further, staff compensation shall be restricted to their annual salary. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

73/24 Employment: **Steven Barlow:** That Michelle Bublish be hired as the Administrator of the municipality effective April 6, 2024 for an annual salary of \$84,885.84/2 = \$42,442.92 and a 5-5-4 work week schedule. Further, council authorizes Reeve, Len Palmer to sign Employment Contract. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

74/24 Consulting: **Len Palmer:** That BG Agencies will be contracted at a rate of \$100.00 per hour as administrative/financial consultant. Further, consulting requirements will be at the discretion of Administration. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

75/24 Clerk: **Ellen Symington:** That council hires Office Clerk Denise Brecht at a pay rate of \$28.00 per hour based on 4 days per week and 7 hours per day; effective April 6, 2024 Subject to approval of RM of Arm River, No. 252. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

76/24 Signing: **Martin Cammer:** That the Reeve, Len Palmer, or in his absence, Deputy Reeve, Neil Palmer, and the Administrator, Michelle Bublish, be hereby assigned and empowered to sign cheques, agreements contracts, promissory notes and other documents authorized by council, on behalf of the municipality for the year. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

77/24 Janitor Tenders: **Steven Barlow:** That council did review Janitorial Tenders received. Further, council instructs administration to run ad in local paper until position is filled. Provided RM of Arm River, No. 252 agrees to same. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

78/24 Meeting: **Matt Arend:** That council acknowledges receipt of invitation from Jon Medori to attend the Highway 11 Corridor Study Open House Results to be discussed on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm in Town Hall. Further, councillors able to attend will. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

79/24 Bylaw: **Ellen Symington:** That Bylaw No. 01/2024 being a bylaw to enter into a fire service agreement with the Town of Davidson, RM of Arm River, No. 252 and RM of Wood Creek, No. 281 be read a second time. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

80/24 **Martin Cammer:** That Bylaw No. 01/2024 being a Bylaw to enter into a fire service agreement with the Town of Davidson, RM of Arm River, No. 252 and RM of Wood Creek, No. 281 be read a third time and adopted. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Barlow left the meeting at 3:52 pm.

81/24 Ratepayer Concerns: **Neil Palmer:** That council acknowledges receipt of Division 2 Ratepayer's concerns. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 82/24 Budget:** Neil Palmer: That council defer discussion on 2024 Budget until April Regular Council Meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 83/24 Adjourn:** Len Palmer: That this meeting be adjourned at 4:03 p.m. and the next meeting of council is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the R.M. Office, Davidson, Sask. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve

Administrator