

**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, February 9, 2023 commencing at 1:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Reeve Len Palmer, Councillors Neil Palmer, Ellen Symington, Martin Cammer  
Michael O'Brien, Steven Barlow, Foreman Steven Low and CAO Yvonne Goodsman  
**Regrets:** Councillor Matt Arend

- 38/23 Call to Order:** Len Palmer: That as a quorum is present this meeting is called to order.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 39/23 Agenda:** Michael O'Brien: That the agenda be approved as amended as follows:  
**ADD:** Delegate: Patsy Dean – discussion on zoning, infrastructure & Gov't of Canada  
**Correction:** 12. Unfinished Business  
2) SARM convention should be 14-16 (not 14-26)  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- There is no conflict of interest declared at this time regarding agenda items.**
- Patsy Dean presented information on zoning and infrastructure issues at 1:02 p.m.**
- 40/23 Report:** Steven Barlow: That council acknowledges receipt of information as presented by Ms. Dean. Further council will forward Ms. Dean's request to the Town of Davidson regarding her issues and interest in her scheduling a Public Meeting encompassing ratepayers of R.M. of Arm River, R.M. of Willner and the Town of Davidson at the Town of Davidson Hall.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 41/23 Correspond:** Michael O'Brien: That the correspondence be acknowledged as received and accepted as presented and be filed.  
1. MADD Support request  
2. McRae Farm Services – installation of new system in Feb. 2023  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 42/23 MADD:** Martin Cammer: That council is not interested in putting an ad in MADD message book at this time.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 43/23 Minutes:** Steven Barlow: That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on January 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. be hereby approved as presented.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 44/23 Financials:** Neil Palmer: That the Statement of Financial Activities, Accounts Paid, and Employee Payroll Summary for the month of January 2023 be hereby approved as presented and are attached to and form part of these minutes. Further, council approves January 2023 Bank Reconciliation as presented by CAO.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 45/23 A/P:** Michael O'Brien: That Accounts Payable, Employee Bi-Weekly Payroll Summary for the month of February 2023 be approved for payment and attached to and form part of these minutes.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Steven Low gave Foreman's Report at 1:45 p.m.**
- 46/23 Quote:** Martin Cammer: That council acknowledges receipt of quote on mower parts from Flaman Sales and that any decision be deferred.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 47/23 Return to Work:** Ellen Symington: That council authorizes seasonal start date for Mr. Young to be Monday, April 3, 2023; subject to Foreman's discretion.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 48/23 Advertise:** Steven Barlow: That council authorizes Administration to change advertisement for "Seasonal Operator" to specify the position for a "Seasonal Mower Operator" and continue to advertise through to March Council Meeting.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 49/23 Sander:** Neil Palmer: That council authorize the Foreman to arrange to have the Tornado Sander sold through McDougall Auction in Saskatoon with an asking price of \$7,000.00.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 50/23 Report:** Michael O'Brien: That council accepts the Foreman's report as presented.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 51/23 SARM: Neil Palmer: That council authorizes maintenance staff to attend SARM Convention Tradeshow for one (1) day. Further, that one days' pay, accommodations and mileage be paid by R.M. to the employees attending. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Reeve, Len Palmer, gave report on RCMP meeting at 2:20 p.m.
- 52/23 Report: Michael O'Brien: That the RCMP meeting report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 53/23 Delegate: Steven Barlow: That council authorizes Patsy Dean to address council with question on RCMP report. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Ms. Dean addressed question to council regarding RCMP report at 2:26 p.m.
- Councillors Martin Cammer & Neil Palmer gave report on Grain Bag Recycling meeting at 2:33 p.m.
- 54/23 Report: Ellen Symington: That the Grain Bag Recycling report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Reeve, Len Palmer and Administrator gave Highway 11 meeting report with Associated Engineer Ltd. at 2:45 p.m.
- 55/23 Report: Martin Cammer: That the highway 11 report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Reeve, Len Palmer and Administrator gave SaskPower SMR Plant meeting report at 2:50 p.m.
- 56/23 Report: Michael O'Brien: That the SaskPower SMR Plant meeting report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Reeve, Len Palmer, gave report on Fire Board 2022 Actual and 2023 Budget at 3:00 p.m.
- 57/23 Fire Board: Ellen Symington: That the Davidson Fire Department 2022 Actual Financial Statement and the 2023 Budget information be acknowledged as received. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 58/23 In Camera: Neil Palmer: That council enters into an in-camera session at 3:06 p.m. to discuss long-term planning and budget analysis as allowed under LAFOIP Section 16 and *The Municipalities Act* Section 120 and Section 12 of the Bylaw to Regulate the Proceedings of Municipal Council and Council's Committees. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- In-camera session held at 3:06 p.m. with Len Palmer, Neil Palmer, Martin Cammer, Steven Barlow, Michael O'Brien, Ellen Symington, Steven Low and Yvonne (Bonny) Goodsman.
- In – Camera Session exited at 3:55 pm
- 59/23 Exit: Steven Barlow: That council exits in-camera session and commence regular meeting at 3:55 p.m. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 60/23 SARM: Martin Cammer: That Ellen Symington and Michael O'Brien will attend the SARM Convention for two (2) nights and be appointed the voting delegates for RM of Willner No. 253 and Reeve, Len Palmer, registered for one day/night. That Administrator and Assistant Administrator will attend and be registered for one (1) day. Further that all associated costs for all employees and council shall be paid by the RM. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 61/23 SMHI: Neil Palmer: That Michael O'Brien be appointed the SMHI delegate on behalf of the RM of Willner No. 253. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 62/23 Policy: Neil Palmer: That council's policy 400-16 Snow Removal Policy be Amended by: Inserting: 400-16 "& Towing" in the Policy name/description:  
8. The R.M. employees are not authorized to use R.M. equipment or, when acting as Representatives of the RM, to engage in towing or assisting vehicles that are stuck. **DEFEATED**
- 63/823 Meeting: Len Palmer: That the R.M. of Willner No. 253 supports Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. as the preferred date of the joint meeting request from the Town of Davidson and R.M. of Arm River. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 64/23 SARM **Steven Barlow:** That the RM authorizes council and staff to participate in the “Respect in the Workplace” Training offered by SARM with the municipality responsible for all associated costs. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
  
- 65/23 Valve: **Ellen Symington:** That council authorizes scheduling Johnson Controls from Saskatoon Sask to test the backflow valve at the overhead tank fill jointly operated with the R.M. of Arm River per the recommendation of the WSA. With same to be completed in conjunction with Johnson Controls’ attendance/inspection at the Davidson Health Centre. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
  
- 66/23 Bylaw: **Neil Palmer:** That Bylaw 01/2023 being a bylaw to establish a Building Bylaw be read a first time at this meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**  
  
**Steven Barlow left the meeting at 4:36 p.m.**  
  
**Steven Barlow returned to the meeting at 4:37 p.m.**
  
- 67/23 Letter: **Neil Palmer:** That council authorizes a letter of support be offered to the Town of Outlook in Support of U22 Female Jr. Hockey. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
  
- 68/23 Webinar: **Michael O’Brien:** That council authorizes the Assistant Administrator to attend the Assessment Processing Webinar on Monday February 27, 2023 cost to be split with RM252 provided RM 252 agrees to same. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
  
- 69/23 Gravel: **Neil Palmer:** That council authorizes the Reeve to further investigate gravel supply with owners of SW 5-28-28 W2 and SW 3-25-28-W2. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
  
- 70/23 PBI **Ellen Symington:** That council authorizes John Dulle, Class 1 Licensed building inspector as an employee of Professional Building Inspections, Inc. be appointed as a building Inspector for the Municipality. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
  
- 71/23 Adjourn: **Neil Palmer:** That this meeting be adjourned at 5:00 p.m. and the next meeting of council is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the R.M. Office, Davidson, Sask. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Administrator