

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the council of the R.M. of Willner, No. 253 held at the RM Office in Davidson, SK on Thursday, September 15, 2023 commencing at 1:00 p.m.

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

229/23 Call to Order: Len Palmer: That as a quorum is present this meeting is called to order. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

230/23 Agenda: Neil Palmer: That the agenda be adopted as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

231/23 Minutes: Ellen Symington: That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on August 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. be hereby approved as presented by CAO. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

232/23 Correspond: Steven Barlow: That the correspondence be acknowledged as received and accepted as presented and be filed.

1. Palliser Regional Library – Davidson Branch
2. Gov't of Saskatchewan – Minister of Agriculture
3. Covenant Construction
4. Davidson Primary Care Clinic – Doctor position posted
5. SARM – Rural Dart (Sept. 12)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

233/23 Financials: Martin Cammer: That the Statement of Financial Activities, Accounts Paid, and Employee Payroll Summary for the month of August 2023 be hereby approved as presented and are attached to and form part of these minutes. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

234/23 Bank Rec: Michael O'Brien: That council acknowledges and approves August 2023 Bank Reconciliation Information presented by CAO. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

235/23 A/P: Ellen Symington: That Accounts Payable and Employee Payroll Summary and Council Indemnity for the month of September 2023 be approved for payment and attached to and form part of these minutes. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

236/23 Reserves: Matt Arend: That council authorize Administration to transfer \$433,000.00 from the general operating account #06201005-542 to reserves in a one (1) year non-cashable GIC. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

237/23 Reserves: Neil Palmer: That council authorize Administration to reinvest \$200,000.00 from the general operating account #06201005-542 to reserves in a four (4) year non-cashable GIC. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Barlow left the meeting at 1:36 pm and returned to the meeting at 1:38 pm.

238/23 Culverts: Michael O'Brien: That culvert installation is completed and has been approved as meeting RM Standards at PT NE 14-25-02 W3. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve, Len Palmer, presented the Foreman's Report.

239/23 Report: Martin Cammer: That the Foreman's Report be accepted as presented by the Reeve. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

240/23 Peterbilt: Neil Palmer: That discussion on the 2007 Peterbilt be deferred to October 2023 Regular Council Meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

241/23 Twp Rd 272: Steven Barlow: That per Division 4 ratepayer request, council authorizes that Twp Rd 272 (from Rge Rd 3010 to Highway #11) be gravelled.

Further, council resolves that Twp Rd 272 (from Rge Rd 3010 to Highway #11) remain as a seasonal road. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

242/23 Gravel: Michael O'Brien: That discussion on gravel located at SW 05-28-28 W2 (owner W. Obrigewitsch) be deferred to October 2023 Council Meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 243/23 SARM:** Neil Palmer: That council, as available, will attend SARM Midterm Convention on November 8 & 9, 2023 in Regina with all associated costs to be reimbursed.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 244/23 Arrears:** Matt Arend: That council authorizes that properties with arrears of less than one half of the previous year's levy be omitted from the List of Arrears
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 245/23** Ellen Syminbgton: That the List of Arrears for 2022 be accepted as presented by the Administrator.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 246/23 Admin:** Len Palmer: That council authorizes administration to attend RMAAS Division 5 Meeting on Monday, September 25, 2023 in Saskatoon with all associated costs reimbursed providing RM252 Agreesto same.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 247/23 CTP:** Ellen Symington: That council authorize the Reeve and CAO to sign the CTP Declaration for 2023.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 248/23 Legion:** Matt Arend: That council authorizes purchasing a business card size ad in the Legion Military Service Recognition Book for \$225.00 (taxes included) for 2024.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 249/23 Fire Chief:** Martin Cammer: That Fire Chief of Davidson Volunteer Fire Department , Cory Dean, be appointed as Local Assistant for RM of Willner, No. 253. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 250/23 Elevator:** Michael O'Brien: That council acknowledges receipt of elevator donation statement to RM submitted by Gust Farm Ltd.
Further, RM253 appreciates historical value but is not interested in involvement at this time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 251/23 Fire Brd:** Neil Palmer: That Rural Municipality of Willner, No. 253 stipulates monies provided to Davidson Volunteer Fire Department for capital asset purchases, as are agreed to per Section 9 (d) of Highway 11 Emergency Response Area Agreement, are considered a grant as nothing in the aforementioned agreement stipulates participation in payment for capital asset purchases only for "annual cost of the ongoing expenses" nor is any percentage requirement stipulated in said agreement for such capital asset purchases. As a discretionary payment the R.M. deems it a grant to the Town of Davidson and as such there is no recorded ownership by the R.M. and capital purchases thus made do not result in the asset being documented on the Rural Municipality of Willner, No. 253's Tangible Capital Asset Listing.

Further, the revenue and operations expenditures are not recorded on the R.M.'s Financial Statements, rather the annual payment due per Section 8 of the Highway 11 Emergency Response Area Agreement is recorded as a grant to the Town of Davidson.

The Rural Municipality of Willner, No. 253 fully supports utilizing funds from such asset dispositions for future Davidson Fire Board asset and small equipment purchases.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 252/23 Adjourn:** Len Palmer: That this meeting be adjourned at 2:35 p.m. and the next meeting of council is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the R.M. Office, Davidson, Sask.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve

Administrator