

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, December 14, 2023 commencing at 1:00 p.m.

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

337/23 Call to Order: Len Palmer: That as a quorum is present this meeting is called to order. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

338/23 Agenda: Neil Palmer: That the agenda be adopted as amended as follows:
 Under 3. Unfinished Business add:
 3. Gravel Stockpile at Highways Well Site **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

339/23 Minutes: Ellen Symington: That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on November 9, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. be hereby approved as presented by CAO. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

340/23 Correspond: Ellen Symington: That the correspondence be acknowledged as received and accepted as presented and be filed.
 1. Davidson Palliser Library – Nov. Minutes
 2. RMAA - Curling
 3. Palliser Library – newsletter
 4. SARM – Rural Dart **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

341/23 Financials: Martin Cammer: That the Statement of Financial Activities, Accounts Paid, Employee Payroll Summary for the month of November 2023 be hereby approved as presented and are attached to and form part of these minutes. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

342/23 Bank Rec: Neil Palmer: That council acknowledges and approves November 2023 Bank Reconciliation Information presented by CAO. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

343/23 A/P: Martin Cammer: That Accounts Payable and Employee Payroll Summary for the month of December 2023 be approved for payment and are attached to and form part of these minutes. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Mr. Clayton Schneider representing C4 Outdoors attended the meeting at 1:25 pm.
 Mr. Schneider presented rebate cheque for \$1,560.00.
 Mr. Schneider left at 1:27 pm.**

**Mr. David Vollmer attended the meeting at 1:45 pm regarding an issue of a temporary road lease along Rge Rd 3040 between Twp Rd 270 and Twp Rd 272.
 Mr. Vollmer left the meeting at 1:57 pm.**

344/23 Rd Allow: Steven Barlow: That council repeals resolution 334/23.

Further, that Mr. D. Vollmer be allowed to gate across the "Not all Weather" road allowance Rge Rd 3040 at Twp Rd 270 and Twp Rd 272 from December 15, 2023 until January 15, 2024. RM253 will temporarily close the "Not all Weather" road allowance for duration to allow livestock access to water on adjacent quarter of land. RM253 will install barricades and temporary "Road Closed" signs.

Further, Mr. Volmer will insure suitable gating on roadway and appropriate reflective materials on gates and fencing to ensure high visibility for safety of the travelling public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Ms. Chelsea Neuberger, SARM Plant Health Tech Advisor, attended the meeting at 2:02 pm and presented information on SARM Government Programs.
 Ms. Neuberger left the meeting at 2:28 pm.**

345/23 Project Mgmt: Steven Barlow: That council authorizes elected officials who are designated as project manager by a council resolution for an authorized project be compensated for claimable project hours at a rate of \$43.75 per hour for 2023.
 Further, for 2023 the following be approved as an Authorized Project - Gravel Investigation W1/2 5-28-28 W2 and that the below be designated as Project Managers:
 Len Palmer and Neil Palmer **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

346/23 Indemnity: **Matt Arend:** That 2023 council indemnity be acknowledged as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

347/23 Indemnity: **Ellen Symington:** That, for the year, the Reeve and each councillor will be paid for:

- Attending council meetings and conventions at a rate of \$350.00 for each meeting/day
- Attending committee meetings at a rate of \$175.00 for each meeting attended
- Each elected official is to be paid for 15 days public works supervision per year at a rate of \$350.00 per day
- Reeve's office supervision (12 days per year) at a rate of \$350.00 per day and further, that travel be paid at a rate of .62 per kilometre travelled in the exercise of their duties pursuant to Section 82 (1) of The Municipalities Act and the limitations contained therein, meeting indemnity and meeting mileage to be paid quarterly, and supervision mileage, public works committee meetings, public works committee mileage and Reeve's Supervision of Office per diem and mileage to be paid in December of the year.

Further, council authorizes elected officials designated as project managers by council for a council authorized specific project be compensated at a rate of \$43.75 per claimable project hour.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Foreman Steven Low presented the Foreman's Report at 3:43 pm.

348/23 Tires: **Matt Arend:** That grader tire purchase be authorized at the discretion of the foreman.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

349/23 Report: **Martin Cammer:** That the Foreman's Report be accepted as presented by the Foreman.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

350/23 Quotes: **Len Palmer:** That council authorizes foreman to obtain grader quotes, to be reviewed at January 2024 Council Meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Palmer presented the Saskatchewan Health Authority Meeting Report.

351/23 Report: **Neil Palmer:** That SHA Meeting Report be accepted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Arend presented the report on Fire Board Meeting.

352/23 Report: **Ellen Symington:** That Fire Board Meeting Report be accepted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve Palmer presented the Highway 11 Open House Report.

353/23 Report: **Matt Arend:** That Highway 11 Open House Report be accepted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

354/23 In-Camera: **Len Palmer:** That Council enters into an in-camera Session at 3:42 pm to discuss long term planning as allowed under LAFOIP Section 16 and *The Municipalities Act* Section 120 and Part II Section 12 of Bylaw No. 05 Being A Bylaw to Regulate the Proceedings of Municipal Council and Council's Committee.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In Camera Session entered at 3:42 p.m.

In Camera Session exited at 4:17 p.m.

355/23 Meeting: **Neil Palmer:** That Council exits the in-camera session and resumes the regular meeting at 4:17 p.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

356/23 Gravel: **Matt Arend:** That council authorizes establishing a committee consisting of Neil Palmer, Len Palmer, Matt Arend, Ellen Symington and CAO Yvonne Goodsmen to commence negotiations regarding gravel/land acquisition. Further, a meeting is to be set up for January 4, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

357/23 Ditch Blk: **Martin Cammer:** That council directs foreman to remove ditch block installed within road allowance by ratepayer located at S1/2 3-27-1 W3.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Cammer left the meeting at 4:36 pm.

- 358/23 Gravel:** **Len Palmer:** That council acknowledges receipt of information on request to store gravel on Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure well site. Administration to continue to persue permission to store gravel. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 359/23 Bylaw:** **Matt Arend:** That Bylaw No. 02/2023 being a Bylaw to enter into a stockpile gravel agreement located at NW 14-25-02 W3 with Jack and Margorie Dean be read a first time. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 360/23** **Steven Barlow:** That Bylaw No. 02/2023 being a Bylaw to enter into a stockpile gravel agreement located at NW 14-25-02 W3 with Jack and Margorie Dean be read a second time. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 361/23** **Neil Palmer:** That Bylaw No. 02/2023 being a Bylaw to enter into a stockpile gravel agreement located at NW 14-25-02 W3 with Jack and Margorie Dean may be read a third time at this meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 362/23** **Ellen Symington:** That Bylaw No. 02/2023 being a Bylaw to enter into a stockpile gravel agreement located at NW 14-25-02 W3 with Jack and Margorie Dean be read a third time and adopted. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 363/23 Bait:** **Neil Palmer:** That council acknowledges receipt of information on burrow oat bait. Council directs administration to post information on RM website, council will review interest. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 364/23 SK Crime Stoppers:** **Neil Palmer:** That council acknowledges information from SK Crime Stoppers. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 365/23 Donation:** **Steven Barlow:** That RM253 donates the \$1,560.00 rebate received from C4 Outdoors to "Davidson Child Care Inc". **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 366/23 Adjourn:** **Len Palmer:** That this meeting be adjourned at 5:11 p.m. and the next meeting of council is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the R.M. Office, Davidson, Sask. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve

Administrator