

R.M. OF BUCKLAND NO. 491
April 8th, 2013
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Councillors

Division 1 – Arthur Brandolino
 Division 3 – Orest Romanchuk
 Division 5 – Larry Mihilewicz
 Reeve – Don Fyrk

Division 2 - Linda Clavelle
 Division 4 – Don Lavoie
 Division 6 – Bill Hayes
 Administrator – Tara Kerber

Reeve Fyrk called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

67-2013 **Agenda: Romanchuk** That the agenda be accepted as presented. *Carried*

68-2013 **Minutes: Mihilewicz** That the minutes of the March 18th, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted as presented. *Carried*

69-2013 **Reports: Lavoie** That the reports be accepted as presented. *Carried*

70-2013 **Sick Days:** That we provide sick days to our non-unionized employees at a rate of 1 day per month effective April 1st, 2013. Further, all conditions to be provided for in “Sick Day Policy” as attached and forming part of these minutes. *Carried*

71-2013 **Fire Services Agreement: Hayes** That we authorize signatures of our Reeve and Administrator on the Fire Services Agreement as drafter by our solicitor with Buckland Fire Co-Operative Volunteer Fire Fighters. *Carried*

72-2013 **RRRR – Agrispirit** – That we apply to the Agri-Spirit Fund on behalf of RRRR Club provided RRRR provides a completed application to the Municipality for submission. *Carried*

73-2013 **Flood Management: Clavelle** That Councillor Romanchuk attend “Prairie Flood Management and Mitigation” on March 27th in Yorkton, SK with remuneration and expenses to be paid in accordance with RM approved rates. *Carried*

Tenders were opened for the 2013 supply of fuel and lubricants. Tenders were received by Millsap Fuel Distributors, Prairie Fuel Advisors and Prince Albert Co-op Association.

74-2013 **Fuel Tenders: Hayes** That we accept the tender from Millsap Fuel Distributors for the following inclusive of taxes and environmental charges:

| Type | Total Per Litre |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Clear Diesel | \$1.0741 |
| Gasoline | \$1.0794 |
| 15-W-40 | \$2.93 |
| 0-W-40 | \$6.43 |
| Auto Trans | \$3.14 |

Carried

75- 2013 **Superintendent Contract: Hayes** That we do not renew Rob Vaillancourt’s employment contract effective March 22nd, 2013.

Recorded Vote: For: Fyrk, Hayes, Brandolino, Mihilewicz, Clavelle, Lavoie
Against: Romanchuk

Carried

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Wild Fire Act - Whereas the Ministry of the Environment is proposing a rewrite of "The Prairies and Forest Fires Act, 1982" and the adoption of "The Wildfire Act" to replace it at the same time as the Ministry is indicating that the "potential threat of interface fires is increasing due to several factors including that climate change predictions indicating an increase in the frequency and potential severity of wildfires", and "years of successful wildfire suppression leading to an increase in the amount and continuity of mature fuels, potentially leading to more intense fire behaviors";

Whereas the Ministry of the Environment published a news release on May 22, 2012 launching public consultations on the proposed new Wildfire Act, with consultations starting the following day, May 23, 2012. The press release indicate that "public meetings are not being scheduled during peak wildfire season" however short notice related to the consultations and shortsighted scheduling during "peak seeding and harvesting seasons" precluded the involvement of the Rural Municipal elected officials and ratepayers; showing distinct disregard for the input of these interested parties;

Whereas the proposed changes to the Wildfire Act downloads from the Provincial Government to Rural Municipal Governments the responsibility for wildfire fighting within Rural Municipalities' even though they do not possess the personnel, equipment and/or financial resources to take it on and may, in some cases, trigger either voiding or renegotiating of current fire services contracts with providers as not all rural municipalities have rural municipal fire fighters; and threatens mutual aid agreements with other municipalities;

Whereas the proposed changes to the Wildfire Act treat wildfire disasters in a different fashion that it would treat other disasters such as floods, tornadoes and grass fires;

Whereas the Government of Saskatchewan has committed to downsize the public service by 15% over four years and this will include moving the responsibility for wildfire fighting to Rural Municipal Governments with the Ministry offering the supports of the common wealth resources (equipment and trained personnel) of Provincial Government at a huge cost to the ratepayers;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the forest fringe rural municipalities will not be able to provide said services while managing a balanced budget as prescribed by law, managing other emergent situations including flooding that have presented themselves in the past number of years, and address the pressures of infrastructure required; and cannot provide the personnel, equipment and financial resources to respond to wildfires;

Be It Further Resolved that the Provincial Government, specifically Premier Brad Wall and the Minister of the Environment, Ken Cheveldayoff, be advised that this transfer of responsibility will present an undue hardship on the forest fringe rural municipalities and their ratepayers, potentially financially bankrupting the municipalities; and that as a result, SARM not support any moves to transfer responsibility for wildfire fighting as proposed in the changes to the Prairies and Forest Fire Act, 1982 known as the Wildfire Act.

Carried

77-2013

MREP Project – That we enter into an agreement with SARM for the bridge repair at location NNE 33-50-25-W2 to receive funding assistance of \$17,500.00 through the MREP Program.

Carried

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- 78-2013** **Application to Subdivide SW 36-50-26-W2M: Mihilewicz** That the application to subdivide approximately 4.04 ha(10 acres) off of SW 36-50-26-W2M be approved pursuant to Section 3.6.3 (8)(a)(i) of the Prince Albert Planning District Official Community Plan and Section 6.2 of the RM of Buckland Zoning Bylaw with the location and condition of the approach being approved by the division Councillor and Superintendent, constructed to the RM's standard and paid for by the applicant and that any drainage concerns be addressed,
Carried
- 79-2013** **RMAA Convention: Clavelle** That we authorize our administrator to attend the Rural Municipal Administrators Convention in Saskatoon May 13th – 16th with expenses paid at RM approved rates.
Carried
- 80-2013** **Sexsmith Invoice: Hayes** That we advise Mr. Sexsmith that we will not reimburse him for loader work completed on the Forester Road as the work was not pre-authorized by RM officials.
Carried
- 81-2013** **Moreau Bridge: Brandolino** That we get guard rails installed on the Moreau bridge.
Carried
- 82-2013** **Land Sale Voison: Hayes** That we offer to sell Mr. Gerry Voison 5.5 acres of old railway property (Parcel 145942500) for \$1,500.00 plus all surveying costs and transfer fees.
Lost
- 83-2013** **Land Sale Voison: Mihilewicz** That we offer to sell Mr. Gerry Voison 5.5 acres of old railway property (Parcel 145942500) for \$2,400.00 plus all surveying costs and transfer fees.
Carried
- 84-2013** **Wahpeton Servicing Agreement: Clavelle** That we authorize the signing by our Reeve and Administrator of the Wahpeton Servicing Agreement as drafted by our planner, Jason Kaptein and our solicitor.
Carried
- 85-2013** **File Correspondence: Romanchuk** That the correspondence be filed as presented.
Carried
- 86-2013** **Accounts: Hayes** That cheques 7688 to 7733 in the amount of \$243,106.20 and automatic withdrawals by Ceridian Payroll March 22nd, 2013 \$11,233.77, April 1st, 2013 \$10,205.41 and April 5th, 2013 \$9,478.05 be approved for payment.
Carried
- 87-2013** **Adjournment: Lavoie** That this meeting be adjourned. (5:00 pm)
Carried