

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Willow Bunch No. 42 held at the Hills of Home Centre, #15 Edouard Beaupre St., Willow Bunch, Saskatchewan on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Present** were: Reeve – Patrick Therrien, Administrator – Sharleine Eger and the following councillors:

- Division 1- Denis Lesperance
- Division 2 - Albert Lavallee
- Division 3 – Claude Fafard
- Division 4 – Trevor Benson
- Division 5 - Vacant
- Division 6 – Patrick Bellefleur

**Minutes**

52/2021 Patrick Bellefleur: That the March 2021 minutes be approved as amended.  
Carried

**Financials**

53/2021 Trevor Benson: That the financial statement and bank reconciliation for March 2021 be accepted as presented.  
Carried

**Ian Slugoski Fence**

54/2021 Patrick Bellefleur: That in lieu of materials and labour at our expense to repair and replace the fence, we pay \$1,500 to Ian Slugoski for fence the RM damaged in 2020 and that the landowner sign off on the agreement.  
Carried

DELEGATION: Randy Gaudry – Re: Parcel A/B, Plan CE2814

**Committee Reports**

55/2021 Albert Lavallee That the following verbal committee reports be accepted as presented:

- a) Denis Lesperance: Road tour with Foreman, Fire Charges for St. Ignace Parish
- b) Albert Lavallee: JLLRP financials and report, SARM convention, pavement on 705 West from Hwy 36 to Park Road, Randy Gaudry Lease, Garry Therrien survey questions
- c) Claude Fafard: SARM convention
- d) Trevor Benson: Hamlet of Scout Lake AGM
- e) Patrick Bellefleur: Fence – Ian Slugoski, Roger Lanoie Access for SaskPower, Sylvan Valley Regional Park
- f) Michel Cayer: No Report
- g) Patrick Therrien: JLLRP Coulee Committee  
Sylvan Valley Regional Park

Carried

DELEGATION: Bernard Martin – Fence Line on RM Road Allowance (along Park Road)

**Jean Louis Legare Regional Park and Willow Bunch Golf Club**

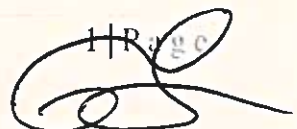
56/2021 Claude Fafard: That the RM send a letter to the Jean Louis Legare Regional Park (JLLRP) indicating support of the two motions as per the JLLRP letter dated March 26<sup>th</sup>, attached hereto and forming part of these minutes.  
Carried

**Ministry of Highways Request for Meeting**

57/2021 Denis Lesperance: That the RM send a letter to the ministry of Highways requesting a meeting so that members of RM council can show the areas of concern for steep slopes and the need for guardrails, not only on Highway 36 South of Willow Bunch but Highway 36 North of Willow Bunch.  
Carried

**Accept Resignation of Councillor Michel Cayer**

58/2021 Patrick Bellefleur: That the RM accept the resignation of Councillor Michel Cayer effective March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.  
Carried



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**Appoint Deputy Reeve**

59/2021 Patrick Bellefleur: That Claude Fafard be appointed Deputy Reeve in place of Michel Cayer and that Claude Fafard be appointed to signing authority and; Bengough Credit Union and Conexus Credit Union and that any one of Patrick Therrien (Reeve) or Claude Fafard (Deputy Reeve) must sign along with any one of Sharleine Eger (Administrator) or Tereena Bartlett (Assistant Administrator).  
Carried

**Appointments**

60/2021 Claude Fafard: That the RM appoint Patrick Therrien as official RM representative of the JLLRP coulee committee and Denis Lesperance as RM road committee.  
Carried

**Letters of Concern**

61/2021 Albert Lavallee : That the RM send letters to the Honourable Minister Morgan, responsible for Sasktel, regarding the insufficient broadband in the South; letters to the Honourable Minister Marit, Minister of Agriculture regarding funding for Park Road, Willow Bunch Golf club and stalled funding for the Coulee Project; letters to Director of Western Economic Diversification, Doug Zolinsky, Jeremy Patzer, MP for Cypress Hills – Grasslands and Robert Kitchen MP for Souris – Moose Mountain regarding the stalled funding for the coulee project; letter to the Honourable Fred Bradshaw - Ministry of Highways, regarding a walking trail from Willow Bunch to the Jean Louis Legare Regional Park.  
Carried

DELEGATION: Foreman Michel Cayer 11:30 a.m.

**Gravel Committee**

62/2021 Patrick Bellefleur: That the RM form a gravel committee to discuss gravel extraction opportunities and that the committee comprise of Trevor Benson, Claude Fafard and Foreman Michel Cayer.  
Carried

**Reinstate Weight Restriction**

63/2021 Albert Lavallee: That the RM reinstate the weight restriction on Grid 705 west.  
Carried

**Park Road Usage**

64/2021 Albert Lavallee: That the RM send a letter to the Jean Louis Legare Regional Park and the Willow Bunch Golf Club reminding them of the restriction for heavy vehicle traffic, excluding camping traffic, and that heavy traffic is to access the park by way of seasonal TWP road 2281 from Rge Rd. 50  
Carried

**Hamlet H2O Reports**

65/2021 Claude Fafard: That the RM accept as presented, the H2O reports for the hamlet of Scout Lake and St. Victor.  
Carried

**Budget Meeting**

66/2021 Denis Lesperance: That a budget meeting be set for April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hills of Home Centre.  
Carried



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**Administration Holiday**

67/2021 Denis Lesperance: That council approves the administrators holidays taken on February 25<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Carried

**By-Election – Division 5**

68/2021 Claude Fafard: That June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 be set for Division 5 by-election and that nominations open April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 with nomination day being May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Carried

**Sask-Energy Request**

69/2021 Denis Lesperance: That the RM approve the construction request, as per the map submitted, from Sask Energy pertaining to natural gas crossings and directional drilling.

Carried

**Education Mill Rates**

70/2021 Albert Lavallee: That the RM acknowledge the 2021 Education Mill rates, as presented by the Ministry of Government Relations, as follows:

Agricultural Property	1.36 mills
Residential Property	4.46 mills
Commercial Property	6.75 mills
Resource (oil and gas, mines and pipelines)	9.79 mills

Carried

**Waive Fire Fees for St. Ignace Parish**

71/2021 Claude Fafard: That the RM waive the fire fees, in the amount of \$2,886.51, for a fire at the Willow Bunch cemetery dated March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Carried

**South Sask Regional Economic Partnership (SSREP)**

72/2021 Claude Fafard: That the RM of Willow Bunch support the South Sask Regional Economic Partnership in their enterprise to form a Non-Profit Corporation.

Carried

**Provincial Funding for Coal Transition**

73/2021 Albert Lavallee: That the RM request the South Sask Regional Economic Partnership make a request, along with the Rural Municipality of Willow Bunch No. 42, to the Provincial Government, to change the parameters of the \$2 million dollar coal transition fund in order for all municipalities to be eligible to use it for funding to compensate the shortfalls created by Western Economic Diversification.

Carried

**Town/RM Logo**

74/2021 Patrick Bellefleur: That RM approve the new shared logo between the Town/RM as created by the contracted company TAXI as part of the rebranding for the Town and RM of Willow Bunch No. 42.

Carried

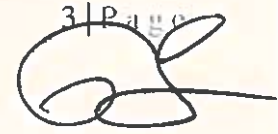
*Carried & Rescinded  
May 10/21*

Note: Councillor Benson left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.  
Councillor Lesperance left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

**Table - Great Western Railway**

75/2021 Claude Fafard: That we table item J) of new business – Great Western Railway – Standard Crossing Agreement until the May council meeting.

Carried





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**RM Maintenance Shop Building Fund**

76/2021 Claude Fafard: That the RM transfer \$22,190.00 plus interest of \$499.28 from the Stagecoach reserve, that is currently in the regular municipal chequing account to an RM maintenance shop building fund reserve.  
Carried

**Noise Complaint**

77/2021 Claude Fafard: That in response to the noise complaint received by Albert Campagne, admin shall send a letter to both parties advising the first party of the complaint and indicating to the complainant that a letter will be sent but also that it will be a short term problem.

Carried

*Rescinded  
May 10/21  
JL*

**Appointments**

78/2021 Claude Fafard: That the RM appoint David Munro and Brian Kuysten to the Jean Louis Legare Regional Park Coulee Committee.

Carried

**Table Item - Trailer Licensing Bylaw**

79/2021 Claude Fafard: That we table item R) of new business – Trailer Licensing Bylaw until the May council meeting.

Carried

**Water/Sewer and Walking Trail Project**

80/2021 Albert Lavallee: That the RM assume the lead on the water and sewer placement project for the Park expansion and the walking trail to the park, which take place on municipal property to be funded by Provincial and Federal grant programs in place for coal transitioning in the South region.

Carried

**Correspondence**

81/2021 Patrick Bellefleur: That the following correspondence be approved as presented:

- a) RCMP Report
- b) CDO Report
- c) Tax Enforcement Proceedings – David Underdahl – Lisieux
- d) SARM – Rural Crime Watch Groups
- e) SARM – Canada Water Agency
- f) SARM – Crime Stoppers

Carried

**Accounts**

82/2021 Claude Fafard: That the accounts paid and presented for payment be approved and a list of the cheques #19567 to #19620 inclusive (\$52,345.56) and the March payroll in the amount of (\$20,837.80) and EFT payments (\$1,779.13) be annexed hereto and form a part of these minutes.

Carried

**Adjournment**

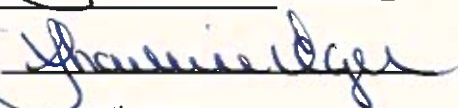
83/2021 Patrick Bellefleur: That this meeting adjourn (3:25 p.m.)

Carried

REEVE



ADMINISTRATOR



NEXT MEETING - May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021