

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, July 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 - Dale Berner – via Zoom  
Division 6 – Patrick Bellefleur

### Minutes

144/2021 Albert Lavallee: That the June 2021 regular minutes be approved as amended.  
Carried

### Financials

145/2021 Denis Lesperance: That the financial statement and bank reconciliation for June 2021 be accepted as presented.  
Carried

DELEGATION: Daniel Bailey and Al Birchard – Bengough Credit Union  
Membership/Growth/Annual Report

### Committee Reports

146/2021 Denis Lesperance: That the following verbal committee reports be accepted as presented:

- a) Denis Lesperance: South Sask Ready Report, weeds around shop yard
- b) Albert Lavallee: As attached
- c) Claude Fafard: Bellefleur trail that borders the south end of the RM – question from renter regarding gravel
- d) Trevor Benson: Scout Lake Feedlot - weeds
- e) Patrick Bellefleur: Montgomery well – concrete blocks to avoid hitting well houses?  
Additional tanks at wells for busy times?
- f) Dale Berner: No Report
- g) Patrick Therrien: As attached

Carried

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

- Town Well – needs new coin op mechanism – sometimes just shuts off
- Town Well – flow switch so pump would only turn on when water is present?
- Town Well – replaced pump because it doesn't have a flow switch
- Sabourin Well – could add a float switch that gives a warning “low level and system is in recovery”
- Thorhaug Well – should lower float so we can recover the bottom 3000
- Sabourin Gravel Pit – taking an average from exploration – could be 25,000 yards
- Shoulder pulling will be done before rubber burial because the need for moisture
- Still have some spraying for bindweed.

### Table – Old Business Item c) Andre Bruneau – SE 19—27 W2

147/2021 Albert Lavallee: That we table discussion surrounding Old Business Item c) until the August meeting.  
Carried

### Bylaw 3-2021 First Reading

148/2021 Dale Berner: That Bylaw 3-2021 being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 2-2016 Council Procedures Bylaw be given first reading.  
Carried

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**Bylaw 3-2021 Second Reading**

149/2021 Patrick Bellefleur: That Bylaw 3-2021 being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 2-2016 Council Procedures Bylaw be given second reading.

Carried

**Bylaw 3-2021 Three Readings**

150/2021 Claude Fafard: That Bylaw 3-2021 being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 2-2016 Council Procedures Bylaw be read three times at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously

**Bylaw 3-2021 Third Reading**

151/2021 Trevor Benson: That Bylaw 3-2021 being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 2-2016 Council Procedures Bylaw be given third and final reading.

Carried

**Summer Employee**

152/2021 Claude Fafard: That the RM expand the advertisement for summer employee to Sask Jobs in an effort to attract an applicant.

Carried

**Hamlet H2O Reports**

153/2021 Trevor Benson: That the RM accept as presented, the H2O reports for the hamlet of Scout Lake and St. Victor.

Carried

**Administration Holidays**

154/2021 Albert Lavallee: That council approves the administrator's holidays for July 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> inclusive.

Carried

**2021 Weed Management Plan**

155/2021 Denis Lesperance: That the RM approve the 2021 Invasive Species Weed Management Plan for submission to SARM as a requirement to be part of the Invasive Plant Control Program.

Carried

**Table New Business Item e) Fireworks**

156/2021 Claude Fafard: That the RM table New Business Item e) fireworks until the August meeting.

Carried

**No Smoking**

157/2021 Albert Lavallee: That all no smoking signs and policies be clearly posted and visible at all employee work locations.

Carried

**Declare RM Disaster Area Due to Drought**

158/2021 Denis Lesperance: Whereas, the RM of Willow Bunch No. 42 is suffering drought conditions due to significantly low moisture, extreme heat and strong winds; and Whereas, the drought conditions have resulted in an increase in grasshoppers and gophers; and Whereas, dugouts and other water sources are drying up and are unable to provide the necessary water for livestock and residents; and Whereas, all lands (pasture, hay and crop) are affected with no signs of immediate improvement; Now therefore be it resolved the R.M. of Willow Bunch No. 42 resolve that the said conditions constitute a disaster and declare a drought emergency.

Carried

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**Fire Ban at the JLLRP**

159/2021 Patrick Bellefleur: That administration and council endeavor to find out who is governing authority on issuing a fire ban within Regional Park boundaries, be it further resolved to find out who made the motion to remove the fire ban at the Jean Louis Legare Regional Park if not a decision made by the whole board.

Carried

Councillor Dale Berner left the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

**Correspondence**

160/2021 Patrick Bellefleur: That the following correspondence be approved as presented:

- a) RCMP Report
- b) CDO Report
- c) Dudley & Company LLP

Carried

**Accounts**

161/2021 Claude Fafard: That the accounts paid and presented for payment be approved and a list of the cheques #19706 to #19753 inclusive (\$94,949.00) and the June payroll in the amount of (\$32,097.29) and EFT payments (\$861.35) be annexed hereto and form a part of these minutes.

Carried

**Adjournment**

162/2021 Denis Lesperance: That this meeting adjourn (2:15 p.m.)

Carried

REEVE

ADMINISTRATOR

NEXT MEETING - August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021