

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Willow Bunch No. 42 held at the Municipal Office, #16 Edouard Beaupre St., Willow Bunch, Saskatchewan on Monday, January 9th, 2023

Present were: Denis Lesperance – Deputy Reeve, Administrator Sharleine Eger and the following councillors:

Division 2 – Albert Lavallee
Division 4 – Scott Kirby
Division 5 – Dale Berner (via Zoom)
Division 6 – Gilles Bissonnette

Regrets: Division 3 – Denis Bellefleur
Reeve Patrick Therrien

Presentation of Bond

01/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the presentation of the municipal fidelity bond in the amount of \$100,000 be acknowledged as presented.

Carried

Minutes

02/2023 Gilles Bissonnette: That the minutes of the December meeting of council be approved as amended to read, “That the RM approve an adjustment to salary with an increase...”

Carried

Committee Reports

03/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the following verbal committee reports be accepted as presented:

- a) Denis Lesperance: JLLRP - financials
- b) Albert Lavallee: Investigation – DC Strategic Management
- c) Denis Bellefleur: No Report
- d) Dale Berner: No Report
- e) Scott Kirby: No Report
- f) Gilles Bissonnette: No Report
- g) Pat Therrien: No Report

Carried

Authorize to Speak to SARM Lawyer

04/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM authorize councillor Albert Lavallee to speak with a SARM lawyer regarding the process & procedures following the investigation of claim of harassment as submitted by Administration.

Carried

Sabourin Gravel Agreement

05/2023 Scott Kirby: That council accept the recommended changes to the gravel agreement as submitted by Joe, Dolores and Celeste Sabourin and approve the document for signing.

Carried

Marshall Service - Saskatchewan

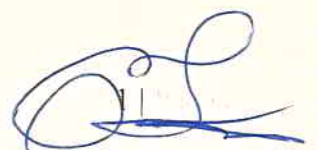
06/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the RM approve the draft letter, as prepared by admin, to the MLA for Wood River constituency, as per motion 221/2022.

Carried

St. Victor Water Rates

07/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the RM increase water rates to St. Victor by \$5/month effective January 2023 to cover the increasing costs associated with running a hygienic water system.

Carried



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Table Old Business Item d)

08/2023 Dale Berner: That the RM table discussion surrounding the claim of breach of privacy until the February 2023 meeting.
Carried

Table Old Business Item e)

09/2023 Gilles Bissonnette: That the RM table discussion and decision surrounding the declaration of fire service minimum standards until the February meeting.
Carried

Hamlet H2O Reports

10/2023 Gilles Bissonnette: That the RM accept as presented, the H2O reports for the hamlet of St. Victor.
Carried

Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant - Declaration of Eligibility

11/2023 Albert Lavallee: The Council of the RM of Willow Bunch No. 42 confirms the municipality meets the following eligibility requirements to receive the Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant:

- Submission of the 2021 Audited Financial Statement to the Ministry of Government Relations;
- The municipality runs a Municipal Waterworks System that is not subject to public reporting requirements;
- In Good Standing with respect to the reporting and remittance of Education Property taxes;
- Adoption of Council Procedures Bylaw;
- Adoption of an Employee Code of Conduct; and
- All members of council have filed and annually updated their Public Disclosure Statements, as required; and

That we authorize the Administrator to sign the Declaration of Eligibility and submit it to the Ministry of Government Relations.

Carried

Sask Lotteries Grant

12/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the RM approve and sign the Sask Lotteries grant to the Town of Willow Bunch, being a grant to provide programming for culture, recreation & sport. *DL*
Carried

2023 Appointments

13/2023 Scott Kirby: That the list for 2023 appointments attached hereto and forming part of these minutes, be approved.
Carried

Correspondence

14/2023 Gilles Bissonnette: That the following correspondence be approved as presented:

- a) SARM – Nomination Forms
- b) Norm Nordgulen – Letter of Intent
- c) Ray Orb – Letter of Intent
- d) Bill Huber – Letter of Intent
- e) SCMA – Meeting January 19th, 2023
- f) Open Forum Meeting – January 17th, 2023
- g) SGI – Approval for Project and Report Extension
- h) SARM – Annual Convention Information
- i) SAMA – AGM

Carried

Financials

15/2023 Dale Berner: That the Statement of Financial Activities and bank reconciliation for December 2022 be accepted as presented.

Carried



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DELEGATION: Michel Cayer – Foreman
Clear around Sabourin Pit (level), purchased grader blades for 2022 budget year
Still waiting on materials for water/sewer project from Sandale, will contact

Add to Accounts

16/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the invoice from DC Strategic Management for \$9,384.38 be added to the accounts.

Carried

Accounts

17/2023 Dale Berner: That the accounts paid and presented for payment be approved and a list of the cheques 20574 to 20635 inclusive totalling (\$147,918.92) and the December payroll (\$26,682.93) and EFT payments (\$55,676.45) be annexed hereto and form part of these minutes.

Carried

Adjournment

18/2023 Albert Lavallee: That this meeting adjourn (12:25 p.m.)

Carried

REEVE _____

ADMINISTRATOR _____

Next Meeting – February 15th, 2023