

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 Wednesday, February 15th, 2023

Present were: Reeve Patrick Therrien, Administrator Sharleine Eger Assistant, Administrator Tereena Bartlett and the following councillors:

- Division 1 – Denis Lesperance
- Division 2 – Albert Lavallee (via Zoom)
- Division 3 – Denis Bellefleur (via Facetime)
- Division 4 – Scott Kirby
- Division 5 – Dale Berner (via Zoom)
- Division 6 – Gilles Bissonnette

Minutes

19/2023 Denis Lesperance: That the minutes of the January meeting of council be approved.
Carried

Amend Motion 12/2023

20/2023 Albert Lavallee: That motion 12/2023 be amended by adding, “being a grant to provide programming for culture, recreation and sport.”
Carried

Financials

21/2023 Dale Berner: That the Statement of Financial Activities and bank reconciliation for January 2023 be accepted as presented.
Carried

Accounts

22/2023 Denis Lesperance: That the accounts paid and presented for payment be approved and a list of the cheques 20636 to 20706 inclusive totalling (\$313,727.16) and the January payroll (\$25,377.90) and EFT payments (\$99,664.91) be annexed hereto and form part of these minutes.
Carried

Pay Mileage

23/2023 Denis Lesperance: That the RM reimburse mileage expenses to Keith de Ronde for travel to and from Swift Current, for the presentation ceremony as a recipient to the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Medal.
Carried

Mileage First Responders

24/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM pay mileage expenses, as per RM policy to RM first responders responding to calls outside of the Town of Willow Bunch retroactive to January 1st, 2023.
Carried

Dale Berner left the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

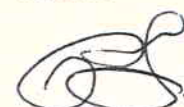
Water/Sewer Project Modifications

25/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the RM include in the water/sewer project the addition of installation of sewer line to the future water reservoir site, and the addition of hookups and valves to the big coulee (for future park expansion) and cabin coulee (for future development) at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

Patrick Therrien requested a recorded vote.

Scott Kirby:	FOR	Denis Lesperance:	FOR
Gilles Bissonnette:	FOR	Albert Lavallee:	FOR
Patrick Therrien:	FOR	Denis Bellefleur:	FOR

Carried

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Lobby for Future Funding

26/2023 Gilles Bissonnette: That Michel Cayer be authorized to lobby all federal and provincial sources, on behalf of the RM, for future funding to complete the water/sewer project.

Carried

DELEGATION: Joanne Kwasnicki – Division 2 Plant Health Officer
Canadian Agricultural Partnership Program

DELEGATION: Michel Cayer – Foreman

- Request Credit Card for purchases
- Shop lights to LED
- OH&S
- Sand

DELEGATION: Chad Nagel – Brandt Tractor – Grader Quote

DELEGATION: Chris Mansuy – John Deere – Mower/Tractor Quote

DELEGATION: Dion Hagen – Finning (CAT) – Grader Quote

Add Michel Cayer/Foreman as Additional Cardholder

27/2023 Albert Lavallee: That Michel Cayer be added as an additional card holder to the RM Credit Union Collabria Account.

Carried

Dale Berner left at 2:30 p.m.

Committee Reports

28/2023 Scott Kirby: That the following verbal committee reports be accepted as presented:

- a) Denis Lesperance: JLLRP – financials, OH&S Meeting
- b) Albert Lavallee: RCMP meeting
- c) Denis Bellefleur: No Report
- d) Dale Berner: No Report
- e) Scott Kirby: Willow Bunch & Rural Fire Department
- f) Gilles Bissonnette: No Report
- g) Pat Therrien: SARM Division 2 director - elections

Carried

Fire Service Minimum Standards Declaration of Service

29/2023 Albert Lavallee: That as per new Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency requirements for Fire Service, that, upon consultation with the Fire Chief and the Town of Willow Bunch, the RM make declaration of offensive service level with components of full service.

Carried

Dale Berner returned.

SMHI Voting Delegate

30/2023 Gilles Bissonnette: That Scott Kirby be appointed voting delegate for the 2023 Sask Municipal Hail Insurance AGM, at the 2023 SARM convention in Saskatoon.

Carried

Sask Power – Work Through Road Bans

31/2023 Denis Lesperance: That the RM approve Sask Power's request to work through road bans this spring provided they apply for proper permits prior to beginning and compensate the RM for the extra road repairs/damages that may occur.

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Breach of Privacy

32/2023 Dale Berner: That Scott Kirby be authorized as council representation to inquire with a SARM lawyer and provide a copy of the letter involved in the claim of breach of privacy.

Carried

Denis Bellefleur left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Letter of Apology

33/2023 Denis Lesperance: That the RM acknowledge and draft a letter to Tamara Therrien and that the letter be brought back to council for approval at the March regular council meeting.

Carried

Denis Lesperance left at 4:05 p.m.

Draft Agreement for Water Hookup

34/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the draft agreement between the RM and Dawn and Jeff Gold, for water hookup to RM infrastructure be approved and sent for signatures.

Carried

Hamlet H2O Reports

35/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the RM accept as presented, the H2O reports for the hamlet of Scout Lake.

Carried

Hamlet H2O Reports

36/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the RM accept as presented, the H2O reports for the hamlet of St. Victor.

Carried

Dale Berner left at 4 :30 p.m.

Correspondence

37/2023 Scott Kirby: That the following correspondence be approved as presented:

- a) RCMP
- b) SARM – Firearms
- c) Gravel Survey Results
- d) Letter of Intent – Tim Brodt for Division 2
- e) Letter of Intent – Cody Jordison for Division 2
- f) Letter of Intent – Susan Oakley-Paul for Division 2
- g) Clubroot Distribution Map 2022
- h) Thank you – Willow Bunch 150th Committee – Reimbursement of Seed Money
- i) Borderland Music Festival

Carried

Enter “In Camera” or “Closed Session”

38/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM enter in an “in camera” session at 4:45 pm to discuss issues as per Section 12.4 of the Council Procedures Bylaw and that those in attendance are Patrick Therrien, Albert Lavallee (via Zoom), Scott Kirby, Gilles Bissonnette, Sharleine Eger, Tereena Bartlett

Carried

Exit “In Camera” Closed Session

39/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM exit the “in camera” closed session at 4:50 p.m.

Carried

Pat Therrien steps down from Chair.



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Appoint Acting Reeve

40/2023 Scott Kirby: That in the absence of a deputy Reeve and the Reeve stepping down from the Chair to act as a delegation that Albert Lavallee be appointed acting chair.
Carried

DELEGATION: Patrick Therrien – Complaint of Breach of Code of Ethics Bylaw and Council Procedures Bylaw

Patrick Therrien resumes the Chair at 5:00 p.m.

Investigation – Breach of Bylaw 2-2022 and 2-2016

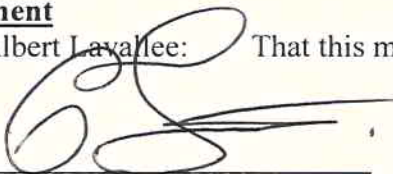
41/2023 Albert Lavallee: That Councillor Bissonnette and Councillor Kirby perform the internal investigation of breach of Council Code of Ethics and Council Procedures Bylaw as presented by Patrick Therrien.
Carried

Adjournment

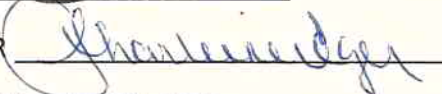
42/2023 Albert Lavallee: That this meeting adjourn (5:02 p.m.)

Carried

REEVE



ADMINISTRATOR



Next Meeting – March 13th, 2023