

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Willow Bunch No. 42 held at the Municipal Office, #16 Edouard Beupre St., Willow Bunch, Saskatchewan on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 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
- Division 3 – Denis Bellefleur
- Division 4 – Scott Kirby
- Division 5 – Dale Berner (via Zoom)
- Division 6 – Gilles Bissonnette

**Minutes**

52/2023 Scott Kirby: That the minutes of the March meeting of council be approved.  
Carried

**Committee Reports**

53/2023 Scott Kirby: That the following verbal committee reports be accepted as presented:

- a) Denis Lesperance: South Sask Ready/Yield Sign on Harptree Grid/Coloured Shale Route/Soft Spot on 705 grid
- b) Albert Lavallee: Park Road needs addressing/Church would like a couple buckets of dirt where tree was removed
- c) Denis Bellefleur: No Report
- d) Dale Berner: No Report
- e) Scott Kirby: Rockglen & District Fire Board  
SARM convention  
Gravel at Scout Lake around the mail boxes
- f) Gilles Bissonnette: St. Victor Park – road/hill is rutted and washboard  
Options for Fire Hydrant repair on corner of Main and Lalonde St.
- g) Pat Therrien: OH&S inspections – oil recycling – lights in the shop  
– Ford Truck (starter)

Carried

**Financials**

54/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the Statement of Financial Activities and bank reconciliation for March 2023 be accepted as presented.  
Carried

**Accounts**

55/2023 Denis Lesperance: That the accounts paid and presented for payment be approved and a list of the cheques 20749 to 20764 inclusive totalling (\$26,021.07) and the March payroll (\$21,232.70) and EFT payments (\$868.09) be annexed hereto and form part of these minutes.  
Carried

**Letter of Apology**

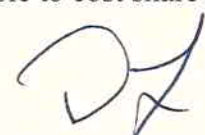
56/2023 Dale Berner: That council approve the draft letter of apology and instruct Administration to sign and send.

Patrick Therrien requested a recorded vote:

Dale Berner:	For	Patrick Therrien:	For
Scott Kirby:	For	Denis Lesperance:	For
Gilles Bissonnette:	For	Albert Lavallee :	For
		Denis Bellefleur :	Against
			Carried

**Motion to File Request**

57/2023 Scott Kirby: That the Admin file the request for acceptance of Standard Grade Crossing Agreement and that the RM should not be liable to cost share grade



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crossing maintenance and repairs as the municipal roads were in place before the rail line.

Carried

**Hamlet H2O Reports**

58/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the RM accept as presented, the H2O reports for the hamlet of St. Victor.

Carried

**Hamlet H2O Reports**

59/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM accept as presented, the H2O reports for the hamlet of Scout Lake.

Carried

**Tender – Air Compressor**

60/2023 Denis Lesperance: That the RM award the air compressor to the highest tender of \$410 including GST to Kurtis Bonneau.

Carried

**Health Care & Professional Recruitment & Retention**

61/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the RM send a letter to the HCPRR committee advising that the RM will be exercising a contribution holiday until such time that parameters around health care professional commitment and a formula for allocation of funds is made.

Carried

**Table Audited Financial Statement**

62/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM table discussion surrounding the Audited Financial Statements until the May meeting.

Carried

**DELEGATION:**

Michel Cayer – Foreman

- Water/Sewer Project Update
- Clutch pack for mower
- 140M – waiting on whether or not warranty
- Hotsy blew up
- Quotes for shop lights – Blacktop \$6800, Kimball \$9000
- Walking Trail
- Ford Truck – Starter, GMC Truck – new wiring

**Seasonal Employee**

63/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM hire Rene Boutin to fill the position of seasonal operator for the 2023 season at an hourly rate of \$27/hour which includes enrollment in the Municipal Employee Pension Plan and SARM benefits plan.

Carried

**Summer Employee**

64/2023 Denis Lesperance: That the RM hire Dante Crawford to fill the position of summer employee for the 2023 season at an hourly rate of \$22/hour.

Carried

**2023 Recreation Authority Appointments**

65/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM appoint Sharleine Eger, Tami Giraudier, Laura Montgomery to the Recreation Authority for 2023.

Carried

**Education Mill Rates**

66/2023 Denis Lesperance: That the RM acknowledge the 2023 Education Mill rates, as presented by the Ministry of Government Relations, as follows:

Agricultural Property	1.42 mills
Residential Property	4.54 mills





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Commercial Property 6.86 mills  
Resource (oil and gas, mines and pipelines) 9.88 mills

Carried

**Request to Exempt Assessment on Improvements**

67/2023 Albert Lavallee: That the RM send a response to Ted Lamb indicating that if the buildings are uninhabitable and unliveable that they must first be disposed of properly and then the RM will be able to consider the request.

Carried

**Table New Business Item j) Mower Purchase**

68/2023 Denis Lesperance: That discussion surrounding the purchase of a mower be tabled until the May meeting.

Carried

**Correspondence**

69/2023 Scott Kirby: That the following correspondence be approved as presented:

- a) RCMP
- b) Rockglen & District Fire Protection Minutes/Financials from Feb. 16/23
- c) Government of Saskatchewan – Response to Letter regarding Marshals Service
- d) SARM – Rural Government
- e) SARM – Cattlemen’s Association
- f) SARM – Lake Diefenbaker Irrigation Project
- g) SARM – Healthcare Improvements
- h) Jean Louis Legare Regional Park AGM
- i) South Saskatchewan Ready – Application Status
- j) SARM – Lieutenant Governor’s Award
- k) SARM – Response to Provincial Budget

Carried

**St. Victor Hall**

70/2023 Scott Kirby: That the RM lease the St. Victor hall to Sylvan Valley Regional Park for \$1.00/year.

Carried

**Adjournment**

71/2023 Denis Lesperance: That this meeting adjourn (3:35 p.m.)

Carried

REEVE

ADMINISTRATOR

Next Meeting – May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023