

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BLANSHARD

The minutes of the tenth regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blanshard held April 23rd, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the municipal office in Oak River.

PRESENT: REEVE: Brent Fortune
COUNCILLORS: Mark Gill, Jim Brown, Ewan Common, Gary Stewart
Walter Froese, Stephen Carter and Gary Stewart
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Diane Kuculym

Reeve Fortune presiding.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion : Ewan Common - Jim Brown
#109/13: That the agenda for April 23rd, 2013 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

MINUTES

Motion: R. G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#110/13: That the minutes of the ninth regular meeting held April 9th, 2013 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Waste Management Committee reported that the first container has been filled at the site and hauled away by Municipal Waste Management. Container weights will be kept separate for the different sites. The condition of the current site was discussed. Councillors Gill and Carter reported on the recycling seminar they attended in conjunction with the Municipal Official's Seminar in Brandon.

The Roads & Drainage Committee discussed the conditions of the roads and using the mulcher. A "four-pass" grading system was brought to their attention. Removing snow from machinery roads; gravel maps, brush cutting maps and weed control maps were also discussed.

Council members discussed the Municipal Official's Seminar they attended.

Reeve Fortune reported on the Midwest Emergency Measures Board meeting he attended in Hamiota.

Councillor Common reported on the Daly/Saskatchewan Recreation meeting he attended and changes that may occur in the district. Partners possibly leaving the district and the effects that it would have on the remaining members were discussed by Council.

The C.A.O. reported that a L.U.D. by-election was held on April 22nd, 2013 and that Marilyn Reid was elected as an L.U.D. of Oak River Committee member.

Councillor Brown reported that Clack's Museum board is to be having a meeting this week.

Councillor Carter reported on the policing meeting he attended.

Councillor Stewart reported on the meeting he attended in Brandon to discuss the details of the provincial budget that was announced on April 16th, 2013.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Audit proposals were reviewed by Council and discussed.

Motion : M. Gill - Jim Brown
#111/13: Whereas audit proposals for the years 2013 and 2014 were requested;
And whereas audit proposals have been received and reviewed;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agrees to appoint MNP LLP to provide audit services to the R. M. of Blanshard for 2013 and 2014.

CARRIED.

2. Fire truck proposals - A break-down of costs was received and reviewed by the Council. Procedures for borrowing money were brought to the attention of Council.

Motion : Jim Brown - Ewan Common
#112/13: Whereas the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard has received proposals for a new fire truck for the R. M. of Blanshard;
And whereas the cost for a new truck is approximately \$285,000. of which approximately \$150,000. will be taken from the fire reserve fund and council of the R. M. of Blanshard would have to borrow approximately \$135,000. for the purchase of a new fire truck;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard will consider the proposal to borrow \$135,000. at a public hearing to pay for the purchase of a new fire truck at their meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 7th, 2013.

CARRIED.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3. Municipal Rights-Of-Way Application - Revision for directional pushing requested by Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure.

Motion : Ewan Common - Walt Froese

#113/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard approve the revised "Municipal Rights of Way Application" form File #9097961-2013 to authorize MTS to directional push the new cable along PTH #24.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Waste management site - The C.A.O. reported that our engineer for the project was not able to attend this meeting but hopefully can attend the May 7th, 2013 meeting to discuss the work that has to be done to complete the project.
2. Oak River subdivision - Grant of easement with Manitoba Hydro was reviewed by Council. Some work was done on Hedley Street by the contractor and the town foreman is trying to keep the road in reasonable shape until the road work can be completed.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter

#114/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the Reeve and Deputy Reeve to sign the "Grant of Easement" between the R. M. of Blanshard and The Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board and MTS Inc. on all those portions of Lots 1 to 13, both inclusive and public reserve A Plan 36783 as outlined in File No. 2013-0214 to provide utility services to the Oak River (Hedley Street) subdivision.

CARRIED.

3. Amalgamation - a bulletin indicating that field consultants are available to help municipalities with the amalgamation process was brought to the attention of Council as well as a letter from the P.C. Local Government Critic MLA Blaine Pederson.
4. Property standards - Information received regarding the property standards by-law was reviewed with Council.

BY-LAWS

By-Law No. 2013-2 - 2013 Tax Levy By-Law was presented for reading.

Motion : G. Stewart - Walt Froese

#115/13: Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard give second reading to By-Law No. 2013-2, being the 2013 tax levy by-law.

CARRIED.

Motion : Ewan Common - M. Gill

#116/13: Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard give third reading to By-Law No. 2013-2, being the 2012 tax levy by-law and that it be signed by the Reeve and C.A.O., sealed with the Municipal Seal, and Delivered.

FOR: FORTUNE, GILL, BROWN, COMMON, FROESE, CARTER, STEWART

OPPOSED: NONE

CARRIED.

DELEGATES

1. Sid Lewis, weed supervisor, attended the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Areas that should be sprayed in the municipality for 2013 were discussed with the delegate. The new "Noxious Weed Act", the proposed pesticide ban, and spraying for the Department of Highways were also discussed.
2. Murray Newton, public works employee, attended the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Work to be done in the municipality this year was discussed with the delegate. The condition of the roads, road maintenance, gravelling, and machinery repairs were discussed. Council thanked the employee for the work he completed during the winter months.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gravel crushing for 2013.

Motion : Jim Brown - M. Gill

#117/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize F. Kozak & Sons Ltd. to crush 12,000. yards of gravel from the Krahn pit at a

cost of \$2.65 per yard.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Dust control program.

Motion : Stephen Carter - Walter Froese

#118/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to advertise indicating that the R. M. of Blanshard will accept requests for dust control in front of residences and/or established sites within the municipality on a pre-payment basis. Payments are to be made to the R. M. of Blanshard by May 31st, 2013 and will be accepted at the office in Oak River. Applicants will be charged approximately \$200.00 for a 12' x 300' strip. In the event of not sufficient requests for a truckload, payments will be refunded.

CARRIED.

3. Rivers and Strathclair Collegiates - Scholarships for 2013.

Motion : Walter Froese - Stephen Carter

#119/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby agree to donate \$50.00 to the Rivers Collegiate and \$50.00 to the Strathclair Collegiate to Senior 2 and 3 Students for awards of the school's choice.

CARRIED.

4. Hometown Green Team grant - Students to be hired.

Motion : Ewan Common - Jim Brown

#120/13: Be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the hiring of three students under the Hometown Green Team Program for 2013 at the rate of \$11.00 per hour.

CARRIED.

5. Blanshard Fire Department - Quotes received and reviewed for overalls and additional hoses.

Motion : Stephen Carter - Ewan Common

#121/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to purchase fire equipment from Rocky Mountain Phoenix as per the quotes received.

CARRIED.

6. Signs - Quotes for signs were reviewed.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter

#122/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to purchase signs from Airmaster Signs as per quote received.

CARRIED.

7. Ground Force Training - "Take Back Your Roads" course being offered.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter

#123/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to enrol Ben Oraschuk in the Ground Force training course to be held in Brandon in May.

CARRIED.

8. Agriculture in the Classroom - Request for membership.

Motion : M. Gill - Jim Brown

#124/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to pay the annual membership fee of \$150. to Agriculture in the Classroom.

CARRIED.

9. Daly-Saskatchewan Recreation District - A copy of the agreement for the district was reviewed.

10. Oak River Elementary School - A request for a tour of the water treatment plant and the recycling depot was brought to the attention of Council. Due to workplace, safety, and health concerns, it was decided that no tours of the waterplant should be allowed. Recycling personnel is to be

consulted regarding a tour of the recycling depot.

11. Sale of grizzly mower - A price of \$5,000. OBO is to be put on an ad on e-brandon to advertise the sale of the grizzly mowers.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was presented to Council for review:

1. Manitoba Water Services Board - Increase of CPI rate of 1.6% effective April 1st, 2013
2. A.M.M. - Municipal Leader; June district meetings; Service pins
3. Deputy Minister of Infrastructure - Final reports from the 2011 Flood Review Task Force
4. Parkland Regional Library - 2012 Annual Report
5. TransCanada - Information on Energy East Pipeline; Stakeholder engagement
6. Town of Rivers - Invitation to Rivers Centennial
7. MB Communities in Bloom - Community information
8. R.M. of Daly - Notice of Amended Planning Scheme
9. Province of Manitoba - Contribution agreement for Problem Beaver Mgmt program
10. Robert Sopuck - Information on Round five of P3 Funding (Public-Private Partnership)

ADVERTISING & NEWSLETTERS

1. Water Canada - "The Great Infra-Stretch"
2. Transport Canada - Transport Dangerous Goods Newsletter
3. Worker's Compensation Board - WCB Insider
4. Municipal World
5. Upword

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter

#125/13: Resolved that the report of the Finance Committee be received and approved and that General Pay List Cheques #5744 to #5768 and Payroll Cheques #50078 - #50081 amounting to \$69,016.97 and unpaid invoices amounting to \$5,686.91, having been certified by said Committee, be hereby passed for payment.

CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION - No notices were received.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter

#126/13: That the Council of the R.M. of Blanshard do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, May 7th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

TIME: 12:10 p.m.

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER