

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BLANSHARD

The minutes of the sixteenth regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blanshard held August 27th, 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, Walter Froese,
Stephen Carter, and Gary Stewart
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Diane Kuculym

Reeve Fortune presiding.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#209/13: That the agenda for August 27th, 2013 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

MINUTES

Motion : Jim Brown - Ewan Common
#210/13: That the minutes of the fifteenth regular meeting held on
Tuesday, August 13th, 2013 and the minutes of the fourth special
meeting held on Thursday, August 15th, 2013 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.

COMMITTEE

The Waste Management Committee reported that some clean-up work must be completed at the site. Demolition waste at the site was discussed.

The Roads & Drainage Committee reported on work that has to be done on some machinery roads. Brush control on machinery roads and costs to get a cat to make machinery roads wider was discussed. Depth of culverts on certain machinery roads was discussed.

The Personnel Committee made recommendations to council regarding cell phone reimbursement to a part-time employee. Hearing tests and probation periods were discussed.

Councillors Froese and Carter reported on the Midwest Weed Board meeting they attended.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Oak River subdivision - The C.A.O. informed council regarding costs to spray or work the subdivision. Council agreed that the area should be harrowed and kept mowed by the town foreman.
2. Waste Management Site - A bill from J & M Industries was reviewed with Council. A quote for welding an attachment onto the retaining wall is still being obtained.

Motion : M. Gill - Ewan Common
#211/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to pay the invoice from J & M Industries Ltd. to supply and install the necessary fencing required at the Blanshard Waste Management Site.
CARRIED.

3. Forced Amalgamation - A letter from the R. M. of Woodworth was reviewed by Council. Council agreed that someone should attend a meeting in Woodworth to discuss proposed amalgamation. The C.A.O. is to discuss the possibility of forming a committee to discuss proposed amalgamation with the R.M. of Saskatchewan and the Town of Rapid City. A resolution submitted to the A.M.M. was discussed and Council agreed that one resolution would be sufficient to be presented at the annual conference opposing forced amalgamation.
4. Former Cardale school - Costs to have a new meter placed in the recycling depot in Cardale and hydro into the storage shed were reviewed with Council. Eight tenders were received and reviewed for the demolition of the building. Councillor Mark Gill declared a "Disclosure of Interest" in the matter before council and withdrew from the meeting without participation in the matter under discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#212/13: Whereas tenders have been received to demolish the former Cardale School in the Hamlet of Cardale;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard accept the quote submitted from Gill Farms Ltd. to demolish the former Cardale School in the amount of \$29,500. plus G.S.T. as per tender specifications.

CARRIED.

5. Culvert replacement in Ward 3 - Information received from R. Pemkowski was reviewed with Council. Council indicated that a site inspection should be done on Sept. 3rd and tenders received by Sept. 10th and that Genivar would not be required to assist in the project.

Motion : G. Stewart - Ewan Common
#213/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to accept proposals to install a new multi-plate culvert and remove the existing culvert between 3 & 10-14-22W as per specifications outlined in the licensing permit.

CARRIED.

6. Oak River baseball team at Western Canadians.

Motion : G. Stewart - Walter Froese
#214/13: Whereas Chase Anderson was chosen to represent Manitoba in the Bantam AA on the Oak River Dodgers team;
And whereas it was brought to the attention of Council that he is currently residing in the municipality;
And whereas Council has a policy to donate to Blanshard athletes attending sporting events outside of the province of Manitoba;
Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard donate \$125. to Chase Anderson to reimburse him with expenses incurred to go to Saskatchewan.

CARRIED.

7. Surveying of back lane - Information received from Prairie Benchmark was discussed with Council.
8. Roadside mowing policy - a draft roadside mowing policy was reviewed with Council and some changes are to be made.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Cell phone reimbursement.

Motion : Jim Brown - M. Gill
#215/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to reimburse the water plant supervisor on a monthly basis for using their personal cell phones while working at the Oak River water treatment plant as per the recommendations received from the personnel committee.

CARRIED.

2. Gravel crushing and stockpiling gravel. Two quotes were received for crushing gravel. Councillor Mark Gill declared a "Disclosure of Interest" in the matter before council and withdrew from the meeting without participation in the matter under discussion.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#216/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard accept the quote received from F. Kozak & Sons Ltd. to crush 10,000 yards of gravel from the McIntryre Pit at a cost of \$2.75 yd³.

CARRIED.

Motion : Ewan Common - Jim Brown
#217/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to accept tenders to load, haul, and stockpile 4500 yards of crushed gravel on the roal allowance on the SE ¼ of 35-15-22W.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Road reconstruction for 2013 - Four tenders were received and reviewed. Councillor Mark Gill and Councillor Gary Stewart declared a "Disclosure of Interest" in the matter before council and withdrew from the meeting without participation in the matter under discussion.

Motion : Ewan Common - Jim Brown
#218/13: Whereas tenders have been received to repair the road between 10 & 15-14-22 WPM;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard accept the tender of Clint Moffat & Sons Ltd. for the amount of \$18,030. plus GST.

CARRIED.

Motion : Stephen Carter - Walt Froese
#219/13: Whereas tenders have been received to repair the road between 30 & 31-15-22 WPM;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard accept the tender of Gill Farms Ltd. for the amount of \$28,500. plus GST.

CARRIED.

4. Property owned by municipality in Oak River.

Motion : G. Stewart - J. Brown
#220/13: Whereas interest has been received from Gene King for Roll #44200 being Lot 7 Plan 4831 as shown as plan 5243 in the Village of Oak River;
And whereas the R. M. of Blanshard may develop a walkway on the property in the future;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agrees to offer for sale Roll #44200 being Lot 7; Plan 4831 as shown as plan 5243 in the Village of Oak River to Gene King for the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) with the following conditions;

- 1) That the purchaser is responsible for all legal and transfer costs;
- 2) That the transfer is completed by December 31st, 2013
- 3) That the purchaser is responsible for taxes from the date the property is transferred
- 4) That the purchaser ensures that the necessary development/building permits be obtained before building or moving buildings on the property
- 5) That the purchaser agrees that the municipality can place a grant of easement on the north twelve (12) feet of the property so that a walkway/pathway can be developed in the future, if required.

CARRIED.

5. Car wash - Quote for new coin acceptor.

Motion : G. Stewart - Walt Froese
#221/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to purchase a new coin acceptor from Pumps and Pressure in Brandon as per quote received.

CARRIED.

6. Ratepayer's concerns - the speed of traffic on Road 87N on the east side of the municipality; pulling off and stopping when meeting emergency vehicles on gravel roads; and damage done to a road surface with a quad were brought to the attention of Council. A property owner is to be contacted regarding the damage done.

7. A.M.M. - Membership dues for 2013-2014 were discussed. The benefits of belonging to the association were discussed.

Motion : Ewan Common - Jim Brown
#222/13: Resolved that the council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to pay the 2013-2014 membership dues to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities in the amount of \$1,672.74 plus GST.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Manitoba Municipal User Group - Training and AGM.

Motion : Stephen Carter - Ewan Common

#223/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. and the Assistant C.A.O. to attend the Manitoba Municipal User Group A.G.M. and conference to be held in Portage on October 3rd and 4th, 2013 and that the Blanshard municipal office be closed on those two days.

CARRIED.

9. M.M.A.A. - Fall district meeting to be held on Sept. 18th, 2013.

Motion : Jim Brown - Ewan Common

#224/13: Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. and assistant C.A.O. to attend the fall district meeting of the Manitoba Municipal Administrator's Association on Wed. Sept. 18th, 2013 in Shoal Lake and that the office be closed on that day.

CARRIED.

10. Road side mowing on provincial highways.

Motion : M. Gill - Jim Brown

#225/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard urge the Department of Infrastructure and Transportation to re-implement the two phases of roadside mowing on provincial highways and ask the A.M.M. to continue to lobby for this program.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was brought to the attention of Council:

1. Minister of Local Government - 2013 General Assistance Grant received.
2. Little Saskatchewan Conservation District - Broughton's Creek watershed information. Well water testing day Aug. 12th, 2013. Samples were sent from three municipal wells.
3. MTCML - municipal insurance refund received \$7,939.51. Noted.
4. MB Conservation & Water Stewardship - Signed copy of licence for NW 10-15-21WPM. Noted.
5. A.M.M. - 2013 AMM Honourary Life Membership award. A. Coulson has been chosen as this year's recipient.
6. MNP - Financial Report and Audit Findings Report for the R.M. of Blanshard for 2012. Noted.
7. Minister of Local Government - 2013 federal gas tax funding received.
8. Midwest Weed Control District - Official notice to destroy weeds.
9. Midwest Planning District - Copy of building permits received.
10. RhinoSnot - Environmentally friendly, cost competitive, road surfacing solutions. Noted.
11. Family Services & Labour - Response to request for operating grant funding for day care facility in Oak River. Noted.
12. Province of Manitoba - Gravel road initiative grant received.
13. Yellowhead Regional Employment Skills and Services - Request for funding. Tabled until next meeting.
14. Public Utilities Board - Receipt of application for utility deficit for 2012. Noted.
15. All Terrain Vehicle Association of Manitoba Inc. - ATV management plan.
16. Environmental Health - West Nile Virus Brochures and Posters
17. Probe Research Inc. - Survey can be done to gauge public input on amalgamation.
18. Thank you - Braeden Heapy
19. Red River College - Water & Wastewater refresher courses
20. MNP - Midwest Planning District financial statements
21. Municipality of Shoal Lake - Notice of Public Hearing to amend zoning by-law
22. MWWWA - Annual conference and trade show
23. Horizon Lab - Water samples from municipal wells passed.
24. ATAP Infrastructure Management Ltd. - Training for water and wastewater staff
25. FAHR Group - Community Planner/Land Manager

MAGAZINES & ADVERTISING

1. Municipal World
2. Brandt - Brandt Tractor Ltd. has purchased Wallace Equipment Ltd.
3. Manitoba Association of Resource Recovery - 2012 Annual Report
4. Manitoba Pork
5. Falcon - Equipment for sale

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

Motion : Walt Froese - Ewan Common

#226/13: Resolved that the report of the Finance Committee be received and approved and that General Pay List Cheques #5970 to #6003 and Payroll Cheques #50174 - #50183 inclusive, amounting to \$160,995.16 and unpaid invoices amounting to \$14,792.30, 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

#227/13: That the Council of the R.M. of Blanshard do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, September 10th, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

TIME: 1:35 p.m.

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER