

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BLANSHARD

The minutes of the fourth regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blanshard held Tuesday, January 8th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the municipal office in Oak River.

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

Reeve Brent Fortune presiding.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Stephen Carter - Walter Froese
1/13: That the agenda for January 8th, 2013 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

MINUTES

Motion: Walter Froese - Ewan Common
2/13: That the minutes of the third regular meeting held December 20th, 2012 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Building and Machinery Committee informed Council of information received on preliminary work that would have to be done if a new municipal shed was to be built in the municipality. Spare tires for the graders were discussed and the C.A.O. was instructed to obtain costs to trade in our existing spare rims/tires for new rims/tires.

The Personnel Committee informed Council of requests for employee holidays and the relief operator's position.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Ratepayer's request that shelterbelt distance be varied - The C.A.O. informed Council that variations for a shelterbelt would have to go through the Midwest Planning District as shelterbelts are included in the zoning by-law.
2. Fire truck - Draft specs were received and reviewed by Council. The C.A.O. is to obtain further information regarding tendering for a new fire truck.
3. Forced amalgamation - Draft letters for ratepayers to sign went out on January 3rd, 2013. Municipal amalgamation bulletin #2013-1 indicating that municipalities are required to provide a preliminary indication of amalgamation partner or partners by January 31st, 2013 was reviewed by Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Waste management site - No work will be done at the site until just before the dumpster(s) arrives at the transfer station.
2. Oak River Subdivision - The agreement was signed with Manitoba Hydro and guidelines for developers were received.
3. Satellite day care facility in the Oak River school - Reeve Fortune informed Council regarding the meeting held between Rolling River School representatives; a day care representative; and himself and the C.A.O. of the municipality. Costs for renovations to be done to the school to get it up to code were reviewed and long term ownership were discussed. This matter is to be discussed with the Blanshard CDC.
4. Disaster financial assistance - Information on Site #18 was received from Armtec and sent to Disaster Financial Assistance for review.

BY-LAWS

By-Law #2013-1, being a borrowing by-law, was presented to Council for readings.

Motion: Ewan Common - M. Gill
3/13: Be it resolved that By-Law No. 2013-1, being a borrowing by-law, pass first and second reading.
CARRIED.

1. Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Membership for 2013-2014.

Motion: Walter Froese - Ewan Common

4/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to become members of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and authorize the C.A.O. to pay the membership fee for 2013 - 2014 in the amount of \$170.54.

CARRIED.

2. Manitoba Good Roads Association - Membership for 2013.

Motion: Ewan Common - M. Gill

5/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to retain their membership in the Manitoba Good Roads Association for 2013.

CARRIED.

3. Solicitor for the municipality for 2013.

Motion: Walter Froese - Stephen Carter

6/13: Whereas the Council is in need of legal advice from time to time; Be it resolved that the R. M. of Blanshard is in favour of retaining Meighen, Haddad, & Co. from Hamiota as our solicitor.

CARRIED.

4. School levies for January to be paid.

Motion: Stephen Carter - M. Gill

7/13: Be it resolved that the C.A.O. be hereby authorized to pay the percentage due on January 31st, 2013 for the 2012 school levies. The amounts due are:

The Public Schools Finance Board	\$24,914.31
Parkwest School Division	\$ 5,586.20
The Rolling River School Division	\$53,882.14

CARRIED.

5. Transportation and Government Services - An inquiry if Blanshard has any projects under the Grant-in-Aid program was reviewed with Council. No project was identified for 2013.

6. Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame - 2013 membership.

Motion: Ewan Common - M. Gill

8/13: Be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard is in favour of renewing their membership in the Agricultural Hall of Fame for 2013 for a cost of \$250.

CARRIED.

7. South Central Mutual Aid - 2013 membership fees.

Motion: Walter Froese - Ewan Common

9/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby agree to pay the 2013 membership dues to the South Central Mutual Aid District in the amount of \$175.00.

CARRIED.

8. Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs - 2013 membership fees.

Motion: Stephen Carter - Walter Froese

#10/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby authorize the C.A.O. to pay the membership fees to the Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs.

CARRIED.

9. Manitoba Crime Stoppers - Request for grant.

Motion: M. Gill - Stephen Carter

#11/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby agree to pay Manitoba Crime Stoppers 10 cents per capita in 2013 as an investment in safeguarding the continued high quality of life that rural Manitobans enjoy.

CARRIED.

10. Rolling River Festival of the Arts - Request for grant for 2013.

Motion: Walter Froese - Ewan Common

#12/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby agree to

grant \$50.00 to the 2013 Rolling River Festival of the Arts to be held in Rivers from March 11th - 21st, 2013.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Office closure due to staff holidays.

Motion : Stephen Carter - Ewan Common

#13/13 : That the R. M. of Blanshard approve holidays requested by the C.A.O. and authorize that the municipal office be closed from Monday, January 21st to Monday, January 28th, 2013, both inclusive.

CARRIED.

12. KidSport - Request for donation.

Motion : Stephen Carter - Walter Froese

#14/13 : That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to grant \$150. to Sport Manitoba - Westman Region KidSport Trust Fund for 2013.

CARRIED.

13. Draft tendering policies were reviewed with Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was presented to Council:

1. Southwest Regional Development - Call for Nominations and SRCD Newsletter. Noted.
2. Assessment Services - Assessment changes relating to a change in ownership noted.
3. Hudson Bay Route Association - Request for support for our prairie port. Noted.
4. Minister of Agriculture, Food, & Rural Initiatives - Response to letter regarding technical enhancement grants for Veterinary Services District received.
5. Manitoba Water Stewardship - Signed copy of Licence No. 12-WCW-3920 received.
6. R.C.M.P. - "D" Division 2011/2012 Year in Review received.
7. Olds College Broncos Curling team - Request for donation. Noted.
8. L.S.R.C.D. - Proposed budget for 2013/2014 program year. Noted.

ADVERTISING & Newsletters

1. Magazines received

NOTICE OF MOTION - No notices were received.

ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Motion: Walter Froese - Ewan Common

#15/13: Resolved that the report of the Finance Committee be received and approved and that General Pay List Cheques #5532 - #5580 amounting to \$300,267.14 and unpaid invoices amounting to \$26,130.49, having been certified by said Committee, be hereby passed for payment.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Stephen Carter - M. Gill

#16/13: That the Council of the RM. of Blanshard do now adjourn to meet again on Friday, January 18th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER