

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BLANSHARD

The minutes of the seventh regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blanshard held March 5th, 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 (until 11:20 a.m.), Ewan Common,  
Walter Froese, Stephen Carter and Gary Stewart  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Diane Kuculym

Reeve Fortune presiding.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion: Jim Brown - Ewan Common  
#54/13: That the agenda for March 5th, 2013 be adopted as presented.  
CARRIED.

**MINUTES**

Motion: Stephen Carter - Walter Froese  
#55/13: That the minutes of the sixth regular meeting held February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and the minutes of the first special meeting held February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 be adopted as circulated.  
CARRIED.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Roads and Drainage Committee informed Council that the beaver dam which was causing damage to municipal infrastructure was removed in Ward 1 on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Pipeline representatives were in attendance to oversee the work which was located close to the pipelines.

The Building Committee indicated that the car wash part was received on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> and it is now working. Concerns with the door were brought to the attention of Council.

The Waste Management Committee reported that two containers were delivered to the waste management site on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013. A chain was put up on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

The Personnel Committee reported that the new administrative assistant will be starting on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

The C.A.O. updated Council on the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 CDC meeting and the Midwest Weed Board meeting. A L.U.D. Committee member resigned and a request for nominations will be going out shortly.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Subdivision - A quote for trees to be planted in the public reserve north of the Oak River subdivision was received and reviewed by Council. The Department of Highways is to be contacted regarding any necessary permits. Costs incurred for the subdivision to date were reviewed with Council.
2. Fire truck - Information received from another municipality that purchased a fire truck in 2011 was reviewed.

Motion : G. Stewart - Jim Brown  
#56/13 : That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to send out "Request for Quotations" for a new fire truck for the R. M. of Blanshard as per specifications received from the fire department.  
CARRIED.

3. Municipal garage - Information received from the Strathclair Co-op was reviewed by Council. This information will be taken into consideration during the 2013 budget deliberations.

**DELEGATES**

1. Reg Moffatt from Moffatt's Construction attended the meeting at 11:00 a.m. He informed Council that he was getting out of the municipal gravel hauling business but would be able to haul in the top two wards from the stockpile located in Ward 6. He thanked Council for the business he has received in the many years he has worked for the municipality. Purchasing gravel from the McIntyre Pit was discussed with the delegate.

**DELEGATES**

2. Richard Heapy attended the meeting to inform Council of the Riverdale Hospital Committee meeting he attended in Rivers. He informed Council that money was placed in a health care reserve fund for the construction of a new hospital in Rivers approximately 13 years ago. A new hospital for Rivers is not scheduled and the committee would like to use some of the money that was put in the reserve to complete renovations to the existing structure, if the project proceeds.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Public works employee - resignation received.

Motion : Ewan Common - Walter Froese  
#57/13 : That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard accept, with regret, the resignation of David Bullock;  
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard advertise for a full-time public works employee (grader operator) for the R. M. of Blanshard with applications closing on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

CARRIED.

2. Western Financial - Insurance premium for 2013.

Motion : Jim Brown - M. Gill  
#58/13 : Be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to pay the 2013 - 14 renewal premium from the Municipalities Trading Company of Manitoba Ltd.

CARRIED.

3. A.M.M. - 2013 Municipal Officials Seminar to be held in Brandon.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter  
#59/13 : Be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the Reeve, Council, and C.A.O. to attend the municipal official's seminar to be held in Brandon on April 10th and 11th, 2013.

CARRIED.

Motion : Ewan Common - Jim Brown  
#60/13 : That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorizes public work employees to attend the trade show held in conjunction with the municipal official's seminar in Brandon, weather pending.

CARRIED.

4. Manitoba Municipal Administrators' Association - M.M.A.A. Annual Conference.

Motion : Stephen Carter - Walter Froese  
#61/13 : Be it resolved that the Chief Administrative Officer and the assistant be authorized to attend the Manitoba Municipal Administrator's Annual Convention in Brandon on April 28th - May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, all inclusive. The delegate registration fees as well as meals, accommodation, and travelling expenses are to be reimbursed by the municipality. The office is to be closed during this time.

CARRIED.

5. Best home grounds competition for 2013.

Motion : Ewan Common - Walt Froese  
#62/13 : That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby agree to donate first and second prize for the Best Home Grounds - Country and Town, contest for 2013.

CARRIED.

6. Fire Chiefs Conference in Virden.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter  
#63/13 : That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the fire chief to attend the Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs Conference and Annual General Meeting to be held in Virden from June 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Registration fees, mileage, and out of pocket expenses are

to be reimbursed by the R. M. of Blanshard.

CARRIED.

#### NEW BUSINESS

7. Little Saskatchewan River Conservation District - 2013 levy.

Motion : Ewan Common - Jim Brown  
#64/13 : Be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby authorize the C.A.O. to pay 50% of the 2013 levy (\$7,546.26) or \$3,773.13 to the Little Saskatchewan River Conservation District on April 1<sup>st</sup> and the balance on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

CARRIED.

8. Midwest Weed Board - 2013 levy.

Motion : Ewan Common - Jim Brown  
#65/13 : That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby agree to pay 50% of the 2013 levy in the amount of \$5,750. To the Midwest Weed Control District board and the balance when it is due.

CARRIED.

9. Financial Plan hearing.

Motion : Ewan Common - Stephen Carter  
#66/13 : That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to have a public meeting to review the 2013 Financial Plan on Tuesday, April 9th, 2013 in the Council Chambers of the R. M. of Blanshard in Oak River.

CARRIED.

10. MTS - Municipal Rights-of-Way notification.

Motion : Stephen Carter - Walter Froese  
#67/13 : That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard approve the application by MTS to install a new cable in the existing conduit on easement in W 16-14-22 WP, adjacent to Bankburn Road, as per file #P:90660/9097309.

CARRIED.

11. Gravelling for 2013.

Motion : G. Stewart - Walter Froese  
#68/13 : Whereas the R. M. of Blanshard have a stockpile of gravel in Ward 6 in the municipality;  
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to contract Moffatt's Construction to haul gravel in the top two wards of the municipality including PR #355 as per the quote received.

CARRIED.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter  
#69/13 : That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to request tenders to haul gravel on certain municipal roads in Townships 13 and 14 (Wards 1 - 4) in Blanshard between May 1<sup>st</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

CARRIED.

12. Request for portion of health care reserve funds.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter  
#70/13 ; Whereas the R.M. of Blanshard set up a health care reserve fund in 2001;  
And whereas improvements are requested to be done to the Rivers hospital;  
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard are in favour of forwarding \$22,500. from the Health Care Reserve Fund for improvements to the Rivers hospital subject to the project proceeding.

CARRIED.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was presented to Council for review:

1. Manitoba Hydro - A bill for property damaged was reviewed by Council and is to be paid.
2. Safety Services Manitoba - Online learning
3. Airmaster Signs - Catalogue received
4. Community and Regional Planning - Copy of letter to subdivision applicant
5. Conservation and Water Stewardship - Info from officer noted
6. Assessment Services - 2013 Statutory Assessment Levy
7. MNP - Services for Municipalities
8. Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship - Contribution agreement for problem beaver was reviewed. More information is to be obtained.

**ADVERTISING & Newsletters**

1. Manitoba Hydro - News Release
2. Little Tikes Catalogues
3. Playworld Systems Catalogues
4. Municipal World

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The 2012 financial statement was reviewed with Council.

**ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES**

Motion: G. Stewart - Stephen Carter

#71/13: Resolved that the report of the Finance Committee be received and approved and that General Pay List Cheques #5655 to #5694 and Payroll Cheques #50030 - #50053 amounting to \$62,953.08 and unpaid invoices amounting to \$13,450.29, having been certified by said Committee, be hereby passed for payment.

CARRIED.

**NOTICE OF MOTION** - No notices were received.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Ewan Common - M. Gill

#72/13: That the Council of the R.M. of Blanshard do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, March 26th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

TIME: 12:05 p.m.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER