

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BLANSHARD

The minutes of the first regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blanshard held Tuesday, November 5th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the municipal office in Oak River. The C.A.O. informed Council regarding the annual statement of assets and interests letter that must be completed by November 30th, 2013.

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

Reeve Brent Fortune presiding.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion : Stephen Carter - Ewan Common
#268/13: That the agenda for November 5th, 2013 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

ORGANIZATION

Motion : G. Stewart - Jim Brown
#269/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard hold regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month and on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. Any special meetings to be at the call of the chair as specified in *The Municipal Act*.

CARRIED.

Motion : Stephen Carter - G. Stewart
#270/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby appoint Jim Brown as the Deputy-Reeve of the R. M. of Blanshard for the 2013-2014 term.

CARRIED.

Motion : G. Stewart - E. Common
#271/13: That the following committees be appointed for 2013-2014 and that the first name mentioned by the Chairman of the Committee:

DEPUTY REEVE - Jim Brown
FINANCE - Brent Fortune, Jim Brown, Gary Stewart
MACHINERY & BUILDINGS
- Cardale - Stephen Carter, Ewan Common
- Oak River - Mark Gill, Walter Froese
ROADS & DRAINAGE - Gary Stewart, Jim Brown, Ewan Common
WEEDS & AGRICULTURE - Walter Froese, Stephen Carter
VETERINARY - Minnedosa -Ewan Common
Shoal Lake - Brent Fortune
WASTE MGMT/RECYCLING - Mark Gill, Walter Froese, Stephen Carter
Civil Defence & EMO - Hamiota- Gary Stewart, Brent Fortune
- Rivers - Mark Gill, Stephen Carter
ROLLINGDALE WORKSHOP - Roy Greer
OAK RIVER UTILITY - Jim Brown
ECONOMIC/REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - Jim Brown
RURAL WATER PIPELINE - Mark Gill
NEWDALE HALL - Brent Fortune

CARRIED.

MINUTES

Motion : G. Stewart - Jim Brown

#272/13: That the minutes of the eighteenth regular meeting held on October 22nd, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Waste Management Committee reported that recyclables were hauled out of Oak River last week. A representative from Armtec is to come out this week to view the guardrails and hopefully make recommendations as to how they can be improved.

The roads & drainage committee reported that some beaver dams have been removed. Areas where beaver dams still need to be removed before winter were brought to the attention of Council. Concerns with proposed drainage in an adjacent municipality that may affect Blanshard's infrastructure was brought to the C.A.O.'s attention during tax time and Council will discuss this with Hamiota Council members.

The Personnel Committee reported on the meeting that was held on October 22nd, 2013.

The Building Committee reviewed the surveyed back road and will obtain more information in regards to a proposed new municipal shed.

Councillor Brown and Councillor Common reported on the recreation committee meetings they attended.

Reeve Fortune reported on the vet board meeting he attended in Shoal Lake.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Multi-plate culvert replacement - The contractor indicated that he wished to complete the project this fall. The project will be started immediately and Road 79N (the waste management site road) from PR #354 to 126W will be closed for approximately two weeks. Local traffic only will be able to access the waste management site from the east during this time.
2. Joint meeting to be held in Hamiota on Nov. 7th, 2013 - Three council members and the C.A.O. will be attending the meeting.
3. EMO for Blanshard - A job description for a municipal EMO was discussed but due to forced amalgamation many questions arise regarding the position.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Waste management site - A report from the environment officer was reviewed with council. A cover needs to be purchased for a monitoring well and padlocks purchased.
2. Oak River Subdivision - The costs incurred for the subdivision were reviewed with Council.
3. Property standards - Concerns received from a ratepayer regarding the municipal property standards by-law were brought to the attention of Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#273/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to write a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs indicating the progress that the municipality is making in regards to an amalgamation plan with the R. M. of Saskatchewan and the Town of Rapid City and seek clarification as to the reason why the October 31st, 2013 letter was sent to the municipalities who were progressing with their plans.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment to school divisions and to the Minister of Finance for statutory levy.

Motion : Jim Brown - Stephen Carter
#274/13: That the Chief Administrative Officer be hereby authorized to pay the percentage due on November 30th, 2013 for the 2013 school tax levies. The amounts due are:

Public Schools Finance Board	\$295,248.68
Parkwest School Division	\$ 71,898.42
Rolling River School Division	\$666,592.32

CARRIED.

Motion : Stephen Carter - Ewan Common
#275/13: That the C.A.O. be authorized to pay the 2013 Minister's authorized statutory levy in the amount of \$24,041. on November 30th, 2013.

CARRIED.

2. Payment of levy to the Newdale Hall Committee; Strathclair fire levy and the Harrison fire levy.

Motion : G. Stewart - Ewan Common
#276/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to pay the 2013 levy to the Agricultural & Community District of Newdale (Newdale Hall Committee) in the amount of \$1,234.08.

CARRIED.

Motion : Ewan Common - Jim Brown
#277/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to pay the annual levy to the R. M. of Strathclair for fire protection provided to certain areas in the R. M. of Blanshard.

CARRIED.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#278/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to pay the annual levy to the R. M. of Harrison for fire protection provided to certain areas in the R. M. of Blanshard.

CARRIED.

infrastructure;

Be it resolved that the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to implement a circulation and comment framework for all Water Rights Licenses that have the potential to impact municipal drains and infrastructure.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

4. R. M. of Piney - Support for a "Port in the Storm Inc.".

Motion : Ewan Common - Jim Brown

#280/13: Whereas "A Port in the Storm Inc." is an organization that is raising funds for a home-like, affordable residence for patients from rural and northern Manitoba to stay while they receive treatments for cancer and other serious illnesses in Winnipeg;

And Whereas the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard acknowledges the benefit that residents will receive having an affordable, comfortable place to stay rather than having to stay in a hotel or motel;

And Whereas "A Port in the Storm Inc." provides a valuable service for rural Manitobans;

Therefore be it resolved that the R. M. of Blanshard lobby the Provincial Government to support this very important project that will benefit a large portion of the Province's population.

CARRIED.

5. Public works employee - probation period completed.

Motion : G. Stewart - M. Gill

#281/13: Whereas public works employee, Ben Oraschuk, has completed his six month probation period for the R. M. of Blanshard;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation for a wage increase of \$1.00 (one dollar) per hour as at November 1st, 2013 and authorize him to become enrolled in the Manitoba Municipal Employees Benefit program and the health and dental program offered by the municipality.

CARRIED.

6. Request for permission for wind break in municipal ditch.

Motion : G. Stewart - M. Gill

#282/13: Whereas Keith McKinnon requested permission to put up snow fence on the back slope of the ditch across from his residence;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard allow K. McKinnon to place snow fence on the municipal road allowance, at his expense, on the condition that it be removed by him if it causes any snow build-up concerns.

CARRIED.

7. Request for additional approaches.

Motion : Jim Brown - M. Gill

#283/13: That the R. M. of Blanshard authorizes Darran Paddock to build an additional approach between the SW & Se ¼

payroll cheques through the Vanguard Credit Union;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of
Blanshard authorize Diane Kuculym to manage Payroll CAFT
system with Kristina Walker as a back-up personnel as per
the
Vanguard CU Payroll CAFT system requirements.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Office closed on Nov. 8th, 2013. Council agreed that the office could be closed on Friday, Nov. 8th, 2013.
10. Snow blower for the Kubota tractor - A quote for a snowblower for the tractor was reviewed. More information is to be obtained.
11. Cemetery inquiry - A project being completed by the R.C.M.P. was brought to the attention of Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was brought to the attention of Council:

1. Municipal Government - 2014 Final Assessment Roll received
2. Red River College - Manitoba Water & Wastewater School - 2014; continuing education courses available
3. Toromont Cat - Thank you for patronage and continued support
4. Federation of Canadian Municipalities - 2014-2015 membership
5. Veterinary Services Commission Board - Meeting to be held Nov. 26, 2013
6. Mid-West Planning District - Property standards inspections
7. Contec Projects Limited - Fall maintenance report
8. Rolling River School Division - 2013-2014 bus routes
9. Parkwest School Division - 2013-2014 bus routes
10. Manitoba Agriculture Hall of Fame - membership for 2014
11. Federation of Canadian Municipalities - 2014-2015 membership
12. MTCML - Rebate to municipality for 2012/2013 in the amount of \$1,297.32
13. Westcon - Invitation
14. A.M.M. - Convention handbook
15. R. M. of Miniota - Thank you

ADVERTISING & Newsletters

1. Handy Hitch Manufacturing
2. Turf & Recreation
3. Infrastructure
4. Breakout

NOTICE OF MOTION - No notice to rescind a motion was received.

ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#286/13: Resolved that the Report of the Finance Committee be received and approved and that General Paylist Cheques #6088 to #6137 and Payroll Cheques #50232 - #50246. inclusive. amounting to

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER