

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BLANSHARD

The minutes of the eighteenth regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blanshard held October 22nd, 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,
Stephen Carter, and Gary Stewart
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Diane Kuculym
ABSENT : COUNCILLOR: Jim Brown

Reeve Fortune presiding.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#251/13: That the agenda for October 22nd, 2013 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

MINUTES

Motion : Ewan Common - G. Stewart
#252/13: That the minutes of the seventeenth regular meeting held on
September 24th, 2013 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.

COMMITTEE

The Roads & Drainage Committee reported on the road inspection that they completed on September 30th, 2013. Work to be done on certain roads was discussed with Council. Beaver dams that need to be removed were discussed.

The machinery committee discussed adjustments that could be made to the one-way ploughs before winter.

The personnel committee reported that they will have a meeting with a public works employee whose probation is up shortly. Utility training was completed by two employees.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Culvert replacement in Ward 3 - No new information has been received regarding the installation.
2. Widening of machinery roads - Getting a cat to widen machinery roads or getting Eye Level Contracting to trim a few trees back was discussed.
3. Wash out at culvert - Lambs' Construction Ltd. viewed the project and a quote was received.
4. Municipal Road Improvement Program - Written notification must be given by March 1st, 2014 if the project is not completed by that time. Obtaining material for the project was discussed.
5. Surveying - Survey was completed on the south side of Oak River.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Waste Management Site - A representative from Armtec will inspect the guard rails when he is out for a pre-construction meeting for the multi-plate culvert.
2. Oak River Subdivision - Spruce trees have been planted on Oct. 2nd and 3rd, 2013.
3. Property standards - A re-inspection was completed in September and letters went out to some ratepayers who were not in compliance.
4. Sale of property - Documents have been sent to our lawyer.
5. Cardale School - Demolition has been started. Information requested by a representative from the Manitoba Historical Society was reviewed with Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. Forced amalgamation - The committee informed members of information received from meetings they attended. Resolutions passed by the R. M. of Saskatchewan and the Town of Rapid City.

Motion : Walter Froese - Ewan Common
#253/13: Be it resolved that the Rural Municipality of Blanshard fill out the amalgamation plan with the Rural Municipality of Saskatchewan and the Town of Rapid City named as partners.

CARRIED.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#254/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree that a public meeting to discuss the amalgamation of the R. M. of Blanshard with neighbouring municipalities be held on Monday, November 18th, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Oak River Memorial Rink hall.

CARRIED.

BOARD OF REVISION - No appeals were received.

NEW BUSINESS

1. VLT Grants for 2013.

Motion : G. Stewart - Ewan Common
#255/13: That the R. M. of Blanshard agree to donate \$5,000. from 2013 VLT funds, to the Cardale Rink Association, for repairs and maintenance on the Cardale arena/sports grounds.

CARRIED.

Motion : Ewan Common - M. Gill
#256/13: Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agrees to donate \$5,000. from 2013 VLT funds, to the Oak River Community Association for repairs and maintenance on the Oak River arena/sports grounds.

CARRIED.

Motion : Stephen Carter - Ewan Common
#257/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard give a grant of \$1,000. from 2013 VLT money, to the Oak River Memorial Hall Committee for 2013.

CARRIED.

2. Grant to the Blanshard CDC for 2013.

Motion : G. Stewart - Walter Froese
#258/13: Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to grant the Blanshard Community Development Corporation \$10,000. for 2013.

CARRIED.

3. Joint municipal meeting to be held in Hamiota.

Motion : G. Stewart - M. Gill
#259/13: Resolved that the Reeve, Council, and C.A.O. be authorized to attend the joint municipal meeting to be held in Hamiota on November 7th, 2013.

CARRIED.

4. Payment of local improvement taxes.

Motion : Stephan Carter - Ewan Common
#260/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorizes the C.A.O. to pay the required local improvement taxes on municipally owned property.

CARRIED.

5. Review of work done and still to be done was discussed by Council.

NEW BUSINESS

6. LSRCD - Council appointments to LSRCD.

Motion : Ewan Common - Stephen Carter
#261/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to re-appoint John Thompson and Ewan Common as the R. M. of Blanshard's representatives on the Upper Oak River and the Lower Little Saskatchewan sub-districts and agree to appoint Gary Stewart to the Lower Oak River sub-district.

CARRIED.

7. Family Services and Consumer Affairs - 2013 municipal contribution.

Motion : Ewan Common - M. Gill
#262/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to pay Minister of Finance \$3,222.42 as Blanshard's 2013 municipal contribution to Family Services and Consumer Affairs.

CARRIED.

8. Christmas Appreciation supper is to be held on Dec. 8th, 2013.
9. Washroom facility for Cardale municipal building was discussed. More information is to be obtained.
10. TransCanada Pipeline - A representative inquired if more information was required regarding the Energy East Project. Concern with the way test holes were left is to be brought to their attention.
11. EMO Co-ordinator - A meeting with the Midwest Emergency Co-ordinator and the C.A.O. was held in Sept. An EMO co-ordinator should be appointed from the R. M. of Blanshard. Noted.
12. COR Certification - Courses being offered in Kenton.

Motion : G. Stewart - Walter Froese
#263/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize Kristina Walker and Jim Kuculym to attend the SeCor certification courses in Kenton in November.

CARRIED.

13. Donation to Yellowhead Chiefs AAA midget hockey program.

Motion : Stephen Carter - Walter Froese
#264/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to purchase a \$50. advertisement in the Yellowhead Chiefs AAA Midget hockey program for 2013.

CARRIED.

14. Remote back-up.

Motion : Walter Froese - Ewan Common
#265/13: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to purchase jUSTIncase Backup System to backup municipal data and store it offsite as per the quote received from USTI.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

- The following correspondence was brought to the attention of Council:
1. Midwest Emergency Measures Board - Floyd Buhler hired as EMO Co-ordinator
 2. Minister of Local Government - Public-Private Partnerships Transparency and Accountability Act
 3. Minister of Infrastructure & Transportation - Reduced Speeds in School Zones
 4. Minister of Local Government - Bill 33 has been passed by the Legislative Assembly
 5. Minister of Local Government - Municipal programs grant for 2013 has been received.
 6. R. M. of Piney - Minor Water Works Licenses. Tabled.
 7. R. M. of Piney - request for support for "A Port in the Storm Inc." Tabled.

CORRESPONDENCE

8. Manitoba Ombudsman - Know your health information rights: eChart Manitoba information received.
9. Municipal Insurance Programs - Changes to insurance program noted.
10. Western Financial Group - AMM Employee Benefits Program.
11. Public Health & Primary Health Care - Lyme Disease Brochures received.
12. Safety Services Manitoba - Safe Work Conference being held in Winnipeg. Noted.
13. Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation - Information on the Farmland School tax received.
14. Local Government - 2011 Statistical Information received
15. The Public Utilities Board - Approval of 2012 deficit due to Amortization was received.
16. Canadian Union of Postal Workers- The future of Canada Post
17. Thank you - Riley Shamray; Alison Radcliffe
18. Canada Culvert - beaver deceiver information in Birtle on Oct. 23rd, 2013

ADVERTISING & Newsletters

1. Municipal World - Magazine
2. Groundbreaker - Magazine
3. University of Manitoba - Manitoba Centre for Health Policy
4. WCB - Insider bulletin
5. Genivar journal
6. Today's Trucking
7. Canadian Journal of Green Building & Design
8. Municipal Leader - Magazine
9. Manitoba Consulting Engineer - Magazine

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

Motion : Walter Froese - Stephen Carter

#266/13: Resolved that the report of the Finance Committee be received and approved and that General Pay List Cheques #6055 to #6087 and Payroll Cheques #50210 - #50231 inclusive, amounting to \$79,459.71 and unpaid invoices amounting to \$28,425.85, having been certified by said Committee, be hereby passed for payment.

CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION - No notices were received.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion : Ewan Common - Stephen Carter

#267/13: That the Council of the R.M. of Blanshard do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, November 5th, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

TIME: 12:05 p.m.

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER