

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BLANSHARD

The minutes of the tenth regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blanshard held April 8th, 2014 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 11:45 a.m.), Ewan Common,
Walter Froese, Stephen Carter and Gary Stewart (until 11:50 a.m.)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Diane Kuculym

Reeve Fortune presiding.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Jim Brown - M. Gill
#84/14: That the agenda for April 8th, 2014 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

MINUTES

Motion: G. Stewart - Stephen Carter
#85/14: That the minutes of the ninth regular meeting held
March 25th, 2014 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Roads and Drainage Committee reported that some additional snow had been pushed back on certain roads. Opening up machinery roads was discussed.

The Waste Management Site Committee reported that some metals are to be removed from the site.

The building committee met on April 7th, 2014 to discuss the proposed new municipal shop.

Reeve Fortune reported on the Midwest Planning meeting he attended on April 1st, 2014 and the regional services meeting he attended in Hamiota. The Town of Rapid City is to be asked if they would consider joining the Midwest Planning District before amalgamation takes place. Sharing some regional services with neighbouring municipalities in the future was discussed.

The Blanshard Fire Committee reported that CPR and first aid training has been completed by volunteer fire department members. The new fire truck is to arrive today and training will be done with the department members. An estimate as to the value of the 1995 fire truck was received from SeaHawk. It was suggested that the 1995 fire truck be advertised for sale by tender later on in the year.

The Blanshard CDC reported that Debbie Cal has agreed to continue to run Shenanigan's Restaurant. Weekly specials for seniors are offered on Wednesday nights and Sunday smorgs are offered.

The personnel committee reported that municipal employees completed a CPR and first aid course and public works employees are scheduled to complete WHIMIS training this week.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Access road - An email inquiring when construction for a new road could be undertaken was reviewed with Council. Steps that must be taken before construction can begin were discussed.
2. Multi-plate culvert - Additional work that must be done to complete the project was discussed. The contractor is to be contacted to discuss the completion of the project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Municipal shop - The building committee made recommendations to Council regarding the construction of a new municipal shop in Oak River. More information is to be obtained. Resolution passed under New Business.
2. Forced amalgamation - An email received from the Association of Manitoba Municipalities indicated that the legal challenge against the Province of Manitoba was dismissed.
3. Road closing by-laws - Information received from the Neepawa Land Titles Office was referred to Council.
4. Amalgamation - Copies of letters received from other municipalities expressing opposition to forced amalgamation was brought to the attention of Council.

NEW BUSINESS

1. L.U.D. Service Plan for 2014.

Motion: G. Stewart - Walter Froese

#86/14: Whereas the L.U.D. of Oak River has prepared a service plan for the L.U.D. for 2014;
And whereas the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard has consulted with the L.U.D. regarding the annual financial plan;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby adopt the L.U.D. service plan as submitted by the L.U.D. Committee of Oak River.

CARRIED.

2. Insurance premium for 2014-2015.

Motion: Ewan Common - Jim Brown

#87/14: Be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to pay the 2014 - 2015 renewal premium from the Municipalities Trading Company of Manitoba Ltd. and authorizes the C.A.O. to make necessary changes to the insurance policy.

CARRIED.

3. 2014 Gravel Road Initiative - Resolution.

Motion: Ewan Common - Jim Brown

#88/14: Whereas the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard has a road to build in the R. M. of Blanshard that meets the criteria for the "Municipal Road Improvement Program" guidelines;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to apply for funding for the "Municipal Road Improvement Program" for road construction in the R. M. of Blanshard and approve the cost-sharing of the project with the Province of Manitoba.

CARRIED.

4. Regional Services - Sharing of planning; weed; EMO; recreation; and Workplace Safety & Health services with neighbouring municipalities was discussed with Council. Information is to be obtained regarding costs to have joint services and another meeting is to be held with neighbouring municipalities.

5. 2014 Municipal Election - The C.A.O. reported on the Election Training seminar she attended and senior election official duties were discussed.

6. General Borrowing by-law for the construction of a new municipal shop in Oak River.

Motion: M. Gill - Jim Brown

#89/14: Whereas the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard deem it advisable to construct a new municipal shop in the L.U.D. of Oak River;
And whereas the approximate cost for a new shop is estimated at \$400,000. of which approximately \$110,000. will be funded through the 2014 general operating fund; \$140,000. will be taken out of the Building Reserve Fund; and the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard would borrow approximately \$150,000. for the construction of a new shop;
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard will consider the proposal to borrow \$150,000. at a public hearing to pay for the construction of a new municipal shop in Oak River at their meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 22nd, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

CARRIED.

7. Debt at water treatment plant - D. Shwaluk indicated that the Manitoba Water Services Board would be having a meeting on April 17th to discuss the outstanding debt at the Oak River plant and repayment options. A local improvement levy by-law is to be drafted for review.

8. Rural Municipality of Cameron - Grant for SW Flood Strategy Committee.

Motion: G. Stewart - Ewan Common

#90/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to grant \$100. to the Southwest Flood Strategy Committee for the 2014 year.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Manitoba Association of Regional Recyclers - 2014 membership renewal.

Motion: M. Gill - Ewan Common

#91/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to pay the 2014 membership of \$200. to the Manitoba Association of Regional Recyclers.

CARRIED.

10. Town of Rivers/R. M. of Daly - MOU for Emergency Services.

Motion: Stephen Carter - Walter Froese

#92/14: Whereas a Memorandum of Understanding has been updated between the Town of Rivers/R.M. of Daly and the R. M. of Blanshard; Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Cam Anderson, Emergency Co-ordinator for the Town of Rivers/R. M. of Daly and the R. M. of Blanshard indicating that Blanshard is willing to assist the neighbouring municipalities in emergency planning and share resources when available and required.

CARRIED.

11. Plans to be drafted for a new municipal shed.

Motion: Ewan Common - Stephen Carter

#93/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to hire a draftsman to draw up plans for a new municipal shop in Oak River.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was presented to Council for review:

1. WRARS - Municipal rebate received from July 1st to Dec. 31st, 2013.
2. Elections Manitoba - Recruiting for Returning Officer and/or Assistant RO
3. Minister of Local Government - 2014 General Assistance Grant - Building Manitoba Fund
4. Community and Regional Planning - Information on amalgamations and planning districts
5. Hamiota EMS - Street signs in Cardale
6. Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs - Annual conference in Dauphin
7. Manitoba Emergency Services College - Traffic Control Seminar
8. Parkland Regional Library - 2013 Annual Report
9. Student interested in Green Team position in Cardale
10. Agricultural & Community District of Newdale - Financial statement for 2013; levy requirements for 2014
11. Province of Manitoba - 2nd payment of the gravel road initiative was received
12. Partner 4 Growth - Funds available to identify and pursue economic opportunity
13. Thunder & Ice - Invitation to appreciation supper

ADVERTISING & Newsletters

1. Way to Go Consulting
2. University of Manitoba - Course schedule
3. Municipal World
4. North Fringe Industrial Technologies Inc.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

Motion: Ewan Common - Stephen Carter

#94/14: Resolved that the report of the Finance Committee be received and approved and that General Pay List Cheques #6421 to #6443 and Payroll Cheques #50352 - #50366 inclusive, amounting to \$198,870.77 and unpaid invoices amounting to \$95,803.98, having been certified by said Committee, be hereby passed for payment.

CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION - No notices were received.

FINANCIAL PLAN - The draft financial plan was reviewed with Council. Minor changes were to be made to the plan before it is presented at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: M. Gill - Ewan Common

#95/14: That the Council of the R.M. of Blanshard do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, April 22nd, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

TIME: 12:15 p.m.

REEVE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER