

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BLANSHARD

The minutes of the seventh regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blanshard held Tuesday, February 11th, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the municipal office in Oak River.

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

Reeve Brent Fortune presiding.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion: Ewan Common - Walt Froese  
#33/14: That the agenda for February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 be adopted as presented.  
CARRIED.

**MINUTES**

Motion: M. Gill - Ewan Common  
#34/14: That the minutes of the sixth regular meeting held January 28th, 2014 be adopted as circulated.  
CARRIED.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Roads and Drainage Committee reported that some snow was pushed back on a road in Ward 6 where there was excessive snow build up. The C.A.O. is to see if something can be done by the machine operators to reduce icy corners on certain roads in the municipality. The C.A.O. informed Council that a contractor in Daly may be purchasing a snow blower that can be used to blow snow where there is excessive snow build-up. The contractor also indicated that he now has four machines for brushcutting.

The Waste Management Committee reviewed operating costs incurred for the waste management site in 2013. One load of recyclables was hauled to Virden on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

The Personnel Committee reviewed holidays to be taken by employees.

The Machinery Committee reviewed bills received for work done on the municipal snow ploughs. Warranty on municipal equipment was discussed.

Reeve Fortune reported on the Midwest Planning Board meeting and the Shoal Lake Vet Board meeting he attended.

The C.A.O. informed Council regarding information received in regards to the proposed construction of a new municipal shed in Oak River.

The Blanshard Fire Department held a meeting and members are going to be taking CPR recertification and will have to upgrade their licenses so that they can drive the new fire truck. The fire truck body is built and the Blanshard truck will be Acres main project for February. A snowmobile poker derby is being put on by the fire department on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

The C.A.O. reported that the light at the Brumlie well had been shot out and an electrician has ordered a new one and it should be fixed as soon as possible. Concerns with the shut-off were also brought to the attention of the electrician.

**ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

1. Water & Wastewater School - Council agreed that the municipal truck could be used by the public works employee to attend the water and wastewater school in Winnipeg in March.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Forced amalgamations - A list of newly amalgamated municipalities was announced by the Minister last week but "Oakview" was not included in the list. The C.A.O. contacted our Municipal Services Officer whom indicated that they have all the information required and that our amalgamation plan is in the queue.
2. Sale of lot in Oak River - Our lawyer will transfer the sale of the land to G. King and register the caveat on the land.
3. Road Closed Plan 1707 - Our lawyer has contacted NLTO regarding conveying the land.
4. Drainage in Hamiota - An email received from Water Stewardship was reviewed with Council and a ratepayer was sent a letter to inform

him of the information obtained from Water Stewardship.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Shoal Lake and District Vet Board levy for 2014.

Motion : Walt Froese - Ewan Common

#35/14 : Be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to pay the 2014 levy to the Shoal Lake and District Veterinary Services Board in the amount of \$1,885. in two instalments with the first \$942.50 payable immediately.

CARRIED.

2. Parkland Regional Library - Levy for 2014.

Motion : Ewan Common - R. G. Stewart

#36/14 : Be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to pay the 2014 levy to the Parkland Regional Library in the amount of \$7.70 per capita.

CARRIED.

3. Gravel contractor for 2014.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter

#37/14 : That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorizes the C.A.O. to request tenders to haul gravel on certain municipal roads in the municipality between May 1<sup>st</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

CARRIED.

4. EMO - Update of contacts lists for the EMO disaster plan reviewed.

Motion : Walt Froese - G. Stewart

#38/14 : Whereas the Midwest Emergency Plan for the R. M. of Blanshard has been reviewed and updated;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby approve the updated version of the 2013 Emergency Plan for the R.M. of Blanshard.

CARRIED.

5. Water rate study to be completed by June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014. A quote was received from Sensus.

Motion : Ewan Common - G. Stewart

#39/14 : Whereas Sensus completed the water rate study for the municipality in 2012 and the Public Utilities Board indicated that another water rate study must be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014; Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to contract Sensus to complete the water rate study for a fee of \$2,500. plus taxes.

CARRIED.

6. Midwest Planning District - 2014 levy.

Motion: Stephen Carter - G. Stewart

#40/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O. to pay 50% of the 2014 levy to the Midwest Planning District in the amount of \$3,500. now and the balance when it is due.

CARRIED.

7. Midwest Weed Control District Board - 2014 levy.

Motion: G. Stewart - Walt Froese

#41/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby agree to pay %50% of the 2014 levy in the amount of \$5,750. To the Midwest Weed Control District board and the balance when it is due.

CARRIED.

Councillor Ewan Common declared a "Disclosure of Interest" in the hearing and withdrew from the meeting without participation in the matter under discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Walt Froese - Stephen Carter

#42/14: That the regular meeting now adjourn to reconvene after the Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Order File  
No. : CU-01-14-B (Sean Common)

CARRIED.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONDITIONAL USE**

In attendance: Brent Fortune, Chair; Walt Froese, Stephen Carter, Gary Stewart, and Diane Kuculym, C.A.O.

Public Attendance : Sean Common, Ewan Common, Harvey English, and Richard English

Chairperson Fortune opened the hearing. The C.A.O. advised that the purpose of the hearing was to receive public presentations from any person who wish to make them in respect to the establishment of a non-farm dwelling (site) within the "AG" Agricultural General Zone by subdivision and legally described as the N/E ¼ of Sec. of 24-14-21 WPM, R.M. of Blanshard.

The hearing was advertised and notices were placed as required.

Public Presentations: No presentations were received.

Questions: None

The hearing closed at 11:10 a.m.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED**

Motion: Ewan Common - Stephen Carter

#43/14: That Council, having completed its duties at the Public Hearing to hear public presentations in respect to Conditional Use Order File No. Cu-01-14-B (Sean Common) do now close the hearing and reconvene the regular council meeting.

CARRIED.

#### **CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION**

Motion: G. Stewart - Stephen Carter

#44/14: Whereas a public hearing was held on February 11th, 2014 to hear representation for or against the proposed Conditional Use Application Order No. CU-01-14-B. The Conditional Use Application, being made by Sean Common is to provide for the establishment of a non-farm dwelling (site, by subdivision) within the "Ag" Agricultural General Zone;  
And Whereas representation received on the proposed conditional use application was reviewed;  
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blanshard approve the Conditional Use Application by Sean Common for File No.: CU-01-14B and being legally described as the NE ¼ of Section 24-14-21 WPM, R. M. of Blanshard.

CARRIED.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was presented to Council:

1. Thunder & Ice Snowmobile Club - Thank you
2. Manitoba Weed Supervisors Association - Meeting to be held on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Carberry. Noted.
3. Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation - New Forage Insurance information
4. Manitoba Good Roads Association - Gravel road maintenance and design seminar to be held. Tabled until next meeting.
5. Infrastructure and Transportation - 10% grant for gravel road initiative for 2014 was acknowledged.
6. MAFRD - Direct Farm Marketing Conference and information on Growing Forward 2. Noted.
7. Hudson Bay Route Association - AGM to be held in April. Noted.

#### **ADVERTISING & Newsletters**

1. Municipal Leader
2. Municipal World
3. Infrastructure Magazine

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

**ACCOUNTS & FINANCES**

Motion: Walt Froese - Ewan Common

#45/14: Resolved that the report of the Finance Committee be received and approved and that General Pay List Cheques #6323 - #6355 and Payroll Cheques #50307 - #50321 amounting to \$86,621.11 and unpaid invoices amounting to \$31,771.56, having been certified by said Committee, be hereby passed for payment.

CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Stephen Carter - Walt Froese

#46/14: That the Council of the RM. of Blanshard do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, February 25th, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

TIME: 11:50 a.m.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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