

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BLANSHARD

The minutes of the nineteenth regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blanshard held October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the municipal office in Oak River.

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

Reeve Fortune presiding.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion : Jim Brown - M. Gill  
#244/14: That the agenda for October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 be adopted as presented.  
CARRIED.

**MINUTES**

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter  
#245/14: That the minutes of the eighteenth regular meeting held on  
September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 be adopted as circulated.  
CARRIED.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Waste Management Committee reported that a new waste management supervisor is required.

The Roads and Drainage Committee informed Council of areas where culverts need to be replaced as per permits received from Water Stewardship. Additional surveying was done as per a ratepayers' request to clean out a ditch. Roadside mowing is to be done later this fall. The beaver program for 2014 was discussed.

**ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

1. Municipal Road Improvement Program - Approval for extension for one road was received.
2. Disaster Financial Assistance - No written confirmation has been received from Disaster Financial Assistance since representatives were out to review the sites.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Drainage in Ward 6 - No new information.
2. Request for an additional culvert - Information was received from Water Stewardship indicating that the department could not licence additional culverts on the Oak River unless an agreement was made with downstream landowners.
3. Municipal shop - Preliminary pricing suggests that the initial budget for the municipal shop is a little low for a 4800 square foot building. Noted.

**NOTICE OF MOTION - GRAVEL ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter  
#246/14: Whereas the R. M. of Blanshard has reviewed the amended/clarified agreement between the Province and the municipality for the maintenance and repair of gravel surfaced provincial roads in Blanshard;  
Therefore, be it resolved that the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the amended municipal gravel road maintenance agreement between the Province of Manitoba and the municipality which commences on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 and extends until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 on the condition that COR certification for the municipality be extended to December 2015 and Resolution #214/14 be rescinded.  
CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. VLT Grants for 2014.

Motion : G. Stewart - Walt Froese  
#247/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard give a grant of \$1,000. from 2014 VLT money, to the Oak River Memorial Hall Committee for 2014.

CARRIED.

Motion : Walt Froese - Jim Brown  
#248/14: That the R. M. of Blanshard agree to donate \$5,000. from 2014 VLT funds, to the Cardale Rink Association, for repairs and maintenance on the Cardale arena/sports grounds.

CARRIED.

Motion : Stephan Carter - Walt Froese  
#249/14: Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agrees to donate \$5,000. from 2014 VLT funds, to the Oak River Community Association for repairs and maintenance on the Oak River arena/sports grounds.

CARRIED.

2. Grant to the Blanshard CDC for 2014.

Motion : M. Gill - Jim Brown  
#250/14: Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to grant the Blanshard Community Development Corporation \$25,000. for 2014.

CARRIED.

3. Joint municipal meeting - Information received from two neighbouring municipalities was reviewed with Council. This matter is to be discussed further after election day.

4. Payment of local improvement taxes.

Motion : Walt Froese - Stephen Carter  
#251/14: 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.

6. Family Services and Consumer Affairs - 2014 municipal contribution.

Motion : G. Stewart - M. Gill  
#252/14: 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 2014 municipal contribution to Family Services and Consumer Affairs.

CARRIED.

7. Christmas appreciation supper.

Motion : Stephen Carter - Jim Brown  
#253/14: That the R. M. of Blanshard agree to host the annual Christmas appreciation on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Oak River Inn.

CARRIED.

Councillor Gill disclosed a conflict of interest in the next two items on the agenda and excused himself from the Council Chambers before any discussion took place.

8. Hauling gravel to stockpile - three tenders were received.

Motion : G. Stewart - Walt Froese  
#254/14: Whereas tenders have been received and reviewed to load, haul, and stockpile gravel from McIntyre Pit to a road allowance in Blanshard; Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard accept the quote of \$37,000. plus GST from Clint Moffat & Sons Ltd. to load, haul and stockpile gravel from McIntyre Pit to a road allowance in Blanshard as per the request for proposals. The work is to be done by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

9. Rip rap around multi-plate culvert - three tenders were received.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter  
#255/14: Whereas tenders have been received and reviewed to place geo-textile and haul and place rip rap along the road sides of Road 79N between 128W and 129W;  
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard accept the quote of \$12.20 per cubic yard to load, haul, and place rip-rap and \$1.10 per square meter to place geo-textile under the rip-rap from Clint Moffat & Sons Ltd. along the road sides of Road 79N between 128W and 129W as per the quote dated October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

CARRIED.

10. Waste Management Supervisor - two applications were received.

Motion : G. Stewart - Walt Froese  
#256/14: Whereas our waste management supervisor has given his resignation notice and advertising for a new supervisor has been completed;  
Therefore, be it resolved that Council of the R. M. of Blanshard agree to hire Shane Bates as our new part-time waste management supervisor at a rate of \$14.16 per hour with a three month probation period.

CARRIED.

11. MWSB - request for funding for sewer line replacement.

Motion : Jim Brown - M. Gill  
#257/14: Whereas a sewer line had to be replaced along PTH #24 earlier this year due to a collapse of the line;  
And whereas this expenditure was not anticipated in the 2014 utility financial plan and partial funding may be available for this project from the Manitoba Water Serviced Board;  
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard request financial assistance to complete the sewer line replacement on the north side of PTH #24 which was completed by Clint Moffatt & Sons Ltd.

CARRIED.

12. 2013 Audit Report - Draft financial statements were received and reviewed. A deficit in the utility for 2013 was discussed.

Motion : G. Stewart - M. Gill  
#258/14: Whereas the draft financial statements of the R. M. of Blanshard for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 have been received and reviewed;  
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard approve the draft financial statements for 2013 and authorize the signing of the representation letter; the statement of Responsibility; the Statement of Financial Position and initial the adjusting journal entries and the summary of difference pages.

CARRIED.

13. Water rate study - Information received from Sensus was reviewed by Council.

Motion : Walter Froese - Stephen Carter  
#259/14 Whereas the Oak River Utility has incurred an operating deficit in 2013 due to the outstanding debt at the water treatment plant being set up in 2013 by the auditors because the MWSB has indicated that other options of repaying the debt should be investigated by Council;  
And whereas the deficit was incurred over the past 14 years;  
And whereas Council is considering passing a by-law to borrow money to pay off the existing debt over the next 20 years;  
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard do hereby request approval from the Public Utilities Board to recover the 2013 deficit by issuing a 20 year debenture to repay the money on a per parcel basis.

CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

14. Local improvement plan.

Motion : M. Gill - Jim Brown  
#260/14: Whereas operating costs combined with low water sales at the Oak River Water Treatment Plant have resulted in the water plant deficit increasing each year;  
And whereas the MWSB have indicated that they would like Council to explore alternate options in repaying the operating deficit;  
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorizes the C.A.O. to draft a local improvement plan to outline the debt incurred with the Manitoba Water Services Board which includes the costs, the properties and taxpayers affect and the method and rate for calculating the tax to repay the outstanding debt.

CARRIED.

15. Penalties for 2014 taxes - Penalties to be charged in 2015 were discussed with council and a notice of motion was received.

16. Ditch clean out approvals.

Motion : Jim Brown - Stephen Carter  
#261/14: Whereas Irwin Lennox has requested permission to clean out a municipal ditch and surveying has been completed and a permit received from Water Stewardship;  
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize Irwin Lennox to clean out the south ditch of 86 N from East of 128W and the ditch east of 128W between 85N and 87N as per the survey maps completed, at the ratepayer's expense, with the following conditions:  
1) Work must be done in accordance with the profile and permit #14-WCW-1398  
2) Any soil removed in contravention of the profile will have to be replaced at the expense of the ratepayer  
3) That all work is done in a safe manner and the ditch will be left so that it is not hazardous to the public

CARRIED.

Motion : G. Stewart - Jim Brown  
#262/14: Whereas Walter Froese has requested permission to clean out a municipal ditch and surveying has been completed;  
Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R.M. of Blanshard authorize Walter Froese to clean out the north ditch of 82N and the west ditch of 130W to allow for water to flow freely as per the survey may completed, at the ratepayer's expense, with the following conditions;  
1) That a permit is received from Water Stewardship  
2) Work must be done in accordance with the profile and permit  
3) Any soil removed in contravention of the profile will have to be replaced at the expense of the ratepayer  
4) That all work is done in a safe manner and the ditch will be left so that it is not hazardous to the public.

CARRIED.

17. Culvert replacements.

Motion : G. Stewart - Jim Brown  
#263/14: Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the installation of culverts in the municipality as per the recommendation received from the roads and drainage committee.

CARRIED.

18. Sports hall of fame.

Motion : Jim Brown - Walter Froese  
#264/14: That the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the C.A.O to write letters of support to the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame.

CARRIED.

19. Johnston & Company Law Office - A Conservation Easement Agreement between Tom Carter & Ducks Unlimited Canada was reviewed by Council.

**BY-LAWS**

BY-LAW 2014-4 - Water & Sewer Rate by-law was presented for first reading.

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter  
#265/14: Resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard give first reading to By-Law No. 2014-4, being the Oak River Water and Sewer Rate by-law.

CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was tabled until the next meeting.

**NOTICE OF MOTION** - Penalties to be charged on taxes to be reviewed.

A written "Notice of Motion" was received from Reeve Brent Fortune to rescind Resolution #105/14 which allows a penalty of 1% per month be added to all unpaid taxes as at November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

**ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES**

Motion : G. Stewart - Stephen Carter  
#266/14: Whereas bills have been received from contractors to complete damage done to roads due to the excessive June rains and gravelling; Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the R. M. of Blanshard authorize the payment of the bills received from the following contractors:  
Gill Farms Ltd. - \$63,556.25(\$9,206.40 &\$50,611.75 & GST & \$1,207.50)  
John Stewart - \$1,627.50  
Lamb's Construction - \$10,724.90  
Gregory Sand & Gravel - \$8,560.32

CARRIED.

Motion : Walter Froese - Stephen Carter  
#267/14: Resolved that the report of the Finance Committee be received and approved and that General Pay List Cheques #6772 to #6795 and Payroll Cheques #50515 - #50529 inclusive, amounting to \$39,530.55 and unpaid invoices amounting to \$67,469.97, having been certified by said Committee, be hereby passed for payment.

CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion : G. Stewart - Walter Froese  
#268/14: That the Council of the R.M. of Blanshard do now adjourn to meet again on October 28th, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

TIME: 10:10 a.m.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER