



## THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FISHER

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Council of the Rural Municipality of Fisher held on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, Council Chambers in Fisher Branch, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Pyziak, Deputy Reeve Abas, Councillors Lindal, Tanchak, Nevakshonoff, Gagaluk and Chief Administrative Officer Marykuca

Reeve Pyziak called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff

42/23 **WHEREAS** the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council has been circulated for them to review;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

### Confirming of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

43/23 **WHEREAS** the minutes for the Special Meeting of Council held on February 6, 2023 have been circulated for their review;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes are hereby adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

### Delegates:

#### 9:30 RCMP

Sargent Gabe Simard presented Council with quarterly statistics.

#### 10:00 Hy-Life

Meet and greet with Hy-Life Senior Director of Corporate Sustainability Sheldon Stott. Council asked for the barns emergency plan.

#### 10:30 Dan Kosc

Mr. Kosc requested ditch cleanout and culvert installation on the west side of the Interlake Pioneer Trail. Councillor Nevakshonoff to meet and provide clarification, so municipal staff can obtain proper licensing and survey if required.

#### 11:15 Catalis Website

Council watched a presentation of Catalis Website Management and design.

### Financial:

#### 1. Approval of Accounts

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal

44/23 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:  
Cheque Nos. 6151 to 6201  
Electronic Payments EFT to PayWorks 3032 to 3034;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$ 252,301.07.

**CARRIED**

#### 2. Budgetary Control Report

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Tanchak  
45/23 **RESOLVED THAT** the draft Budgetary Control report dated February 28, 2023  
be hereby accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

Staff have been having issues scanning and printing with the current photocopier.

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal  
46/23 **RESOLVED THAT** RM of Fisher enter into a 48 month lease with WBM Technologies  
Inc. for a RICOH IM C3000 photocopier, scanner.

**CARRIED**

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **1. Recreation**

Reeve Pyziak discussed a meeting held with volunteers in our community on the topic of recreation and what they would like to see happen in the RM.

#### **2. Vision and Voice – Lakeshore School Division**

Reeve Pyziak attended a Vision and Voice meeting in regard to the budget being set for Lakeshore school division. They stated that they possibly are looking at cutting 2 teaching positions in Lakeshore as well as closing the bus garage located in Fisher Branch.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Lindal  
47/23 **RESOLVED THAT** Council for the RM of Fisher send letter to the Lakeshore School  
Division stating their opposition for possible cutting of teaching positions.  
**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** they are opposed to closing the local bus  
garage located in Fisher Branch.

**CARRIED**

### **Communications:**

#### **1. Percy E. Moore Hospital**

##### **a.) Lori Shepell**

Mrs. Shepell sent a letter to Council on the concern of lack of home care services in the RM and the increased visit to the ER for things such as dressing changes etc.  
Reeve Pyziak stated that the clinic in Fisher Branch is only opened one day a week still and it was stated by IERHA that it will be opened 7 days a week.

##### **b.) Dave Chudy – Maintenance Assistant**

Request to add the hospital to the municipal 911 monitoring system. Council requested Kathy Stevenson to come as a delegate.

#### **2. Poplarfield Community Center**

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas  
48/23 **RESOLVED THAT** Council for the RM of Fisher write a letter of support to the  
Poplarfield Community Center for their efforts to apply to the Building Sustainable  
Communities Program.

**CARRIED**

#### **3. AMM Funding Announcement**

Info Only

#### **4. Peguis First Nation**

Councillor Tanchak brought a letter that was published on the Peguis First Nations Website to the attention of Council.

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas  
49/23 **WHEREAS** a letter was published on the Peguis First Nations website in regards to  
damming the Fisher River to prevent flooding, and acknowledging that the damming and  
diversion may cause harm to surrounding communities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Rural Municipality of Fisher express their deep concern to the Provincial and Federal Governments and to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

**Unfinished Business:**

**1. Policies and Procedures**

- a.) Sale of Surplus Land (excluding lots in hamlets or town)  
Tabled
- b.) Sale of Surplus Land (Lots in hamlets or town)  
Tabled

LUD has expressed interest in creating their own Land Sale policy for town lots.

**2. Lease**

Council requires more clarification on lease terms.

**3. Request for Proposals – Site 604 / LL Crossing Rd 148**

CAO presented Council with draft RFP for site 604. Council approved for advertisement.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Lindal

50/23 **WHEREAS** advertisement is required for professional services for DFA Site 604  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Request for Proposal be advertised on MERX and distributed to numerous engineering firms.

**CARRIED**

**4. Fire Inspections**

CAO to contact Lakeshore School division, Daycare, and local halls and restaurants to perform Fire Inspections to the buildings.

**5. Fire Chief**

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

51/23 **WHEREAS** the position of Fire Chief has become vacant;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Gord Wevursky be promoted from Captain to Fire Chief for the Fisher Fire Department this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023.

**CARRIED**

**6. New Website**

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas

52/23 **WHEREAS** the RM requires a new website to provide information for their residents;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the RM of Fisher accept a quote from Catalis for website design and management.

**CARRIED**

**7. Lagoon/Water Services**

CAO presented Council with surveyor's certificate for the Lagoon.

**Water Services**

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

53/23 **WHEREAS** the RM of Fisher has requested financial and technical assistance from the Manitoba Water Services Board for a detailed design for future upgrades to the utility system in Fisher Branch.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** assistance be limited to Upgrades to the Water Treatment Plant being the Interlock wiring and Chlorine upgrade, Wastewater Lagoon being desludging Primary cell and Wastewater collection services being the WWS Upgrade Option 1 and trash basket installation for a total of \$1,480,000.00.

**CARRIED**

## 8. Office Clerk

### In Camera:

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff

54/23 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council recess the Regular meeting and go into “In Camera” as per Section 152(3) of The Municipal Act to discuss the following item:

Personnel

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** all matters discussed are to remain confidential as per Section 83(1)(d) of The Municipal Act.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

55/23 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does now re-open the meeting to the public.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

56/23 **RESOLVED THAT** Jerry Flett be hired for full time office clerk for the Rural Municipality of Fisher.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Lindal

57/23 **RESOLVED THAT** office staff be offered the Manitoba Municipal Administration Course through the University of Manitoba.

**CARRIED**

## New Business

### 1. Spring Convention

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas

58/23 **RESOLVED THAT** Reeve Pyziak and Chief Administrative Officer Kelly Marykuca attend the 2023 Annual AMM Spring Convention in Winnipeg on April 3, 4 and 5, 2023.

**CARRIED**

### 2. AMM Trade Show

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

59/23 **RESOLVED THAT** Public Works Supervisor, Phil Lappage attend the 2023 AMM Spring Convention Trade Show in Winnipeg on April 4, 2023.

**CARRIED**

### 3. Managing and Maintaining Gravel Roads

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded Councillor Lindal

60/23 **RESOLVED THAT** Public Works Supervisor, Phil Lappage attend the Managing and Maintaining Gravel Roads Seminar in Gladstone on March 14 and 15, 2023.

**CARRIED**

### 4. SWANA Certification

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

61/23 **RESOLVED THAT** Chief Administrative Officer Kelly Marykuca and Public Works Supervisor Phil Lappage be approved to take the SWANA certification course and exam.

**CARRIED**

### 5. StarLink

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

62/23 **RESOLVED THAT** Starlink be purchased as a secondary WIFI internet service for the RM of Fisher Office.

**CARRIED**

### 6. Change Council Meeting

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas  
63/23 **RESOLVED THAT** the regular scheduled Council meeting on April 5, 2023 be rescheduled to April 6, 2023.

**CARRIED**

**7. Bid Hourly Due April 1, 2023**

Info Only

**8. Dust Control**

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas  
64/23 **RESOLVED THAT** the rate for the 2023 Dust Control Program be \$350.00 for the Light Application (800 Litres) and \$395.00 for the heavy application (1000 litres).

**CARRIED**

**9. Mutual Aid Memorandum of Understanding**

Tabled till Quarterly meeting

**10. Road Haul Agreement**

Info Only

**11. High Use Roads Project**

Public Works Supervisor to prepare cost analysis to convert Fire Department water tanker.

**12. Tipp Program**

CAO to research possibility of bringing TIPPS into RM

**13. Honorable James Bezan**

CAO shared info on meeting with the Honorable James Bezan

**14. IERHA Roadshow**

IERHA will be hosting a career fair in Fisher Branch at the community center on June 6, 2023

**15. Mobility Disadvantage Program**

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas  
65/23 **RESOLVED THAT** Council for the RM of Fisher sponsor the Mobility Disadvantaged Transportation Program in 2023.

**CARRIED**

**Council set a date for the next budget meeting being March 23, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Council Chambers**

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas  
66/23 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 2:51 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Chief Administrative Officer  
(Subject to errors and/or omissions)