

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FISHER

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of The Council of the Rural Municipality of Fisher held on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at the Council Chambers.

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

Reeve Pyziak called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Council via email has ratified a resolution to accept cheques that were omitted from the September 7 Meeting.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Webb 218/22 **RESOLVED THAT** cheques

5556,5559,5560,5618,5619,5620,5622,5623,5626,5638,5649,5655,5669,5673 be hereby approved.

CARRIED

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff

219/22 WHEREAS the agenda for the Quarterly 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 Webb

220/22 WHEREAS the minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 7, 2022 have been circulated for their review;
 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes are hereby adopted as

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CARRIED

Financial:

1. Approval of Cheques

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal

221/22 WHEREAS the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque Nos. 5678 to 5702

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$387,091.69.

CARRIED

2. Review of Committed Invoices

Council reviewed all invoices that have been posted to the GL. Deputy Reeve Abas asked to see Weigh slips that accompany the gravel program before cheque be released.

3. Request to Access Credit Union

222/22 WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Fisher may at time deem it necessary to borrow from Access Credit Union Limited to meet current expenditures of the Municipality for the year 2022 and annually thereafter until Council requests to cancel,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Fisher enter into an agreement for an overdraft of \$1,500,000.00 if necessary, to cover the operating expenses;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a pledge of Municipal taxes be made to Access Credit Union Limited.

CARRIED

Council should send letter to Minister, MLA, EMO and Stantec in regards to the holdup of ISDR's being sent to EMO so they can disburse payments to municipalities. The RM should not be held liable for interest because of tardiness.

4. Payment Frequency of Invoices/Calcium Sites 148W and 1W

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Nevakshnoff 223/22 **RESOLVED THAT** Council will meet on a bi-weekly basis to approve contractor cheques.

CARRIED

Calcium on 148N and 1W will be postponed till 2023.

Delegates:

Interlake Pioneer Trail

Joe Thieven spoke on behalf of the Interlake Regional Snowmobile Club and Snowman. At the recent AGM of the Interlake Pioneer Trail the topic of potential changes to the ownership of the trail was discussed. He feels that discussions need to take place between all groups to ensure the longevity of the trail. He wished that it continues to be the jewel of the Interlake. He asked Council if all members have knowledge of the Trail and if they have been on it, which majority of Council said yes. He said that his typical ride consists of approximately 200 miles. On those rides a fuel source is required which on that part of the trail, Fisher Branch is vital. The issue of a fence is not a concern to Snoman. He does however have an issue with the Texas gate, stating that is wreaks havoc on carbides and is an issue for dog sleds, horses and the groomer. The management of the Trail is dispersed between the ATV groups in the Summer and the snowmobile club in the winter. They carry the liability of the trail (a copy of which was presented to Council) Councillor Lindal stated that the farmers have no issue to sign a liability/indemnity clause for their portion. RM feels it should not be the landowners responsibility to pay for a fence. Reeve Pyziak, Councillor Lindal to talk to Community Futures with Mr. Thieven. Mr. Thieven is to speak to Granthan Law offices. Deputy Reeve Abas spoke of a fence that was cut by the trail, that was brushed by the Northern Trail Blazers and that no one had reached out to him or has compensated him. Mr. Thieven stated that the clubs are supposed to work harmoniously with the municipalities. Routes should be planned in advance and brought to Council for approval if using the RM right of ways. Representatives for the Northern Trail Blazers, Elmer Stupnikoff and Dustin Cymbalisty said they will bring to Council to approve.

Unfinished Business:

1. Beaver Dam Removal

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas
224/22 WHEREAS Beaver dam removal is required on 3 crown quarters;
AND WHEREAS Manitoba Conservation has given the municipality approval to remove the dams in the winter;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the municipality hire a bid-hourly contractor to remove beaver dams on the SW 22-22-3W, NE/NW 35-22-3W and SW 35-22-3W.

Amendment presented

To add that the Province should cost share since its on provincial property. If Province denies then bring back to Council table.

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225/22 WHEREAS Beaver dam removal is required on 3 crown quarters;
AND WHEREAS Manitoba Conservation has given the municipality approval to remove the dams in the winter;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the municipality will approach the Province to cost share the dam removal as it is on Provincial Land;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the Province denies the cost share agreement then it be placed back on the agenda for Council consideration.

CARRIED

2. Access Agreement

CAO to respond to Armstrong Construction via registered letter.

3. Non-Site-Specific Ditching

The RM of Fisher is utilizing the Non-Site-Specific Program offered by the Province. CAO to send letter to rate payer.

4. Indemnities By-Law 1179/19

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal

226/22 **RESOLVED THAT** By-law No. 1196/22, being an amendment to by-law of the Rural Municipality of Fisher to provide for payment of indemnities and certain expenses to members of the Council be read a first time.

CARRIED

New Business

1. Driveway Access Permit

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff

227/22 WHEREAS a new driveway installation request was made for the NW 13-25-3W; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT said request be approved and all culverts be new, minimum 18" culverts, all costs responsibility of landowner and administration to apply for all licensing.

CARRIED

2. Drainage Request

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Lindal
 228/22 RESOLVED THAT downstream landowner consent be given for application of drainage swales on the SE 7-24-1W.

CARRIED

3. Access Agreement request for 3-year commitment

Denied.

4. Compile List of Mandatory ditching

CAO asked Council for list of spring ditching that can be passed along to the next Council.

5. Snow Removal Tenders Hamlets

CAO to advertise in paper.

6. New Hire for Temporary computer work.

Office requires casual employee to do computer work at their convenience.

7. September 19, 2022 Day of Mourning

CARRIED

8. September 30, 2022 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff
 230/22 RESOLVED THAT September 30, 2022 municipal office will be closed in recognition of National Truth and Reconciliation Day.

CARRIED

9. Order in Council

Info Only

Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

231/22 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve

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