



## THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FISHER

Minutes of the regular meeting of The Council of the Rural Municipality of Fisher held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at the Ukrainian National Home.

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

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

### Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor Webb and seconded by Councillor Lindal

25/21 **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 amended.

**CARRIED**

Under New Business

14. Trees on Road Allowance Road 3W – Ward 4

Under Communications:

C4. MGEU Request/Government Services

### Confirming of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor Webb and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas

26/21 **WHEREAS** the minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 6, 2021 have been circulated for their review;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes are hereby adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

### Delegates:

Corporal Garten gave a report of crime and occurrences in the area and answered questions Council had.

Jennifer Berry stated her concerns over the maintenance of roads in the municipality. She has requested that road 136N be opened and maintained year-round so visitors and customers can access her property off the highway.

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Councillor Webb

29/21 **RESOLVED** that Road 136N West from Highway 17 to the end of the road being 29-23-2W be maintained on a regular basis, year-round.

**CARRIED**

### Financial:

1. Approval of Accounts

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Lindal

28/21 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Cheque Nos. 4243 to 4325 and

Electronic Payments EFT 1764 to 1788;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$ 383,736.22.

**CARRIED**

## 2. Budgetary Control Report

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

29/21 **RESOLVED THAT** the draft Budgetary Control report dated January 31, 2021 be hereby accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

### **Reports of Committees:**

Councillor Lindal – LUD is working on town beautification and applying for grants for funding for various projects. Budget discussions are taking place.

Deputy Reeve Abas – asked CAO Marykuca on the status of the Interlake Forest Centre. Survey has been ordered for February 3, 2021.

Reeve Pyziak – Spoke of the East Interlake Watershed District. The Conservation and Grow Trust Program is looking for applications.

Interlake RM's District meetings – Reeve Pyziak is now the secretary and will be part of regular meetings discussing issues other Interlake Municipalities face.

COVID 19 – Teleconference with Minister Johnson and Dr. Roussin regarding vaccine rollout.

First Nations call – 268 vaccines have been administered in Peguis and 176 in Fisher River  
Interlake Tourism – introduction of Driftscape.

### **Communications:**

#### **1. NW 9-25-2W driveway or Municipal Road**

Ward 7 Councillor has inspected a driveway believed to be a municipal road located on the NW 9-25-2W off of Road 10W at the ½ mile. Upon inspection it was deemed to be a private driveway and that all requests to clean said driveway will be charged the municipal private works rate per hour.

#### **2. Commissionaires – Info only**

#### **3. Gravel Lock Surface Spray Application**

Administration to research further.

#### **4. MGEU Meeting Request / Government Services**

Reeve Pyziak has spoken to the Honorable Derrek Johnson regarding the closing of the MASC Office in Fisher Branch. She also contacted Betty Green area representative for MASC, and she encouraged us to send letters to MASC and the Minister of Agriculture. Council was worried about loss of jobs and impact to the municipality. The Reeve has also investigated rumors of other offices and services closing.

A meeting request was made by the Manitoba Government and General Employees Union to talk about the future of rural services. Administration to schedule a teleconference.

#### **5. Interlake Pioneer Trail**

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff

30/21 **RESOLVED** that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Fisher approve annual contribution in the amount of \$200.00 to the Interlake Pioneer Trail Inc. to assist with trail maintenance costs as per letter dated January 15, 2021.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Councillor Lindal and Seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

31/21 **RESOLVED** that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Fisher approved a grant in the amount of \$62.20 to the Interlake Pioneer Trail Inc. to assist with trail maintenance costs as per letter dated January 15, 2021.

**CARRIED**

## 6. Xplornet

A letter of support was requested from Xplornet to help with a grant to the Federal Broadband Fund. Council is considering a generic letter to support whomever is to bring high speed to the area. Tabled till teleconference with another provider.

## 7. Interlake Tourism

Tabled – Reeve Pyziak to speak to Interlake Tourism about new Driftscape App. Councillors to provide a list of area attractions to showcase.

Points of Interest that were discussed were:

- Pioneer Trail
- Alvar
- Interlake Forest Centre
- Monuments; Wheel, King Buck, upcoming War Memorial
- Wildlife Management Areas

## Unfinished Business:

### 1. Conditional Use / Access Agreement

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Deputy Reeve

32/21 **WHEREAS** a condition of Conditional use order No. CU 2020-01 the Rural Municipality of Fisher will enter into an access agreement with Glacier North Ltd. for access into the municipally owned property located in SE 26-25-2W.

**AND WHEREAS** original Access agreement 2020-01 has expired

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Rural Municipality of Fisher enter into said Access agreement as per document ACC 2021-01 with a new expiry date of December 31, 2021.

**CARRIED**

CAO to send conditional use and access agreement to Glacier North for signatures. Once documentation is received the conditional use will take effect and key for gate will be handed over.

### 2. Broad Valley Drain

Letters were forwarded to Minister Shuler and Gullimard. Property owner is discussing alternate options for drain width. Council to discuss at drainage committee meeting.

### 3. Treaty Land Entitlement

No new information

### 4. Interlake Weed Control – Spraying Requests needed

No Councillors provided any new requests.

### 5. Drain Ward 6 NW 32-25-1W

Administration to email Sustainable Development and see which property owner consent is required from and email consent form to Deputy Reeve Abas. The Deputy Reeve will then contact and meet with Michael Maksymchuk in the Spring to discuss the wetland area.

### 6. a.) Audit Services for 2020

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Lindal

33/21 **RESOLVED** that Reid and Miller Chartered Professional Accountants Inc. be hired to perform auditing services for the year 2020.

**CARRIED**

**b.) Audit Services for the Handi-Van**

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Webb

34/21 **WHEREAS** the Fisher District Handi-Van requires audit services;  
**AND WHEREAS** a quote was obtained from Reid and Miller Chartered Professional Accountants Inc.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Quote be accepted for \$3,250.00 for the year 2020.

**CARRIED**

**c.) Request for Proposals – Audit Services for 2021-2023**

CAO to add in Handi Van services to advertisement.

**7. By-Law 1191/21 Amendment to Fire By-Law 1188/20**

Consulted with Municipal Lawyer. Council will not give Amendment (By-Law 1191/21) second or third reading.

**8. 15 Tache Street**

Information only. CAO advised that interested party is working on plans to construct a new building in town.

**9. Council Code of Conduct**

Reminder for all Council to complete their code of conduct course.

**10. Tax Sale**

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

35/21 **WHEREAS** pursuant to section 372 of the Municipal Act a municipality may set a reserve bid in the amount of the tax arrears and costs in respect of the property.  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Rural Municipality of Fisher place a reserve bid on all properties in the amount of all arrears and costs in respect of each property.

**CARRIED**

**New Business**

**1. Fisher Veterinary Services District Agreement**

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas

36/21 **RESOLVED** that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Fisher hereby renew Form 1 Veterinary Services Agreement for the purpose of joint establishment and operation of the Fisher Veterinary Services District with no change to annual contribution as follows:  
Rural Municipality of Fisher \$20,000.00 or 100%.

**CARRIED**

**2. Interlake Municipal Recreation Association Membership**

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas

37/21 **WHEREAS** a request to join the Interlake Municipal Recreation Association was made by Ian Goodall-George, Regional Consultant for Municipal Relations,  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Rural Municipality of Fisher join the Interlake Municipal Recreation Association with a membership fee of \$100.00 per year.

**CARRIED**

**3. Mutual Aid Agreement**

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

38/21 **RESOLVED** that the Rural Municipality of Fisher enter into a Mutual Aid System of emergency response and assistance to neighboring municipalities.

**CARRIED**

#### 4. NE 25-25-3W

Currently awaiting title to property.

#### 5. Bid Hourly

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas

39/21 **RESOLVED** that the Council of the RM of Fisher invite quotes for hourly equipment rates for various equipment for the purpose of establishing pay rates for the 2021 construction and maintenance season.

**CARRIED**

#### 6. Dead End Road Sign Request

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal

40/21 **WHEREAS** a request to place a Dead End Road Sign be installed at road 143N and Road 140N was made;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Public Works install sign at Road 143N and 140N weather permitting.

**CARRIED**

#### 7. Building Sustainable Communities Grant

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff

41/21 **RESOLVED** that administration apply for the Building Sustainable Communities Grant to repair Road 1W south of bridge and Road 148N between 3W and 4W.

**CARRIED**

#### 8. Approval of Subdivision

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and Seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

42/21 **WHEREAS** application has been made to subdivide a 16.5 -acre farmstead from a 150.2 acre holding for a retiring farmer;  
**AND WHEREAS** the proposal complies with the Fisher Armstrong Planning District Development Plan;  
**AND WHEREAS** the proposal complies with the RM of Fisher Zoning By-law;  
**AND WHEREAS** the proposal adheres to environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch request of a sewage ejector system be decommissioned or a certificate of exemption be completed and;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Fisher hereby approve the application to subdivide a 16.5-acre farmstead from a 150.2 -acre holding as long it complies with all provincial regulatory legislation;  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all Rural Municipality of Fisher property taxes and outstanding debt are paid in full.

**CARRIED**

#### 9. Meeting with Valley Fiber via Zoom February 11, 2021 at 10: a.m.

Information only

#### 10. a.) New Water Meter Reader

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Lindal

43/21 **WHEREAS** a new water meter reader is required;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** an Autogun for the price of \$1,709.91 before tax be purchased.

**CARRIED**

**b.) New Water Meters – Manitoba Water Services Board**

Moved by Councillor Webb and seconded by Councillor Lindal

44/21 **RESOLVED** that administration apply for a grant from the Water Services Board – Water and Sewer Program to purchase new water meters for the Town of Fisher Branch.

**CARRIED**

**c.) Utility Operator in Training**

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal

45/21 **RESOLVED** that administration advertise for a Utility Operator assistant to replace the current Utility Operator upon his retirement July 2021.

**CARRIED**

**d.) Water and Sewer Rate Study – required by December 2021 by PUB**

Moved Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal

46/21 **WHEREAS** a utility rate adequacy review is required by December 31, 2021 and a deficit application for 2014 and 2017 needs to be done.

**AND WHEREAS** two quotes were received;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Way to go Consulting Inc. be hired to perform said duties as per quote.

**CARRIED**

**11. People First Customer Training Proposal**

Moved by Councillor Webb and seconded Councillor Lindal

47/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council close the Regular meeting to the public 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 Lindal

48/21 **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 Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

49/21 **RESOLVED** that People First HR Services provide customer service training for all employees of the Rural Municipality of Fisher.

**CARRIED**

**12. Small Business grants**

Inquiries directed towards Community Futures

**13. Generator Fisher Branch Transfer Site**

Look into acquiring electric start for generator.

**14. Trees on Road Allowance Road 3W Ward 4**

CAO to contact RCMP and Hydro

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**CARRIED**

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Deputy Reeve Gagaluk  
51/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152 (4) of The Municipal Act Council does  
now re-open the meeting to the public.

**CARRIED**

CAO performance review discussion.

### **Adjournment:**

Moved by Councillor Webb and seconded by Councillor Lindal  
52/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting  
does hereby adjourn at 1:46 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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