



Rural Municipality of
FISHER

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Council of the Rural Municipality of Fisher held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 Council Chambers in Fisher Branch, Manitoba.

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

Call to Order: 9:00 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff

16/24 **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
19. Basaraba Bay
20. Whitetail Woods
21. Other

Confirming of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

17/24 **WHEREAS** the minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 3, 2024 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 attended and gave an update on the area.

Financial:

1. Approval of Accounts

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas

18/24 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:
Cheque Nos. 6824 to 6907
Electronic Payments EFT to PayWorks 3072 to 3074;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$500,932.67.

CARRIED

Budgetary Control Report

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal

19/24 **RESOLVED THAT** the draft Budgetary Control report dated January 31, 2024 be hereby accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Budget review March 11, 2024 at 5:30
Public Hearing March 21, 2024 at 6:00

Committee Reports:

Councillor Lindal – LUD updates and Homecoming, Community Futures

Councillor Gagaluk – Chamber of Commerce –no meeting

Councillor Nevakshonoff – WIWD Meeting will discuss under UB 5

Councillor Tanchak – Update on the Recreation Center

Communications:

1. EMO Workshop

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Lindal

20/24 **RESOLVED THAT** Reeve Pyziak, Councillor Gagaluk, CAO Kelly Marykuca, Public Works Supervisor Phil Lappage, and Fire Chief Gord Wevursky attend the EMO Local Authority Workshop in Arborg on February 23, 2024

CARRIED

2. Manitoba Good Roads

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

21/24 **RESOLVED THAT** the RM of Fisher become a member of Manitoba Good Roads Association.

CARRIED

3. Interlake Bonspiel

Info Only

4. Clifford Stodgell Road Open Request

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

22/24 **WHEREAS** a request to clear a road for access to harvest wood was made **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Municipal graders will be hired on a per hour basis to open road after all regular municipal work has been completed.

CARRIED

5. Winter Fun Carnival

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Lindal

23/24 **RESOLVED THAT** a donation be made for \$500.00 for the Fisher Branch Rec Center Winter Carnival.

CARRIED

6. Manitoba Foreign Direct Investment

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

24/24 **RESOLVED THAT** Reeve Pyziak attend the Manitoba Foreign Direct Investment Seminar in Portage la Prairie, February 27, 2024.

CARRIED

Unfinished Business

1. Maamawibiway Center

Council was presented with Peguis CFS master plan for the Maamawibiway Center.

Council to consult with legal team on development agreement, zoning and assessments. Council to draft preliminary approval.

2. Illegal Bulldozing

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff

26/24 **WHEREAS** municipal right of way 146N and 14W has been cleared with a bulldozer; **AND WHEREAS** no approval from Council was obtained **AND WHEREAS** the illegal clearing contravenes Municipal By-Law 1191/2021

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT under By-Law 1191/2021 any person that contravenes any provision of the by-law is guilty of an offense and liable to a fine of \$500.00 for the first offence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT along with fine, all costs associated with removal of brushpiles from the adjacent landowner's property to be placed back onto the municipal right of way by way of municipal bid hourly contractor;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all costs associated with surveying and or monument restoration be also the responsibility of the offender.

CARRIED

3. Infrastructure Funding

Council discussed projects that were listed at last Council meeting. Were changed to a sewage treatment plant and Whitetail Woods Project.

Contact Tetra Tech for a possible proposal and schedule a meeting in Poplarfield on March 7, 2024 at 7 pm to discuss cottage initiative with residents.

Council has allowed Councillor Nevakshonoff permission to discuss with Province.

4. BEARR Law Enforcement

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas

27/24 **RESOLVED THAT** BEARR Law Enforcement be hired as the municipal by law officer.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Option A be approved for a one-year contract.

CARRIED

5. West Interlake Watershed District

Councillor Nevakshonoff spoke of the meeting with the West Interlake Watershed district and the potential of an expansion.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Galaluk

28/24 **WHEREAS** Manitoba has prepared an expansion proposal for the West Interlake Watershed District that supports watershed based management in Manitoba, and outlines the details of municipal participation in the West Interlake Watershed District;

AND WHEREAS, the RM of Fisher has met with Manitoba regarding the expansion proposal for the West Interlake Watershed District;

AND WHEREAS, council of the RM of Fisher understands that the amendment to the Watershed Districts Regulation will include the final details of participation in the West Interlake Watershed District;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Fisher supports the RM of Fisher forming part of the West Interlake Watershed District in accordance with The Watershed Districts Act and Regulation.

CARRIED

6. Firewell in Hodgson

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Lindal

29/24 **WHEREAS** added fire protection is needed in the NW quadrant of the municipality.

AND WHEREAS the RM has received one quote from Interlake Water Supply to install and supply one 5" inch high-capacity well;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Fisher accept the quote from Interlake Water supply.

CARRIED

7. Grant for Facilities

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

25/24 **WHEREAS** Council asked each community club for a letter explaining what repairs, events, etc is taking place this year for their establishment;

AND WHEREAS Council will then award funds to the recipient in most need this year,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Hodgson Hall be awarded \$13,000.00 to assist in foundation repairs;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT conditions of financial statements, 2 quotes minimum be provided and proof that additional grants have been applied for before funds will be released.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT municipal sign be displayed on site at any future events.

CARRIED

New Business

1. Municipal Tendering and Procurement Policy Review and Update

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Lindal

26/24 **RESOLVED THAT** the Municipal Tendering and Procurement Policy 8.1.2-01-13 be amended to include:

Single-source procurement

- a. where there is only one available supplier of a required product or service that meets the needs of the Municipality;
- b. where there is a patent, copyright or exclusive licence or distributor; components or replacement parts for which there is no substitute;
- c. for purchases of real property;
- d. for standardization or compatibility with an existing product, facility or service is required and determined to be operationally and economically beneficial to the Municipality;
- e. during an emergency where due to immediate need and time constraints normal procurement methods cannot be followed;
- f. for the purchase of Goods under exceptionally advantageous circumstances determined to be in the best interests of the Municipality, but not for routine purchases;
- g. where the cost of solicitation of competitive offers is reasonably anticipated to exceed the benefits thereof; and
- h. where it is in the Municipality's interest to protect the confidentiality of the supplier or the Municipality.

2. Organizational By-Law Review

Council did the yearly review of By-law

3. Indemnities By-law Review

Council would like all neighboring indemnities researched and brought back to next meeting.

4. Municipal Heritage Site

RM of Fisher serve, publish and file a Municipal Heritage Notice of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Fisher Branch and the site be entered into the register of Municipal Heritage Site.

5. Utilities

a.) By-Law 1178/18 Be given a third reading

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Lindal

27/24 **RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 1178/18 be given a third and final reading.

CARRIED

b.) By-Law 1199/23 second and third reading of By-law 1199/23

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Lindal

28/24 **WHEREAS** the Rural Municipality of Fisher gave first reading to By-law No. 1199/23 on March 16, 2023;

AND WHEREAS Public Utilities Board Order 144/23 has approved By-law No. 1199/23 with minor amendments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1199/23 be amended as follows:

- replacing Clause 2 of the bylaw with the following:

“2. THAT all accounts for minimum quarterly charges for metered services as set forth in the Schedule of Quarterly Rates shall be billed quarterly. Consumers shall pay for water and wastewater service supplied to them by the Fisher Water and Wastewater Utility within LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS NOS. 1 AND 2 (FISHER BRANCH) at the rates and terms set out in Schedule “A” attached hereto and forming part of this by-law.”;

- replacing “April 1, 2023” in Clauses 1 and 2 of Schedule A with “January 1, 2024”;
- amending clause 2 (a), (c) and (d) to match Public Utilities Board Order #144/23;
- amending clause 3 of Schedule A by replacing “2023 \$19.35” with “\$5.38 per cubic meter (\$19.35 per 1,000 gallons)”;
- by deleting Clause 12 Lagoon Tipping Fees.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 1199/23 be given 2nd reading as amended.

CARRIED

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

29/24 **RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 1199/23 be given 3rd reading, passed, signed and sealed.

CARRIED

c.) By-Law 1200/24 First Reading

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal

30/24 **RESOLVED THAT** By-law No. **1200/24**, being a By-law of the Rural Municipality of Fisher to amend By-Law 1199/23 to add Wastewater Lagoon Septic Truck Tipping Fees be read a first time.

CARRIED

6. Municipal Lawyer Fees

Info Only

7. Custodian Job Description – Council to review and approve

Council was provided with a current Custodian Job description for the custodians. It was reviewed and approved.

Custodians to be provided with copy and attached to HR Policy.

8. Fire Quarterly Report

Info Only

9. Vet Board Levy

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas

31/24 **RESOLVED THAT** the Provincial payment requirements for The Fisher Veterinary Services District of \$20,000.00 be made.

CARRIED

10. Small Business Program Lighting

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

32/24 **WHEREAS** an evaluation was performed by Efficiency Manitoba on the Municipal Building;

AND WHEREAS costs saving by way of efficient lighting was reported;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Fisher accept the quote for \$1,971.74 plus costs by Efficiency Manitoba to change the lighting in the RM office and Firehall.

CARRIED

11. Newsletter review

Council reviewed newsletter and made changes.

12. Interlake Forest Center

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

33/24 **WHEREAS** the Province of Manitoba has approved the Hodgson Community Club and the RM of Fisher to enter into a lease agreement for 21 years for the Interlake Forest Center.

AND WHEREAS the lease will commence on January 1, 2024 ending on December 31, 2044

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The RM of Fisher be responsible for all costs associated with Lease No. 73854 and all property taxes for the NW ¼ 18-25-1WPM within limits of the Interlake Forest Center.

CARRIED

13. Base Radio for Shop

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

34/24 **RESOLVED THAT** the quote for \$1,395.00 for one Motorola CM200d base radio with antenna, from Alcom Electronic Communications be accepted.

CARRIED

14. Ward 7 Agenda Request

Update Councillor on his requests.

15. Hydraulic Forecast Center

CAO to complete questionnaire

16. Evergreen School Division

Info Only

17. Ambulance Navigation System

The LUD of Fisher Branch requested a letter be brought forward from the RM Council to the Minister of Health requesting that a standardized GPS Unit be installed in all ambulances servicing Manitoba.

CAO to draft letter and bring forward for Council review.

18. I Love to Read Month

Reeve Pyziak would like to do a challenge next year for I Love to Read month.

19. 8 Basaraba Bay

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

35/24 **RESOLVED THAT** Invoice 2482 for \$543.20 for camera inspection be reimbursed.

CARRIED

20. Whitetail Woods

Discussed under UB 3

21. Other

Nil

In Camera:

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff

36/24 **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 Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas
37/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does
now re-open the meeting to the public.

CARRIED

Consult with MP on illegal ditching, request topographical maps on Sleeve Lake, CAO given
performance review.

Adjournment:

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Lindal
38/24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting
does hereby adjourn at 2:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve

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