



## THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FISHER

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Council of the Rural Municipality of Fisher held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 Council Chambers in Fisher Branch, Manitoba.

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

Call to Order: 9:01 a.m.

### Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal

17/25 **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 with additions.

**CARRIED**

Under Other:

- Lakeshore School Division Vision and Voice
- I love to read month

### Confirming of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Lindal

18/25 **WHEREAS** the minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 8, 2025 have been circulated for their review;

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

**CARRIED**

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

19/25 **WHEREAS** the minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 28, 2025 have been circulated for their review;

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

**CARRIED**

### Delegates:

**9:30**

#### RCMP

Discussed stats and local crime groups.

**10:00**

#### Dennis from MB Wildlife

Manitoba Wildlife Federation discussed the Proposed Fisher River Conservation Area Initiative. Councillors Gagaluk and Lindal attended the open house in Riverton.

MB Wildlife Federation is voicing concern over the lack of consultation and clarity for all parties about this initiative, as not all user groups were invited to the planning stages. More work needs to be put into what this plan is all about and what types of land will be affected. The Federation feels that local taxpayers should have input on design and implementation. They feel that the Province should be leading this initiative instead of Parks Canada.

How does this tie in with Treaty Land Entitlement?

Suggested to advocate to the following groups:

- Premier
- Minister of Environment

- MP
- MB Beef Producers
- CPAWS
- Keystone Ag Producers
- AMM

**10:30**

**Ian Prise – Drainage Officer**

Drainage Officer Ian Prise attended Council to discuss current drainage issues, and to discuss licensing setbacks.

**Tim Teetaert – Nature Conservancy**

Canceled rescheduled to March.

**12:30 Derrick Gulay**

Mr. Gulay attended Council to express his frustration with the drainage licensing process. His application (39497) is awaiting First Nations approval. Council to consult drainage officer to see if water can be diverted elsewhere.

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas

20/25 **RESOLVED THAT** Council amend application 39497 to divert water south down Road 2E. Council consult drainage officer and apply as per his instruction.

**CARRIED**

**Financial:**

**1. Approval of Accounts**

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal

21/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Cheque Nos. 7591 to 7653

Electronic Payments EFT to PayWorks 3111 to 3113;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$465,468.23.

**CARRIED**

**2. Budgetary Control Report**

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas

22/25 **RESOLVED THAT** the draft Budgetary Control report dated January 31, 2025 be hereby accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Committee Reports:**

Councillor Gagaluk – Chamber of Commerce – wants the RM to initiate more housing. Start Economic Development.

Councillor Lindal – attended CPAWS meeting in Riverton. Open House had little information and presenters could not answer a lot of questions.

Reeve Pyziak – Is now chair of the East Interlake Watershed District

**Communications:**

**1. Giant Pumpkin Growers**

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

23/25 **RESOLVED THAT** advertisement for the Giant Pumpkin Growers Seminar presented by the Manitoba Giant Growers Association be advertised.

**CARRIED**

**2. Riverdale Place Workshop**

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Lindal

24/25 **RESOLVED THAT** a letter be sent to Minister Nahanni Fontaine to advocate for Riverdale Place Workshop.

CARRIED

### 3. Fisher Branch Rec Center

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk  
25/25 **RESOLVED THAT** \$50.00 be donated to the Fisher Branch Rink for Family Skate Day.

CARRIED

### 4. Crime Stoppers Thank you

Info Only

### 5. Way to Go Consulting

Info Only

### 6. CUPW

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Tanchak  
26/25 **WHEREAS** the Canada Industrial Relations Board, as instructed by the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, ordered the end to the postal strike and the resumption of mail service at Canada Post on December 17, 2024, under Section 107 of the *Canada Labour Code*.

**WHEREAS** the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, created an *Industrial Inquiry Commission* under Section 108 of *Canada Labour Code*, led by William Kaplan, that will work with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) and Canada Post to examine the future of the public post office, including possible changes to the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*.

**WHEREAS** Canada Post is, first and foremost, a public service.

**WHEREAS** the *Commission* has been tasked with reviewing the obstacles to negotiated collective agreements between CUPW and Canada Post, the financial situation of Canada Post, Canada Post's expressed need to diversify and/or alter its delivery models in the face of current business demands, the viability of the business as it is currently configured, CUPW's negotiated commitments to job security, full-time employment, and the need to protect the health and safety of workers.

**WHEREAS** the *Commission* only has until May 15, 2025, to submit its final report to the government and make recommendations about the future structure of Canada Post.

**WHEREAS** while there is room for written input, the *Commission* process is not widely publicized, nor equivalent to a full and thorough public service review of Canada Post's mandate allowing for all stakeholder input, as has been undertaken by previous governments.

**WHEREAS** it will be crucial for the *Commission* to hear our views on key issues, including maintaining Canada Post as a public service, the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures, improving the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*, home mail delivery, parcel delivery, keeping daily delivery, adding postal banking, greening Canada Post, EV charging stations, food delivery, improving delivery to rural, remote and Indigenous communities, and developing services to assist people with disabilities and help older Canadians to remain in their homes for as long as possible - and at the same time, helping to ensure Canada Post's financial self-sustainability.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the RM of Fisher provide input to the *Commission* in the form of a written submission.

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the RM of Fisher will write the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, and the Federal Minister of Public Services and Procurement of Canada, Jean-Yves Duclos, who is responsible for Canada Post, to demand that no changes be made to the *Canada Post Corporation Act*, Canada Post's mandate or the *Canadian Postal Service Charter* without a full, thorough, public review of Canada Post, including public hearings, with all key stakeholders, in every region of Canada.

CARRIED

### 7. Fisher Branch Rec Center

Tabled till Fisher Branch Recreation Center can produce books for the previous year.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **1. Whitetail Woods**

Province has approved the WARR Report on area. Teams meeting was held with EIWD and Barnes and Duncan. Quote for subdivision will be presented in coming weeks.

### **2. Gravel Pitz Consulting**

Cancel Consultant

### **3. Life Insurance**

Council Spoke to One Insurance over the phone. Detailed reports requested as well as quotes from other organizations.

### **4. Animal Alliance**

Deputy Reeve still has to speak to the local vet to see if they would be willing to do program and bring back to the Council table.

## **PUBLIC HEARING 12:00**

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Lindal

27/26 **RESOLVED THAT** the Council meeting adjourn at 12:01 p.m and that Council resolve into a Public Hearing to hear all representations, written and verbal, for a conditional use permit for Lots 8 and 9 Block 4 Plan 570P currently zoned commercial business of a new construction of a cannabis micro cultivation facility.

**CARRIED**

Attendance: Tyrone Abas, Josh Careme

Chair Shannon Pyziak began the hearing at 12:01 p.m. to hear representation, answer questions, or receive objections to the Conditional Use of the construction of a new Cannabis Micro Cultivation facility.

Proof of Notice was provided by Recording Secretary, Kelly Marykuca

No written representations were received  
No members of the audience were present

Tyrone Abas was in attendance to make representation and answer questions regarding the Cannabis Micro cultivation facility.

Chairperson Shannon Pyziak declared receipt of the presentations complete and concluded the Public Hearing at 12:15 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

28/25 **RESOLVED THAT** the Public Hearing resolve into a meeting of Council.

**CARRIED**

### **Deputy Reeve Declared Conflict**

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Lindal

29/24 **WHEREAS** an application for Conditional Use to construct a new cannabis micro cultivation facility in the town of Hodgson was made.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** application be approved with the following requirements:

- Meets all zoning regulations
- Meets all provincial and federal requirements
- Building permits are to be obtained from the Office of the Fire Commissioner
- Water and waste water from facility is properly disposed of by Provincial regulations
- all approved licenses be copied and provided to the municipality

**CARRIED**

### **5. Tile Drainage**

Send report to Licensing Officer

## **6. Letter to MIT**

CAO to send letter to Manitoba Transportation about the state of Highway 17.

## **7. Letter to Weed District**

CAO to send letter to Weed District

## **8. Manitoba Water Services Board and Grant Match**

Deputy Reeve Abas will write the Federal Grant application. CAO to print off and provide him with a copy.

## **9. Surplus from 2023 Consolidated Financial Statements**

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

30/25 **WHEREAS** allocation of funds was approved at the time of the 2023 Financial Plan;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipality has identified variances in these budgeted expenditures resulting in surplus of deficit funds;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the following transfers as indicated; and same be represented in the final 2023 Audited Financial Statements

General Surplus of \$16,520.00 to be split 3 ways to the Fire Reserve, Machinery Reserve and Mitigation and Preparedness Reserve

**CARRIED**

## **10. Budget**

Tabled

### **New Buisness**

#### **1. Clean Fire Truck – Gloss Boss Quote**

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

31/25 **WHEREAS** a quote from The Gloss Boss was received to clean the inside of the Pumper Truck

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the quote from Gloss Boss be accepted.

**CARRIED**

#### **2. 2024/2025 Munti Year Infrastructure Investment Strategy**

Info Only

#### **3. Webber Ag Sales**

Info Only

#### **4. Meeting with Minister Naylor**

Info Only

#### **5. Sewer Design Study Update**

Info Only

#### **6. Gravel Pit Reclamation**

Research other RM's for protocol

**7. Spring Convention April 14-16 Who's Coming**

Reeved Pyziak and CAO Kelly Marykuca

**8. Manitoba Good Roads Association**

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas  
32/24 **RESOLVED THAT** RM of Fisher offer to host the 2-day Gravel Program in the RM of Fisher.

**CARRIED**

**9. Other**

- Vision and Voice Lakeshore School Division February 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
- I love to read month – Reeve Pyziak to attend Fisher Branch Elementary School

**9. In Camera**

**In Camera:**

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Lindal  
33/25 **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:

Legal

**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 Tanchak  
34/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does now re-open the meeting to the public.

**CARRIED**

Legal Updates

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas  
35/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 1:59 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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