

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FISHER

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Council of the Rural Municipality of Fisher held on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 Council Chambers in Fisher Branch, Manitoba.

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

Call to Order: 8:58 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Lindal

253/24 **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 presented.

Confirming of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

254/24 WHEREAS the minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 2, 2024, have been circulated for their review;

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

CARRIED

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Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal

255/24 WHEREAS the minutes for the Board of Revision held on October 9, 2024, have been circulated for their review;

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

CARRIED

Delegates:

9:30

RCMP

Listed the stats for the month for the RM of Fisher. Spoke of night hunting, Remembrance Ceremonies, could use more resources. Council will express needs at AMM.

10:00 Ed Ledohowski

Did not attend.

Financial:

1. Approval of Accounts

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk
256/24 WHEREAS the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque Nos. 7397 to 7461, void cheque 7432 Electronic Payments EFT to Pay Works 3101 to 3103;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$231582.29.

CARRIED

2. Budgetary Control Report

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

257/24 **RESOLVED THAT** the draft Budgetary Control report dated October 31, 2024 be hereby accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nevakshonoff - EIWD – Icelandic Sub District was an informative meeting. They will engage First Nation perhaps look at creating a separate sub district to bring all First nations and unorganized territories together. This idea would have to be approved by the Province. Armand and Tom will prepare a resolution to present to the NDP Party. ALICE program – alternative Land Use talked about the Fisher River where 7 sites had rapids within the Fisher River and were removed under the FRED Program. Looking at reconstituting the rapids in the RM of Fisher. Rapids located at Imlah's NW 13-25-3W. It was meant to slow down water and for fish habitat. AGM will be hosted in January. Looking for wetland and water retention projects. West Interlake – making good progress – survey is underway. Elections are coming up.

Councillor Lindal – LUD Matters. Dog and Pig complaints in town are being dealt with. Bear has been wandering in town. Christmas lights contest. Mike Smith to clean sidewalks.

Reeve Shannon Pyziak – looking to the Broad Valley Colony to donate sign for town of Fisher Branch. EIWD, attended the IERHA Coalition.

Councillor Tanchak – Rink received a grant from RCMP for \$19,000.00. New doors need to be purchased and fryers in the kitchen need to be cleaned. New board members.

Communications:

1. MB Beef Producers AGM

Info Only – see if Beef Producers have plans to do a survey of Predation. Coyotes and Wolves are becoming an issue.

2. Bud Chudy Cemetery Sign

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk
258/24 **RESOLVED** that a sign be approved for the Fisher Branch Pioneer Cemetery and installed on RM right of way.

CARRIED

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CAO to bring back legislation on cemeteries.

3. Crime Stoppers

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Tanchak 259/24 **RESOLVED THAT** a donation of \$461.25 be made to Manitoba Crime Stoppers. **CARRIED**

4. IERHA

a.) Health Workforce Development Coalition b.) AGM Update

IERHA is looking for ways to recruit and retain employees. RM of Fisher looks good but is still short for RN's. Fieldstone ventures looking for a place for training opportunities. Require a 2000 square foot space for Assiniboine Community College. Look possible at Fisher Tax Building? Working group will meet quarterly. Ashern hospital excited about increase in beds, but are short staffed. Karen Schreyer presented with award. CAO to send letter.

5. Burning ditches Ward 3

Re-do form to include the additional info:

- Will not impair visual ability on roadway
- Permit holder responsible for and cost incurred for damage to hydro infrastructure.
- No peat soil
- Consultation with Councillor then signed off by fire chief
- The permit holder must own adjacent property to ditch being burnt

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff

- 260/24 **RESOLVED THAT** burning be allowed in ditches subject to the following conditions:
 - Will not impair visual ability on roadway
 - Permit holder responsible for and cost incurred for damage to hydro infrastructure.
 - No peat soil
 - Consultation with Councillor then signed off by fire chief
 - Permit holder must own adjacent property to ditch being burnt
 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT burn permit be changed to reflect new additions.

CARRIED

6. Ward 4 Ditching Request

NE 26-23-2W – request for ditching CAO to check if survey is on file – bring back to December meeting.

7. 2025 Planning Conference

Table to planning meeting

8. Liberation of the Netherlands

Send info of what we have and contact family member of Mike Halliuk.

9. WIWD

Water Testing. More should be done for ground well water testing for private wells; Interlake has the best water in the world.

What is it that the watershed requires from the RM of Fisher. Table till next meeting.

10. Thank you

Info only

11. Marble Ridge Colony Request

Request discussed with surveyor. Project will depend on the North Quarter to see if it can be licensable.

12. Chad Marcynuik

Look into legislation for land locked property. Marcynuik owned property first. Ask for a survey of RM property.

13. High School Volunteer Hours

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded Councillor Lindal

261/24 WHEREAS a request from a Fisher Branch Collegiate student for volunteer hours was made;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Student can volunteer at the municipal office and do tasks as assigned.

CARRIED

Unfinished Business

1. Whitetail Woods

Armand Belanger was consulted and WAR report is being worked on. Council will need to decide on a layout. Possibly 2 acre lots and keep remain 2 acre lots for future development.

2. Tom Pyziak Request

Water drainage officer was contacted by Ward 3 Councillor and drainage officer is working on other projects right now.

3. Melvin Podaima – 30-24-2W

Request came to office that trap on culvert was not there and wants it replaced. Public works inspected and in fact trap is on culvert.

4. Sewer Main Renewal

Tabled – obtain pricing from Grant Match

5. Right of way agreement – Trail

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

262/24 WHEREAS a draft agreement for trail users was presented to Council
 WHEREAS Council has made additions to agreement
 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Draft agreement be accepted with changes and forwarded to various user groups of the trail.

CARRIED

6. Offer to Purchase

Info only. Reeve to sign purchase of Valley Fiber Lot.

7. Melvin Podaima SE 17-26-3W

Structure was built originally as per license. Equalizer culvert was not approved as per last license. Surveyor has surveyed ditch and Water resources will be consulted to see if new license can be approved due to area with wetlands. Send ratepayer letter to inform.

8. Unauthorized Ditching

Send minutes to Mr. Gregory.

9. Water Management Plan

Tabled Policy Meeting December 10, 2024 9-2

New Business

1. Manitoba Gro Grant

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal

263/24 WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has issued a grant for Road Rehabilitation. AND WHEREAS various high use roads have been examined.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT CAO apply for grant to rehabilitate Road 138N for 3 miles from Road 6W to 3W.

CARRIED

2. SW 19-24-1W

Info Only

Budget to purchase property for Lagoon.

3. Quarry Lease Notification

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff

264/24 **WHEREAS** notification from the Mines branch for quarry permits on the following lands:

 $\circ~$ Legal Subdivisions 5 and 12 of 4-22-1WPM, Legal Subdivision 9 of 5-22-1WPM, The NE $^{1}\!\!\!/_4$ of LS 14 on 3-25-2WPM

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT approval be granted under the following conditions: Properties zoned AG requires a conditional use permit for natural resource development, Road haul agreement when using municipal roads, quarry limit surveyed to ensure no encroachment, crown land lease holder receives notification.

CARRIED

4. WARD 7 Earl Abas Complaint

Complaint made to Ward Councillor of neighboring property placing bales too close to property line. Land owner wants to burn grass and feels bales may catch fire.

Private property – landowners jurisdiction not RM. All burns require a burn permit from RM.

5. Ward 7 Joe Omer Ditching Request

Drain is located on private property. Clean out will be at landowner's expense and is to follow Provincial License.

6. Estate of Olga Grouch

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

265/24 **RESOLVED** that agreement be signed and provided to lawyer.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT when finalized, and are received by the municipality they will be handed over to the Rolling Memories Museum.

CARRIED

7. Tile Drainage Policy

Differed to Policy Meeting December 10, 2024

8. Manitoba Infrastructure Snow Plow Routes

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

266/24 **RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Rural Municipality of Fisher hereby requests Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructre Snowplow the Municipal Roads of PR #325 for the 2024/2025 Season E33 W 1/2, N 27 and E ½ N 28-25-1E being part of Road 3E and 149N.

CARRIED

9. AMM – Meeting with Ministers

Request meeting with: Minister Bushie – Assessments, dollars being spent by IERHA on Colliers Minister Schmidt – Drainage, more officers, private well drilling Minister Naylor – PR 224 detour RCMP – more boots on the ground Minister Kostyshyn – vet Minister Moses - predation, bring back bounties for wolves and coyotes, mines

10. Valley Fiber

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal

267/24 **RESOLVED THAT** Locations on map provided by Valley Fiber for installation of new lines be approved.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all provincial and utility locates be completed before installation and registering with Click before you dig be done on all new lines. CARRIED

11. Fire Department

b.) Update – Fire Blankets will be sold at RM office for a fundraiser for a new fire truck, ask CO-OP if they will sell on behalf of the department

b.) By-Law – Tabled

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonff and seconded by Councillor Lindal

268/24 WHEREAS Deputy Fire Chief Darcy Plett has taken a new role of mentorship within the Fisher Fire Department

AND WHEREAS there is now a vacancy of Deputy Fire Chief **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Patrick Davy be appointed Deputy Fire Chief with the Fisher Fire Department.

c.) Call out Report - info only

d.) Insurance – tabled

e.) burning of ditches – see communications 5

f.) Burn Permits – remove statement 5 from permits

CARRIED

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12. Gravel Pitz Consulting

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal

269/24 **RESOLVED THAT** Randy Pitz of Gravel Pitz Consulting be hired to speak to Council next year on gravel Program.

CARRIED

13. Taxes Added / Taxes Cancelled

Taxes Added

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

270/24 **RESOLVED THAT** the 2024 Supplementary Taxes for the RM of Fisher in the amount of \$11,721.50 prepared in accordance with Section 326 of *The Municipal Act* be hereby accepted.

b.) Taxes Cancelled

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal

271/24 **RESOLVED THAT** the 2024 Tax Cancellations for the RM of Fisher in the amount of \$5,056.66 prepared in accordance with Section 326 of *The Municipal Act* be hereby accepted.

CARRIED

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14. Letter Express Weekley News

Info Only

15. Drone Policy

Request for Drone policy to be updated to reflect a resolution from Council prior to each flight.

Council does not feel changes are necessary at this time. CAO showed Council log book for each flight required by Transport Canada.

16. Other

Aged Utility Accounts

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded Councillor Lindal

272/24 WHEREAS Roll # 357900 0010 and Roll # 362591 0000 have outstanding Utility Accounts in the amount of \$1,015.18

AND WHEREAS these Utility Accounts have been in arrears since 2023 with no attempt of payment

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT outstanding Utility accounts be added to taxes.

CARRIED

9. In Camera

In Camera:

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

273/24 **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:

Legal

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

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk 274/24 BE IT RESOLVED THAT as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does now re-open the meeting to the public.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Tanchak 275/24 **RESOLVED THAT** CAO and Reeve be authorized to provide affidavit to municipal lawyer as requested.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Lindal and Councillor Nevakshonoff 275/24 **RESOLVED THAT** Reeve, any Council who wishes and CAO attend the offices of David Hay, Drainage and Licensing for a meeting.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Tanchak
276/24 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 2:17 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve

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