

RM OF MOOSE CREEK NO. 33

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Moose Creek No. 33 which was held in the RM office, 118-5th Street, Alameda, SK on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 9:03am.

PRESENT: Kelvin Luedtke Reeve
 Jeremy Nielsen Division 1
 Reed Gibson Division 2
 Kim Dietze Division 3 (arrived at 9:13am)
 Melissa Gervais Division 4
 Jeff Humphries Division 5
 Tyler McLean Division 6
 Sentura Freitag Chief Administrative Officer
 Michelle Needham Office Assistant
 Kirk Brooks Foreman

CALL TO ORDER:

This meeting was called to order by the Reeve at 9:03A.M.

The Fidelity Bond for 2024 was provided to the council.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

FOREMAN UPDATE 9:04 – 9:21am

The Foreman left the meeting at 9:21am

Regular minutes **1/24** Nielsen:
That the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2023 shall be approved as read. **CARRIED**

December Statement **2/24** Dietze:
That the detailed financial report for the month of December shall be accepted as read, and attached. **CARRIED**

Accrual Acct Payable **3/24** McLean:
That the 2023 accrual accounts as submitted shall be paid, and a list shall be attached to the minutes. **CARRIED**

Accounts Payable **4/24** Gibson:
That the statement of payments being, cheques #7636-7654 in the amount of \$252,215.90, Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$1,147.88 and online payments in the amount of \$7,009.44 for a total of \$260,373.22 shall be paid and be attached to the minutes. **CARRIED**

Oil Approvals **5/24** Gibson:
That the RM shall accept the oil approvals as attached. **CARRIED**

CUSTOM WORK RATES:

Custom Rates **6/24** Dietze:
That custom work rates shall be as follows:
Grader/Operator \$125.00/hour



Grader with blade/Operator	175.00/hour (snow removal)
Mower/Operator	100.00/hour
Loader/Operator	100.00/hour
Tractor/Operator	80.00/hour
Packer	200.00 per day
Black Dirt delivered	15.00/yd*
Gravel Hauled	18.00/yd*
	12.00/yd (pit run)*

*A maximum of three loads of gravel and black dirt (hauled only) per year at said costs shall be hauled to rate payers only. These rates will be available to Chopper K Auction Services, and the Town of Alameda . **CARRIED**

<i>Water tokens</i>	7/24 Humphries: That fees/charges shall be: Water Well tokens \$40.00/year Commercial tokens \$100.00/year Fax/Photocopy \$1.00/page	CARRIED
<i>Gopher tails</i>	8/24 Nielsen: That bounty on gopher tails shall be \$0.50 per tail.	CARRIED
<i>Beaver Trapper</i>	9/24 Dietze: That Mark Wenner, Terry Barnes or a rate payer as commissioned by a member of council, shall be appointed Contract Beaver Trappers and shall be paid \$50.00 per tail.	CARRIED
<i>Pound</i>	10/24 Gervais: That Chopper K shall be appointed as pound for the year 2024.	CARRIED
<i>PCO</i>	11/24 Humphries: That Terry Barnes shall be appointed as Pest Control Officer for the year 2024.	CARRIED
<i>Weed Inspector</i>	12/24 Humphries: That Don Seipp shall be appointed Weed Inspector for the year 2024 at \$28.00/hour, \$0.80/km.	CARRIED
<i>Solicitor</i>	13/24 Dietze: That M. Swanson Legal Prof., #6 – 415A Wylie Avenue, Oxbow, SK S0C 2B0 shall be appointed as solicitor for the year 2024.	CARRIED
<i>Auditor</i>	14/24 McLean: That Dudley and Company LLP, Regina, shall be appointed as Auditor for the year 2024.	CARRIED
<i>BOR Committee</i>	15/24 Nielsen: That the RM shall appoint Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. to manage the Board of Revision (BOR), for the Term January 1, 2024 through to December 31, 2024 (Board Members: Dave	

Gurnsey, Dave Thompson, Donna Rae Zadvorny, Gordon Parkinson, Jeff Hutton, Kevin Kleckner, Mike Waschuk, Murray Dean, Stew Demmans, Tim Lafreniere, Wayne Adams, Ken Friesen, Femi Ogunrinde, Fife Ogunde, Maureen Jickling, Jamie Tiessen, Corey Zaharuk, John Krill, Christopher Blueman, Alan Sawatsky, Mike Meleca, Hany Amin, Kimberly Speers, Nick Coroluik and Rick Leigh. Secretary to the Board of Revision shall be Marlene Hassard, remuneration as set out in the fee schedule.

CARRIED

*DAB
Committee*

16/24 Gibson:

That the RM shall appoint Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. to manage the Development Appeals Board (DAB) for the Term January 1, 2024 through to December 31, 2024 (Board Members: Dave Gurnsey, Dave Thompson, Donna Rae Zadvorny, Gordon Parkinson, Jeff Hutton, Kevin Kleckner, Mike Waschuk, Murray Dean, Stew Demmans, Tim Lafreniere, Wayne Adams, Ken Friesen, Femi Ogunrinde, Fife Ogunde, Maureen Jickling, Jamie Tiessen, Stu Hayward, Pam Malach, Barry Clark, Corey Zaharuk, John Krill, Christopher Blueman, Alan Sawatsky, Mike Meleca, Hany Amin, Kimberly Speers, Nick Coroluick, and Rick Leigh. Secretary to the Board of Revision shall be Claudette McGuire, remuneration as set out in the fee schedule.

CARRIED

*MBA
Committee*

17/24 Dietze:

That the RM shall appoint Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. to manage the Municipal Board of Appeals (MBA) for the Term January 1, 2024 through to December 31, 2024 (Board Members: (Board Members: Dave Gurnsey, Dave Thompson, Donna Rae Zadvorny, Gordon Parkinson, Jeff Hutton, Kevin Kleckner, Mike Waschuk, Murray Dean, Stew Demmans, Tim Lafreniere, Wayne Adams, Ken Friesen, Femi Ogunrinde, Fife Ogunde, Maureen Jickling, Jamie Tiessen, Stu Hayward, Pam Malach, Barry Clark, Corey Zaharuk, John Krill, Christopher Blueman, Alan Sawatsky, Mike Meleca, Hany Amin, Kimberly Speers, Nick Coroluick, and Rick Leigh. Secretary to the Board of Revision shall be Claudette McGuire, remuneration as set out in the fee schedule.

CARRIED

CAO **18/24** Gervais:
That Sentura Freitag shall be Chief Administrative Officer, Returning Officer, Assessor, Treasurer for the year 2024 with an annual salary of \$98,834.00 plus membership in the RMAA.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

RFP -GIC

19/24 Gibson:

That the RM shall request RFPs for GIC investments from the local banks for council review at the next regular meeting.

CARRIED

*RFP
Engineering* **20/24** Nielsen:
That the RM shall advertise for Requests for Proposals for Engineering Consulting Services for all new projects in 2024 on Sasktenders.ca.

CARRIED

The Office Assistant left the meeting at 11:45am and returned at 12:05pm

Council broke for lunch 12:05pm-12:29pm

Councillor Melissa Gervais left the meeting at 12:29pm and returned at 12:48pm

Admin Report **21/24** McLean:
That the RM shall accept the Administrator's Report as presented. **CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

Amend 3-9 Holiday Pol. **22/24** Nielsen:
That the RM shall amend the Policy #3-9 "Holidays" as attached. **CARRIED**

EI Rate **23/24** McLean:
That the RM shall acknowledge 2024 reduced EI rate of 1.177. **CARRIED**

WCB Rate **24/24** Nielsen:
That the RM shall acknowledge 2024 WCB rate of 1.43 and that the council shall be covered at the maximum rate for elected officials. **CARRIED**

Sask Lotteries **25/24** Gibson:
That the Saskatchewan Lotteries TIP Allocation in the amount of \$2,433.00 for 2024 shall be turned over to the Town of Alameda. **CARRIED**

Appeals Com. Retainers **26/24** Dietze:
That the RM shall pay retainers in the total amount of \$650.00 to Western Municipal Consulting for the 2024 Board of Revisions Committee, Development Appeals Committee and Municipal Board of Appeals Committee. **CARRIED**

2-13 Crime Stoppers **27/24** Humphries:
That the RM shall adopt Policy 2-13 Annual Crime Stoppers Donation which states:
"The Rural Municipality will donate annually to Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers in the amount of \$200.00." **CARRIED**

Election Workshop **28/24** Gervais:
That Office Assistant Michelle Needham shall attend the Election Workshop in Weyburn on March 26, 2024 at a cost of \$100.00. **CARRIED**

SARM Resolution **29/24** Nielsen:
That the RM shall co-sponsor the following resolution submitted to the Annual Convention by RM of Tullymet No. 216:
"WHEREAS CO2 is the building block of life and fuels, photosynthesis CO2 is not a pollutant, and to call it a pollutant is disingenuous;
WHEREAS any policies that are designed to punish the critical, natural CO2 cycle are not only illogical but dangerous to the balance of natural food production;
WHEREAS Saskatchewan's forests, grasslands and crop production zones rely on this critical CO2, but also sequesters more CO2 than any illogically created CO2 Reduction Strategy; and
WHEREAS policies that vilify CO2 are illogical and unpredictable that will undoubtedly create an uncertain amount of negative impact to our existing crop production systems and economy;



BE IT RESOLVED that SARM will ensure that any policies that unduly target naturally occurring CO2 will be deemed as illogical and dangerous. We move that Saskatchewan remove itself from any national or international agreements such as net zero.” **CARRIED**

Bylaw 01/24 **30/24** Gibson:
1st reading That Bylaw 01-2024 A Bylaw to License the Excavation of Gravel From Gravel Pits shall be introduced and read a first time. **CARRIED**

Bylaw 01/24 **31/24** Dietze:
2nd reading That Bylaw 01-2024 A Bylaw to License the Excavation of Gravel From Gravel Pits shall be read a second time. **CARRIED**

Bylaw 01/24 **32/24** Gervais:
3rd reading That Bylaw 01-2024 A Bylaw to License the Excavation of Gravel From Gravel Pits shall have three readings at one meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Bylaw 01/24 **33/24** Humphries:
That Bylaw 01-2024 A Bylaw to License the Excavation of Gravel From Gravel Pits shall be signed and sealed by the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer. **CARRIED**

SARM **34/24** McLean:
That the RM shall pay the following 2024 SARM accounts (plus taxes):

- Membership \$3,771.97
- Bond in the amount of \$100,000.00 for Office \$225.00
- Errors and Omissions \$50,000.00 (110.00)
- Self Insurance \$2,418.55
- Excess Liability \$5 million - \$2,072.00
- Property Insurance \$18,292.22
- Short term Disability \$13,927.18 (Council coverage of up to 50K each)
- Long term Disability - \$12,225.15
- Extended Health & Dental Benefits Plan - \$46,806.59
- Group Life \$3,587.76
- Optional Life Insurance (Freitag) \$540.00

CARRIED

Memberships **35/24** Dietze:
That the RM shall pay the following 2024 memberships:

• APAS	\$12,215.60
• RMAA (Freitag)	\$425.00
• SETPC	\$660.00
• Federation of Canadian Municipalities	\$214.86
• SaskTip	\$100.00
• Sask Crime Stoppers	\$200.00
• Sask Parks and Recreation	upon invoice
• Redcoat Waste	upon invoice
• Agriculture in the Classroom	upon Invoice

- Saskatchewan SPCA upon invoice
 - Saskatchewan Emergency Planners Ass. upon invoice
- CARRIED**

RMA **36/24** Humphries:
RM 3 That the RM shall sign the Road Maintenance Agreement #2024-03 with the Rural Municipality of Enniskillen No. 3 for gravel hauled out of the pit located at SW 36-02-01 W2M.

CARRIED

Corresp. **37/24** Gervais:

- SARM-
 - SARM 2024 Membership Fee Letter and 2024 Member Service Fee Changes
- Thank you from STARS
- Letter from Additional Municipal Hail Insurance
- FCM letter
- Holiday greetings and thank you from Agriculture in the Classroom
- Holiday greetings from WellTrax
- Holiday greetings from Premier Moe

That the correspondence having been read shall be filed. **CARRIED**

Adjourn **38/24** Gibson:
1:27pm That this meeting shall adjourn. **CARRIED**



Reeve



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