

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF DOUGLAS NO. 436 HELD ON WEDNESDAY THE 14th DAY OF JANUARY, 2015 IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE AT SPEERS, SASKATCHEWAN

Present:

Reeve – Nick W. Partyka
Councillor Division 1 – Hugh Foster
Councillor Division 2 –
Councillor Division 3 –
Councillor Division 4 – Howard Linnell
Councillor Division 5 –
Councillor Division 6 - Wayne A. Rafuse
Administrator Charles W. Linnell

Call to Order: A quorum being present, Reeve Nick W. Partyka called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes:

01/15 Rafuse: That we approve the December 10, 2014 minutes of the regular meeting of the council of the R.M. of Douglas No. 436 as presented. **CARRIED.**

Financial Report:

02/15 Linnell: That the statement of cash receipts and cash payments and the bank reconciliation statement for the R.M. of Douglas No. 436 for the month of December, 2014 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

Delegations & Other Reports:

03/15 Rafuse: That we acknowledge delegations and presentation of verbal reports as follows:

Verbal Reports:
1. Dwayne Tanchak re: municipal maintenance operations.
2. Charles W. Linnell re: miscellaneous municipal matters. **CARRIED.**

Correspondence:

Membership in SARM for 2015

04/15 Foster: That we approve to retain membership with SARM for 2015 and pay the membership fee of \$2,079.13. **CARRIED.**

Membership in FCM for 2015

05/15 Rafuse: That we approve to retain membership with Federation of Canadian Municipalities for 2015 and pay the membership fee of \$162.79. **CARRIED.**

Membership in HBRA for 2015

06/15 Linnell: That we approve to retain membership with the Hudson Bay Route Association for 2015 and pay the membership fee of \$300.00. **CARRIED.**

Respond to Little Pine TLE “General Concerns Inquiry” re: No. 93.2 (McDonald)

07/15 Foster: That we respond to the December 22, 2014 “General Concerns Inquiry” letter from Therell W. Johnston who acts for the Little Pine Treaty Land Entitlement Trustees re: TLE Land Selection No. 93.2 (McDonald), indicating that we do not have any present concerns with the lands described as, SE 31-43-12-W3 and SW 31-43-12-W3, that are being proposed for reserve status. **CARRIED.**

Respond to Little Pine TLE “Environmental Inquiry” re: No. 93.2 (McDonald)

08/15 Rafuse: That we respond to the December 22, 2014 “Environmental Inquiry” letter from Therell W. Johnston who acts for the Little Pine Treaty Land Entitlement Trustees re: TLE Land Selection No. 93.2 (McDonald), indicating that we are not aware of any present environmental problems on or adjacent to the lands described as, SE 31-43-12-W3 and SW 31-43-12-W3, that are being proposed for reserve status.

CARRIED.

Respond to Little Pine TLE “General Concerns Inquiry” re: No. 193.2 (Yakiwchuk)

09/15 Linnell: That we respond to the December 22, 2014 “General Concerns Inquiry” letter from Therell W. Johnston who acts for the Little Pine Treaty Land Entitlement Trustees re: TLE Land Selection No. 193.2 (Yakiwchuk), indicating that we do not have any present concerns with the land described as, NW 15-44-12-W3, that is being proposed for reserve status.

CARRIED.

Respond to Little Pine TLE “Environmental Inquiry” re: No. 193.2 (Yakiwchuk)

10/15 Foster: That we respond to the December 22, 2014 “Environmental Inquiry” letter from Therell W. Johnston who acts for the Little Pine Treaty Land Entitlement Trustees re: TLE Land Selection No. 193.2 (Yakiwchuk), indicating that we are not aware of any present environmental problems on or adjacent to the land described as, NW 15-44-12-W3, that is being proposed for reserve status.

CARRIED.

Respond to Little Pine TLE “General Concerns Inquiry” re: No. 91.2 (Tkatchuk)

11/15 Rafuse: That we respond to the December 22, 2014 “General Concerns Inquiry” letter from Therell W. Johnston who acts for the Little Pine Treaty Land Entitlement Trustees re: TLE Land Selection No. 91.2 (Tkatchuk), indicating that we do not have any present concerns with the land described as, Pt. SW 33-43-13-W3, that is being proposed for reserve status.

CARRIED.

Respond to Little Pine TLE “Environmental Inquiry” re: No. 91.2 (Tkatchuk)

12/15 Linnell: That we respond to the December 22, 2014 “Environmental Inquiry” letter from Therell W. Johnston who acts for the Little Pine Treaty Land Entitlement Trustees re: TLE Land Selection No. 91.2 (Tkatchuk), indicating that we are not aware of any present environmental problems on or adjacent to the land described as, Pt. SW 33-43-13-W3, that is being proposed for reserve status.

CARRIED.

13/15 Foster: That the following correspondence having been read now be filed in the municipal records:

- Ray Orb re: request for support – SARM President.
- Doug Steele re: request for support – SARM Vice President.
- Sask Workers’ Compensation re: 2015 premium rate.
- Gov’t of Sask. re: Safety Information Management System.
- Brandt re: new home for Saskatoon branch.
- SAMA re: 2015 municipal invoice estimate.
- SARM re: Excess Liability Insurance for 2015.
 - : Feral Wild Boar Hunt information.
 - : 2015 Membership Fees.
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: 2015 membership.
- Hudson Bay Route Assoc re: 2015 membership.
- APAS re: member dues for 2015.
- Saskatchewan SPCA re: change in responsibilities.
 - : request for support.
- Heritage Saskatchewan re: membership request.

TJ Consulting re: S1/2 31-43-12-W3 TLE land General Concerns Inquiry.
re: S1/2 31-43-12-W3 TLE land Environmental Inquiry.
re: NW 15-44-12-W3 TLE land General Concerns Inquiry.
re: NW 15-44-12-W3 TLE land Environmental Inquiry.
re: SW 33-43-13-W3 TLE land General Concerns Inquiry.
re: SW 33-43-13-W3 TLE land Environmental Inquiry.

CARRIED.

New Business:

Appointments for 2015

14/15 Linnell: That we approve appointments for the R.M. of Douglas No. 436 for the year 2015 as attached hereto and forming part of these minutes.

CARRIED.

Administrator Bond for 2015

15/15 Foster: That we acknowledge the presentation of a valid administrator bond for 2015.

CARRIED.

Council Remuneration for 2015

16/15 Rafuse: That Council remuneration for 2015 be \$170.00 per meeting.

CARRIED.

2015 Council Committee & Supervision per diem rate

17/15 Linnell: That the year 2015 per diem rate of council remuneration for committee meetings and other authorized municipal business including supervision of public works be set at \$170.00/day and \$85.00 for a half day.

CARRIED.

Travel reimbursement for 2015

18/15 Foster: That we set the year 2015 reimbursement rate for meeting travel and any other travel necessarily incurred on authorized municipal business for members of council and municipal employees at \$.50 per kilometer.

CARRIED.

Employee pay rates for 2015

19/15 Rafuse: That we approve to continue paying outside municipal employees in the year 2015 as follows:

- Dwayne Tanchak, foreman - \$27.00 per hour
- Bruce Kowalchuk, grader operator - \$23.00 per hour
- Rick Kindrachuk, grader operator - \$25.00 per hour
- Ralph Lange, truck driver - \$22.00 per hour
- Danny Kynuik, mower operator - \$22.00 per hour.

CARRIED.

Administrative Assistant Wage for 2015

20/15 Linnell: That we approve to pay Ron Tanchak, casual administrative assistant, a wage of \$27.00 per hour effective January 1, 2015.

CARRIED.

Issue mid-month advances for 2015

21/15 Foster: That we authorize the issuance of mid-month advances for 2015 to employees requesting same, based on actual earnings to date of issuance.

CARRIED.

Policy Manual for 2015

22/15 Rafuse: That we approve the R.M. of Douglas No. 436 policy manual for 2015 as reviewed, which includes the following policy areas and matters:

1. General.
2. Safety.
3. Harassment.
4. Fire.
5. Worker Guideline.

CARRIED.

Fuel Supplier 2015

23/15 Linnell: That we continue to purchase our fuel & oil requirements from the Hafford Co-operative Association Ltd. for 2015.

CARRIED.

PARM Meeting

24/15 Foster: That we authorize all members of Council and the Administrator to attend the Parkland Association of Rural Municipalities (PARM) meeting to be held Wed., January 21st, 2015 at Spiritwood Legion Hall commencing 1:00 pm.

CARRIED.

Approve rates for provision of meals to Council Meetings

25/15 Rafuse: That we approve to pay Sally Nicholson for meals provided to meetings of council at the rate of \$80.00 for breakfast and \$128.00 for dinner.

CARRIED.

Allocate population percentages for Sask. Lotteries Community Program for 2016

26/15 Linnell: That we allocate 50% of the R.M. of Douglas No. 436 population of 331 for the purposes of the Sask. Lotteries Community Program for 2016 to the Speers & District Recreation Board.

CARRIED.

Payment of Accounts:

27/15 Foster: That the accounts as presented be approved for payment with the list of cheques numbered, 5221 to 5256 totaling \$313,731.47 as annexed hereto and forming part of these minutes.

CARRIED.

Adjournment:

28/15 Rafuse: That this meeting adjourn at 1:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Reeve

Administrator