

The regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blucher, #343 was held in the Municipal Office, Village of Bradwell, on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 commencing at 8:00 a.m.

Those in attendance were Reeve Dan Greschuk, Councillors Nicole DeCorby, Quintin Senger, Terry Fonstad, Dale Chysyk, Blair Cummins and Francis Boehm.

Minutes 100-2016 - Boehm
That the minutes of the previous regular meeting held March 16, 2016 be adopted as read.

Carried.

Special Budget Meeting Minutes 101-2016 - Chysyk
That the minutes of the special meeting held March 30, 2016 be adopted as read.

Carried.

Discussion Arising out of Minutes

- ◆ Annual Meeting – Finalization
- ◆ 2016 Budget
- ◆ O/S Business Licenses
 - ◆ Jennifer’s Confectionary and Mr. Hayat still outstanding

Spring Ratepayer’s Meeting 102-2016 - Fonstad
That the 2016 spring ratepayer’s meeting minutes be approved as distributed and be filed.

Carried.

Council discussed all items and questions brought forward at the 2016 Annual Ratepayer’s Meeting. Council also considered the resolution brought to the meeting regarding well water quality in the area around PCS Patience Lake Mine.

Children’s Hospital Foundation Donation 103-2016 - Cummins
That we do donate \$25,000.00 to the Children’s Hospital Foundation on behalf of the ratepayers of the R. M. of Blucher No. 343.

Carried.

Councillor Boehm declared a pecuniary interest and left Council chambers prior to discussion and passing of the following resolution.

PCS Patience
Lake Ground
Water

104-2016 - Cummins
That we do write a letter to the Environmental Protection Branch of the Government of Saskatchewan detailing the concerns brought to Council by residents in the area of the PCS Patience Lake Potash Mine regarding ground water quality.

Carried.

Councillor Boehm rejoined the meeting.

Tendering
Policy 2.11

105-2016 - DeCorby
That the following policy regarding tendering municipal equipment be hereby adopted by Council:

2.11 - Tendering Municipal Equipment

Policy

The Municipality shall tender any municipal equipment it considers appropriate wherein the value the municipality expects to receive is in excess of \$5,000.

The equipment shall be advertised through SARM and shall be posted to the RM website. Sealed tenders or direct e-mails shall be received until the end of the day of the Friday immediately preceding the regular meeting at which the tenders are to be considered. Highest or any tenders may not be accepted.

Should no tenders be received on any item, the RM will then proceed with sale of the equipment by any other means it deems prudent.

Rationale

Council considers it appropriate that ratepayers have equal opportunity to bid on used municipal equipment as, in most cases, the equipment was purchased with tax revenues.

Carried.

Budget

106-2016 - DeCorby
That the attached budget of the R. M. of Blucher No. 343 for the year 2016 be adopted and, consequently, that for 2016 we set the following mill rate on all taxable assessment in the Municipality.

Municipal	8.91 Mills
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Unanimously Carried.

Monthly
Statement

107-2016 - Boehm
That the statement of Assets, Liability, Revenues and Expenditures for the month of March, 2016 be approved as read.

Carried.

Bills

108- 2016 - Senger

That we approve for payment, the following bills and accounts:

Cheque	Name	Account	Amount
Dir Pay	Jim Brown	Salary	1,708.68
Dir Pay	Christina Jensen	Salary	1,392.74
Dir Pay	Ken McBroom	Salary	1,500.97
Dir Pay	Scott McDonald	Salary	1,708.68
Dir Pay	Brian Rempel	Salary	1,649.01
Dir Pay	Anna Rintoul	Salary	1,355.04
Dir Pay	R. Doran Scott	Salary	2,475.10
8572	Vivian Manz	Janitorial	475.00
8573	Revenue Canada	Deductions	13,851.71
8574	Municipal Employees Pension Plan	Contributions	5,724.66
8575	Text 2 Car	GPS System for Graders	7,785.80
8576	VOID		0.00
8577	Prairie Spirit School Division #206	Collections	19,314.41
8578	St. Paul's RCSSD #20	Collections	32.12
Dir Pay	Jim Brown	Salary	1,708.68
Dir Pay	Christina Jensen	Salary	1,392.74
Dir Pay	Ken McBroom	Salary	1,500.97
Dir Pay	Scott McDonald	Salary	1,708.68
Dir Pay	Brian Rempel	Salary	1,971.54
Dir Pay	Anna Rintoul	Salary	1,355.04
Dir Pay	R. Doran Scott	Salary	2,475.10
8579	Darcy Torgerson	Construction of Road	15,400.00
8580	Sask Power	March 2016 Power & Energy	2,185.69
8581	Sask Tel	March 2016 Phone & Cel	640.49
8582	Your Link Inc.	High Speed Internet March 2016	339.37
8583	Village of Bradwell	March 2016 Water & Sewer	67.50
8584	Nicole DeCorby	Office Supplies	124.64
8585	Allan CWL	RM Ratepayer Supper	2,250.00
8586	Merle Rugg	Donation from GNC Bioferm for RM Supper	100.00
8587	Agricultural Health & Safety Network	Membership for 2016	881.25
8588	Anavets Magazine	Advertising	624.75
8589	Associated Engineering Ltd.	Community Plan	945.00
8590	Jenson Publishing	Employment Advertising	179.63
8591	Lemon Productions	Website – Final Payment	1,595.00
8592	Mister Print	Stationary – Gravel Ticket Books	1,304.55
8593	Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture	Pesticide License Renewal	50.00
8594	Toshiba Business Solutions	Copier Contract	132.32
8595	Wagner Inspection Services	Inspection Services for March, 2016	1,180.50
8596	Webb Surveys	Right Of Way Survey	1,522.50
8597	Anderson Pump House Ltd.	Elstow Water Testing Supplies	98.48
8598	Admore Coop	Fuel, Gas & Oil, Supplies	2,552.06
8599	Assie Electric	Electrical Work at Office	106.68
8600	Brandt Tractor Ltd.	Grader Blades	1,780.28
8601	Cangard Security Systems Inc.	Security System Maintenance	340.80
8602	Cervus Equipment	Tractor Repairs	4,642.15
8603	Cervus Equipment	Truck Repairs	1,031.10
8604	Fountain Tire	Tire Repair	756.70
8605	Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada	Radio Renewal	639.00
8606	Market Tire	Gravel Trailer Tires	4,624.78
8607	Paramount Parts	Shop Supplies	62.39
8608	SGI	Plate Renewals	7,698.00
8609	SPI Health & Safety Inc.	Fire Extinguisher Maint	841.03
8610	Sunbelt Rentals Inc.	Porta Potty Rentals	157.07
8611	Truckline Parts & Service Ltd.	Shop & Truck & Trailer Repairs	2,319.55
8612	Ken Hartz	Water Operator for Elstow	220.00
8613	Mark Wylie	March 1 – 31, 2016 Elstow Water Testing	520.00
8614	Bernice Obrigavitch	Waste Site Supervision	1,976.00

8615	Canadian National Non-Freight	Crossing Maintenance	898.00
8616	Town of Allan	March 2016 Waste Site Charges	931.00
8617	Loraas Disposal	RM, Sun Est & Elstow Waste Collection March 2016	10,473.76
8618	Sask Water	March 2016 Water	14,423.05
8619	Saskatchewan Research Council	Water Testing	292.95
8620	Rose Senger	Meeting Expense for April 2016	127.60
8621	TD Canada Trust Visa	Supplies & Repairs	1,576.61
8622	SARM	Strychnine	330.54
8623	Petty Cash	Office Supplies	116.40
8624	Robertson Stromberg Pederson LLP	Capreit Sale of Land for RM Firehall	2,725.00

Carried.

Administrator's Report

- ◆ 2015 Draft Financial Statements
- ◆ Administrator's Contract
- ◆ Daisy Lane Access cost estimate
- ◆ Mutual Aid Agreement
- ◆ Lot 81 NE 34-36-2 W3 – road concerns
- ◆ CN Rail Crossing near Bradwell
- ◆ Gas Tax Fund – Infrastructure Investment Plan Approval
- ◆ Proposed dust control policy
- ◆ Road Haul Agreement – Ministry of Highways
 - ◆ NW 19-35-2 W3
- ◆ Voluntary Fire Ban
- ◆ Village of Clavet
 - ◆ Meeting request
- ◆ 2016 R.M.A.A. Convention
- ◆ Clothing Allowance for Employees
- ◆ Staff BBQ

Audited
Financial
Statement

109-2016 - DeCorby

That we approve the 2015 Draft Audited Financial Statement as prepared by C. S. Skrupski, Certified General Account, Professional Corporation and as presented by the Administrator.

Carried.

Administrator
Contract

110-2016 - Cummins

That we do authorize the Reeve and Administrator to sign the employment agreement with R. Doran Scott for Administration and that it replace the current agreement that is attached to Bylaw 1-2013.

Carried.

Daisy Lane
Access

111-2016 - Boehm

That we do contract Strom Earthmoving Ltd. to construct, to varying degrees, Daisy Lane from the new Highway #16 lanes North and Cheviot Road, from the pavement, West to our boundary for an approximate cost of \$175,000.00

Carried.

CN Crossing
Warning
System
Agreement

112-2016 - Senger

That we do authorize the Reeve to sign the Funded New Crossing Warning System Agreement with Canadian National Railway Company for the installation of a crossing warning system at the junction of the CN Rail Line and Prairie Home Road. And further;

That the capital cost to the Municipality is expected to be approximately \$41,000.00

Carried.

Dust
Control
Policy

113-2016 - DeCorby

That the following policy regarding dust control be adopted by Council:

3.14.1 – Dust Control

Rationale

The Council of The RM of Blucher considers it appropriate to provide dust control to certain areas of the RM due to high traffic volumes and speeds on some RM roads. While Council considers a dust control program appropriate, they also recognize that the need for such a program is influenced by items beyond Council's ability to control such as:

- Primary highway alterations;
- The increase in trucking goods to market as opposed to other methods;
- Changes other municipalities have made to their transportation networks;
- Weather changes and the related effects on the transportation network;
- Population increases;
- The propensity for residences to be built close to primary transportation routes;

Council wishes to provide a program that will deliver efficiencies and therefore costs savings to ratepayers wishing to avail themselves of the program. It is recognized, however, that such a program must be able to be administered effectively, delivered promptly and be cost effective. Therefore, the Council of the R.M. of Blucher No. 343 enacts the following policy:

Policy

The RM will obtain a best rate cost for the purchase and application of a dust control product (being either calcium chloride or magnesium chloride) as soon as is practicable in the current year. The administration shall calculate the cost, averaged by the typical width of a constructed RM road, of the product and application per linear meter. Ratepayers shall make application by May 31st of the given year to enter into the program. Ratepayers may make application, per the attached Form A, to have dust control applied in 50 meter increments to the road adjacent to their yard sites. Before the dust control product is applied, the RM will mark the length of application and prepare the road surface in a suitable manner to receive the dust control product. Ratepayers participating in the program shall be invoiced the corresponding amount to be payable by December 31st in the given year that the product was applied. Amounts outstanding as of December 31st in the year of application shall be collected in the same manner as unpaid custom work.

Special Provisions:

- Yard sites located adjacent to designated CTP corridors shall be billed 50% of the cost of the dust control product and application.
- This policy does not apply to areas where the RM already applies dust control of its own accord for whatever reason.
- The RM will only apply dust control when there is enough interest to apply the product in full tanker loads as the cost savings are realized at these volumes.

- Ratepayers not wishing to use the program may still have dust control, of whichever product they wish, applied to the road adjacent to their property of their own accord and the RM will continue to prepare the surface free of charge. Ratepayers utilizing this method must advise the RM of application within a reasonable time frame.

It shall be understood by all ratepayers that, while the RM will attempt to refrain from grading dust controlled surfaces, public safety and road security shall take precedence and, as such, the RM will maintain roads as deemed necessary. Ratepayers may cancel their dust control orders with two weeks notice prior to the application of the dust control.

Ratepayers participating in the program shall make application by way of "Form A" attached to this policy.

Authority

The Municipalities Act Section 4(b)

Carried.

Haul
Agreement

114-2016 - Cummins

That the Reeve and Administrator be authorized to sign the haul agreement with the following:

- ◆ Ministry of Highways

For materials hauled on Pit road for the purpose of constructing passing lanes on Highway #5.

Carried.

Voluntary
Fire Ban

115-2016 - Senger

That we give the Reeve the authority to impose a voluntary fire ban, subject to Council ratification at the following council meeting, said fire ban to remain in effect until November 1, 2016 or earlier if approved by the Reeve.

Carried.

RMAA
Convention

116-2016 - Chysyk

That the Administrator and Assistant Administrator be instructed to attend the 2016 RMAA convention to be held in Regina, May 16 – 19, 2016.

Carried.

Clothing
Allowance

117-2016 - Boehm

That we do pay each outside operator \$250.00 for the purchase of steel toed boots or shoes and high visibility clothing.

Carried.

Staff BBQ

118-2016 - Senger

That the RM host a staff BBQ at Jim Brown's on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 beginning at 5:30 p.m.;

and further, that all current employees and Council of the RM be invited and that the RM supply hotdogs, hamburgers, salads and soft drinks for the event.

Carried.

Planning & Development:

- ◆ Cheviot Road Business Park
 - ◆ LSD 13 NW 20-35-3 W3
- ◆ Waschuk Park NE 34-36-3 W3

Cheviot Road
Business Park
Rezoning
NW 20-35-3
W3 Bylaw 14-
2015

119-2016 - Cummins
That Bylaw 14-2015 be now read a second time.

Unanimously Carried.

Cheviot Road
Business Park
Rezoning
NW 20-35-
3W3 Bylaw
14-2015

120-2016 - Senger
That pursuant to *The Planning & Development Act, 2007*, public notice of Council's intention to amend Bylaw 4-2001 The Zoning Bylaw was advertised once a week for two successive weeks in the Saskatoon Star Phoenix and was mailed to all landowners within 1 mile of the proposed rezoned area; and further, that a public meeting was held Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in the RM Office, Village of Bradwell, to hear any submissions with respect to Bylaw 14-2015, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 4-2001 The Zoning Bylaw; and further, that three objections were received for Bylaw 14-2015; therefore, be it resolved that Bylaw 14-2015 now be read a third time.

Unanimously Carried.

Cheviot Road
Business Park
Rezoning
NW 20-35-
3W3 Bylaw
14-2015

121-2016 - Cummins
That Bylaw 14-2015 as annexed hereto and forming a part of these minutes be now read a third time; and further, that Bylaw 14-2015, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 4-2001 The Zoning Bylaw as annexed hereto and forming a part of these minutes be now adopted, sealed and signed by the Reeve and Administrator.

Carried.

Bylaw Enforcement/Pest Control Officer Report

- ◆ Bylaw Enforcement
- ◆ Sign Maintenance
- ◆ Pest Control
 - ◆ No new problem areas – same continuing
- ◆ Signage on Mine Road
- ◆ Additional sign issues
- ◆ Used grain bags
- ◆ Boundary road fire – aluminum construction container
- ◆ Road Bans

Interviews:

- ◆ **1:00 p.m.** - Strategic Planning – Closed Session

Closed Meeting 122-2016 - Fonstad
That this portion of the meeting be closed pursuant to Part VI, Section 120 (2) (b) of the Municipalities Act for the purpose of discussing strategic planning.

Carried.

Re-open Meeting 123-2016 - Fonstad
That we do re-open this meeting to the public.

Carried.

Public Hearings:

- ◆ None

Correspondence 124-2016 - Cummins
That the following correspondence, having been read, now be filed:

- a) SARM
 - ◆ March 2016 Update
 - ◆ 2016-17 Provincial Budget
 - ◆ MCDP – Program Closure Notice
 - ◆ Employment Insurance Amendments
 - ◆ SARM’s reaction to Provincial Election
- b) RM of Willow Bunch No. 42 – Travel Trailers on property
- c) Ag Health & Safety – Membership
- d) Peiffer Contracting Ltd. – Mulching Quotes for 2016
- e) Potash Corp – 2015 Annual Report
- f) Sask. Municipal Hail – 2015 Annual Report
- g) RCMP – Report from Jan 1 to March 31, 2016
- h) Alpine Rentals – Equipment Rentals
- i) APAS – request for meeting

Carried.

Operation Manager’s & Working Foreman’s Report

- ◆ Employees
 - ◆ Employee hiring
 - ◆ Employee additional holiday
- ◆ Supervisor/Councillor Tour
- ◆ Spring run off control
- ◆ 2016 Culvert Requirements
- ◆ 2016 Municipal Road Maintenance Requirements
- ◆ Equipment
- ◆ Culvert installation incident

- ◆ Text 2 Car
- ◆ Culvert replacements
- ◆ Blading changes
- ◆ Road mulchers
- ◆ Ridges and lips on road, approaches and driveways
- ◆ New employees working out well

Municipal Works Staff 125-2016 - Senger
That we do hereby hire Cory Maynard as a permanent, seasonal, Municipal Works staff member, at a wage of \$25.00 per hour effective April 4, 2016 and, subject to his satisfactory completion of a ninety day probationary period, that we do provide him with 50% of SARM LT Dis Ben, 100% of SARM Short Term and 100% of Health and Dental coverage and 50% of the SARM group life insurance plan.

Carried

Municipal Works Staff 126-2016 - Cummins
That we do hereby hire Orrie Rostotski as a permanent, seasonal, Municipal Works staff member, at a wage of \$27.00 per hour effective April 4, 2016 and, subject to his satisfactory completion of a ninety day probationary period, that we do provide him with 50% of SARM LT Dis Ben, 100% of SARM Short Term and 100% of Health and Dental coverage and 50% of the SARM group life insurance plan.

Carried

Municipal Works Staff 127-2016 - DeCorby
That we do hereby hire Juergen Wendlinger as a permanent, seasonal, Municipal Works staff member, at a wage of \$27.00 per hour effective April 4, 2016 and, subject to his satisfactory completion of a ninety day probationary period, that we do provide him with 50% of SARM LT Dis Ben, 100% of SARM Short Term and 100% of Health and Dental coverage and 50% of the SARM group life insurance plan.

Carried

Municipal Works Staff 128-2016 - Chysyk
That we do hereby hire Christine Yakubowski as a permanent, seasonal, Municipal Works staff member, at a wage of \$25.00 per hour effective April 4, 2016 and, subject to her satisfactory completion of a ninety day probationary period, that we do provide her with 50% of SARM LT Dis Ben, 100% of SARM Short Term and 100% of Health and Dental coverage and 50% of the SARM group life insurance plan.

Carried

Fuel Tank Purchase 129-2016 - Cummins
That we do bid \$3,099.00 plus applicable taxes for the 5,000 litre NSI fuel tank located at the Allan Co-op.

Carried.

Additional
Holidays

130-2016 - Cummins

That we approve the following employee holidays:

- ◆ paid holiday – Monday, July 4, 2016
- ◆ paid holiday – Friday, September 2, 2016

Carried.**Councillor's Report**

Reeve Greschuk

- ◆ Bonnie Lawrence letter re: OCP
- ◆ Torgerson Road construction
- ◆ Ratepayer's supper – review
- ◆ Daisy Lane, Cheviot, road construction

Councillor DeCorby

- ◆ Some private septic issues in Elstow
- ◆ Wyshynski – North Combine World road issue
- ◆ Library Meeting – BBQ and Book sale May 26
- ◆ Tendering and donation policies
- ◆ West railway crossing in Elstow
- ◆ Gravel on roads

Councillor Senger

- ◆ Grade south of shop – water high in slough
- ◆ Raffard Farms – wants to pump water out of slough
- ◆ Potzus road improvements
 - ◆ need to be completed

Councillor Fonstad

- ◆ Raw Water Infrastructure

Councillor Chysyk

- ◆ Water pumping road near Paul Leblanc
- ◆ Water on other roads
- ◆ Culverts – intersection of Combine Road and grid
- ◆ Michel Lepage - road access off of #5 washing out again
- ◆ Truck quotes

Councillor Cummins

- ◆ Grain bag recycling and unsightly issue
- ◆ Herb Wortman – access flooding
- ◆ Water backed up on east side of Hamlet of Blucher
- ◆ Trees on Pit Road – between mine and cement plant road
- ◆ Road tours

Councillor Boehm

- ◆ Torgerson road construction and tree cutting
- ◆ Sunset not getting calls for emergencies
- ◆ Fire on boundary road
- ◆ Ron Geisbrecht – chip seal – dust control
- ◆ Glen Stewart – loaded trucks running loaded on service road

Raw Water
Study

131-2016 - Greschuk

That we do contract Associated Engineering to perform a study on the cost and route of a water line of varying capacities to supply raw water to the 316 corridor and any other necessary uses along the projected route.

Carried.

PDAP

132-2016 - Boehm

That the Rural Municipality of Blucher #343 apply to the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing to be designated an eligible assistance area under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP), which provides financial assistance to the private residents as a result of substantial damages caused by existing moisture and spring runoff beginning on March 31, 2016.

Carried.

Adjourn

133-2016 - DeCorby

That this meeting of Council adjourn.

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator