

**The regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blucher, #343 was held in the Municipal Office, Village of Bradwell, on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 commencing at 8:00 a.m.**

Those in attendance were Reeve Dan Greschuk, Councillors Nicole DeCorby, Quintin Senger, Jim Appelt, Dale Chysyk, and Francis Boehm.

Minutes 63-2020 - Boehm  
That the minutes of the previous regular meeting held February 12, 2020 be adopted as distributed.  
Carried.

**Discussion Arising out of Minutes**

- ◆ 2020 Ratepayer Supper
  - ◆ Spring Ratepayer Meeting Agenda
- ◆ O/S Business Licenses – 9 still outstanding

Ratepayer Meeting 64-2020 - Chysyk  
That due to the COVID-19 Pandemic we do cancel the R.M. of Blucher No. 343 2020 Spring Ratepayer Meeting.  
Carried.

December Fin-Stats 65-2020 - Appelt  
That the December 31, 2019 Financial Statements be approved as presented. And further; that the only reserve transfers that we do make are those to the Elstow Reserve and those funds that are part of development levies.  
Carried.

January Fin-Stats 66-2020 - DeCorby  
That the January 31, 2020 Financial Statements be approved as presented.  
Carried.

February Fin- Stats 67-2020 - Boehm  
That the February 29, 2020 Financial Statements be approved as presented.  
Carried.

**Interviews:**

- ◆ Barry Bryden – Bryden Construction
  - ◆ Phase 1 construction on Highway #5
  - ◆ Would like to close Highway to traffic for a period of approximately 5 months
  - ◆ Would have to detour traffic across on Mine Road then North on Blucher Grid.
  - ◆ Will be cutting hills and moving significant volumes of material.
  - ◆ RM will require bond of \$3,000,000.00 (three million), maintenance and dust control in front of yard sites and subdivisions.
  - ◆ Will be subject to weather restrictions.
- ◆ Jenine Daderfer, Project Manager – Ministry of Highways (By Phone)
  - ◆ construction on Highway #5

- ◆ Work to start this spring.
- ◆ Discussion on detours and compensation.

Bills and  
accounts

68-2020 - Senger

That we approve for payment, the following bills and accounts excepting cheque 11545:

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Dir Pay	Bryon Domotor	Salary	2,159.59
Dir Pay	Christina Jensen	Salary	1,374.55
Dir Pay	Robert Kelbough	Salary	1,693.50
Dir Pay	Pam Lindberg	Salary	1,770.44
Dir Pay	Ken McBroom	Salary	1,460.09
Dir Pay	Scott McDonald	Salary	1,931.28
Dir Pay	Orrie Rostotski	Salary	1,933.09
Dir Pay	Terry Roth	Salary	1,787.39
Dir Pay	R. Doran Scott	Salary	2,602.95
11491	St. Paul's RCSSD #20	Collections for January 2020	163.70
Dir Pay	Prairie Spirit School Division #206	Collections for January 2020	15,643.29
11492	Vivian Manz	Janitorial	600.00
11493	Canada Revenue Agency	Deductions	10,226.61
11494	Municipal Employees Pension Plan	Contributions	7,598.58
11495	St. Paul's RCSSD #20	Collections	262.02
11496	Sask. Municipal Hail Association	Collections	722.16
Dir Pay	Prairie Spirit School Division #206	Collections	9,313.03
Dir Pay	Bryon Domotor	Salary	1,852.24
Dir Pay	Christina Jensen	Salary	1,374.55
Dir Pay	Robert Kelbough	Salary	1,693.50
Dir Pay	Pamela Lindberg	Salary & Mileage	1,770.44
Dir Pay	Ken McBroom	Salary	1,460.09
Dir Pay	Scott McDonald	Salary	1,931.28
Dir Pay	Orrie Rostotski	Salary	1,763.42
Dir Pay	Terry Roth	Salary	1,740.19
Dir Pay	R. Doran Scott	Salary	2,602.95
11497	Betty Stanford	Elstow Maintenance	517.89
11498	Betty Stanford	Mileage	60.00
11499	Canada Revenue Agency	Deductions	9,950.55
11500	The Tree Whisperer	Tree Removal	6,105.00
11501	Sask Power	Feb 2020 Power & Energy	7,571.18
11502	Sask Tel	Feb 2020 Phone & Cel	538.91
11503	Edna Manz	Janitorial Supplies	62.10
11504	R. Doran Scott	Meetings, Supplies & Mileage	1,692.67
11505	Bev Bullin	Custom Work Refund	70.00
11506	Xplornet Commercial Services	High Speed Internet March, 2020	80.02
11507	Toshiba Business Solutions	Copier Contract Feb 2020	123.68
11508	Village of Bradwell	Feb 2020 Water & Sewer	86.50
11509	Clavet Cougars Football Team	Donation	7,200.00
11510	Information Services Corporation	Title Searches	84.00
11511	Jenson Publishing	Advertising	433.39
11512	Meridian Surveys Ltd.	Road Survey – Daisy Lane Closure	1,968.75
11513	Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency	Sunset Estates Sun Est Fire Dept Radios	536.13
11514	Mister Print	Stationary	38.85
11515	Munisoft	Cap Exp – Software & Computers	27,070.80
11516	SARM	Dis Ben, H & D, Ins	2,950.04
11517	Shred-It	Shredding Documents	430.66
11518	Village of Bradwell	Elstow Water Testing Supplies & Loraas Bin Usage Shop	274.45
11519	Vireo Productions	Website Software	1,332.00
11520	Wagner Inspection Services	Feb 2020 Inspections	2,233.00
11521	Ken Hartz	Water Operator for Feb 2020	160.00

11522	Admore Co-op	Fuel & Shop Supplies	18,962.46
11523	Assie Electric	Electrical work at Elstow & Clavet Tanfills	860.77
11524	Brandt Tractor Ltd.	Equip Repairs	3,634.04
11525	Cangard Security Systems Inc.	Security Maint at Shops	412.92
11526	Fort Garry Industries Ltd.	Truck Repairs	16.65
11527	GD'S Repair Shoppe	Safety on Fire Truck & Repairs	4,753.02
11528	Gregg Distributors LP	Shop Supplies	277.57
11529	Kelly Panteluk Construction Ltd.	Eqp Rental	3,885.00
11530	Redbird Communications Inc.	Internet at RM Shop	62.16
11531	S. W. Industrial Filter Tec Service	Shop Supplies	33.25
11532	Saskatoon Cylinder Exchange Ltd.	Truck Repair	1,446.77
11533	Senger's Trenching	Elstow W/S Repairs	2,448.11
11534	SGI	Plate Renewals	254.60
11535	Sunbelt Rentals of Canada Inc.	Porta Potty Rentals	155.60
11536	SPCOA	Pest Control Seminar	130.00
11537	TD Canada Trust Visa	Shop , Eqp Repairs & Convention	7,285.95
11538	Text 2 Car	Annual Service Plan & Rd Maint Plan Renewal	3,116.88
11539	The Tree Whisperer	Tree Removal	2,442.00
11540	Truckline Parts & Service Ltd.	Eqp Repair	390.51
11541	Village of Clavet	Dispatch & Radio Lic	597.57
11542	Virtue Construction Ltd.	Snow Removal	70.00
11543	Winacott Equipment Group	Eqp Repair	453.73
11544	Canadian National	Crossing Maintenance	1,275.50
11545	Canadian Pacific Railway Company	Crossing Maint Hwy 316	72,290.26
11546	Bernice Obrigavitch	Waste Site Supervision Feb 2020	3,000.00
11547	Town of Allan	Jan & Feb 2020 Waste Site Charges	3,186.78
11548	Loraas Disposal	RM, Fire Hall & Elstow Waste Collection Feb 2020	4,786.30
11549	Sask Water	Feb 2020 Water	22,327.74
11550	Saskatchewan Research Council	RM & Elstow Water Testing	303.19
11551	Rose Senger	Meeting Expense for March, 2020	148.35
11552	R. Doran Scott	Petty Cash - Office Supplies	68.75
			<u>Carried.</u>

#### ◆ Interviews

- ◆ Doug Kennedy – Highway #5 concerns
- ◆ Currently accesses directly to highway No. 5
- ◆ Proposal is for a service road to connect to Pit Road
- ◆ Want's to keep direct access for safety reasons
- ◆ Trucks turning on to, and off of, pit road are a hazard
- ◆ Is not in favour of access to pit road unless gravel traffic is directed somewhere else
- ◆ No intention of maintaining or being responsible for direct highway access

#### Public Hearings

- ◆ Road Closure - Bylaw 4-2020
  - ◆ SW 8-34-2 W3

Councillor Senger declared a pecuniary interest prior to any discussion taking place. The nature of the pecuniary interest is that Quintin Senger and some members of his family would be purchasing the closed road.

Bylaw  
4-2020 Road  
Closure SW  
8-34-2 W3

69-2020 - Boehm  
That a Bylaw be introduced to provide for the closing and selling of a municipal road.

Carried.

70-2020 – Chysyk  
That Bylaw 4-2020 being a bylaw to provide for the closing and sale of a municipal road be read a first time.

Carried.

71-2020 - Appelt  
That Bylaw 4-2020 be now read a second time.

Carried.

72-2020 - DeCorby  
That Bylaw 4-2020 be given three readings at this meeting.

Unanimously Carried.

Bylaw  
4-2020 Road  
Closure SW  
8-34-2 W3

73-2020 - Greschuk  
That Bylaw 4-2020 as annexed hereto and forming a part of these minutes be now read a third time;  
And further, that Bylaw 4-2020, being a bylaw to provide for the closing and sale of a municipal road as annexed hereto and forming a part of these minutes be now adopted, sealed and signed by the Reeve and Administrator.

Carried.

Councillor Senger rejoined the meeting.

#### **Administrator's Report**

- ◆ Tax Summary Report
- ◆ Jan – Dec, 2019 preliminary actual vs budget review
- ◆ 2019 reserve transfers and final accounts
- ◆ Dust Control
- ◆ Loader Repair Estimate
- ◆ February 25, 2020 Fire District Meeting Minutes
- ◆ Allan Fire Department – request for donation
- ◆ Clavet Fire Department – request for donation
- ◆ Fire Bylaws
- ◆ SARM – confirmation of In-Trust Account
- ◆ Stantec – revised Highway #5 passing lane locations
- ◆ Clavet Arena – project status update
- ◆ Haul Agreements
- ◆ Dundurn Rural Water Utility – change in Board member representative
- ◆ SSA Elstow Water Treatment Plant Operator report
- ◆ Betty Stanford – wage rate increase request
- ◆ Preliminary budget considerations and subsequent meeting date
- ◆ RM website renewal
- ◆ RM COVID-19 Response and working policy.

74-2020 - Chysyk

RM Fire District That we do direct the administrator to write a letter to the district fire chiefs addressing what the position of District Chief entails, the expected example that volunteer fire chiefs are expected to set, and the RM's vision for the fire district. And further;  
That a copy of this letter be circulated to all municipal councils and all volunteer fire chiefs within the district.

Carried.

Side by side fire units 75-2020 - Boehm  
That we do outfit the two side-by-side vehicles that were donated to the Allan Fire Department and the Clavet fire department for fighting grass fires, at a cost of approximately \$8,000.00 each, on the condition that the departments sell the vehicles to the RM at their actual cash value prior to the additional upgrades. And Further;  
That the RM will reimburse the two fire departments for expenses already incurred that can be verified.

Carried.

Haul Agreements 76-2020 - Senger  
That the Reeve and Administrator be authorized to sign the haul agreement with the following:

- ◆ Inland Aggregates
- ◆ Wehage Trucking

Carried.

SSA Elstow Maintenance Worker 77-2020 - Senger  
Further to Resolution #134-2017 passed May 10, 2017, that we do increase Betty Stanford's wage as a casual maintenance worker for the SSA Elstow to a rate of \$20 /hour.

Carried.

Tankfill Operation 78-2020 - Appelt  
That we do purchase a fob and remote payment systems for all of the RM owned and operated tankfills at an approximate cost of \$4,000.00 each.

Carried.

DRWU Representative Appointment 79-2020 - Appelt  
That we do appoint Michael Kuzma, resident of the Town of Dundurn, as the R.M. of Blucher's representative on Dundurn Rural Water Utility's Board of Directors.

Carried.

#### **Bylaw Enforcement/Pest Control Officer Report**

- ◆ Bylaw Enforcement
- ◆ Pest Control
- ◆ Sign Maintenance
- ◆ Yard Checks Progressing
- ◆ Raccoons already out and about

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

**Planning & Development:**

- ◆ Domo Service Station/Store request for a liquor outlet retail use
- ◆ SLGA – application from 102096554 Saskatchewan Corp for a liquor permit
- ◆ Sunset Convenience Store – application for a tavern at store
- ◆ Ed Assie – request for subdivision on SW 14-35-3 W3
- ◆ Randy Bender – request for subdivision on Lot 4 NW 3-35-3 W3

Liquor Retail	<p>80-2020 - Appelt That we do approve the application for an accessory use as a liquor retailer from 101025963 Sask Ltd. and 102023806 Sask Ltd. being the Domo gas and convenience store located on PCL A NW 21-35-3 W3.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Carried.</u></p>
Tavern Application	<p>81-2020 - Senger That we do deny the application from the Sunset Convenience Store to operate a tavern at 11A Sycamore Drive at Sunset Estates mobile home park as the building does not meet the requirements of such an establishment pursuant to the National Building Code of Canada.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Carried.</u></p>
Correspondence	<p>82-2020 - Boehm That the following correspondence, having been read, now be filed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) SARM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Update to SUMA name change</li> <li>◆ CN shutdown negatively impacts rural Saskatchewan</li> <li>◆ SARM unhappy with PMRA decision to pull strychnine</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) South Sask River Watershed Stewards – Membership</li> <li>c) APAS – Newsletter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Cancellation of Annual Policy Conference</li> </ul> </li> <li>d) BH Telecom – underground request for facilities</li> <li>e) SaskPower – Natural Gas Power Station - Workshops</li> <li>f) Sask Tel – road construction forms</li> <li>g) BMDT – tentative consulting services</li> <li>h) Hudson Bay Route – AGM July 28-29, 2020</li> <li>i) Darren &amp; Zelma McAdam – fireworks permission</li> <li>j) Len’s Hauling – information newsletter</li> <li>k) Ducks Unlimited Projects</li> </ul>

## l) HWY No. 5 Expropriation

Carried.Gravel  
Testing

83-2020 - DeCorby

That we do hire BMDT Consulting Ltd. to perform gravel testing for the 2020 gravel crush at a rate of \$525.00 per 8 hour day and an additional cost of \$100.00 per two hours thereafter.

Carried.Ducks  
Unlimited

84-2020 - Senger

That we do not have any objections to Ducks Unlimited continuing the already established projects described as:

9, 10 &amp; 15-34-3 W3

15, 16, 21 &amp; 22-34-3 W3

15,16,17 &amp; 18-34-2 W3

7, 8, 17, 18 34-2 W3 &amp; 12, 13-34-3 W3

Carried.**Foreman's Report**

- ◆ Road Maintenance
- ◆ Employees – COVID-19 Response
- ◆ Equipment
- ◆ Grader and Gravel Trailer Quotes

Capital  
Equipment  
Purchases

85-2020 - DeCorby

That we do table all capital equipment purchases until such time as we have a better understanding of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated budgetary considerations due to the same.

Carried.**Councillor's Report**

Reeve Greschuk

- ◆ Annual Ratepayer's Meeting - cancellation
- ◆ Office hours – re: COVID-19
- ◆ Outside employees – re: COVID-19
- ◆ Roads in good condition

Councillor DeCorby

- ◆ Elstow water leak
- ◆ Ratepayer supper
- ◆ Report on SARM convention
- ◆ U of S Agricultural Health and Safety Network
  - ◆ 30 year membership plaque

Councillor Senger

- ◆ Elstow water leak
- ◆ Speed limit signage

Councillor Appelt

- ◆ Road naming procedures and costs
- ◆ CN Rail still hasn't picked up track lengths left in ditch

## Councillor Chysyk

- ◆ Bradwell south road in poor condition
- ◆ Semi-annual fire district meeting

## Councillor Cummins

- ◆ Not in attendance

## Councillor Boehm

- ◆ New firefighters at Blucher/Aberdeen
- ◆ Snow clearing and ridges at the ends of approaches
- ◆ Highway No. 5 improvements and ratepayer concerns

COVID -19  
Response

## 86-2020 - DeCorby

That we do place all waged outside operators on a paid leave of absence up to and including April 18<sup>th</sup>. And further;

That we do pay those employees on a LOA at a rate of 8 hours per day for the duration of their absence with the exception of March 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> which shall be paid as a 10-hour day. And further;

That these employees are to be on call in the case of snow events or other issues that may require attention. And further;

That council does delay the recall for all laid-off employees until such time as appropriate measures are in place to ensure the health and safety of the staff.

Carried.

COVID-19  
Municipal  
Office  
Operations

## 87-2020 - Senger

That we do close the municipal office to public access as of March 19, 2020 and until the COVID-19 pandemic is resolved in a fashion satisfactory to council and the appropriate health authorities. And further;

That the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized to take appropriate measures to ensure the safety of Council, administrative staff and the public as their decisions pertain to office operations. And Further;

That these measures may include work from home, rotating staff, and modified office hours. And further;

That the CAO be authorized to expend funds not to exceed \$2,000 in order to make the appropriate changes.

Carried.

## Adjourn

## 88-2020 - DeCorby

That the next meeting of council be at the call of the Chief Administrative Officer, as ratified by a majority of council, because of the COVID-19 pandemic. And further;

That the CAO be directed to facilitate the next meeting of council through the most appropriate means which may include meeting electronically. And further;



R.M. of Blucher, No. 343 - Minutes March 18, 2020

That this municipality take all necessary precautions to protect the health of Council, staff and their families.

Carried.

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Reeve

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Administrator