

**The regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blucher, #343 was held in the Municipal Office, Village of Bradwell, on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 commencing at 8:00 a.m.**

Those in attendance were Reeve Dan Greschuk, Councillors Jim Appelt, Dale Chysyk, Blair Cummins and Francis Boehm.

Minutes

178-2020 - Cummins

That the minutes of the previous regular meeting held July 8, 2020 be adopted as distributed.

Carried.

**Discussion Arising out of Minutes**

- ◆ 2020 Gravel Crushing Agreement Amendment
  - ◆ need to spec the reject - speak to Wood
- ◆ Letter to Auditor re: 2019 Draft Financial Statements
- ◆ Letter to Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure re: borrow material
- ◆ Redbird Internet Route – Settler’s Ridge
- ◆ Letter to Cargill re: trailer cleanout area
- ◆ McArthur Park Sign – NW 36-36-3 W3
- ◆ Bill Bentley – land in front of business along old Highway #16

Reward  
County  
Gravel  
Contract

179-2020 - Cummins

That Resolution 37-2020 passed February 12, 2020 be rescinded due to the fact that a signed agreement was never received and the gravel crusher never showed up to do the gravel crushing. And further;

That we replace this resolution with the following new resolution:

That the Municipality contract Reward County Crushers, Unity, Sask. to provide gravel crushing service, in an amount equivalent to:

- i) 75,000 cubic yards by volume of gravel shall be composed of fragments of clean, tough, durable rock, free from injurious quantities of soft or flaky particles, loam, organic or other deleterious material. The accepted material shall be of such size as will comply with the following specifications:

	% by weight passing
Passing a 22.4 millimeter square opening screen	100 % (7/8 Inch)
Passing a 15.87 millimeter square opening screen	63-92 % (5/8 Inch)
Passing a 6.35 millimeter mesh screen	40-70 % (1/4 Inch)
Passing a 3.175 millimeter mesh screen	15-45 % (1/8 Inch)
Passing a 0.4 millimeter mesh screen	0-15 % (40 sieve)

\$ 4.40 per cubic yard by volume

Sand Reject - \$0.75 per cubic yard by volume

- a) Assume a 30% reject ratio.
- b) Payment will be made upon the completion of this operation and quantities as verified by Engineer’s cross section.
- c) Pit is located on the NE 24-36-3 W3 (the most easterly pit)
- d) Tender is for crushing only, no haul rate will be considered.
- e) Pit clean up will be discussed at the time of awarding the tender.

f) A 24-inch jaw will be required.

Further requirements are as follows:

- ◆ the contractor enters into a gravel crushing agreement with the municipality.
- ◆ the contractor is to provide evidence of suitable liability insurance.
- ◆ the contractor is to provide proof of good standing with WCB.
- ◆ the contractor provides a performance bond being equal to 50% of the contract price.
- ◆ material must meet the contracted specifications as verified by random and independent sieve analysis.
- ◆ quantity to be determined by engineering cross section, which shall be final, binding and conclusive.
- ◆ the crushing operations are completed by October 31, 2020.
- ◆ the pit is left in a manner satisfactory to council.
- ◆ payment to be made upon completion of crushing operations.

Carried.

Redbird  
Internet  
Route

180-2020 - Boehm

That we do approve Redbird Communications Inc. application to install internet infrastructure in municipal right of ways along Settlers Ridge Road subject to the following conditions:

- ◆ In such cases where it is necessary to bury the said internet line in a municipal road allowance or cross a municipal road allowance, that Redbird Communications invest the entire cost of any future alteration to the said internet line in order to facilitate rural municipal road widening or reconstruction
- ◆ When a road must be crossed that it is bored through.

Carried.

Monthly  
Statement

181-2020 - Chysyk

That the statement of Assets, Liability, Revenues and Expenditures for the month of July, 2020 be approved as distributed.

Carried.

Bills

182-2020 - Appelt

That we approve for payment, the bills and accounts as attached to these minutes.

Carried.

**Chief Administrative Officer's Report**

- ◆ 2019 Draft Financial Statements
- ◆ Wood – Proposal for environmental services
- ◆ Term Deposit Maturity
- ◆ Highway #5 Corridor Improvement Project Update
- ◆ Highway #16 passing lanes
  - ◆ Reeve Greschuk noted that the lane lines have not been repainted on the patched areas on Highway #16
- ◆ MEEP – approval and funding agreement
- ◆ Government of Saskatchewan – Project Information Sheet
  - ◆ intersection treatment on Highway #316 1.65 km north of the junction on Highway #16
- ◆ Terry Barisko - tax abatement as he has not built house yet
- ◆ Miles Bentley – tax abatement as was assessed incorrectly
- ◆ Inland Aggregates – tax abatement as was assessed incorrectly
- ◆ 2020 Tax Levy Summary
- ◆ Appointment of Election Officials & Polling Places
- ◆ SSA Elstow Lift Station charge
- ◆ SSA Elstow Water Treatment Plant – July 2020 Operator report

Draft Audited Financial Statement	183-2020 - Cummins That we do approve the 2019 Draft Audited Financial Statement as prepared by Grant Thornton LLP.	<u>Carried.</u>
Grant Thornton LLP Management Letter	184-2020 - Appelt That we do approve the 2019 Management letter prepared by Grant Thornton LLP.	<u>Carried.</u>
Environmental Assessment Services	185-2020 - Chysyk That we do contract Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions to provide environmental assessment services for the 2021 road projects consisting of E 04, N 09-36-2 W3 (Blucher Grid) and ESE 29 and E 5, 8, 17 & 20-34-2 W3 (Bradwell South).	<u>Carried</u>
Maturing GIC Transfer	186-2020 - Appelt That we do acknowledge the Chief Administrative Officer's intent to transfer the maturing GIC from Conexus Credit Union to the SARM HISA account in the amount of \$206,100.00.	<u>Carried</u>
Highway # 5 Passing Lanes	187-2020 - Cummins That we do advise Stantec Consulting that we do not have any concerns with the location of the Highway No. 5 passing lanes within our boundaries.	<u>Carried</u>

Highway # 16  
Passing Lanes

188-2020 - Cummins  
That we do endorse the construction of passing lanes on Highway #16 in the area of Downey & Wyshynski Roads.

Carried

Tax  
Abatement

189-2020 - Cummins  
That we do abate a portion of the taxes on Lane Mechanical's (Terry Barisko) property, Lot 58 NW 34-36-2 W3 Roll No. 1652 000 due to it being improperly assessed, and further;  
That the amount of the abatement shall be as follows:

- ◆ Municipal - \$785.08
- ◆ School - \$1,150.30

Carried.

Tax  
Abatement

190-2020 - Appelt  
That we do abate a portion of the taxes on Miles & Tracey Bentley's land, PCL J SW 16-35-3 W3 Roll No. 1078 000 due to Section 293 (2) (a) of The Municipalities Act, and further;  
That the amount of the abatement shall be as follows:

- ◆ Municipal - \$1,596.26
- ◆ School - \$2,338.84

Carried.

Tax  
Abatement

191-2020 - Appelt  
That we do abate a portion of the taxes on Miles & Tracey Bentley's land, PCL J SW 16-35-3 W3 Roll No. 1078 000 due to it being improperly assessed, and further;  
That the amount of the abatement shall be as follows:

- ◆ Municipal - \$1,332.80
- ◆ School - \$1,193.81

Carried.

Tax  
Abatement

192-2020 - Boehm  
That we do abate a portion of the taxes on Inland Aggregates' land, SE 25-36-3, Roll No. 1889 000 and PT SE 25-36-3 W3, Roll No. 1890 000 due to it being improperly assessed, and further;  
That the amount of the abatement shall be as follows:

- ◆ Municipal - \$1,893.99
- ◆ School - \$1,744.13

Carried.

Municipal Elections

193-2020 - Chysyk

Pursuant to Section 160.13 of the Local Government Election Act, that the following election officials, place of poll and election rates be set:

- ◆ Returning Officer – R. Doran Scott

<u>Division</u>	<u>Place of Poll</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Place of Poll</u>
1 & 4	Elstow Hall	2	RM Office
3	Clavet Hall	5 & 6	Sunset Estates Hall

Election Rate

- ◆ Election Officials - \$200 per day
- ◆ Place of Poll - as per established hall rental rate.

Carried.

Advance Poll

194-2020 - Cummins

That the returning officer be directed to establish an advance poll, if necessary, Monday, November 2, 2020, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., said advance poll to be held in the R. M. Office, Bradwell.

Carried.

◆ **10:00 a.m. - Interviews**

- ◆ Con Alexander – Reward County Crushers
  - ◆ understands why RM can't continue with 70% reject
  - ◆ in process of sourcing additional screen, would like to continue to finish job
  - ◆ Council agrees as long as RM gets product needed

**Planning & Development:**

- ◆ Randy Bender – subdivision proposal request
- ◆ Deena Simair – possible 2 acre subdivision request
- ◆ RM of Blucher – application to subdivide land – NE 18-35-3 W3

RM's Subdivision NE 18-35-3 W3

195-2020 - Cummins

That pursuant to Schedule A, Section 1 (i) d of Zoning Bylaw No. 7-2017 we do approve the RM of Blucher's subdivision application for a portion of Daisy Lane south of Highway 16 and the old Highway 16 portion between Daisy Lane and the new Highway 16.

Carried.

**Interviews**

- ◆ Kelly and Riley Panteluk
  - ◆ KPCL – Discretionary Use – temporary workcamp – LSD 14 NW 20-35-3 W3
    - ◆ Is Council Willing To Consider – Requires Zoning Amendment
    - ◆ Temporary workcamp
    - ◆ Gone end of October
    - ◆ Thought we were open for business
    - ◆ Pays taxes
    - ◆ Significant donations as corporate citizen
    - ◆ Other lands for camps were leased
    - ◆ Less than 25 people – up to 45 people per dorm
    - ◆ COVID 19 has to be spaced out
    - ◆ Has to have generators and propane in order to check if dorms and buildings are working and properly test systems
    - ◆ Trailers will be where the work is
    - ◆ Possibility that there is no camp on site for years
    - ◆ No subletting
    - ◆ Drug and alcohol free site – “Dry”
    - ◆ Not currently occupied

**Bylaw Enforcement/Pest Control Officer Report**

- ◆ Bylaw Enforcement
- ◆ Sign Maintenance
- ◆ Pest Control
- ◆ Weed Control
  - ◆ Pits and such
    - ◆ Inland
    - ◆ Lafarge
    - ◆ RM Pit
    - ◆ Highways
  - ◆ Develop plan for 2021 for gravel pits and weed control

**Interviews**

- ◆ Curtis Ferguson – Nutrien Allan Mine
- ◆ upgrade to self power generation
- ◆ combination of cogen and natural gas
- ◆ 2023 start
- ◆ Future development challenges
- ◆ Inquiry about future for mine zoning

Correspondence

196-2020 - Chysyk

That the following correspondence, having been read, now be filed:

- ◆ STL – billboard sharing
- ◆ SARM – Midterm Convention Cancelled
- ◆ Sask Water – box culvert SE 9-34-2 W3
- a) Colby Griffin – lots for sale in Elstow

- b) SREDA – July 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes
- c) RM Of Cold Lake – Criminal Code Amendment
- d) Sask 4-H – donation request
- e) Corrina Bouvier – special event permit
- f) Jordon Hunt – children playing sign
- g) Meadowlark Estates roads being used by people to bypass construction
- h) Jim Massey – payment plan for tax arrears in tax enforcement

Carried.

Massey Tax Arrears Payment Plan

197-2020 - Boehm  
 That we do accept Mr. Massey’s payment plan for tax arrears on PT SE 20-35-3 W3

Carried

Corrina Bouvier Community Event Permit

198-2020 - Boehm  
 That this Municipality grant permission to issue a community event permit to Corrina Bouvier for a wedding at the Sunset Estates Community Hall and outdoor enclosed patio space on:

- ◆ Friday, September 4, 2020
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Carried

**Foreman’s Report**

- ◆ Employees
- ◆ Municipal Road Maintenance
- ◆ Equipment Maintenance
- ◆ Road repairs
- ◆ Road Construction
- ◆ Gravel Crusher
- ◆ Truck Quotes

Foreman Truck Purchase

199-2020 - Cummins  
 That we do purchase a Ford 250 from Watrous Centennial Ford for the price of 62,640.25 plus taxes.

Carried.

**Councilor's Report**

## Reeve Greschuk

- ◆ Washboard on roads all over – concentrate on intersections - dry
- ◆ Charlotte Trimble Hartz – Scott is a liar and did not do what he said he would do
- ◆ Spoke with Aberdeen Councilor Graham White – RM of Aberdeen – fire hall concerns
- ◆ Conversations with concerned ratepayers
- ◆ Not seeking re-election in November
- ◆ Range Road and Twp Road Signs

## Councillor DeCorby – not in attendance – sent in report

- ◆ Hodge Road repaired just south of Elstow
- ◆ Matt Dukart is still waiting for his moved approach on section NW 17-34-1 W3M
- ◆ Kelvin Gregorie needed gravel on the grid before his yard NE 17-34-01 W3M
- ◆ The grid listed above was getting hit with irrigation water from a system owned by Duncan McKercher, that issue has since been resolved.
- ◆ The weeds on the Bradwell grid in Division 1, especially by Nutrien are very bad, the office was contacted to ask Nutrien to deal with them asap
- ◆ Elstow water plant legal correspondence – spoke with Doran regarding that

## Councillor Senger

- ◆ Not in attendance

## Councillor Appelt

- ◆ Utilities and ROW's – utilities not paying crop damages
- ◆ Bill Bentley – land adjacent to Highway 16 loop
- ◆ Bentley Road and correction line – road signs

## Councillor Chysyk

- ◆ Mowing - back roads
- ◆ Graveling? - started yesterday
- ◆ Rip Rap on grades north of Bob Greschuk's
- ◆ Custom work
- ◆ Cost of debit machine for office
- ◆ Dust control – different products to trial
- ◆ Fire Response protocols

## Councillor Cummins

- ◆ Highway #5 – gravel and compensation – dust control
- ◆ FOB System – a couple of complaints
- ◆ Crush tendering

## Councillor Boehm

- ◆ Weeds on private gravel pits and RM pit
- ◆ Blucher/Aberdeen fire hall – water tank and leaks
- ◆ Spray weeds around Sunset Estates fire hall
- ◆ Rob and Margo Zadvorny – Cheviot Road speed limit reduced to 60 km hrs – must contact highways
- ◆ Noxious weeds on highways
- ◆ Retention pond on Panteluk property
- ◆ Don Priddy dust control on list for 2021 and if any more this fall
- ◆ Panteluk haul agreement



- ◆ tarping issues
- ◆ asked to reduce speed
- ◆ Tarping on RM trucks
- ◆ Bond policy for haul agreements

There was a significant discussion regarding potential amendments to the Zoning Bylaw to relax the regulations pertaining to Temporary Work Camps.

Councillor Boehm requested a recorded vote.

Zoning Bylaw  
Amendments

200-2020 - Boehm  
That the Council of the RM of Blucher does decline to amend provisions of the Zoning Bylaw.

Councillor Appelt – Yay  
Councillor Chysyk – Nay  
Councillor Cummins – Nay  
Councillor Boehm – Yay  
Reeve Greschuk – Nay

Lost.

Councillor Boehm requested a recorded vote.

Zoning Bylaw  
Amendments

201-2020 - Greschuk  
That we do direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a minimum of two potential Zoning Bylaw amendments to address Temporary Work Camps at LSD 14 NW 20-35-3 W3 for the next regular meeting of Council.

Councillor Appelt – Nay  
Councillor Chysyk – Yay  
Councillor Cummins – Yay  
Councillor Boehm – Nay  
Reeve Greschuk – Yay

Carried.

Adjourn

202-2020 - Appelt  
That this meeting of Council adjourn at 3:45 p.m.

Carried.

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Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer