

The regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blucher, #343 was held in the Municipal Office, Village of Bradwell, on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 commencing at 8:00 a.m.

Those in attendance were Reeve Blair Cummins, Councillors Nicole DeCorby, Quintin Senger, Jim Appelt, Dale Chysyk, Robin Wilson and Francis Boehm.

Secretary
of Council

193-2021 - Boehm

That we do authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to delegate his duties as secretary of Council to Pamela Lindberg for the duration of this meeting.

Carried.

Minutes

194-2021 - Appelt

That the minutes of the previous regular meeting held June 9, 2021 be adopted as distributed.

Carried.

Special
Meeting
Minutes

195-2021 - Chysyk

That the minutes of the special meeting held June 10, 2021 be adopted as distributed.

Carried.

Discussion Arising out of Minutes

- ◆ LSD 4 4-35-3 W3 road relocation
- ◆ Ministry of Government Relations – Revenue Sharing Grant - Resolution
- ◆ Clavet Loop – No Update – Still waiting for appraiser
- ◆ Old Highway #16 East of 316
- ◆ Min of Highways - response to letter re: Twinning & Widening of Highway #5
- ◆ Paving & Chip Seal Quotes for Settler's Ridge and 3040
- ◆ Kallio Fire Report

Municipal
Revenue
Sharing
Grant

196-2021 - Senger

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Blucher No. 343 confirms the municipality meets the following eligibility requirements to receive the Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant:

- ◆ Submission of the 2020 Audited Financial Statement to the Ministry of Government Relations;
- ◆ Submission of the 2020 Public Reporting on Municipal Waterworks to the Ministry of Government Relations;
- ◆ In Good Standing with respect to the reporting and remittance of Education Property Taxes;
- ◆ Adoption of a Council Procedures Bylaw;
- ◆ Adoption of an Employee Code of Conduct; and
- ◆ All members of council have filed and annually updated their Public Disclosure Statements, as required; and

That we authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the Declaration of Eligibility and submit it to the Ministry of Government Relations.

Carried.

Monthly Financial Statements 197-2021 - DeCorby
That the statement of Assets, Liability, Revenues and Expenditures for the month of June, 2021 be approved as distributed and that we also acknowledge the submission of the June, 2021 bank reconciliation.

Carried.

Bills and Accounts for Payments 198-2021 - DeCorby
That we approve for payment, the bills and accounts as attached to these minutes.

Carried.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

- ◆ Nutrien Allan Mine – NW 34-35-2 W3 approach
- ◆ DRWU – Corporate Bylaw
- ◆ SREDA – Project Ribbon Phase
- ◆ Canada Post – mailboxes on RR #9
- ◆ Highway #41 – honouring founders – RM of Aberdeen Suggestion
- ◆ Pethick property in SSA Elstow
- ◆ PMB Consent to take Roger & Hazel Nelson’s property
- ◆ SSA Elstow Water Treatment Plant - Operator report
- ◆ Elstow Water Advisory – stop watering – limit water

NOTE: Councillor Boehm declared a pecuniary interest prior to discussion of the second approach due to a relationship with Nutrien Mine.

Approach NW 34-35-2 W3 199-2021 - Wilson
That we do approve the installation of an approach on NW 34-35-2 W3 (Nutrien Allan Mine) at their own cost.

Carried.

Councillor Boehm rejoined the meeting after adoption of the above resolution.

Public Meetings

- ◆ Nothing

Interview

- ◆ None

Planning & Development:

- ◆ Ministry of Government Relations
 - ◆ Subdivision Approval – SW 14-35-3 W3 – Joe & Carol Assie

200-2021 - DeCorby

Correspondence

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

- a) Ann Rodgers – Signage on RR 3040
- b) CATPC – Meeting minutes from Feb 24, 2021
- c) APAS – Newsletter
- d) Ellie Doerksen – Zoning Bylaw Amendment
- e) Gwen Wilson – Second Approach
- f) Water Security Agency – 2021-22 Channel Clearing Program
- g) SREDA
 - ◆ June 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - ◆ Regional Collaboration Roundtable Meeting – Oct 6, 2021
- h) Ducks Unlimited – Baldwin Project
- i) Step It Up Dance – letter of support
- j) DRWU – Draft June 30, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- k) Prairie Crocus Rural Internet – 3040 right-of-way access
- l) Heather Playford – Sunset Estates Concerns
- m) RCMP – Quarterly Stats

Carried.

Gwen Wilson
Second
Approach

201-2021 - Boehm

That we do approve the installation of a second approach on NW 36-35-3 W3 (Gwen Wilson) at her own cost.

Carried

Step It Up
Dance
Letter of
Support

202-2021 - Appelt

That the Rural Municipality of Blucher No. 343 does write up a letter stating the service and benefit that the Step It Up Dance Co-operative provides our community.

Carried.

Prairie
Crocus
Internet
Route

203-2021 - Boehm

That we do approve Prairie Crocus Rural Internet's request to install internet infrastructure in the west municipal right of way along Range Road 3040 to Saddle Ridge subdivision 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 Prairie Crocus Rural Internet 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.

Fire Ban

204-2021 - Cummins

R.M. of Blucher, No. 343 - Minutes July 14, 2021

That we do impose a fire ban for the whole RM of Blucher, No 343 effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, July 15, 2021, said fire ban to remain in effect until removed by the Reeve or Council.

Carried.

NOTE: Councillor Senger declared a pecuniary interest prior to discussion of the cost to purchase dirt for Mitchell easement road project.

Blucher
Road Project

205-2021 - Cummins

That \$1.00 per cubic meter be the purchase price for dirt if required. And further, that if any dirt must be purchased, all dirt for all 2021 projects will be purchased from ratepayers.

Carried.

Councillor Senger rejoined the meeting after discussion and adoption of the above resolution.

Bylaw Enforcement/Pest Control Officer Report

Reeve Cummins presented report as Mr. McBroom couldn't be at meeting

- ◆ Bylaw Enforcement
- ◆ Pest Control
- ◆ Sign Maintenance
- ◆ Weed Control – bull thistle monitoring
 - ◆ Francis talked about bull thistle with weevils in the flower.

Foreman's Report

- ◆ Employees
- ◆ Municipal Road Maintenance
- ◆ Equipment Maintenance
- ◆ Road repairs
- ◆ Road Construction

Tilt Trailer
for Skid
Steer

206-2021 - Appelt

That we do purchase a 2021 Brandt UBT 822 tilt trailer from Brandt Tractor, Saskatoon, Sask., at a cost of approximately \$15,000 plus tax per our capital equipment replacement policy.

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:20 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

Councillor's Report

Reeve Cummins

- ◆ Settler's Ridge Road – gravel for Saddle Ridge at ratepayer prices – it is going on RM 343 3040 road
- ◆ Glenmaur well is changing out steel tanks for plastic tanks and requested grader work (6 hours) and gravel (8 loads) from RM 343 for the project
- ◆ Transport Canada meeting

Councillor DeCorby

- ◆ Street signs in Elstow
- ◆ Lift station in Elstow – Sask Power
- ◆ Water meters need to be installed in Elstow ASAP
- ◆ School sign is done and ready in Warman – it will be delivered
- ◆ Chip seal the South Allan grid?
- ◆ Larry Garman concerned about road construction in front of his yard
- ◆ Grattan O'Grady – NE 10-34-1 – mulch trees in slough

Councillor Senger

- ◆ SAMA people are snooping around yards – what is their protocol? They need to do some PR first and don't just walk in and take pictures
- ◆ Gravel not staying on the roads
- ◆ RIOCH has done an excellent job of the Bradwell South road re-build

Councillor Appelt

- ◆ Waz Road – 25% screenings in gravel packs very well
- ◆ North on Wind River Road – sign off after repairing the corner where 2 posts are (surveying pin)
- ◆ Clavet tankfill – red light
- ◆ CHE – turn around for Chris Thiessen?
- ◆ ETA on Prairie Steel/Bentley Road – 3 weeks
- ◆ Gary Erixon has requested an approach to the new house location – SW 2-35-3 W3
- ◆ CHE Association Meeting
 - ◆ had concerns such as repairing slopes
 - ◆ they requested a truckload of fill to fix areas (liability)
 - ◆ requested RM to mow vacant lots with tall grass

Councillor Chysyk

- ◆ Loadline trailer - liner is in
- ◆ Truck should be in and must be capable to run a side dump
- ◆ Note: New mower blades on new mower last ½ as long as replacement blades
- ◆ Assess Mack Truck
- ◆ Sand on backroads

Councillor Wilson

- ◆ Too dry to grade roads
- ◆ Recording the meetings – request from ratepayers

Councillor Boehm

- ◆ Borrow pit fill in at Cargill
- ◆ SCBA extra air tanks from Aberdeen
- ◆ Damaged culvert at #9 injection well -west of pit

- ◆ Dead end sign installed at this site
- ◆ Sunset tankfill – problems June 29 – get floats checked to ensure shuts off if low
- ◆ Furnace in fire hall
- ◆ Downspouts in front of fire hall – turn so they run East/West instead of onto the cement pad

Mulch Trees in Slough
NE 10-34-1 W3

207-2021 - DeCorby
That we do pay for the mulching of trees on the RM portion of the ditch at NE 10-34-1 W3.

Carried.

Gravel for 3040 Road Upgrade

208-2021 - Senger
That we do sell gravel at non-ratepayer rate to contractor for the upgrade to the 3040 road only.

Carried.

Adjourn

209-2021 - Appelt
That this meeting of Council adjourn at 3:11 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer