

**The regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blucher, #343 was held in the Municipal Office, 34 Struan Street, Village of Bradwell, on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 commencing at 8:00 a.m.**

Those in attendance were Councillors Nicole DeCorby, Quintin Senger, Jim Appelt, Dale Chysyk, Robin Wilson, Francis Boehm and Chief Administrative Officer R. Doran Scott.

Deputy Reeve Francis Boehm assumed the chair as Reeve Cummins was absent. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m.

Minutes 208-2022 - Wilson  
That the minutes of the previous regular meeting held June 8, 2022 be adopted as distributed.  
Carried.

**Discussion Arising out of Minutes & Emergent Requests**

- ◆ Whistle Cessation at Daisy Lane
- ◆ Bonnie Nicholson/Shelley How – tax arrears – SSA Elstow, Robert Drennan in attendance.
- ◆ Elstow Lift Station

S How & B. Nicholson  
Tax Arrears 209-2022 - DeCorby  
That we do suspend tax enforcement proceedings on Lots 11-12, Block 3, Plan G5550 subject to a payment plan as determined by the Administrator. And further; That we do abate both municipal and school taxes in the amount which equates to total amount of penalties added to the taxes since the 2015 levy only after all other amounts are received in accordance with the above referenced payment plan.  
Carried.

Monthly Financial Statements 210-2022 - Senger  
That the statement of Assets, Liability, Revenues and Expenditures for the month of June, 2022 be approved as distributed and that we also acknowledge the submission of the June, 2022 bank reconciliation.  
Carried.

Bills and Accounts for Payments 211-2022 - Chysyk  
That we approve for payment, the bills and accounts as attached to these minutes.  
Carried.

**Interviews**

- ◆ Robert Greschuk – Road construction concerns
- ◆ Hog Barn
  - ◆ Concerns with processes

**Chief Administrative Officer's Report**

- ◆ SSA Elstow - tender for sale – tax title properties – August
- ◆ SARM – pooled high interest savings account for public reserve
- ◆ Tax Enforcement Proceedings
- ◆ Provincial Mediation Board – Tax Enforcement
- ◆ Kelly Deobald – Brandt Tractor – grader timelines
- ◆ Agriculture in the Classroom – do we require a membership?
- ◆ SGI Traffic Grant Approval
- ◆ Penny Harder – tax arrears – SSA Elstow
- ◆ WorkSafe Saskatchewan – Firefighter Cancer Prevention
- ◆ SSA Elstow Water Treatment Plant - Operator report
- ◆ RR 3040 Tender Openings
- ◆ Local Improvement Report for Setter’s Ridge Asphalt Surfacing

SARM High Interest Savings Account

212-2022 - Senger

That we do take advantage of the high interest group savings account available through SARM. And further; That the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to transfer funds to and from the RM public reserve account as he sees necessary in order to maintain operations of the municipality.

Carried.

Tax Enforcement Proceedings

213-2022 - DeCorby

That pursuant to Section 22 (1) of *The Tax Enforcement Act*, this municipality authorize application for transfer of the title to any parcel that has an interest based on a tax lien where the interest has not been discharged.

**Legal Description**  
Lot 5-6, Block 7, Plan G5550

**Arrears**  
\$2,477.80

Carried.

Tax Enforcement

214-2022 - DeCorby

That we do make application to the Provincial Mediation Board for consent to make final application for title on the following properties:

Legal Description		Roll Number
Lot 7-8, Block 8, Plan G5550	SSA Elstow	2120 000

Carried.

Informational Sign Trailer

215-2022 - DeCorby

That we do purchase a mobile informational sign trailer as a result of receiving a SGI Traffic Safety Grant.

Carried.

P Harder Tax Arrears

216-2022 - DeCorby

That we do suspend tax enforcement proceedings on Lots 15-16, Block 7, Plan G5550 subject to a payment plan as determined by the Administrator. And further; That we do abate both municipal and school taxes in the amount which equates to total amount of penalties added to the taxes since the 2015 levy only after all other amounts are received in accordance with the above referenced payment plan.

Carried.

WorkSafe Fire  
Fighter Cancer  
Prevention 217-2022 - Chysyk  
That we do implement a policy for the Blucher/Lost River Fire District that will recommend the fire department members attend the Firefighter Cancer Prevention video series hosted by WorkSafe Saskatchewan.

Carried.

Range Road  
3040 Road  
Tender 218-2022 - Boehm  
That the RM of Blucher hereby award the tender for the reconstruction and paving of 0.8 km of Range Road 3040 to Acadia Paving Ltd. for a tender price of \$684,905.20.

Carried.

Local  
Improvement  
Report for  
Settler's Ridge 219-2022 - Boehm  
That the report prepared by Chief Administrative Officer R. Doran Scott, with respect to the proposed local improvement listed below, be adopted; and that application be made under clause 5 (1) (c) of *The Local Improvements Act, 1993* to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board, Local Government Committee, to undertake this work/service as a local improvement at an estimated cost of \$315,000:  
The work consists of sub-base and asphalt concrete surfacing the access road to Lots 1 to 14, Settler's Ridge (NW 31-36-3 W3) at an approximate total cost of \$315,000. And:  
That the land described above is specially or directly benefitted by reason of this local improvement differently from or greater than that generally received by landowners in the municipality.

Carried.

### **Public Hearings**

- ◆ Mineral Extraction Discretionary Use Development Application
  - ◆ Celtic Contracting – PCL X NW 19-36-2 W3

Mineral  
Extraction  
PCL X  
NW 19-36-2 W3 220-2022 - DeCorby  
Pursuant to Part 3, Section 3.8 of Basic Planning Statement Bylaw 6-2017 and Part 5, Section 5.4 of Zoning Bylaw 7-2017, that since public notice was given and no objections or comments were received, that Celtic Contracting's mineral extraction discretionary use permit application on PCL X NW 19-36-2 W3 be approved providing as follows:

- ◆ a haul agreement and mineral extraction license is completed and received
- ◆ a reclamation deposit of \$10,000 is provided
- ◆ hours of operation are to be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Carried.

### **Planning & Development:**

- ◆ Bylaw 10-2022 – STL Holding Provision Removal
- ◆ Ministry of Government Relations
  - ◆ Subdivision Approval – NW 36-36-2 W3 – Normand & Murielle Denis
  - ◆ Parcel Tie Removal Approval – SE 28-35-3 W3 – William & Molly Epp

Bylaw 10-2022  
Removal of (H)  
Holding Provision  
PT NE 29-35-3  
W3 & PT SE 32-  
35-3 W3

221-2022 - Boehm  
That Bylaw 10-2022 being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 7-2017 The Zoning Bylaw, be read a first time.

Carried.

222-2022 - Chysyk  
That Bylaw 10-2022 be now read a second time.

Carried.

223-2022 - Wilson  
That Bylaw 10-2022 be given three readings at this meeting.

Unanimously Carried.

Bylaw 10-2022  
Removal of (H)  
Holding Provision  
PT NE 29-35-3  
W3 & PT SE 32-  
35-3 W3

224-2022 - Appelt  
That Bylaw 10-2022 as annexed hereto and forming a part of these minutes be now read a third time;  
and further, that Bylaw 10-2022 being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 7-2018 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.

Correspondence

225-2022 - Appelt  
That the following correspondence, having been read, now be filed:

- a) Gravelock - Soil Consolidation Aid Information
- b) 2023-2024 Rural Integrated Road for Growth Program
- c) Prairie Watershed Climate Program
- d) SMS Equipment Information Sheet
- e) Water Security Agency – 2021-22 Channel Clearing Program
- f) Water Security Agency – 2022-23 Channel Clearing and Drainage Project
- g) Logan Hryciw – Special Event Permit
- h) RCMP – Quarterly Stat Reports – April 1 – June 30, 2022

Carried.

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

- ◆ Bylaw Enforcement
- ◆ Pest Control
- ◆ Sign Maintenance
- ◆ Weed Control
  - ◆ Bull Thistle
  - ◆ Sask Highways
  - ◆ Leafy Spurge issues
- ◆ Railings are terrible on Sask Water Bridges
- ◆ 10 tonnes – 60 km signs
- ◆ Mow hay and Bull Thistle

**Foreman's Report**

- ◆ Employees
- ◆ Municipal Road Maintenance
- ◆ Equipment Maintenance
- ◆ Road repairs
- ◆ Road Construction
- ◆ Power Mobile Equipment Certification

**Councillor's Report**

Reeve Cummins – via verbal report to Chief Administrator Officer

- ◆ CFB 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Councillor DeCorby

- ◆ South Allan Road needs a few more repairs
- ◆ Elstow Lift Station
- ◆ Elstow Ag Hall

Councillor Senger

- ◆ Elstow Lift Station
- ◆ 60 km signs
- ◆ Street light in Blucher – sensor broken
- ◆ \$15,000 for rescue boat at Bradwell Reservoir
- ◆ Bridge Inspections

Councillor Appelt

- ◆ Overburden from pit now has Bull Thistle
- ◆ Helicopter for spraying
- ◆ Shop roof – should be fixed before winter
- ◆ Whistle Cessation – Daisy Lane & Waz Road CN crossings
- ◆ Weeds at NE 17-34-3 W3
- ◆ Quote for engineer at crossings
- ◆ Hanson Road – needs resurfacing RIRG
- ◆ Chip seal at nextgravel crush

Councillor Chysyk

- ◆ Ag Hall in Elstow condition
- ◆ Shop Roof
- ◆ Elstow tankfill – electrical panel unlocked
- ◆ Equipment for bid at auction
- ◆ Absinthe weeds

Councillor Wilson

- ◆ Division 5 ratepayer complaints re: gravel companies
- ◆ Gopher issues on acreages
- ◆ Test hole for water at pit from well – water not good for spraying
- ◆ Pit Road to #5 – holding up very well
- ◆ Cement Plant Road grass cutting

## Councillor Boehm

- ◆ Zoning Bylaw Amendments – setbacks for gravel pits
- ◆ Dust control
- ◆ Water line settled at Waschuk Road – needs to be filled in
- ◆ Sprayed grass in ditch at Waschuk Park
- ◆ Sign corridor at Waschuk Park
- ◆ Settler's Ridge paving discussion
- ◆ Prokop – approaches and rough road
- ◆ Lyell Allen back road –fix North instead of South – table to next meeting
- ◆ Servicing agreements for gravel pits to include reclamation deposit and dust control provisions

Helicopter Spraying of Weeds      226-2022 - Appelt  
That we do contract Hanley Helicopter to spray the Bull Thistle around the RM gravel pit this fall.

Carried.

Bidding on RM Equipment      227-2022 - Chysyk  
That we do implement a policy wherein a Councillor and/or their immediate families be prevented from bidding on RM equipment which is put up for auction by various private firms.

Lost.

Gopher Bait Costs      228-2022 - Boehm  
That we do adopt a policy wherein the RM will subsidize gopher bait by 50% of the purchase price. And further;  
That we do limit the amount of the subsidy to 4 pails per registered owner.

Carried.

Adjourn      229-2022 - DeCorby  
That this meeting of Council adjourn at 1:35 p.m.

Carried.

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Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer