

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, December 14, 2022 commencing at 8:00 a.m.

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

Minutes 357-2022 - Senger
That the minutes of the previous regular meeting held November 9, 2022 be adopted as amended.
Carried.

Discussion Arising out of Minutes & Emergent Requests

- ◆ Speed Limit Bylaw – Highway # 5 to Highway # 394
- ◆ RM of Dundurn – equipment inquiry
 - ◆ RM keeping equipment but will let RM of Dundurn borrow it
- ◆ Private Airstrip Discretionary Use Application
 - ◆ Curt Chudyk – SW 7-35-3 W3
 - ◆ tabled from November meeting to December 2022 meeting
- ◆ Blucher Aberdeen Fire Dept – Civic Addresses – table to Jan 2023 meeting
- ◆ 2023 Grader Purchase – tabled to January 2023 meeting

Speed Limit Bylaw 358-2022 - Boehm
That we do table considering a speed limit bylaw for a portion of RR 3040 until after a meeting with Corman Park Council.
Unanimously Carried.

C Chudyk Dis Use Approval SW 7-35-3 W3 359-2022 – Appelt
Pursuant to Part 6, Schedule A Section 1 (2 (a)) of Zoning Bylaw 7-2017 and that since public notice was given and one objection received and considered, that Curt Chudyk’s discretionary use private airstrip application for SW 7-35-3 W3 be approved providing he gets federal approval as well.
Carried.

Special Fire Meeting 360-2022 - Wilson
That at the January 11, 2023 council meeting we do pick a date to hold a special fire meeting.
Carried.

Grader Purchase 361-2022 - Cummins
That we re-tender the 2022 grader quotes by asking for a 770 or equivalent grader and a cash price with a dealer’s best price and no negotiations afterward.
Carried.

Special Meeting 362-2022 - Wilson
That we do hold a special meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office, 34 Struan Street, Village of Bradwell to discuss Blucher / Lost River Fire District.

Carried.

Monthly Statement 363-2022 - Appelt
That the statement of Assets, Liability, Revenues and Expenditures for the month of November, 2022 be approved as distributed and also acknowledge the submission of the November, 2022 bank reconciliation.

Carried.

Bills 364-2022 - Boehm
That we approve for payment, the bills and accounts as attached to these minutes.

Carried.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

- ◆ Electoral Boundary Review Policy
- ◆ Local Improvement Resolution for Setter's Ridge Amendment & Tender
- ◆ Municipal Revenue Sharing Declaration of Eligibility
- ◆ Meridian Surveys – Preliminary Plan for property line survey – N ½ 24-3-3 W3
- ◆ Board of Revision Renewal Steering Committee
- ◆ Tax Enforcement Proceedings
- ◆ District Board of Revision for 2023
- ◆ Development Appeals Board for 2023
- ◆ 2022 Outstanding Invoices
- ◆ 2023 Council Remuneration
- ◆ 2023 Insurance Coverage
- ◆ 2023 Office Fees
- ◆ 2023 Ratepayer Supper
- ◆ Fire District Nov 29, 2022 meeting minutes
- ◆ Loraas Disposal – 2023 Rates & Contract
- ◆ Bradwell Administration Services 2023 Rate
- ◆ SSA Elstow Water Treatment Plant - Operator report
- ◆ Banff Workshop
- ◆ RMAA Curling
- ◆ SARM – RMAA Salary Schedule
- ◆ 2023 Waste Transfer Station operation
- ◆ Chief Administrative Officer 2023 Salary
- ◆ Inside Employees 2023 Salaries

Electoral Boundary Review Policy 365-2022 - Chysyk
That the RM of Blucher No. 343 does approve the R.M. of Blucher No. 343 Electoral Boundary Review Policy.

Carried.

Local Improvement for Settler’s Ridge Amendment

366-2022 - Boehm

That we do repeal Resolution #219-2022 passed July 13, 2022 and replace it with the following:

“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) (b) 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.

Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant

367-2022 - Chysyk

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 2021 Audited Financial Statement to the Ministry of Government Relations;
- ◆ Submission of the 2021 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.

Tax Enforcement Proceedings

368-2022 - DeCorby

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

<u>Legal Description</u>	<u>Arrears</u>
PCL H Plan 101488675, Ext 6 (SSA Elstow)	\$847.44
Lots 10 – 12, Block 6, Plan G5550 (SSA Elstow)	\$1,020.28

Carried.

District Board Of Revision

369-2022 - DeCorby

That the RM OF BLUCHER NO. 343 appoints Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. to manage the Board of Revision process for the term of January 1, 2023, through to December 31, 2023; remuneration as set out in Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. fee schedule, with the following to serve as Members of the Board of Revision: Tim Lafreniere, Mike Waschuk, Gordon Parkinson, Dave Thompson, Wayne Adams, Jeff Hutton, Dave Gurnsey, Murray Dean, and Stew Demmans. The

Chair shall be responsible for naming no fewer than three (3) members for the hearing of any matter. Where the Chair does not include themselves among the appointees, the members appointed for a hearing shall determine the chair of that hearing from among their numbers. And further;

That the RM OF BLUCHER NO. 343 appoints Kristen Tokaryk with Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. as Secretary to the Board of Revision for the term of January 1, 2023, through to December 31, 2023; remuneration as set out in Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. fee schedule. If Kristen Tokaryk is unable to perform secretarial functions for reasons which may include scheduling difficulties the secretary may appoint a delegate to perform administrative functions and may appoint a recording secretary for the purposes of any hearing. And further;

That the municipality approve the following remuneration for the Board:

- ◆ Annual Retainer Fee - \$250.00 plus GST
- ◆ Specific appeal-related fees – only incurred when an appeal is required.
 - ◆ \$50.00 hourly fee for WMC staff
 - ◆ \$90.00 hourly fee per board member for the appeal
 - ◆ \$0.60 per kilometer mileage charge for board members and WMC staff to arrive on the day of the appeal
 - ◆ \$0.15 per page printing fee for required documents
 - ◆ Postage – Standard Canada Post Rates
 - ◆ Appeal Location Rental – if a venue booking is required, this fee will be passed on directly in our invoice for that appeal.

Carried.

Development
Appeals
Board

370-2022 - Appelt

That the RM OF BLUCHER NO. 343 appoints Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. to manage the Development Appeals Board process for the term of January 1, 2023, through to December 31, 2023; remuneration as set out in Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. fee schedule, with the following to serve as Members of the Development Appeals Board: Tim Lafreniere, Mike Waschuk, Gordon Parkinson, Dave Thompson, Wayne Adams, Jeff Hutton, Barry Clark, Dave Gurnsey, Murray Dean, Pam Malach, Stew Demmans, and Stu Hayward. The Chair shall be responsible for naming no fewer than three (3) members for the hearing of any matter. Where the Chair does not include themselves among the appointees, the members appointed for a hearing shall determine the chair of that hearing from among their numbers. And further;

That the RM OF BLUCHER NO. 343 appoints Claudette McGuire with Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. as Secretary to the Development Appeals Board for the term of January 1, 2023, through to December 31, 2023; remuneration as set out in Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. fee schedule. If Claudette McGuire is unable to perform secretarial functions for reasons which may include scheduling difficulties the secretary may appoint a delegate to perform administrative functions and may appoint a recording secretary for the purposes of any hearing. And further;

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Carried.

RM O/S Custom Work	<p>371-2022 - DeCorby</p> <p>That all outstanding custom work invoices, invoiced prior to November 1, 2022, be added to the appropriate property tax effective December 31, 2022 pursuant to Section 405 of <i>The Municipalities Act</i>.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Carried.</u></p>								
SSA Elstow O/S Custom Work	<p>372-2022 - Senger</p> <p>That all outstanding water and sewer bills that were invoiced up to December 31, 2021 to all SSA Elstow residents be added to the appropriate property tax effective December 31, 2022 pursuant to Section 405 of <i>The Municipalities Act</i>.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Carried.</u></p>								
Council Remuneration	<p>373-2022 – Cummins</p> <p>That for 2023, Council indemnities be set as follows:</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Council Meeting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$250.00 per day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reeve Supervision of Office</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$250.00 per day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Committee Meeting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$250.00 per day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Supervision of Public Works</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$250.00 per day</td> </tr> </table> <p>and further, that we pay \$0.75 per kilometer for mileage traveled while conducting municipal business.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Unanimously Carried.</u></p>	Council Meeting	\$250.00 per day	Reeve Supervision of Office	\$250.00 per day	Committee Meeting	\$250.00 per day	Supervision of Public Works	\$250.00 per day
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Wages	<p>374-2022 - Cummins</p> <p>That we table all salaries for waste transfer station, office caretaker, SSA Elstow employees, inside and outside employees and bylaw/pest/weed officer salary until after the Council reports.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Carried.</u></p>								
Insurance	<p>375-2022 - Boehm</p> <p>That we do renew the municipality's property insurance through SARM's Self-Insurance Program. And further;</p> <p>That we do instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to add and delete equipment when warranted, and to conduct a yearly review of the amounts of insurance, amending values as necessary.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Carried.</u></p>								
Minutes Fee	<p>376-2022 - Chysyk</p> <p>That for 2023, we charge an annual fee of \$25.00 to receive the monthly meeting minutes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Carried.</u></p>								
Copy/Fax Charges	<p>377-2022 - Wilson</p> <p>That for 2023 we charge a fee of \$0.25 per copy for black and white photocopying, \$1.00 per copy for color photocopying, unless the photocopying is for a non-profit organization, in which case the charge shall be \$0.07 per copy for black and white photocopying and \$0.25 per copy for color photocopying.</p> <p>And further; that we charge \$1.50 per page for fax sending and \$1.50 per page for fax receiving.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Carried.</u></p>								

Ratepayer Meeting 378-2022 - Appelt
That we set 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 3, 2023, at the Allan Parkland Hall as the date, time and place for the 2023 RM Ratepayer Supper.
Carried.

Ratepayer Meeting Supper 379-2022 - Boehm
That we do charge \$15.00 per plate per person for the ratepayer supper meal.
Carried.

Loraas Disposal Agreement 380-2022 - DeCorby
Further to Resolution 221-2000 passed September 11, 2000 and 45-2009 passed February 11, 2009, that Loraas Disposal Services Ltd. continue to be contracted to provide the following services, for the stated price at the municipal transfer station NE 24-36-3 W3, Blucher Aberdeen Fire Hall and the SSA Elstow.
Carried.

Management Course 381-2022 - Appelt
That the Chief Administrative Officer be instructed to attend the 2023 P.A. Douglas Management Course from March 21-24, 2023.
Carried.

In Camera 382-2022 - Boehm
That we do move this meeting to an In Camera session at 10:50 a.m.
Carried.

In Camera 383-2022 - Boehm
That we do return this meeting to a regular session at 11:20 a.m.
Carried.

◆ **Planning & Development**

- ◆ Carl & Sharon Dornn Servicing Agreement – PT NE 18-35-3 W3

Service Agreement PCL PT NE 18-35-3 W3 384-2022 - Appelt
That the Reeve and Chief Administrative officer be authorized to sign the following service agreement:
◆ Carl & Sharon Dornn Servicing Agreement
◆ PCL E & F PT NE 18-35-3 W3 as per Resolution #346-2022
Carried.

Bylaw/Pest/Sign/Weed Control Officer Report

- ◆ Regular Report – see report included
- ◆ Sign Maintenance
- ◆ Weed Control
- ◆ Pest Control
- ◆ On holidays – December 16 to 31, 2022
- ◆ 2023 Salary
- ◆ Northern Nutrients – send letter re: dumping

Correspondence

385-2022 - DeCorby

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

- a) SARM
 - ◆ 2023 Lieutenant Governor's Award Nomination Calls
 - ◆ Bill C-21
- b) Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency communication issues
- c) SUMA - 2023 Volunteer Fire Fighter & First Responder Insurance
- d) CATPC
 - ◆ Minutes from September 28, 2022 regular meeting
- e) Sask Federation of Police Officers – Donation Request
- f) Prairie Steel – Joe Clavelle Retiring
- g) Magic Paint & Body – Thank you
- h) Clavet Cougars Football – Thank you
- i) Village of Bradwell – acknowledged Administrative Services
- j) WCB – Certificate of Achievement 2023
- k) Allan Senior Flames Hockey – donation request
- l) Jensen Stromberg – Letter of Engagement for 2022

Carried.SARM
Participation

386-2022 - Appelt

That we participate in SARM and agree to contribute to the SARM lobbyist for the year 2023.

Carried.Volunteer
A.D. & D.

387-2022 - DeCorby

That we purchase Option A A. D. & D. Coverage from SUMA for the following fire departments:

- ◆ Blucher - Lost River
- ◆ Bradwell
- ◆ Clavet
- ◆ Blucher Aberdeen

Carried.

Population TIP Program 388-2022 - Senger
That this Municipality allocate the following population under the 2024 Sask Lotteries Community Grant;
and further, that we advise that specific population request together with details substantiating this request, must be received before any population will be allocated in 2024:

Allan Recreation Association	180
Bradwell Recreation Association	120
Clavet Recreation Association	744
Sunset Estates Recreation Association	799
Club Cultural de St. Denis	63
Elstow	100
<hr/> Total	<hr/> 2,006

Carried.

Donation to Allan Flames Senior Hockey 389-2022 - Cummins
That we do provide a silent auction item to the Allan Flames Senior Hockey for their fundraiser to a maximum amount of \$500.00.

Carried.

Auditor Services 390-2022 - Senger
That the RM of Blucher No. 343 sign the Letter of Engagement with Jenson Stromberg from Saskatoon to provide auditing services to this Municipality. And further;
that we do contract them to provide the Audit and Audited Financial Statements.

Carried.

Foreman's Report

- ◆ Christmas - shop closed – Dec 23, 26 & 27, 2022
- ◆ Road Maintenance
 - ◆ 2022 road grading summary
 - ◆ 2022 road gravelling summary
 - ◆ 2022 equipment fuel summary
 - ◆ 2022 construction summary
- ◆ Employee reviews
 - ◆ 2023 Outside Salaries
- ◆ Equipment Maintenance
- ◆ Komatsu grader issues
- ◆ Foreman 2023 Salary
- ◆ 2023 Staffing

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

Councillor's Report

Reeve Cummins

- ◆ Settler's Ridge pavement
- ◆ Airplanes landing on road
- ◆ Snow ridging
- ◆ Various meetings need attending
- ◆ North Shop renovation plan
- ◆ Snow removal
- ◆ Larfarge gravel pit road
- ◆ Spring Council Tours
- ◆ APAS annual meeting

Councillor DeCorby

- ◆ Elstow tankfill
- ◆ Elstow mower
- ◆ Steel container for storage in Elstow

Councillor Senger

- ◆ Christmas party
- ◆ Fire truck
- ◆ Fire meeting
- ◆ Equipment tires

Councillor Appelt

- ◆ Daisy Lane turn around
- ◆ Bentley Road at CN Crossing needs snow ridge removed

Councillor Chysyk

- ◆ Deer Crossing Signs
- ◆ High blading
- ◆ Snow removal
- ◆ Komatsu grader

Councillor Wilson

- ◆ Sask Power - permitting
- ◆ WSA – ground water - permit
- ◆ Approaches – Bob Hill
- ◆ Equipment tires
- ◆ Snow removal policy

Councillor Boehm

- ◆ Snow removal policy
- ◆ Potential Highway #5 twinning
- ◆ Settler's Ridge
- ◆ School Bus Routes – copy by division
- ◆ After storm run 12 hour days

Mower
for SSA
Elstow

391-2022 - Wilson
That we do purchase a Kubota mower for SSA Elstow at a cost of approximately \$5,000 plus taxes.

Carried.

Rail Car

392-2022 - Chysyk
That we do purchase a used rail car for Storage in Elstow.

Carried.

Road Closure SE 2-35-3 W3 393-2022 - Appelt
That we do instruct the Administration to begin the road closure process for the right-of-way located at SE 2-35-3 W3.
Carried.

Winter Hours after a Storm 394-2022 - Boehm
That we run extended hours in the winter after significant storms if required at the discretion of the Reeve.
Carried.

NOTE: Councillor DeCorby declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the outside employee salary discussions and left the room while Council discussed the matter. The nature of the pecuniary interest is that Councillor DeCorby shares parental responsibilities with one of the employees.

Wages 395-2022 - Boehm
That for 2023, we increase across the board all RM staff, inside and outside employees' wages by 5%.
Defeated Lost.

Wages 396-2022 - Boehm
That for 2023, we increase across the board all RM staff, inside and outside employees' wages by 4.5%.
Carried.

Following adoption of the above resolution, Councillor DeCorby rejoined the meeting.

Adjourn 397-2022 - Appelt
That this meeting of Council adjourned at 3:50 p.m.
Carried.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer