

**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 13, 2023 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 283-2023 - Boehm  
That the minutes of the previous regular meeting held November 14, 2023 be adopted as amended.

Carried.

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

- ◆ Nothing

Monthly Statement 284-2023 - Chysyk  
That the statement of Assets, Liabilities, Revenues and Expenditures for the month of November, 2023 be approved as distributed and also acknowledge the submission of the November, 2023 bank reconciliation.

Carried.

- ◆ **Bills and Accounts for Payment**
  - ◆ Fire District Costs

Bills 285-2023 - Senger  
That we approve for payment, the bills and accounts as attached to these minutes.

Carried.

**Chief Administrative Officer's Report**

- ◆ SARM Convention – Nov, 2024 Saskatoon – book 4 rooms
- ◆ Municipal Revenue Sharing Declaration of Eligibility
- ◆ Government of Saskatchewan
  - ◆ Canada Community Building Fund Amendment
- ◆ Sask Water – New Service Connections
- ◆ Cement Plant Road additional right-of-way
- ◆ Policy Manual Amendment
  - ◆ how long do we pay H & D Ben while on long term
- ◆ Village of Bradwell – First Aid Training – AED's – U of S
- ◆ Country Hills Estates subdividing concerns
- ◆ CIBC Regina – investment possibilities
- ◆ HELP application for free trees
- ◆ Allan Splash Pad – loan to finish project
- ◆ Carol Eaton – NW 35-35- 3 W3 – N/S Road
- ◆ 2023 Outstanding Invoices
- ◆ 2024 Council Remuneration
- ◆ 2024 Office Fees
- ◆ 2024 Ratepayer Supper

- ◆ Bradwell Administration Services 2024 Rate
- ◆ SSA Elstow Water Treatment Plant - Operator report
- ◆ RMAA Curling
- ◆ SARM – RMAA Salary Schedule
- ◆ 2024 Waste Transfer Station operation
- ◆ Chief Administrative Officer 2024 Salary – table to January 2024
- ◆ Inside Employees 2024 Salaries – table to January 2024

Municipal  
Revenue  
Sharing  
Grant

286-2023 - Wilson

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 2022 Audited Financial Statement to the Ministry of Government Relations;
- ◆ Submission of the 2022 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.

Canada  
Community  
Building Fund

287-2023 - Senger

That the Reeve sign the amending agreement with the Federal Canada Community-Building Fund.

Carried.

Cement Plant  
Road Additional  
Right-of-Way

288-2023 - Boehm

That we do obtain additional right-of-way at the diversion of Cement Plant Road around Crawford Lake located at S ½ 5-36-2 W3.

Carried.

Policy 2.5.1  
Amendment

289-2023 - DeCorby

That do amend Policy 2.5.1 by changing “maximum period of 3 years” to “maximum period of 2 years.”

Carried.

RM O/S  
Custom  
Work

290-2023 - DeCorby

That all outstanding custom work invoices, invoiced prior to November 1, 2023, be added to the appropriate property tax effective December 31, 2023 pursuant to Section 405 of *The Municipalities Act*.

Carried.



SSA Elstow Maintenance Worker 298-2023 - DeCorby  
 That we do hire Betty Stanford as a casual maintenance worker for the period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 for the SSA Elstow at a rate of \$22.25/hour.  
Carried.

SSA Elstow Maintenance Worker 299-2023 - DeCorby  
 That we do hire Kenneth Dawe as a part-time casual maintenance worker for the period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 for the SSA Elstow at a rate of \$22.25/hour.  
Carried.

Elstow Water Treatment Plant Operator 300-2023 - DeCorby  
 That Ken Hartz be contracted to be the Elstow Water Treatment Plant Certified Operator at a rate of \$22.25/hour plus mileage at a rate of \$0.50/km for the period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.  
Carried.

Waste Transfer Station Salary 301-2023 - Boehm  
 That we do authorize the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer to extend the agreement for waste supervisor services with Bernice Obrigavitch and further, that thru 2024 she provide supervision services at the RM waste transfer station during the following hours;

Tuesday	2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Thursday	2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

and further, that in 2024 she be paid \$683.00 per week for this service;

and further, that the waste transfer station be closed on any of the following public holidays:

- New Year's Day - January
- Family Day - February
- Canada Day - July
- National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - September
- Thanksgiving Day - October
- Remembrance Day - November
- Christmas Day - December
- Boxing Day - December

Carried.

Office & Shop Maintenance 302-2023 - Appelt  
 That we employ Vivian Manz as municipal office & RM shop caretaker for \$670.00 per month for 2024.  
Carried.

**Public Hearings**

- ◆ 10:00 a.m. Secondary Suite Discretionary Use Application
  - ◆ Jordon Schindel – PCL C NE 4-35-3 W3

Jordon Schindel  
Dis Use Approval  
PCL C  
NE 4-35-3 W3

303-2023 - Appelt  
Pursuant to Part 5, Section 5.8 and Part 6, Schedule B, Section 2 (h) of Zoning Bylaw 7-2017 and Section 4.2 of the Municipality's Official Community Plan Bylaw 6-2017, that since public notice was given and no objections received, that Jordon Schindel's discretionary use residential development application for PCL C NE 4-35-3 W3 be approved providing as follows:

- ◆ must use the existing services
- ◆ RM will require a sewer permit

Carried.**Interview's**

- ◆ 10:00 a.m. - Jenson Stromberg Chartered Professional Accountants
  - ◆ Devin Berger - Auditor

Draft 2022  
Financial  
Statements

304-2023 - Cummins  
That we approve the **2022 Draft Audited Financial Statements** as prepared by Jenson Stromberg Chartered Professional Accountants;  
and further; that there have been no subsequent events or contingencies that have arisen since December 31, 2022 that could have an effect on these financial statements or operations going forward.

Carried.

Auditor  
Services

305-2023 - DeCorby  
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.**Planning & Development**

- ◆ Ministry of Government Relations
  - ◆ Subdivision Approval – Nutrien Ag Solutions (Canada) Inc.
    - ◆ PCL A N ½ 9-35-1 W3 – Industrial
- ◆ Nutrien Ag Solutions (Canada) Inc.
  - ◆ PCL A NW 9-35-1 W3 and PCL #119622348 NE 9-35-1 W3
  - ◆ Development Permit for expanding rail track operations for fertilizer terminal
- ◆ Rezoning & Subdivision Application – Bylaw 11-2023
  - ◆ 101079003 SK Ltd., 101112859 SK Ltd., 101110317 SK Ltd. (Appelt's)
  - ◆ SE & SW 33-34-3 W3

Nutrien Ag  
Solutions  
Development  
Permit PCL A  
NW & NE 9-35-  
1 W3

306-2023 - DeCorby  
Pursuant to Part 6, Schedule I, Section 1 (d) of Zoning Bylaw 7-2017, that permission be granted to Nutrien Ag Solutions (Canada) Inc. to expand the existing rail track operations for fertilizer terminal on PCL A NW 9-35-1 W3 and PCL #119622348 NE 9-35-1 W3

Carried.

**NOTE:** Councillor Appelt declared a pecuniary interest with regards to the rezoning and subdivision application - Bylaw 11-2023 as he has a direct interest in the subdivision and exited the Council Chambers prior to any discussion.

Appelt  
Rezoning  
SE & SW 33-  
34-3 W3 Bylaw  
11-2023

307-2023 - Boehm  
That Bylaw 11-2023, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 7-2017 The Zoning Bylaw, be hereby read a first time.

Carried.

Appelt  
Rezoning  
SE & SW 33-  
34-3 W3 Bylaw  
11-2023

308-2023 - Chysyk  
That pursuant to *The Planning & Development Act, 2007* that public notice of Council's consideration to amend Bylaw 7-2017 The Zoning Bylaw, be mailed to surrounding ratepayers and be advertised once a week for two successive weeks in the Clark's Crossing Gazette.  
and further, that a public meeting be held Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the R.M. of Blucher, #343 Office at Bradwell, Sask., to hear any submissions with respect to Bylaw 11-2023.

Carried.

Following adoption of the above resolutions, Councillor Jim Appelt rejoined the meeting.

#### **Bylaw/Pest/Sign/Weed Control Officer Report**

- ◆ Bylaw Enforcement
- ◆ Sign Maintenance
  - ◆ order 10 more of the 10 tonne signs
- ◆ Weed Control
- ◆ Pest Control
- ◆ Untidy and Unsightly in Elstow
- ◆ On holidays – December 14 to 29, 2023
- ◆ 2024 Salary – table to January 2024

Untidy and  
Unsightly 8  
Dewdney  
Street SSA  
Elstow

309-2023 - Wilson  
That we do declare Lots 18-20, Block B, Plan H2929 (8 Dewdney Street) in SSA Elstow owned by Kalan Snider & Destany Volk to be untidy and unsightly due to the copious amounts of animal parts strewn around the property as well as the amount of debris strewn about the property.

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 11:59 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:29 p.m.

Correspondence	<p>310-2023 - Chysyk</p> <p>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>◆ President Ray Orb – Holiday Message</li> <li>◆ Saskatchewan Rural Crime Water Association</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) APAS – Resolutions for 2023 Annual General Meeting</li> <li>c) Wheatland Library – Allan Library</li> <li>d) Village of Bradwell – acknowledged rental agreement</li> <li>e) FCM – Membership for 2024</li> </ul>	<u>Carried.</u>
Allan Librarian	<p>311-2023 - DeCorby</p> <p>That the RM agrees to pay two hours of wages per week, which comes to \$1,560.00, for the librarian at Allan Local Library for one year.</p>	<u>Carried.</u>
Fed of Can Municipalities	<p>312-2023 - Wilson</p> <p>That we participate in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for 2024 for a cost of \$686.38.</p>	<u>Carried.</u>
SARM Participation	<p>313-2023 - Appelt</p> <p>That we participate in SARM and agree to contribute to the SARM lobbyist for the year 2024.</p>	<u>Carried.</u>
Volunteer A.D. & D.	<p>314-2023 - Appelt</p> <p>That we purchase Option A A. D. &amp; D. Coverage from SUMA for the following fire departments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Blucher - Lost River</li> <li>◆ Bradwell</li> <li>◆ Clavet</li> <li>◆ Blucher Aberdeen</li> </ul>	<u>Carried.</u>

Population  
TIP Program

315-2023 - Boehm  
That this Municipality allocate the following population under the 2025 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 2025:

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,006</b>

Carried.

### **Foreman's Report**

- ◆ Christmas - shop closed – Dec 22, 25 & 26, 2023
- ◆ Road Maintenance
  - ◆ 2023 road grading summary
  - ◆ 2023 road gravelling summary
  - ◆ 2023 equipment fuel summary
  - ◆ 2023 construction summary
- ◆ Employee reviews
  - ◆ 2024 Outside Salaries – tabled to January 2024
- ◆ Equipment Maintenance
- ◆ Foreman 2024 Salary – tabled to January 2024
- ◆ 2024 Staffing

A. Button  
1A Driving  
School

316-2023 - Cummins  
That the RM does pay for Alex Button to attend 1A driving school subject to his signing of a contract.

Carried.

### **Interviews: Grader Quotes**

- ◆ 1:00 p.m. - Finning (Canada) – Curtis Fossenier
  - ◆ Grader Quote
- ◆ 1:30 p.m. - Brandt Tractor – Kelly Deobald
  - ◆ Grader Quote
- ◆ 2:00 p.m. - SMS Equipment – Stacey Wiebe
  - ◆ Grader Quote

Grader  
Purchase

317-2023 - Chysyk

That we purchase a new Cat 150 AWD motor grader, with a 5 year 6,000 hour full machine warranty to commence upon delivery of machine, from Finning Canada for a net price, after deducting the trade in of our 2018 John Deere 870 G motor grader, of \$430,103.63 plus incidentals.

Unanimously Carried.

### **Councillor's Report**

Reeve Cummins

- ◆ Regional RM Meeting
- ◆ Contracted grass cutting
- ◆ Trucks on Daisy Lane North – no exit
- ◆ SREDA Regional Meeting
- ◆ APAS Annual Meeting
- ◆ Industrial Park Water Supply

Councillor DeCorby

- ◆ Elstow Sask Power guy wire in road allowance
- ◆ Pumphouse building done
- ◆ Dr. Bickham Park
- ◆ Encroachment of buildings on other private property

Councillor Senger

- ◆ Waz Road condition
- ◆ Loader issues
- ◆ Bradwell Fire Truck – great addition
- ◆ Allan Co-op card lock for Bradwell Fire Department
- ◆ Discussion on Bradwell fire truck repayment
- ◆ First Responder Conference in January 2024

Councillor Appelt

- ◆ Wash boards
- ◆ Cut roads to remove washboard

Councillor Chysyk

- ◆ Bob Greschuk approach
- ◆ Road grading
- ◆ Grader operators and routes taken
- ◆ Plowing Elstow - \$200/hour rate
- ◆ Fire meeting in Allan

Councillor Wilson

- ◆ Approach installation
- ◆ Meadowlark grading

Councillor Boehm

- ◆ Bill Epp approach
- ◆ First Responders Annual Meeting
- ◆ Inland gravel repayment
- ◆ Road Stabilizer – slimy and potholes when rains
- ◆ Ruts in new trail
- ◆ Blucher/Aberdeen fire department
- ◆ KPCL yard lights

First Responder Conference 318-2023 - Boehm  
That we do reimburse the RM of Blucher First Responders up to \$750.00 for attending the South Saskatchewan First Responders Conference upon submission of receipts.

Carried.

In Camera 319-2023 - Chysyk  
That we do enter into an In Camera session at 4:15 p.m. pursuant to Section 120 (1) (b) of *The Municipalities Act*.

Carried.

In Camera 320-2023 - Wilson  
That we do return to the regular session of the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Carried.

Adjourn 321-2023 - DeCorby  
That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Carried.

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Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer