

**RM OF MIRY CREEK NO. 229  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE AT 143 WAYNE STREET  
ABBEY, SASKATCHEWAN  
ON JANUARY 4, 2024  
COMMENCING AT 10:10 A.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Reeve: Mark Hughes                      Div. 1: Murray Heron                      Div. 2: Tanner Peterson  
Div. 3: Perry Andreas                      Div. 4: Byron Weedon                      Div.6: Lindsay Nobbs  
Administrator: Karen Paz

**ABSENT:**    Div. 5: James Haggart

**GUESTS:**    Scott Carpenter, Foreman                      10:29 am – 10:49 am  
David Allen, TRS                                      1:02 pm – 1:14 pm  
Cole Hartman, Operator                              1:57 pm – 2:10 pm

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| 4/24  | MINUTES   | <b>Nobbs:</b>   | <b>That</b> the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 14, 2023 be approved as distributed. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>   |
| 5/24  | STATEMENT                                       | <b>Weedon:</b>  | <b>That</b> the Interim Statement of Financial Activities and Bank Reconciliation for the month of December 2023 be accepted as presented and that the statement be attached to and form part of these minutes. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>  |
| 6/24  | CORRESPONDENCE                                  | <b>Heron:</b>   | <b>That</b> the correspondence having been read now be filed and that a list of the correspondence read be listed below and form part of these minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant Health Network – Newsletter</li> <li>• Prairie Mapping - New Ownership</li> <li>• RM of Happyland - Mandatory Convention Lunch</li> <li>• SARM - Rural Dart</li> <li>• SARM - Rural Sheaf</li> <li>• SARM - Service Fees</li> <li>• SARM Membership 2024</li> <li>• SMHI - RM Claims</li> </ul> <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>   |
| 7/24  | BYLAW 2024-1                                    | <b>Andreas:</b> | <b>That</b> Bylaw 2024-1 being a Zoning Bylaw Amendment on the Setbacks in each District be read a first time. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>   |
| 8/24  | ADMIN HOLIDAYS                                  | <b>Heron:</b>   | <b>That</b> Council has reviewed Administrations requested Holidays and approves them as follows:<br>Administrator Paz – March 18-28, 2024<br>Assistant Graham – May 13-23, 2024 <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>   |
| 9/24  | AUDITOR 2024                                    | <b>Nobbs:</b>   | <b>That</b> the RM appoint the firm of BDO Canada of Saskatoon SK to conduct the RM audit for the year 2024. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span>   |
|       |   |                 | The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:05 pm<br>The meeting reconvened at 1:00 pm  |
| 10/24 | WESTERN MUNICIPAL CONSULTING BOARD OF REV APPMT | <b>Weedon:</b>  | <b>That</b> the RM of Miry Creek No.229 appoints Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. to manage the Board of Revision process for the term of January 1, 2024, through to December 31, 2024; 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, Donna-Rae Zadvorny and Kevin Kleckner.<br>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. <span style="float: right;">CARRIED</span> |

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- 11/24 WESTERN MUNICIPAL CONSULTING BOARD OF REV. SECRETARY APPMT      **Andreas:**      **That** the RM of Miry Creek No.229 appoints Kristen Tokaryk with Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. as Secretary to the Board of Revision for the term of January 1, 2024, through to December 31, 2024; 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.  
CARRIED
- 12/24 CONTRACT OFFICE EMP      **Peterson:**      **That** the RM approve a contract wage of \$25.00 per hour for contracted office assistant Gwen Weisgerber for the 2024 year.  
CARRIED
- 13/24 COUNCIL INDEMNITY      **Heron:**      **That** the RM approve the following indemnity rates for the year 2024 further that the indemnity be paid monthly at each regular meeting:  
Meetings      - \$250.00 per day/ ½ Day = Less than 2 Hours  
Conventions      - \$250.00 per day plus rooms, meals and mileage  
Mileage      - \$0.65/km  
Meals      - \$100 per day  
CARRIED
- 14/24 CUSTOM WORK RATES      **Nobbs:**      **That** the RM approve the following custom work rates for RM Ratepayers and Special Service area of Lancer for the year 2024:

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| <u>RM Equipment</u>           | <u>RM Ratepayer</u>              |
| Loader                        | \$200.00/hr.                     |
| Snow Plow                     | \$200.00/hr.                     |
| Grader                        | \$200.00/hr.                     |
| Scraper                       | \$300.00/hr.                     |
| Plow Truck                    | \$200.00/hr.                     |
| Minimum Charge                | 1 hour                           |
| Time in Excess of 1 Hour      | Charged out in ½ hour increments |
| <u>SSA Lancer - Equipment</u> | <u>Lancer Ratepayer</u>          |
| Loader                        | \$100.00/hr.                     |
| Mower                         | \$100.00/hr.                     |
| Plow                          | \$100.00/hr.                     |
| Garbage Truck                 | \$100.00/hr.                     |
| Min. Charge                   | \$50.00/hr.                      |
| Lot Spraying 1-50'            | \$30/application                 |
| Lot Spraying 50'+             | \$10 for each additional 25'     |
| Cleanup - unsightly yards     | \$100.00/hr. (min charge 1 hour) |

CARRIED
- 15/24 WESTERN MUNICIPAL CONSULTING DEVELOPMENT APPEALS APPMT      **Weedon:**      **That** the RM of Miry Creek No.229 appoints Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. to manage the Development Appeals Board process for the term of January 1, 2024, through to December 31, 2024; 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, Donna-Rae Zadvorny and Kevin Kleckner.  
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.  
CARRIED

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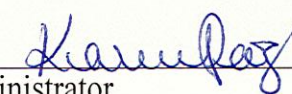
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| 27/24 | SARM 2024<br>MEMBERSHIP       | <b>Andreas:</b>  | <b>That</b> the RM continue their membership in SARM for the year 2024 and remit the membership fee in the amount of \$3,921.98 plus GST.  | CARRIED |
| 28/24 | SARM<br>PROPERTY<br>INSURANCE | <b>Peterson:</b> | <b>That</b> the RM remit the premium of \$14,438.19 to SARM for the RM's 2024 continued participation in the Property Insurance Plan as administered by SARM.  | CARRIED |
| 29/24 | SIGNING<br>AUTHORITIES        | <b>Heron:</b>    | <b>That</b> the RM appoint the Reeve or Deputy Reeve, together with the Administrator or Assistant Administrator as signing authorities for all legal documents pertaining to the municipality including the signing of cheques.   | CARRIED |
| 30/24 | SVFFA<br>MEMBERSHIP           | <b>Nobbs:</b>    | <b>That</b> the RM submit the membership application to the Saskatchewan Volunteer Fire Fighters Association for a total amount of \$300.00.   | CARRIED |
| 31/24 | SWMGC<br>MEMBERSHIP           | <b>Weedon:</b>   | <b>That</b> the RM renew their membership in the Southwest Municipal Government for the year 2024 and remit the membership fee of \$150.00.  | CARRIED |
| 32/24 | APPMT OF<br>WEED<br>INSPECTOR | <b>Andreas:</b>  | <b>That</b> the RM appoint Cary Andrew and Mike Fielding with Precision Vegetation Management as The Weed Inspector to enforce <i>The Weed Control Act</i> and Regulations within the municipality for the year 2024.  | CARRIED |
| 33/24 | TRS QUOTE<br>GREEN BRIDGE     | <b>Hughes:</b>   | <b>That</b> the RM will assist Timbers Restoration with securing local vendors for rental equipment in efforts to lower the rental costs on the proposed Quote No. Q6165 and further that the RM approve Timbers Restoration Services Quote No. Q6165 and proceed with the restoration on the bridge located on the Miry Creek Road. | CARRIED |
| 34/24 | HARTMAN<br>WAGE NEG.          | <b>Andreas:</b>  | <b>That</b> the RM reconsidered Operator Hartman's wage negotiation and agree to increase his hourly wage to \$32.00 per hour effective January 2024.  | CARRIED |
| 35/24 | ACCOUNTS                      | <b>Andreas:</b>  | <b>That</b> the Accounts in the amount of \$134,775.69 be approved for payment and further that a copy of the accounts be attached to and form part of these minutes.  | CARRIED |
| 36/24 | ADJOURN                       | <b>Nobbs:</b>    | <b>That</b> this meeting adjourns at 2:18 p.m.   | CARRIED |

  
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Reeve

  
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Administrator

The next regular meeting of Council to be held in- Council Chambers in the RM office scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2024 commencing at 10:00 a.m.

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| 16/24 | WESTERN<br>MUNICIPAL<br>CONSULTING<br>DEVELOPMENT<br>APPEALS<br>SECRETARY<br>APPMT | <b>Andreas:</b>  | <b>That</b> the RM of Miry Creek No.229 appoints Claudette McGuire with Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. as Secretary to the Development Appeals Board for the term of January 1, 2024, through to December 31, 2024; 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.<br><br>CARRIED |
| 17/24 | EMO<br>COORDINATOR   | <b>Peterson:</b> | <b>That</b> the RM appoint Jenn Biensch to the position of Emergency Measures Organization Coordinator for the RM of Miry Creek and the Village of Abbey at a rate of \$25.00 per hour. Costs are to be in accordance with Bylaw 2019-3 Exhibit A. CARRIED   |
| 18/24 | FIRE<br>CHIEF/DEPUTIES   | <b>Heron:</b>    | <b>That</b> the RM acknowledges the following appointments for the year 2024:<br><b>Fire Chief:</b> Simon Button<br><b>Deputy Fire Chief:</b> Perry Andreas CARRIED  |
| 19/24 | HIRE JANITOR   | <b>Nobbs:</b>    | <b>That</b> the RM contract with Mary Main of Abbey, SK for the provision of janitorial services at a rate \$300.00 per month for the year 2024. CARRIED   |
| 20/24 | PEST CONTROL<br>OFFICER  | <b>Weedon:</b>   | <b>That</b> the RM appoint Clem Andreas to the position of Pest Control Officer for the year 2024. CARRIED   |
| 21/24 | POUNDS &<br>KEEPERS  | <b>Weedon:</b>   | <b>That</b> the RM appoint the following Pound Keepers and Locations for the year 2024:<br>Division 1: Dean Jamieson 12-19-20 w3m<br>Division 2: Edward Haggart 17-20-20 w3m<br>Division 3: Perry Andreas 20-19-21 w3m<br>Division 4: David Napper 15-20-19 w3m<br>Division 5: Morgan Powell 09-22-20 w3m<br>CARRIED   |
| 22/24 | RMAA<br>CONVENTION   | <b>Andreas:</b>  | <b>That</b> the Administrator attend the 2024 RMAA convention scheduled to be held in Regina, SK on May 13-16, 2024 and further expenses related to meals, travel and accommodations be paid as per policy. CARRIED  |
| 23/24 | ADMIN BOND   | <b>Peterson:</b> | <b>That</b> the RM make application under the SARM Fidelity Bond Self-Insurance Plan for the following coverage effective upon receipt:<br>Fidelity Bond - \$200,000<br>Registered Mail - \$50,000<br>Money and Securities - \$5,000 CARRIED   |
| 24/24 | SARM<br>PROCUREMENT  | <b>Heron:</b>    | <b>That</b> the RM intends to participate in one or more procurements offered through the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), for a year period, effective January 1 – December 31, 2024. CARRIED   |
| 25/24 | SARM<br>CONVENTION   | <b>Nobbs:</b>    | <b>That</b> any member of Council including the Administrator may attend the 2024 SARM Annual Convention to be held in Regina, SK March 13-15, 2024 and further that Mark Hughes and Lindsay Nobbs be appointed as voting delegates. CARRIED   |
| 26/24 | SARM<br>LIABILITY<br>INSURANCE   | <b>Weedon:</b>   | <b>That</b> the RM remit the premium of \$2,905.89 to SARM for the RM's 2024 continued participation in the Liability Insurance Plan as administered by SARM. CARRIED  |