

**RM OF MIRY CREEK NO. 229
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE AT 143 WAYNE STREET
ABBEY, SASKATCHEWAN
ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2020
COMMENCING AT 10:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Reeve: Mark Hughes
Div. 3: Perry Andreas
Div. 6: Lindsay Nobbs

Div. 1: Murray Heron
Div. 4: Byron Weedon
Administrator: Karen Paz

Div. 2: James Haggart
Div. 5: Rick Biensch

GUESTS: Scott Carpenter, Foreman
Simon Button, Fire Chief
Jesse Agrey, Conx Wireless

10:14 am – 12:07 pm
11:19 am – 11:24 am
1:37 pm – 1:56 pm

187/20 **MINUTES** **Nobbs:** That the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 9, 2020 be approved as distributed. **CARRIED**

188/20 **STATEMENT** **Haggart:** That the Statement of Financial Activities and Bank Reconciliation for the month of July and August 2020 be accepted as presented and that the statements be attached to and form part of these minutes. **CARRIED**

The Meeting Adjourned for Lunch at 12:08 pm.
The Meeting Reconvened at 12:52 pm.

189/20 **CORRES-PONDENCE** **Heron:** That 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:

- ABC Newsletter
- ACROW – Bridge Solutions
- APAS – Rep Update
- City of Swift Current – SW Regional Landfill Feasibility Study
- Clubroot Monitoring
- Community Futures – RRRF Funding Opportunity
- Credential Securities – Advisor Changes
- Dr Noble Irwin RHF – Fundraiser (2)
- Gov't of SK – COVID News
- Gov't Relations – MA Changes
- Grasslander Services – August Price
- GraveHub – Account
- Leader & District Municipal Airport
- Min of Imm & Career Training – RSTS Application Deadline
- PHO – Quarterly
- Public Health – COVID Update
- RCMP – Community Policing Report
- SAMA – Annual Meeting Resolutions
- SAMA – Look Ahead
- SARM – 2021 Digital Annual Convention
- SARM – Midterm Convention
- SARM – Policy Bulletin
- SARM – Presidents Message
- SARM – Rural Councillor
- SARM – Rural Sheaf
- SHA – COVID Update
- SHA – Reopen SK Plan
- SMHI – Mun Hail Scholarships
- SSRWS – Board of Directors Meeting
- SSRWS – Water Report
- SWTP – July Agenda
- Village of Hazlet – TSS Application
- Sask 4H – Goal Support

CARRIED

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190/20 ARC – **Andreas:** That the RM rescind resolution 151/20 and authorize Ryan Nagel with Kanuka Thuringer to accept the payment proposal below from Abbey Resources Corp. for 2018, 2019 and 2020 taxes. Payments will be made over a 36-month period, with a bonus payment being made in January, 2021 of \$250,000.00 and further that the RM will take security on the assets outlined on the letter which will be attached to and form part of these minutes, payment terms will be as follows;

- Payment of \$60,249.00 per month, beginning on October 1, 2020, for a period of 36 months.
- Payment of \$250,000.00 on January 31, 2021.
- The taxes going forward shall be kept current.
- Interest on the 36 months is waived, provided all payments are made. Interest for the school portion will apply unless otherwise negotiated between Abbey Resources and the School Division.

CARRIED

191/20 RETIREMENT **Biensch:** That the RM arrange to have a retirement celebration for Maxwell CELEBRATION Pederson on October 2nd, 2020 at the municipal shop at 1:00 pm and invite ratepayers through the newsletter and further that the RM pay all expenses for meals and refreshments. CARRIED

192/20 SEAHAWK – **Haggart:** That the RM Agree to pay Seahawk in Manitoba to fix the INVOICES mechanical issues found after doing a Manitoba safety check on the Wildland Firetruck for an estimated amount of \$2810.00. CARRIED

193/20 CRIMINAL **Heron:** That the RM support the City of Cold Lake in efforts to amend CODE the Criminal Code by submitting the following resolution to the AMENDMENT Minister of Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness: That Council lobby the federal government to revoke the amendments to the criminal code on May 1, 2020 under an "Order in Council" titled and referred to as "Regulations Amending the Regulations Prescribing Certain Firearms and Other Weapons, Components and Parts of Weapons, Accessories, Cartridge Magazines, Ammunition and Projectiles as Prohibited, Restricted or Non- Restricted: SOR/2020-96." The RM of Miry Creek supports initiatives to end violence; however, feels very strongly that the Government of Canada is wasting valuable resources and taking the wrong approach to gun control that will have zero effect on gun crime.

WHEREAS on May 1, 2020, the federal government amended the Criminal Code by ordering regulations prescribing certain firearms, components and parts of firearms, accessories, cartridge magazines, ammunition and projectiles as prohibited or restricted;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada is planning a buyback program to get the guns out of circulation, which is expected to cost between \$400 million and \$600 million, and if the history of federal estimating repeats itself, will likely be in excess of \$1 Billion;

AND WHEREAS the RM of Miry Creek supports the Government of Canada's commitment to end violence, whether firearms are involved or not, by taking the opportunity to be more engaged and to collaborate with the public and local stakeholders to develop more effective solutions on the issue;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the RM of Miry Creek urges the Government of Canada to revoke the amendment, and instead institute the following:

Target crime, and focus on enforcement through enhanced enforcement capacity for law enforcement and border services, as well as harsher punishments for firearms trafficking and crimes involving firearms. The current ban targets law-abiding owners, rather than the holders of illicit firearms, and would not greatly impact crimereduction;
Collect and share relevant data on crime involving firearms through improved collection and sharing of data on crimes involving firearms, particularly in terms of sources of illicit firearms, and the types of crime being committed. This data is critical for supporting law enforcement and border agencies efforts, as well as informing policy and legislation;
Collaborate with the firearms community and industry to support communication, training and public education regarding firearms to create a multi-faceted approach rather than implementing a ban in isolation. CARRIED

194/20 DEVELOP. PERMIT **Weedon:** **That** the RM approve development permit application number 07-09-2020 for the construction of a 22x24 2 car garage located at the NE 24-19-20 W3M the proposal complies with the RM Zoning Bylaw as a permitted use. CARRIED

195/20 DEVELOP. PERMIT **Haggart:** **That** the RM approve development permit application number 07-24-2020 to place a residential structure in Shackleton on Lots 9&10 Block 5 Plan U3876 the proposal complies with the RM's Zoning Bylaw as a permitted use. CARRIED

196/20 GAS TAX FUND **Nobbs:** **That** the RM acknowledge the letter received August 13th 2020 from the Ministry of Government Relations regarding the 2020/2021 Gas Tax Fund Installments of \$10,915.00 each to be fully transferred in the month of August for a total of \$21,830.00. CARRIED

197/20 INVEST CREDENTIAL SECURITIES **Haggart:** **That** the RM invest \$700,000.00 in one-year GIC's with Credential Securities of Swift Current SK and further any remaining balance in the account remain in the money market fund to maintain liquidity. CARRIED

198/20 GSR VOTE **Weedon:** **That** the RM appoint Lindsay Nobbs to attend the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of Great Sandhills Railway Ltd. scheduled for September 23, 2020. CARRIED

199/20 GRAVEL PROGRESS PAY **Andreas:** **That** the RM authorize the progress payment requested by K. McIntosh for the 2020 gravel hauling in the amount of \$75,000.00. CARRIED

200/20 POLICY MANUAL 200-12 **Heron:** **That** the RM amend policy 200-12 under the "Regular, Special and Committee Meetings" headings that remunerations is based on the duration of the meeting, 2 hours or less is classified as one-half day, time spent in excess of 4 hours shall be classified as a full day. CARRIED

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201/20 POLICY MANUAL 300-3 **Haggart:** That the RM amend policy 300-3 Emergency Measures - EMO to reflect the following:

Emergency Measures Coordinator

Jenn Biensch Cell 291-7415
Box 156 Email jenniensch@gmail.com
Abbey SK SON 040

CARRIED

202/20 POLICY MANUAL 400-16 **Andreas:** That the RM amend policy 400-16 CTP/Weights/Sandhill Road to reflect the following under the CTP heading:

“The RM received conditional authorization for a Nine Month Primary road under the CTP program. The corridor was decommissioned when the portion of Highway 32 was upgraded October 3rd 2018.”

CARRIED

203/20 POLICY MANUAL APPENDIX D **Weedon:** That the RM amend policy manual appendix D to reflect the following:

“COUNCIL REMUNERATION

*\$250.00 per day for meeting, public works and office supervision
\$250.00 per day for conventions plus rooms, meals and mileage
The initial travel day of conventions shall be indemnified at a rate of \$100.00
\$0.65 per kilometer traveled for meetings, public works, office supervision and convention
\$100.00 per day meal allowance while in attendance at scheduled functions
Meals on travel days shall be indemnified according to time of departure*

ADMINISTRATOR SALARY/BENEFITS

*Administrator Karen Paz for the year 2020:
Salary: \$72,000 + \$401.04 + \$92.40
Benefits: Short Term Disability, Long Term Disability (payable by employee) Family Health & Dental Level 3, Notary Public Fees, RMAA Membership Fees, Life Insurance (payable by employee), Annual Vacation – 3 Weeks*

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR SALARY/BENEFITS

*Assistant Administrator Krystal Graham for the year 2020:
Wage: \$24.57 per hour + \$36.17 per month + \$9.24 per month
Benefits: Family Health & Dental Level 3, Short Term Disability, Notary Public Fees, Life Insurance (payable by employee), Vacation - 3 Weeks”*

CARRIED

204/20 POLICY MANUAL APPENDIX L **Biensch:** That the RM amend policy manual appendix L to reflect the following:

“CUSTOM WORK RATES

| Equipment | Ratepayer | Non-Ratepayer |
|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Loader</i> | <i>\$150.00/hr</i> | <i>\$200.00/hr</i> |
| <i>Snow Plow</i> | <i>\$150.00/hr</i> | <i>\$200.00/hr</i> |
| <i>Grader/Operator</i> | <i>\$150.00/hr</i> | <i>\$200.00/hr</i> |
| <i>Plow Truck</i> | <i>\$150.00/hr</i> | <i>\$200.00/hr</i> |
| <i>Scraper</i> | <i>\$250.00/hr</i> | <i>Not Available</i> |

*The CAT Scraper is available to ratepayers only.
The CAT Scraper is not available for use outside of RM boundary lines.*

*The RM does not provide Custom Mowing services.
Minimum Charge for all Equipment– 1 Hour
Time in Excess of 1 Hour Charged out in 1/2 Hour Increments”*

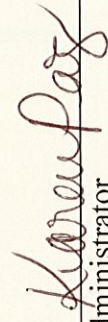
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| 205/20 | POLICY MANUAL APPENDIX Q1 | Nobbs: | That the RM amend policy manual appendix Q1 to reflect the following: “WEED INSPECTOR The RM appointed Cary Andrew and Mike Fielding with Precision Vegetation Management OF Eston SK as The Weed Inspector for the year 2020. Resolution 230/19 November 7, 2019. Rates as determined by PME.” CARRIED |
| 206/20 | SAMA 2021 PRE. VALUES | Weedon: | That the RM has reviewed the 2021 preliminary assessment values provided by the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency. CARRIED |
| 207/20 | SAMA ANNUAL MEETING | Heron: | That the Administrator may attend the virtual SAMA Annual Meeting scheduled for October 22, 2020 at 1:30 pm and the Administrators Training Webinar on October 21 at 1:30 pm and further that Administrator Karen Paz be appointed as a voting delegate. CARRIED |
| 208/20 | SKPOWER REPLACMNT | Haggart: | That the RM acknowledge the transformer replacement letters by SaskPower in File # 20285607, 20285608, and 20285610. CARRIED |
| 209/20 | SGI-BUILDING MOVE PERMIT | Heron: | That the RM acknowledge the Building Move Permit Application No. 154437713 from SGI to move an RTM Home across our municipal road. CARRIED |
| 210/20 | SPSA – CIVIC ADDRESS REGISTRY | Biensch: | That the RM agrees to sign the Data Sharing Agreement with the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency in order to provide Provincial Civic Address Registry Database. CARRIED |
| 211/20 | TRANSGAS TAX ABATEMENT | Nobbs: | That the RM authorize the Administrator to abate the municipal and school levy on the Transgas Tax Notice for the 2020 year in the total amount of \$643.85. CARRIED |
| 212/20 | GRAVEL HAULING | Weedon: | That the RM tender the gravel hauling for the 2021 year on SaskTenders and other media as necessary, tenders are to be submitted no later than January 13 th , 2021 with a start date of June 1 st 2021 and end date of July 15 th , 2021. CARRIED |
| 213/20 | APPROACH SW 20-19-21 W3 | Biensch: | That the RM approve the expansion of an approach located at SW 20-19-21 W3M subject to RM Policy 400-6. CARRIED |
| 214/20 | ACCOUNTS | Biensch: | That the Accounts in the amount of \$409,698.28 be approved for payment and further that a copy of the accounts be attached to and form part of these minutes. CARRIED |
| 215/20 | ADJOURN | Heron: | That this meeting adjourns at 4:32 pm. CARRIED |



 Reeve



 Administrator

The next regular meeting of Council is scheduled to be held in Council Chambers in the RM office Thursday October 8, 2020 commencing at 10:00 am.