
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BROWNING NO. 34

Minutes - September 14, 2023

A regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Browning No. 34 was held on Thursday, September 14, 2023, R.M. Office, 215 Main St., Lampman, Saskatchewan.

2023-9-1 CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Loustel called the meeting to order. The time being 7:02 a.m. The attendance being as follows:

Division # 1 - Richard Brokop
2 - Blake Fornwald
3 - Derek Fichter
4 - Murray Wheeler
5 - Brian Fornwald
6 - Calvin Christensen
Reeve - Pius Loustel
Administrative Consultant - Greg Wallin
Administrator - Jadon Carnduff

2023-9-2 MEETING RECESS

This meeting of Council will recess at 12:00 p.m. for a lunch break if the meeting is still in progress.

2023-9-3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared at this meeting.

2023-9-4 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

4.1) Item 14.13

- Blake Fornwald - That Item 14.13) Lampman Food Bank be added to the Agenda under New Business.

Carried

2023-9-5 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Richard Brokop - That the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented and attached to forming part of these minutes.

Carried

2023-9-6 MINUTES

- Murray Wheeler - That the minutes of the August 4, 2023 meeting of Council be approved as read.

Carried

2023-9-7 BANK RECONCILIATION

- Calvin Christensen - That the July, 2023 bank reconciliation be hereby approved as presented.

Carried



2023-9-8 CASH STATEMENT

- Brian Fornwald - That the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the month of August, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Carried

2023-9-9 CORRESPONDENCE

- Brian Fornwald - That the correspondence presented to this meeting now be filed for future reference of Council and Administration.

Carried

2023-9-10 COMMITTEE MEETINGS/INFORMATION/REPORTS/CONCERNS

- Blake Fornwald - That the committee meeting minutes, information, reports and concerns presented to this meeting now be filed for future reference of Council and Administration.

Carried

2023-9-11 ACCOUNTS

- Calvin Christensen - That the accounts covered by cheque no.'s 6255 to 6320 in the amount of \$1,650,597.76, the electronic funds transfers for the month of August, 2023 in the amount of \$138,991.45, and direct payroll payments no's 2591 to 2612 for the amount of \$50,868.21 be approved for payment.

Carried

2023-9-12 DELEGATIONS

Sean McGarry, Engineer, and Joshua Burke, Engineer-in-Training, of Walker Projects, met with Council to discuss the engineering for Primary Grid 605 and Range Road 2060.

12.1) Range Road 2060

- Brian Fornwald - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 tender the construction of Range Road 2060 E of 13, 24, 25, 36-5-6 W2M and E of 1, 12-6-6 W2M starting November 1, 2023.

Carried

Grant Palmer, Darren Ludwig, and Jason Miller of Lampman Fire and Rescue met with Council to discuss the utilization of Parcel G Plan 101903723 (102 Minard Road) as the new fire hall.

2023-9-13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13.1) 102 Minard Road

13.1.1) Paving 102 Minard Road

- Brian Fornwald - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 obtain price quotes to pave the apron and parking area at Parcel G Plan 101903723.

Carried

13.1.2) Paving Recreation Complex

- Richard Brokop - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 obtain price quotes to pave at the Lampman Pool at Parcel Y Plan 67R40558.

Carried

13.3) Photocopier

- Richard Brokop - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 purchase a Canon C3926i Colour Copier/Printer/Scanner/Fax Machine from Success Office Systems for in the amount of seven thousand, two hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$7,299.00) plus taxes.

Carried



13.4) Retention Pond

- Calvin Christensen - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 pay fifty-one thousand, six hundred seventy-six dollars and forty-seven cents (\$51,676.47) to Unamit Services Ltd. to cover the deficit Unamit Services Ltd. incurred in completing the excavation of the retention pond on Parcel L Plan 102001093 and retention pond berm on Parcel C Plan 102341618.

Carried

2023-9-14 NEW BUSINESS

14.3) Cemetery Weed Control

- Derek Fichter - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 contract Industrial Vegetation Control Inc. to perform weed control on the Elm Lawn Cemetery on SE 9-5-6 W2M Plan G5250, the Catholic Cemetery on SE 9-5-6 W2M Plan 5248, and Browning Cemetery on Parcel A Plan 101212580.

Carried

14.5) Meryl Biberdorf - Gravel Source N1/2 of 32-2-2 W2M

- Richard Brokop - That Administration and the Foreman be authorized to investigate the feasibility of buying gravel from an untouched gravel seam located on the N½ of 32-2-2 W2M.

Carried

14.6) Reflective Tape - Sign Posts

- Blake Fornwald - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 prohibit any defacing of traffic signs and sign posts in the municipality.

Carried

14.7) Engineering Tender - Range Road 2054

The following tenders were received for the engineering of the 2024 surface strengthening project on Range Road 2054:

Clifton Engineering Group Inc.	\$ 74,704.00
Resource Management International Inc.	\$109,961.25
TTES Consulting Inc.	\$ 70,800.30
Walker Projects	\$ 43,000.00

- Richard Brokop - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 contract Walker Projects to engineer the surface strengthening construction project on Range Road 2054 E of 17, 20, 29, 32-4-5 W2M and E of 5, 8-5-5 W2M for forty-three thousand dollars (\$43,000.00).

Carried

14.11) Old Metal/Fuel Tanks in Browning

- Murray Wheeler - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 authorize Tip Top Metals to remove the scrap metal from the Townsite of Browning on Block 1 Plan A1352 in return for a donation to Lampman Fire and Rescue.

Carried



Page 4 of Minutes - September 14, 2023

14.12) Midterm Convention Resolutions

14.12.1) Oil and Gas Well Licence Re-entries

- Brian Fornwald - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 submit in conjunction with the R.M. of Cambria No. 6 the following resolution to the 2023 SARM Midterm Convention in Regina as follows:

WHEREAS Oil and Gas companies are required to apply for a new well licence to re-enter an existing well, and re-entries into existing wells are issued as amendments to existing well licences.

WHEREAS the Ministry of Energy and Resources currently does not notify municipalities the issuance of well licences, and is required to determine the issuance of well licences on their own.

WHEREAS Municipalities need to know when the Ministry of Energy and Resources authorizes well re-entries as they require the same amount of equipment and resources as drilling a new well, and so the municipality can ensure that well re-entries are being properly assessed.

BE IT RESOLVED that SARM lobby the Ministry of Energy and Resources to introduce weekly notifications to municipalities of the issuance of well licences, well re-entries, amendments and cancelations of well licences.

Carried

14.12.2) Recreation Facilities Power Costs

- Calvin Christensen - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 submit in conjunction with the R.M. of Moose Creek No. 33 the following resolution to the 2023 SARM Midterm Convention in Regina as follows:

WHEREAS the cost of running a recreational facility is growing exponentially each year.

WHEREAS recreational facilities in small communities are most often run by volunteers and fundraising revenue which is stretched thin in today's economy.

WHEREAS the imposed carbon tax added to Power bills has increased by 3% in 2023 and SaskPower increased rates by 4% in September 2022 and another 4% in April 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED that SARM lobby SaskPower to reduce rates for recreational facilities run by volunteer organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SARM lobby the provincial government to provide more funding opportunities for volunteer organizations running recreational facilities via fundraising efforts.

Carried

2023-9-15 FOREMAN ITEMS TO DISCUSS

15.1) WCB Claim - August 3, 2023

- Derek Fichter - That Council acknowledge the Workers Compensation Board Claim submitted August 3, 2023 which was denied by the Workers Compensation Board.

Carried

15.2) Incident Report - August 14, 2023

- Blake Fornwald - That Council acknowledge the incident report of August 14, 2023 in regards to a trailer becoming unhitched involving Units 48 and 51; and that a letter be sent to all employees to ensure that work delegated by them to other employees is understood and completed properly.

Carried

15.3) Kevin Wiebe - Resume

- Brian Fornwald - That Administration arrange an interview with Kevin Wiebe for an Equipment Operator/Maintenance Person position with the R.M. of Browning No. 34.

Carried

Page 5 of Minutes - September 14, 2023

15.4) Mulching

- Murray Wheeler - That the Foreman be authorized to obtain quotes to mulch and clear vegetation on various rights-of-way in the municipality.

Carried

2023-9-16 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting be held on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

Carried

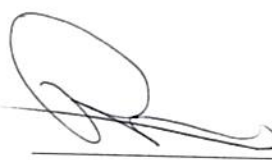
2023-9-17 ADJOURN

- Pius Loustel - That this meeting now be adjourned. The time being 11:54 a.m.

Carried



Administrator



Reeve