

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLAINE LAKE  
HELD IN THE TOWN OFFICE  
Friday, February 24, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Onishenko called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Attending were Deputy Mayor Onishenko; Councillors: Bennett, Breland, Larson, Weber, and CAO Brad.

Regrets: Mayor Sorenson and Councillor Rodwin.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

**2017-022** *Breland*

*That* the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

**APPROVE MINUTES**

**2017-023** *Weber*

*That* the minutes from the January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**2017-024** *Larson*

*That* the Financial Statement for January, 2017 and the Bank Reconciliation for December, 2016 and January, 2017 be adopted and filed.

CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS**

***Russ Krysak – Town Foreman –***

*Councillor Weber declared a pecuniary interest – ownership of an excavating company – and left Council chambers*

Discussion on Contractors to do excavation work for hydrant, service connection and water main break repairs.

*Councillor Weber returned to Council chambers.*

Plans to exercise all curb stops this year and make a list of those that are not working and need repairs. They have been working on the Jacobsen mower that was purchased from Martin's Lake Regional Park, they have it ready for spring grass cutting. They are concerned with the amount of water being used right now, think we may have a water line break somewhere. Actively looking for any water running or pooling.

***Ron Klassen – Bylaw Enforcement Officer –***

Ron updated Council on cases he is working on. Council has asked him to set deadlines for unkept yards to be cleaned up by, if deadline is not met he is to proceed with having the properties cleaned up. They want to see progress made and yards cleaned up. Asked Ron to talk to owners of businesses on Main St. to remove sandwich board signs placed on sidewalks. Council expressed concern over unregistered vehicles being parked on streets displaying license plates that are not properly registered.

***Kristina Komendant –***

Discussed concerns that she has in regard to the Town. Her curb stop doesn't work and she is worried that if there is a problem her home might flood; would like to opt out of our recycling program as she is able to recycle through her employer – Council advised that this is not an option; Kristina disagrees with our Nuisance Bylaw as she feels she should be allowed to let her grass grow tall and act as a natural fence; she would like to see us utilize both sides of paper when photocopying; she feels we have too many bylaws; and she expressed concerns that our Bylaw Enforcement Officer is not a local person.

**REPORTS**

**2017-025** *Larson*

*That* the reports for February be accepted and filed:

1. Water Analysis Reports- Jan 3 – Feb 21/17
2. Water Treatment Plant Reports – December, 2016 & January, 2017
3. Water Compliance Report – Bruce Dahl EPO with Water Security
4. Employee Time Sheets- December 25, 2016 – February 4, 2017
5. Bylaw Enforcement Report – January, 2017
6. Administrator Report – February, 2017
7. Street Committee Report – Feb 1, 2017
8. Safety Meeting – Feb 9, 2017
9. Council Reports –
  - i. Canada 150 Planning Committee Jan 8 & Feb 15/17– Breland
  - ii. 16 to 43 Waste Management – Jan 19/17 – Breland

- iii. Shellbrook & District Health – Larson
- iv. Martin’s Lake – Jan 29 & 30/17 – Larson
- v. Thickwood Hills Watershed – Larson
- vi. BLCA, Feb 14/17 - Bennett

CARRIED

**ESTABLISH CUSTOM SNOW REMOVAL RATE**

**2017-026** **Weber**

*That* we charge \$40.00/hour for shoveling snow and ice removal off of sidewalks in Commercial zoned areas with a minimum 1 hour charge.

CARRIED

*Councillor Weber declared a pecuniary interest and left Council Chambers – Councillor Weber’s company does business with Mr. Cadrain – discussion took place on survey of properties along Nelson Ave W submitted by Altus Geomatics.*

*Councillor Weber returned to Council Chambers.*

**SURVEY LOTS**

**2017-027** **Breland**

*That* we have Altus Geomatics survey and establish property lines and easements on Lots 7 & 8, Block 33, Plan 77B00739.

CARRIED

**2017 SASK LOTTERIES GRANT**

**2017-028** **Bennett**

*That* all the money received from the 2017 Sask Lotteries Grant be given to the Blaine Lake Community Association.

CARRIED

**ADVERTISE IN THE “READ ALL ABOUT IT” WEEKLY CIRCULAR**

**2017-029** **Larson**

*That* we discontinue our weekly advertisement in the “Read All About It” weekly circular and advertise in it as needed.

CARRIED

**PURCHASE WASTE & RECYCLE BINS**

**2017-030** **Bennett**

*That* we purchase 297-95 gallon blue recycle bins and 297-95 gallon charcoal waste bins from Superior Truck Equipment Inc. as per their quote of February 10, 2017.

CARRIED

**CONNECT ENERGY CONTRACT**

**2017-031** **Weber**

*That* we renew our contract with Connect Energy for the supply of natural gas to our facilities at a rate of \$3.65/GJ or lower beginning November 1, 2017 to October 31, 2022.

**APPOINT BOARD OF REVISION FOR 2017**

**2017-032** **Breland**

*That* we appoint Gord Krismer & Associates Ltd. as our 2017 Board of Revision.

CARRIED

**ESTABLISH ASSESSMENT APPEAL FEE**

**2017-033** **Larson**

*That* we set the assessment appeal fee to be \$200.00 per property.

CARRIED

**DONATION TO CANADA 150 CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**

**2017-034** **Larson**

*That* we donate \$2,000.00 to the Canada 150 Celebration Committee for organizing a Canada 150 Celebration event.

CARRIED

**LETTER TO MUSKEG LAKE CREE NATION**

**2017-035** **Breland**

*That* we send a letter to the Chief Gil Ledoux of Muskeg Lake Cree Nation asking him to meet with our Fire Chief and representatives from the Town and RM Councils to discuss joint fire fighting needs and equipment.

CARRIED

**TAX ENFORCEMENT**

CAO Brad presented Deputy Mayor Onishenko with a list of lands with tax arrears from 2016.

**2016-036 Weber**

*That* we accept the list of lands with arrears of taxes as presented by CAO Brad and that we advertise those properties whose taxes are in arrears an amount greater than ½ of the 2016 tax levy in *The Shellbrook Chronicle*.

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**2017-037 Breland**

*That* the correspondence be accepted and filed:

1. SAMA – AGM April 12/17
2. North Central Transportation –Municipal Assistance programs/Invitation to AGM
3. Planning Workshop
4. Sk Conservation & Development Conventions – Agenda from Thickwood Hills Watershed
5. Martin’s Lake Minutes – Nov/16
6. BLCA – monthly report for December 7 January
7. Sharon Gauthier – No to Privatization
8. BL Library – Minutes/2017 Budget/2016 Income & Expense Statement
9. Kristina Komendant – notes from Darcie Glencross discussion with Kristina
10. Library Board – Council Representation
11. Sk Ombudsman – conflict of interest brochures
12. Communities in Bloom – 2017 registration
13. Chamber of Commerce Minutes Dec/16 & Jan/17
14. Acme – reline sewer lines
15. Canadian Diabetes – Thank you
16. NCTP minutes from Nov/16

CARRIED

**COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM**

**2017-038 Bennett**

*That* we do not renew our membership with Communities in Bloom for 2017.

DEFEATED

**2017-039 Larson**

*That* we join Communities in Bloom in the “friend” category for 2017.

CARRIED

**PERMISSION TO USE TOWN TRUCK TO MOVE BLCA ITEMS**

**2017-040 Weber**

*That* we give Andre Lapointe permission to use the Town truck to move BLCA items from the pavilion to the school on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

CARRIED

**APPROVE ACCOUNTS**

**2017-041 Weber**

*That* Cheque #'s 8759 - 8839 in the amount of \$89,022.96 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

**ADJOURN**

**2017-042 Breland**

*That* we adjourn.

*Adjournment – 12:25 p.m.*

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

CAO: \_\_\_\_\_