

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sorenson called the meeting to order at 7:55 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending were Mayor Sorenson, Councillors: Bennett, Breland, Larson, Onishenko, Rodwin, Weber, and CAO Brad.

APPROVE AGENDA

2017-043 *Onishenko*

That the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

APPROVE MINUTES

2017-044 *Breland*

That the minutes from the February 24th, 2017 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORTS

2017-045 *Larson*

That the Financial Statement for February, 2017 and the Bank Reconciliation for February, 2017 be adopted and filed.

CARRIED

REPORTS

2017-046 *Weber*

That the reports for March be accepted and filed:

1. Water Analysis Reports- February 27 – March 20/17
2. Water Treatment Plant Reports – February, 2017
3. Employee Time Sheets- February 5 – March 18, 2017
4. Administrator Report – February, 2017
5. Safety Meeting – March 15, 2017
6. Council Reports –
 - i. Martin's Lake – AGM & Regular Mtg, Mar 12/17 – Larson
 - ii. BLCA, Feb 14/17 - Bennett

CARRIED

LETTER TO RM OF BLAINE LAKE RE: OFFICE RENOVATIONS

2017-047 *Larson*

That a letter be sent to the RM of Blaine Lake reminding them that the Municipal Office building is jointly owned by both the Town and the RM of Blaine Lake (The Town holds a 75% share and the RM owns the remaining 25% share). As such, prior to any renovations/alterations being made to the building, approval must be obtained from both owners.

CARRIED

PARK BENCHES

2017-048 *Larson*

That we purchase 4 park benches, 2 benches with the Canada 150 logo on them and 2 regular benches to be placed along the sidewalks. Money for the benches is to come from the 2012 Centennial Fund.

CARRIED

DONATION TO CANADA 150 CELEBRATION

2017-049 *Breland*

That we give \$5,000.00 to the Canada 150 Celebration Committee from the 2012 Centennial Fund.

CARRIED

Councillor Weber declared a pecuniary interest and left Council Chambers at 9:00 am

SALE OF NELSON AVE. LOTS

2017-050 *Breland*

That we offer to sell Parcel X, Plan 102194715; Parcel Y, Plan 102194715 and Lot 3, Block 38, Plan 96B16625 to Guy Cadrain for \$30,000.00. All 3 lots must be purchased together, zoning must remain "General Industrial" and any development will require proper permits to be applied for and issued.

CARRIED

Councillor Weber returned to the meeting at 9:05 am

SALE OF 4TH AVE E. LOTS

2017-051 Larson

That we sell lots 7 & 8, block 33, plan 77B00739 to Gordon Pool for \$2,000.00/lot with the following conditions:

- Under the Town's supervision Mr. Pool will landscape and develop the property to ensure proper drainage work is done to ensure water flows through the properties from the culvert located on the 200 block of 4th Ave E to the culvert located just south of 220 NS Road Allowance.
- Work is to be done with Mr. Pool's equipment and at his expense.
- Work is to be completed within 1 year of purchase.
- Payment is due within 30 days of the Town making the formal offer to Mr. Pool.
- Title will be transferred once the drainage landscaping/development is complete.
- Property will become taxable in 2018 whether or not the Title has actually been transferred to Mr. Pool.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Russ Krysak – Town Foreman –

- They were not able to locate the water line break, however water consumption has returned to normal amounts.
- Has mapped where water drainage on streets is poor and will be correcting these issues.
- Still trying to locate possible causes for poor air quality in Town Office (Councillor Weber advised there is an old cistern in the storage area that used to be the Fire Station – Russ will check it out).
- Natural Gas motor at the Water Reservoir has quite working completely.
- Once the temperature warms up Russ will be testing to see what happens to the Town's water pressure when the pumps at the water treatment plant, the submersible pumps at the reservoir and a fire hydrant are open.

Councillor Weber left the meeting at 9:55 am and returned at 10:00 am

Ken Morenz –

Mr. Morenz attended to request that Council considering amending the Town bylaw that does not allow for "sandwich board" signs to be placed on sidewalks. He would like to place a sandwich board sign right beside his building on the sidewalk to advertise his business. He feels the Town is only picking on certain individuals and is not treating everyone fairly.

Mayor Sorenson recognized Carol McConville and permitted her to make a presentation to Council

Carol McConville

Mrs. McConville attended to inform council that she has purchased a mobile food truck. She will be renting property at 218 Main St. to operate it from. She plans to be open for business by May 1st, 2017. Council advised Mrs. McConville that she will need to apply for (and have approved) a development permit from the Town to operate her business and that she needs to contact Public Health to ensure that she meets all of their requirements.

Sgt. Aaron Kaeding - RCMP

Sgt. Kaeding attended to discuss policing within the Town of Blaine Lake and concerns that Council has in regard to local traffic issues. Sgt. Kaeding advised that the Blaine Lake detachment is currently short 2 members and that they are having to pull members from other communities to help out. They are being assisted with traffic control being done by RCMP members from Saskatoon and North Battleford. Because they are short staffed presently they are doing more "responding to calls" than actual "patrolling". Sgt Kaeding told Council that his staff will assist our Bylaw Enforcement Officer when they have the resources.

Councillor Onishenko declared a pecuniary interest and left council chambers at 11:15 am

RECONSIDER RESOLUTION 2017-029

2017-052 Breland

That we reconsider resolution 2017-029 in respect to advertising in the "Read All About It" weekly circular.

CARRIED

2017-053 Breland

That we discontinue advertising in the "Read All About It" weekly circular on a regular weekly basis and instead advertise in that publication when we have something that requires advertising.

CARRIED

Councillor Onishenko returned to council chambers at 11:20 am

APPLY FOR FARM CREDIT CORPORATION GRANT

2017-054 Bennett

That CAO Brad make application to the Farm Credit Corporation Agrispirit Fund for a grant to be used to help purchase a "rapid response" fire vehicle.

CARRIED

BBQ ON MAIN STREET

2017-055 **Sorenson**

That we approve the annual May long weekend sidewalk BBQ that Haug Liquor and Variety Store hosts in front of their business at 113 Main St.

CARRIED

FREE GARBAGE DAY AT TRANSFER STATION

2017-056 **Breland**

That we set the free garbage day for May 27th, 2017. Ratepayers can haul an amount equal to one ½ ton truck load of garbage to the transfer station for free. Any amounts exceeding a ½ ton truck load will be charged at regular transfer station rates. This offer is good on May 27th, 2017 no exceptions to this date will be made.

CARRIED

LIFT STATION

2017-057 **Onishenko**

That we accept the service estimate from Xylem for the 2017 preventative maintenance inspection of our Lift Station.

CARRIED

RENEW 2017 MEMBERSHIPS

2017-058 **Rodwin**

That we renew our annual memberships with the following organizations:

- North Central Transportation Committee
- Saskatchewan Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
- Blaine Lake Chamber of Commerce

CARRIED

PURCHASE STORAGE CONTAINER

2017-059 **Breland**

That we purchase a storage container (Seacan) to store small equipment (mowers, generators, etc.) in. It is to be placed at the Transfer Station.

CARRIED

REINVEST GIC'S

2017-060 **Larson**

That the two GIC's that mature April 4, 2017 in the amounts of \$60,247.29 each be reinvested with the CIBC at a rate of 1.35% for 1 year.

CARRIED.

ORDER COLD MIX & GRAVEL

2017-061 **Onishenko**

That we order 2 truck loads of cold mix and replenish our stock pile of gravel for street maintenance.

CARRIED

TRANSFER FROM RESERVES

2017-062 **Breland**

That we transfer the \$20,000. In the general ledger Regional Landfill reserve fund and the \$5,000.00 in the general ledger Official Community Plan fund to the operating surplus general ledger account.

CARRIED.

BYLAW NO. 2017-03 – Water and Sewer Service Connection Bylaw

2017-063 **Larson**

That Bylaw No. 2017-03 being a bylaw regard water and sewer service connections be read a first time.

CARRIED

2017-064 **Weber**

That Bylaw No. 2017-03 be read a second time.

CARRIED

2017-065 **Rodwin**

That Bylaw No. 2017-03 be given three readings at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2017-066 **Breland**

That Bylaw No. 2017-03 as annexed hereto and forming part of these minutes be read a third time and adopted.

CARRIED

BYLAW NO. 2017-04 – Establish Assessment Appeal Fees

2017-067 **Weber**

That Bylaw No. 2017-04 being a bylaw to establish Assessment Appeal Fees be read a first time.
CARRIED

2017-068 **Bennett**

That Bylaw No. 2017-04 be read a second time.
CARRIED

2017-069 **Onishenko**

That Bylaw No. 2017-04 be given three readings at this meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2017-070 **Rodwin**

That Bylaw No. 2017-04 as annexed hereto and forming part of these minutes be read a third time and adopted.
CARRIED

ADVERTISE TAX TITLE PROPERTIES FOR SALE

2017-071 **Onishenko**

That Lots 9 & 10, Block 1, Plan BT3717 returned to the Town through Tax Enforcement be advertised for sale.
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

2017-072 **Weber**

That the correspondence be accepted and filed:

1. Affinity Credit Union – Marcelin Branch Closing
2. PA Parkland Health Region – Wellness clinics
3. BLCA – February minutes & financials
4. OH&S – Air Quality testing
5. Martin’s Lake – Fire protection
6. Sasktel – LTE coverage
7. CBC – Maya Bilbao researcher for Still Standing television series
8. Library minutes March 8/17
9. Chamber of Commerce - AGM

CARRIED

APPROVE HOLIDAYS

2017-073 **Larson**

That we approve CAO holidays from May 2nd to 15th and Administrative Assistant holidays from July 8th to August 8th, 2017.
CARRIED

APPROVE ACCOUNTS

2017-074 **Rodwin**

That Cheque #'s 8840 to 8899 in the amount of \$66,745.15 be approved for payment.
CARRIED

GRAVEL FROM RAILWAY TRACK BED

2017-075 **Breland**

That we donate 20 yards of gravel from the Town owned railroad bed property located on the west side of Town to the Blaine Lake Snow Drifters club.
CARRIED

Preliminary budget meeting will be on Monday, April 3rd, 2017 at 6:00 pm

ADJOURN

2017-076 **Breland**

That we adjourn.

Adjournment – 12:25 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Mayor: _____

CAO: _____