

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLAINE LAKE
HELD IN THE TOWN OFFICE
Tuesday August 20, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Attending Mayor Sorenson, Councilors Larson, Onishenko, Rodwin, Weber, and Woytiuk; and CAO Anna Brad

APPROVE AGENDA

2019-154 Rodwin

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVE MINUTES

2019-155 Woytiuk

That the Minutes of the July 15, 2019 Regular Council meeting be approved with the following amendment:

"ANNUAL CALCIUM CHLORIDE APPLICATIONS

2019-146 Weber

That staff get prices and arrange for calcium chloride to be applied to streets by June 15th as early as possible each year. (Amended August 20/19)

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORTS

2019-156 Larson

That the Financial Statement for July 2019 and the Affinity Bank Reconciliation and CIBC Bank Reconciliation for June, 2019 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

SASK ALERT TRAINING

2019-157 Weber

That all office staff must update or become certified to issue Sask Alert notices.

CARRIED

APPROVE ACCOUNTS

2019-158 Weber

That Affinity Credit Union cheques numbered 471 – 531 and "Other (EFT)" payments 2890 - 2893 in the amount of \$110,521.21 be approved for payment..

CARRIED

REPORTS

2019-159 Rodwin

That the reports be accepted and filed:

1. Water analysis reports
2. Water Treatment Plant for July, 2019
3. Waterworks Compliance Inspection – July 9, 2019
4. Lagoon Compliance Inspection – July 9, 2019
5. Foreman's Report
6. Administration Report
7. Safety Meeting – July 17/19 Report
8. Council Reports:

16-43 Waste Management July 18, 2019	Breland
Blaine Lake Library, July 15, 2019	Breland
EMO Meeting, July 22, 2019	Breland
Suma Municipal Symposium, July 28-30, 2019	Breland
Thickwood Hills Watershed, July 31, 2019	Sorenson
16-43 Waste Management, August 20, 2019	Sorenson
Martin's Lake Regional Park – August 6 & 19, 2019	Larson

CARRIED

FOREMAN UPGRADE HIS WATER TREATMENT CERTIFICATION TO LEVEL 2

2019-160 Breland

That Russ Krysak attend any Water Certification Courses that will be required for him to operate our new water treatment plant once the upgrades are completed and that the Town pay for the courses and any expenses incurred in attending those courses.

CARRIED

BYLAW 2019-03 Tax Holiday Bylaw Amendment

2019-161 Weber

That 2019-03 amending Bylaw 2008-10 known as the Tax Holiday Bylaw for the purposes of Economic Development be read a first time.

2019-162 Breland

That Bylaw 2019-03 be read a second time.

CARRIED

2019-163 Larson

That Bylaw 2019-02 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-164 Breland

That Bylaw 2019-03 be read a third time.

CARRIED

Councillor Weber declared a pecuniary interest and left council chambers – 9:10 am

Councilor Weber returned to council chambers – 9:15 am

DRIVEWAY ALTERATION

2019-165 Onishenko

That we approve the driveway alteration submitted by Ernest Cote for 127 Nelson Ave E. to 20' wide. A culvert must be installed in the driveway to accommodate proper drainage. All work and costs incurred are the owner's expense. Culvert installation must be inspected by the Town Foreman and a member of the street committee prior to completing the driveway alteration.

CARRIED

SUNCORP INSURANCE APPRAISAL SERVICES

2019-166 Larson

That we contact Suncorp Insurance Appraisal Services and ask them for a quote on doing a one time appraisal on certain individual properties/equipment that the Town owns.

CARRIED

WARNOCK REQUEST FOR FLOWER/SHRUB PLOT ON WEST SIDE OF 113-4TH Ave W

2019-167 Breland

That we approve Nici Warnock's request to plant and maintain a flower/shrub plot on the west side of her property at 113-4th Ave W. Any expense, watering, fertilizing or other maintenance would be her responsibility and expense.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

2019-168 Rodwin

That the following correspondence having been read be filed:

1. Ernest Cote – widen driveway at 127 Nelson Ave E
2. Martin's Lake Park Minutes – July 8/19 & July 22/19
3. RM of Leask – not participating in 55-40 Development Appeals Board
4. Xylem – Lift Station Report
5. Suncorp – renew appraisal contract for 2020-2024
6. Nici Warnock – permission for flower bed
7. RCMP – Project Fastlane
8. Library Board Minutes
9. Crime Prevention Guide
10. RCMP Quarterly report
11. Greenco – land available for sale
12. Borden Fire Dept – steak night fundraiser

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

1. Russ Krysak – Town Foreman – discussed speed bump installation along N.S. Road Allowance – work should be completed this week, speed bumps and signs have been picked up. They have been doing some tree trimming and will start trimming trees along the back alleys so that the overhanging branches are not damaging our equipment. We have had a few water line breaks along Main Street this week. The hydrant at the corner of Railway Ave and Main St. had to be replaced as it was leaking. When this was excavated we discovered an isolation valve that had been buried. This was repaired and is now usable. Russ will be attending courses for the new Water Treatment Plant, on November 13th and November 25th – 29th at ATAP in Saskatoon. Council asked that any of the flowers that are looking bad should be taken down.

2. Matthew Hutchings attended to discuss his proposal to manage the Roman Catholic Church for the Town if Council is interested in operating the Church as a hall.

3. The property owners of Lot 6/Block 1, Plan H3043 attended to discuss the assessment of their property and tax arrears. They are proposing making \$100.00/week payments on the tax arrears. Council asked for their proposal in writing.

Councillor Weber declared a pecuniary interest and left council chambers – 10:30 am

4. Guy Cadrain attended to discuss the base tax that Council has placed on all properties.

Councilor Weber returned to council chambers – 10:55 am

BOLLARDS TO BE PLACED AROUND FIRE HYDRANTS

2019-169 Weber

That bollards be placed around the fire hydrants located at the southwest corner of Main St. and Railway Ave W and the fire hydrant located adjacent to Lot 10/Block F/Plan BL1253 (219 Railway Ave W).

CARRIED

OFFICE RENOVATIONS

2019-170 Breland

That we accept the quotes from Renovation Expert Contracting to repair the entrance roof and remove and replace the old eavestroughing and downspouts above the entrance roof and on the northwest corner of the garage as well as all downspouts on the building.

CARRIED

TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT USE OF PERSONAL CELL PHONE

2019-171 Woytiuk

That we reimburse Peter Ginther \$25.00/month for use of his personal cell phone for transfer station business.

CARRIED

WATER RESTRICTIONS

2019-172 Rodwin

That water restrictions remain in place for the remainder of the summer. The properties located on the west side of Main Street can water on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and the properties on the east side of Main Street can water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

CARRIED

ASSET MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

2019-173 Onishenko

That CAO Brad attend the Am-SK Asset Management Workshop in Saskatoon October 8 – 10th, 2019. The Town will pay the registration fees and expenses for the course.

CARRIED

REQUEST FROM ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

2019-174 Weber

That the Town cut the grass and maintain St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church Cemetery.

DEFEATED

APPOINTMENTS TO CANADA-TOWN OF BLAINE LAKE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES

2019 -175 Breland

That Mayor Sorenson and CAO Brad be appointed to the Canada-Town of Blaine Lake oversight committee for the water treatment plant upgrades.

CARRIED

CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT

2019-176 Larson

That we approve signing the draft Contribution Agreement for the New Building Canada Fund - National and Regional Projects Contribution Agreement as submitted by Government Relations.

CARRIED

APPROVE TAX ARREARS PAYMENT PLAN

2019-177 Breland

That we approve the tax arrears payment plan submitted by the property owner of Lot 12/Block 22/Plan BL5947 for \$2,000.00 on September 12th, October 12th, and November 12th, 2019 with no further tax enforcement costs to be incurred provided the payment plan is adhered to.

CARRIED

LETTER TO MCKERCHER LAW FIRM

2019-178 Larson

That we send a letter to Michel Thibault of McKercher LLP advising him that the Town is not interested in taking title to his client’s property. If Mr. Thibault’s client does not wish to own the property she should sell it.

CARRIED

PAYMENT TO TAXERVICE

2019-179 Breland

That we make a payment of \$10,000.00 to Taxervice.

CARRIED

FALL CLEAN UP DAYS

2019-180 Larson

That we designate September 16th and October 7th 2019 as the days that Public Works will pick up compostable, unbagged garden refuse from the back alleys.

CARRIED

DISCUSSIONS HELD REGARDING:

Bylaw enforcement.

Farm Equipment in Town

Ask Auditor for further details on additional billing for the 2018 Audit

Investigate hiring a new auditor for 2019

HR Committee to offer CAO and Foreman Employment Contracts on August 30th and the CAO employee review is to be done that day as well..

Review policy/bylaw y on plugged or collapsed water and sewer lines

ADJOURN

2019-153 Breland 12:00 pm

That this meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

Date Approved: _____

Mayor: _____

CAO: _____