

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLAINE LAKE  
HELD IN THE TOWN OFFICE  
Monday July 15, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Al Sorenson called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

Regrets: Councilors Onishenko and Rodwin

**APPROVE AGENDA**

**2019-134 Larson**

*That* the agenda with additions be approved.

CARRIED

**APPROVE MINUTES**

**2019-135 Woytiuk**

That the Minutes of the June 17, 2019 Regular Council meeting be approved with the following amendment: under Reports - Martin's Lake Regional Park should be Larson, and that the Minutes for the July 3, 2019 Special Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**2019-136 Larson**

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

CARRIED

**APPROVE ACCOUNTS**

**2019-137 Larson**

That Affinity Credit Union cheques numbered 413 - 470 and "Other (EFT)" payments 2886 - 2889 in the amount of \$62,466.06 be approved for payment..

CARRIED

**REPORTS**

**2019-138 Weber**

*That* the reports be accepted and filed:

1. Water analysis reports
2. Water Treatment Plant for June, 2019
3. Foreman's Report
4. Council Reports
  - 16-43 Waste Management June 18, 2019 Sorenson
  - Martin's Lake Regional Park – June 24 & July 9/19 Larson
  - Shellbrook & District Hospital Foundation – July 9/19 Larson
5. Email from Councilor Rodwin dated July 14/19

CARRIED

***Councillor Breland arrived at the meeting at 8:40 am***

***Mayor Sorenson declared a pecuniary interest and left Council Chambers; Deputy Mayor Larson assumed "Chair"***

**AMEND BYLAW 2008-10 Tax Exemption**

**2019-139 Weber**

*That* we amend Schedule A of Bylaw 2008-10 known at the Tax Exemption Agreement for the purposes of Economic Development so that all new Businesses receive the following tax holiday: 25% in the 1<sup>st</sup> year of operation; 50% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of operation; and 75% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of operation with full taxes being levied in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of operating the business. A copy of the land title indicating the purchase of the property by the business (person) requesting the tax holiday must be submitted to the Town Office prior to the "tax holiday" being granted.

CARRIED

***Mayor Sorenson returned to Council Chambers and resumed the "Chair".***

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**2019-140 Woytiuk**

That the following correspondence having been read be filed:

1. North Sk River Basin Council - membership
2. Allan & Pam Lavoie – nuisance properties

3. Thickwood Hills Watershed Association Mtg Agenda
4. B.L. Chamber of Commerce – Picnic in the Park
5. B.L. Chamber of Commerce – Market on Main
6. Martin's Lake Minutes June 10/19
7. Rob Borne - resume

CARRIED

#### **NUISANCE PROPERTIES**

**2019-141 Weber**

*That* we ask Construction Code Authority to inspect the residences at 105 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave W (Lot 7, Block 22, Plan BL5947) and 102 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave W (Lot 23, Block 5, Plan M4996) to ensure that they do not pose any safety hazard given the condition they are in.

CARRIED

#### **SPEED BUMPS**

**2019-142 Breland**

*That* we purchase and install 4 speed bumps and signs warning of the public of the speed bumps along N.S. Road Allowance. Speed bumps are to be placed adjacent to Lot 10, Block 33, Plan 77B00739, adjacent to Lot 3, Block 35, Plan 79PA21694, Lot 6, Block 36, Plan 79PA21694 and at the north entrance to Town on N.S. Road Allowance.

CARRIED

#### **LETTERS TO RCMP AND PROPERTY OWNERS**

**2019-143 Breland**

*That* letters be sent to the RCMP and the property owners of Parcel E, Plan 60PA04869 and Lot 16, Block 4, Plan H3043 advising them of ratepayers concerns that have been brought to Council's attention regarding unlicensed vehicles driving to and from those properties; wreckless driving in the area of those properties; and the heavy traffic that is coming and going from those properties.

CARRIED

#### **LETTER TO DEPT OF HIGHWAYS**

**2019-144 Weber**

*That* we send a letter to the Dept of Highways advising that the cross walk on Main Street needs to be repainted and that flashing lights indicating the cross walk should be installed as well. In addition we would like the speed limit to be lowered to 80 km/hr on Hwy 40 where Town limits start (on the south west side of the campground and on the north east side of Blair Industrial) as well as signs put up indicating the "major intersection" at the junction of Hwys 12 & 40.

CARRIED

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**2019-145 Breland**

*That* Committee meetings should be scheduled for the same day as Council meetings (after the Council meeting) wherever possible and that decisions made by Council Committees are to be given to staff who are to arrange for the work to be done and/or the product to be purchased.

CARRIED

#### **ANNUAL CALCIUM CHLORIDE APPLICATIONS**

**2019-146 Weber**

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

CARRIED

#### **LEVEL 2 WATER TREATMENT CERTIFICATION**

**2019-147 Woytiuk**

*That* we authorize Foreman Krysak to get his Level 2 Water Treatment Certification.

CARRIED

#### **REPLACE WINDOWS**

**2019-148 Weber**

*That* we approve the quote from Renovation Expert Contracting to replace 5 windows in the Town Office Building.

CARRIED

#### **OFFICE ASSISTANT/RECREATION FACILITATOR POSITION**

**2019-149 Larson**

*That* we hire Deedra Coutu for the position of Office Assistant/Recreation facilitator at an hourly rate of \$23.00/hour plus benefits. Work week will be 40 hours and position will have a 6 month probation period. An employee review and salary review will be done after the 6 month probation period is over.

CARRIED.

**EMPLOYEE CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS**

**2019-150 Breland**

**That** all new staff members must submit a valid criminal record check prior to being employed by the Town.  
CARRIED

**COUNCIL CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS**

**2019-151 Weber**

**That** anyone wishing to run for Council must submit a valid criminal record check when submitting their nomination papers.  
CARRIED

**HIRE BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

**2019-152 Weber**

**That** the Zoning/Maintenance Standard/Housing Committee be authorized to hire a Bylaw Enforcement Officer for the remainder of 2019.  
CARRIED

**DISCUSSIONS HELD REGARDING:**

Bylaw enforcement.

Water Treatment Plant Project

Properties with uncut grass/weeds

Install No Farm Equipment signs

HR Committee to offer CAO and Foreman Employment Contracts as approved at May meeting.

Meeting with EMO Co-ordinator and Committee

**ADJOURN**

**2019-131 Breland 10:35 am**

That this meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

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

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

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