

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLAINE LAKE
HELD AT THE BLAINE LAKE SENIORS CENTRE
Monday, June 15, 2020 at 8am**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Al Sorenson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Mayor Al Sorenson, Councilors Bev Breland, Debbie Rodwin, Kitty Larson, Jason Weber, Kyle Onishenko and Barb Woytiuk and Administrator Brenda Lockhart.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

2020-142 Rodwin

That the following items be added to the Agenda
New Business: 11. Transfer Station Hours
12. Dandelion Spraying

APPROVE AGENDA

2020-143 Breland

That the agenda be approved as amended
CARRIED

APPROVE MINUTES

2020-144 Larson

That the Minutes of the May 11, 2020 Regular Council meeting be approved as presented.
CARRIED

2020-145 Weber

That the Minutes of the May 12, 2020 Special Council meeting be approved as presented.
CARRIED

2020-146 Breland

That the Minutes of the May 27, 2020 Special Council meeting be approved as presented.
CARRIED

2020-147 Woytiuk

That the Minutes of the June 5, 2020 Special Council meeting be approved as presented.
CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORTS

2020-148 Larson

That the Financial Statement for May 2020 and the May 2020 CIBC and Affinity Credit Union Bank Reconciliation be approved as presented.
CARRIED

APPROVE ACCOUNTS

Councilor Onishenko declared conflict of interest on voting of payment of an invoice from Blaine Lake Septic Service in the amount of \$1350.00 and left meeting at 8:09 am

Councilor Onishenko returned to meeting at 8:11 am

2020-149 Rodwin

That Affinity Credit Union cheques numbered 1037 to 1087 and "Other (EFT)" payment 2932 to 2941 and CIBC for cheques 10252 to 10257 totaling \$79,623.60 be approved for payment
CARRIED

REPORTS

2020-150 Rodwin

That the reports be accepted and filed:

1. Water Treatment Plant Reports – May 2020
2. Administrator's Report
3. Employee Time Sheets – Pay Period 10 & 11
4. Commissionaires – Bylaw Enforcement Report
5. Council Reports
 - a. Martins Lake Meeting Minutes
 - b. 16 to 43 Waste Management Meeting – Meeting Minutes
 - c. 16 to 43 Waste Management Meeting – Audited Financial

CARRIED

DELEGATES

Sgt. Aaron Kading attended via telephone – 9:30 to 10:05 am

Sgt Kading discussed criminal activity in Blaine Lake and RCMP action has been to date and planned for the immediate future. Discussion centered around:

- Challenges to policing caused by Covid 19
 - Increase in domestic situations, drinking and drug use
 - Increase in mental health issues due to isolation, loss of jobs, income etc
 - Injection of CERB money, movement in community
 - Exposure to members
 - Shortage of members
 - Courts closed and backed up
- Criminal activity within the community that Members are seeing/dealing with
 - 501 complaints since April 2020 – up from this time last year
 - Trafficking of meth – no indication to date of “cooking” activities
 - Theft increase which is often seen with increase of trafficking activities
 - Terror Squad member in town – attracts like element and activities
- Action and arrests
 - Five persons, know active crime person, arrested from a residence that is an active concern in the community. They were remanded – two are still in custody, others released on electronic monitoring with Notice to Appears
 - Two search warrants executed, one resulting in charge of child porn and one of possession of meth
 - Arrest of an active offender with 4 breach of paroles. Hoping to have him remanded, however, Judge released and offender is now in Leask. This was a disappointment to members but not something they have control over. Another challenge.
 - Keep file on ‘prolific offenders’ in the area and do regular follow up and monitoring
- Council asked Sgt Kading about working with a group called SCAN to address some rental properties in town that are rented to individuals who are conducting criminal activities. What action to get landlords to be responsible for renters and rental practices.
 - They have worked with landlords, helping them address renters that even they want out
 - They are familiar with SCAN, many are ex members, and they will work with them
- Council advised BEO is prepared to assist with fines for bylaw contravention and issue summary of conviction tickets but would need cooperation with RCMP.
 - Sgt Kading is agreeable to this and will meet with Officer next time in town and they will come up with an action plan to assist
- Sgt Kading agreed to attend monthly Council meetings and to provide a monthly report of policing activity

In conclusion, Sgt Kading expressed his appreciation and gratitude for the community and Council support and cooperation that he and his members are getting while dealing with the current criminal activities. Council thanked Sgt Kading for taking the time to update Council and for the work he and his members are doing within the community

Russell Krysak, Maintenance Foreman attended - 10:06 to 10:46am

- Transfer Station – problem with tree contractors needing access but leaving gate open or dumping unacceptable material. We will now give keys to contractors only on request – no more “dummy” locking gate for them
- Caught a Pit Bull that was not claimed and taken to SPCA in Saskatoon. They advised they will not accept any dogs from outside the City in the future
- Trees behind clinic were taken down by SaskPower – old and too close to lines
- Town ½ Ton is needing a lot of repairs and not worth investment. Russ is to watch for good condition replacement truck
- Hotsy – still looking for fair priced one at auctions etc
- Campground gate opened and water will be turned on this week
- Graveling and patching streets this week

ROAD MAINTENANCE

2020-150 Weber

That we agree to gravel and grade North South Road Allowance on the far north end and Nelson Avenue by elevators

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

2020-151 Woytiuk

That the following correspondence having been read be filed:

1. Blaine Lake Hardware
2. Running Leaf
3. Friesen – Rental Space

CARRIED

2020-152 Weber

That we send a letter to Blaine Lake Hardware advising Council is not in support of businesses posting signs of “customer parking only” at this time but will review parking on main street requirements

CARRIED

2020-153 Onishenko

That we send a letter to *Running Leaf* that Council is not in a position to provide their approval of a retail store

CARRIED

2020-154 Rodwin

That we agree to rent the basement of the Town Office to Meghan Friesen for \$400.00 per month with a six (6) month lease agreement

CARRIED

POWER OUTAGES

2020-155 Breland

That we send a letter to SaskPower regarding community concerns with frequent power surges and outages

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

2020-156 Larson

That Council Meeting dates be set as follows commencing at 3pm:

July 20, 2020 September 21, 2020
August 24, 2020 October 19, 2020

CARRIED

TOWN OFFICE

2020-157 Woytiuk

That we order and install safety glass at both office work stations and social distancing stickers

CARRIED

2020-158 Larson

That we reopen the office to the public following July 1, 2020 at Four (4) days a week, Monday to Thursday 8am to 4pm

CARRIED

VACATION

2020-159 Larson

That we agree to the Administrator vacation request from August 10 to August 14, 2020

CARRIED

GRADUATION BANNERS

2020-160 Onishenko

That we agree to share the costs of banners honoring 2020 graduates of the Blaine Lake School that will be mounted on poles in town

CARRIED

CRIME

2020-161 Weber

That we agree to hire Commissionaires to provide “off hour” security patrol and presence in our community for the months of July and August 2020, four (4) nights per month alternating Friday and Saturday nights each week

CARRIED

2020-162 Breland

That we agree to make application to SCAN to have them investigate and take action on suspected crime locations and properties in our community

CARRIED

GOLF COURSE

2020-163 Rodwin

That we advise the BLCA that, in regards to the request they received to rent to the golf course to hold a drive-in theatre at the golf course, Council is not in favor of same

CARRIED

DEBT BORROWING

2020-164 Larson

That Bylaw No: 2020-3 a Bylaw to provide for the borrowing of \$2,000,000 for the Water Treatment Plant Project be given first reading at this meeting

CARRIED

SKATING RINK MURAL

2020-165 Weber

That we agree to provide Mike Reimer with authority to charge materials and paint needed to redo the mural at the skating rink, at the Blaine Lake Hardware store

CARRIED

TRANSFER STATION

2020-166 Weber

That we agree to accept concrete at the transfer station at a charge of \$100 per cubic yard

CARRIED

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

2020-167 Larson

That we agree to hire the following contractors to assist with the enforcement of bylaws:

Astro Towing for towing vehicles

Earthworks for grass cutting and trimming

Johnson Enterprises for clean up of garbage and lots

CARRIED

WISHLOFF LOTS

2020-168 Woytiuk

That we acknowledge the Assignment of Agreement for Sale signed by Dallas Wishloff and Wayne Wishloff with respect to Lot 8 &9 Block 1 Plan BT3717 purchased by Dallas Wishloff from the Town of Blaine Lake and that the Town transfer title of said property to Wayne Wishloff

CARRIED

SEWER LINES

2020-169 Onishenko

That we send a letter to Gas Plus with respect to a recent sewer line blockage caused by grease build up in the line originating from their premises requesting they take steps to prevent future occurrences

CARRIED

TRANSFER STATION

2020-170 Weber

That we agree to the Transfer Station returning to operating at regular summer hours on June 22, 2020

CARRIED

SPRAYING

2020-171 Rodwin

That we hire Darrell Onishenko to spray dandelions at the campground, golf course and the green space along the old highway

CARRIED

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

2020-172 Onishenko

That we agree to hire Robert Borne of Borne Consulting to provide weekly site inspections during construction phase of the Water Treatment Plant Project and to assist with the commissioning of the water plant at completion

CARRIED

ADJOURN

2020-173 Woytiuk 12:35pm

That this meeting adjourns.

CARRIED

Date Approved: _____

Mayor:

Al Sorenson

Administrator:

Brenda Lockhart