

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF BLAINE LAKE
HELD AT THE TOWN OFFICE
Monday, August 16, 2021 at 4pm**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Al Sorenson at 4:00pm

ATTENDANCE

Attending: Mayor Al Sorenson, Councilor Bev Breland, Rodger Pederson, Darlene Harder, Melissa Johnson, Jason Weber and Administrator Brenda Lockhart

ADOPT AGENDA

2021-312 *Harder*

That the Agenda be approved as presented

CARRIED

MINUTES

2021-313 *Weber*

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 19, 2021 be accepted as presented

CARRIED

2021-314 *Breland*

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 22, 2021 be accepted as amended

CARRIED

2021-315 *Johnson*

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 28, 2021 be accepted as presented

CARRIED

DELEGATES

Maintenance Foreman Russ Krysak – 4:15pm to 4:30pm

Russ Krysak presented his Foreman's Report

Consultant Robert Borne – 4:35pm to 4:50pm

Robert Borne presented report of WTP management

- Still working through the challenges with the start of the plant
- Lost communication a couple times between wall and reservoir but we continued to provide water to the Town. He was able to view the problem by remote assess and the issues appeared to be with sasktel who are working on resolving
- One pump failed, but the other two continued to work and Delco has resolved.
- Prefilters have been installed to help address the fluctuation in levels of the manganese
- Overall, the water quality is improved. Lots of positive comments. Slight color change due to PH levels changing but this should resolve over time.
- There is a delay caused by SaskEnergy in getting the heat into the building. Using small space heaters to keep the caustic over 12 degrees to prevent freezing.
- Training is going well and both Russ and Rudi are gaining confidence in the testing procedures etc.
- Construction is done on site, they will only return to address minor deficiencies once Delco and Associated are done.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

2021-316 *Pederson*

That the Financial Statement for July 2021 and that the July 2021 Affinity & CIBC Bank Reconciliations be approved as presented

CARRIED

LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

2021-317 *Harder*

That Affinity Credit Union cheques numbered 1824 to 1879 and "Other (EFT)" payments Affinity and CIBC totaling \$300,676.95 be approved for payment

CARRIED

REPORTS

2021-318 *Johnson*

That the reports be accepted and filed:

1. Water Treatment Plant Report - July 2021
2. Employee Time Sheets – Pay Period 15
3. Administrator
4. Council Reports

- a. BLCA
- b. Bylaw Enforcement Report
- c. Martin's Lake Committee
- d. 16 to 43 Waste Management Meeting Report
- e. 16 to 43 Waste Management Financial Report
- f. BLCA

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS

2021-319 *Weber*

That we agree to bill Annual Account Customers for WTP Fee for September to December and that 5% be applied to same

CARRIED

2021-320 *Breland*

That we submit a Scope Change to the MEEP Grant to apply balance of funds as follows:

Playground Equipment at the Campground - \$30,000.00

Repair and renovate the front steps of the Town Office - \$20,000.00

CARRIED

2021-321 *Breland*

That we agree to participate in a design meeting via zoom with the Prairie Spirit School Design Committee on August 25, 2021 at 3pm

CARRIED

WATER COMPLIANCE REPORT

2021-322 *Breland*

That we acknowledge the WSA Waterworks Compliance Inspection- Human Consumptive Use (Part 1) completed by EPO Bruce Dahl on August 11, 2021

CARRIED

LAGOON COMPLIANCE REPORT

2021-323 *Pederson*

That we acknowledge the WSA Lagoon Compliance Inspection completed by EPO Bruce Dahl on August 11, 2021

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

2021-323 *Weber*

That we approve the Development Permit for construction of a fence at 104 Railway Avenue East and provide the Owner with a Notice of Decision

CARRIED

2021-324 *Weber*

That we approve the Development Permit for construction of a fence at 101 4th Avenue East and provide the Owner with a Notice of Decision

CARRIED

2021-325 *Breland*

That we approve the Development Permit for construction of a fence at 321 1st Avenue East and provide the Owner with a Notice of Decision

CARRIED

GARDEN PICK UP DAYS

2021-326 *Breland*

That we hold Garden Pick Up Day on September 15th for the East side of Town and September 16th for the West side of Town

CARRIED

WTP OPENING EVENT

2021-327 *Breland*

That we host an event recognizing the opening of the Water Treatment Plant and that we allocate \$3,000 to the event

CARRIED

GIC INVESTMENTS

2021-328 *Harder*

That we move GIC #22 in the amount of \$250,000 plus accrued interest to the Town operating account at maturity on August 28, 2021.

CARRIED

2021-329 Johnson

That we move GIC #26 in the amount of \$375,000 plus accrued interest to the Town operating account at maturity on September 23, 2021.

CARRIED

FENCE DAMAGE

2021-330 Weber

That we obtain a quote from Ernest Cote of Renovation Experts, to repair the damage to the fence at Carl Riben's property and that the quote and the matter be revisited at the next meeting of Council and that the vote be recorded

Councilor Jason Weber – For

Councilor Bev Breland – For

Councilor Melissa Johnson – For

Councilor Rodger Pederson – For

Councilor Darlene Harder – For

Mayor Al Sorenson - For

CARRIED

IN CAMERA – 6:00pm

2021-331

That we move the meeting "in camera" for discussion of Human Resources and Employee Relations

CARRIED

The meeting was moved out of "in camera" at 6:35pm

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2021-332 Harder

That we approve the request from Administrative Assistant Darcie Glencross for a leave of absence from September 27, 2021 to November 5, 2021

DEFEATED

2021-333 Breland

That we approve the request from Administrative Assistant Darcie Glencross for a leave of absence from September 27, 2021 to November 5, 2021 and advise employee that further leave of absences may not be approved

CARRIED

OFFICE EMPLOYEE

2021-334 Weber

That we advertise for the position of full-time permanent employment as Office/BLCA Assistant duties

CARRIED

EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT

2021-335 Breland

That we agree to pay for the cost for Foreman Krysak to re-write the exam for Water Certification but not the cost to take the course over and that the Employee time to re-write the exam will be paid but not meals or travel costs

CARRIED

PHOTOCOPIER

2021-336 Weber

That we accept the Tender present from Larry Graham of Bruno Car Wash in the amount of \$25.00

CARRIED

16 TO 43 WASTE MANAGEMENT

2021-337 Weber

That Res # 2021-310, a resolution to contact Loraas Disposals to provide pick up of recycling effective September 1, 2021 and that we sign a one-year contract, be rescinded

CARRIED

TRANSFER STATION

2021-338 Breland

That we hire a septic service to empty the porta potti at the transfer station

CARRIED

TAX TITLE PROPERTY

2021-339 Harder

That we agree to Tender the following tax title properties

- Lot 9 Block 8 Plan M4996
 - Lot 10 Block 8 Plan M4996
 - Lot 17 Block 8 Plan M4996
- CARRIED*

CANNABIS OUTLET

2021-340 Johnson

That we advise Corey Tyacke of Tumbleweed that Council will not provide support of a cannabis outlet within the Town of Blaine Lake at this time

CARRIED

LETTER TO COUNCIL

2021-341 Pederson

That we send a letter to Dereck Osachoff that Council appreciates your comments and would advise that the bulk water rate increase was found to be warranted and will be reviewed periodically

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

2021-342 Weber

That the following correspondence be accepted as present and filed

- Email – Chevaldayoff
 - Campground Comments
 - Letter - Osachoff
 - Letter - Tumbleweed
 - Letter – Victoria Hospital
- CARRIED*

ADJOURN

2021-343 Breland 7:15pm

That this meeting adjourns

CARRIED

Date Approved: _____

Mayor: _____
Al Sorenson

Administrator: _____
Brenda Lockhart