

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLAINE LAKE  
HELD AT THE BLAINE LAKE CURLING RINK  
Monday, May 17, 2021 at 4pm**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Al Sorenson at 4:00pm

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**ADOPT AGENDA**

**2021-175     *Weber***

That the following items be added to the Agenda:

New Business:

Christmas Lights

Time Clocks

Resignation

And that the Agenda be approved as amended.

*CARRIED*

**MINUTES**

**2021-176     *Harder***

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

*CARRIED*

**2021-177     *Breland***

That the Minutes from the Budget Meeting of April 28, 2021 be accepted as presented

*CARRIED*

**2021-178     *Johnson***

That the Minutes from the Budget Meeting of May 5, 2021 be accepted as amended

*CARRIED*

**DELEGATES**

***Maintenance Foreman Russ Krysak – 4:15pm***

Delegation – Russ

- Exercising curb stops and documenting any not working
- Thiessen Bros will be repairing two curb stops where water is needed to be turned off
- GM Truck – fenders are rusted – repair or fender covers?
- Will be installing the 6 new cook stoves at the campground – take out the 6 worst ones
- Water trees at campground and the cleaning of facilities is being down twice a day
- Street sweeping will be done tomorrow
- Touching up back alleys and filling hole by the General Store
- Large boil back of the Esso needs to be dug and some on Railway Ave are bad and need to be worked
- Flowers coming June 10, 2021. If watering done on weekend it will result in overtime if Council wants

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

### **2021-179 Weber**

That the Financial Statement for April 2021 be accepted as presented

### **2021-180 Harder**

That the April 2021 Affinity & CIBC Bank Reconciliations be approved as presented

*CARRIED*

### **2021-181 Pederson**

That GIC #25 in the amount of \$375,000 invested at the Affinity Credit Union and maturing on June 20, 2021 be moved to the Town of Blaine Lake operating account

*CARRIED*

## **LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL**

### **2021-182 Weber**

That Affinity Credit Union cheques numbered 1669 to 1720 and “Other (EFT)” payments Affinity and CIBC totaling \$388,723.96 be approved for payment

*CARRIED*

## **REPORTS**

### **2021-183 Gutknecht**

That the reports be accepted and filed:

1. Water Treatment Plant Report – April 2021
2. Employee Time Sheets – 9 & 10
3. Administrators Report
4. Council Reports
  - a. 16 to 43 Meeting Minutes
  - b. Library Meeting – Minutes & Report
  - c. Town/RM Joint Committee
  - d. Martin’s Lake Regional Park

*CARRIED*

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS**

*Councilor Gutknecht declared Conflict of Interest with respect to the discussion on the Report from Town/RM Joint Committee and left Council Chambers at 4:54pm returning to Chambers at 4:59pm*

### **2021-184 Weber**

That we agree to send a letter to Christy Dargin-Linsley advising that as the Town appointed representative on the Martin’s Lake Regional Park Board she is expected to follow SHA rules respecting Covid 19 and encourage other members to do so as well

*CARRIED*

## **BYLAW ENFORCEMENT**

### **2021-185 Breland**

That we agree to hire Commissionaires to enforce bylaws for 2021

*CARRIED*

## **TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW**

### **2021-186 Weber**

That Bylaw No: 2021-004, a Bylaw of the Town of Blaine Lake in the Province of Saskatchewan to provide for exemption from taxes for the current year be given first reading at this meeting

*CARRIED*

**2021-187 Breland**

That Bylaw No: 2021-004, a Bylaw of the Town of Blaine Lake in the Province of Saskatchewan to provide for exemption from taxes for the current year be read a second time at this meeting

*CARRIED*

**2021-188 Harder**

That Bylaw No: 2021-004, a Bylaw of the Town of Blaine Lake in the Province of Saskatchewan to provide for exemption from taxes for the current year be given three readings at this meeting

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

**2021-189 Pederson**

That Bylaw No: 2021-004, a Bylaw of the Town of Blaine Lake in the Province of Saskatchewan to provide for exemption from taxes for the current year be given third and final reading and adopted at this meeting

*CARRIED*

**DEVELOPMENT PERMITS**

**2021-190 Johnson**

That we approve the Development Permit for construction of a fence at 109 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East and advise the owner accordingly

*CARRIED*

**2021-191 Gutknecht**

That we approve the Development Permit for construction of a fence at 111 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East and advise the owner accordingly

*CARRIED*

**2021-192 Harder**

That we approve the Development Permit for construction of a fence at 111 – 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East and advise the owner accordingly

*CARRIED*

**2021-193 Weber**

That we advise the owner of 207 – 1<sup>st</sup> Street East that, in order to approve her Development Permit, the fence/privacy screen located in the front yard must be 1m in height or moved in line with front of house as it does not currently comply with the Zoning Bylaw

*CARRIED*

**2021-194 Weber**

That we approve the Development Permit from Brooklyn Niessen to holding a Farmers Market at 607 Main Street on Fridays during the summer months

*CARRIED*

**2021-195 Breland**

That we approve the Development Permit to construct an accessory building for use as an art studio at 215-1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West providing Building Permits are obtained if required

*CARRIED*

**LOT PURCHASES**

**2021-196 Breland**

That we advise Debra Schmidt-Hurd that the Town will agree to the sale of the lot at 106 Railway Avenue E under the condition that the lot is developed in accordance with the Town's Purchase Policy

*CARRIED*

**TAX HOLIDAY**

**2021-197     *Johnson***

That we agree to table the request from the owner of 108 Main Street for the tax exemption for starting a new business until the Bylaw can be further reviewed

*CARRIED*

**SKATING RINK KITCHEN RENTAL**

**2021-198     *Breland***

That we agree to rent the Skating Rink to Carol McGonville to operate a café/restaurant.

*Councilor Weber called for a recorded vote*

Councilor Jennifer Gutknecht – Yes     Councilor Bev Breland – No

Councilor Melissa Johnson – No     Councilor Rodger Pederson – No

Councilor Darlene Harder – No     Mayor Al Sorenson - No

*DEFEATED*

**PAVEMENT**

**2021-200     *Weber***

That we agree to Keith Woytiuk resurfacing the asphalt driveway in front of the Blaine Lake Ambulance Building and allow for it to cross Town sidewalk

*CARRIED*

**CONTRACTORS**

**2021-201     *Breland***

That the hiring of all contractors be approved by the Administrator who will contact the Committee involved.

*CARRIED*

**TIME CLOCK**

**2021-202     *Gutknecht***

That we agree to purchase and install a finger print time clock in the maintenance shop to be used by maintenance staff

*CARRIED*

**RESIGNATION**

**2021-203     *Pederson***

That we accept the resignation of Councillor Jennifer Gutknecht effective May 28, 2021

*CARRIED*

**SUMMER EMPLOYMENT**

**2021-204     *Gutknecht***

That we agree to authorize the HR Committee to hire the three summer employment applicants following the completion of a employment interview

*CARRIED*

**CURB STOP DAMAGE**

**2021-205     *Breland***

That we accept the legal opinion of Robertson Stromberg Law in regards to the curb stop damaged at 202 2<sup>nd</sup> Street East and advise the owner accordingly

*CARRIED*

**REZONING**

**2021-206 Pederson**

That we agree to the request by Jack Hill to allow for the rezoning of his property at 302 2<sup>nd</sup> Street West from community service to residential with all costs associated with the process

*CARRIED*

**CODE OF ETHICS BYLAW**

**2021-207 Weber**

That that Bylaw No: 2021-001 a bylaw to establish a code of ethics for Council Members be given second reading at this meeting

*CARRIED*

**2021-208 Harder**

That that Bylaw No: 2021-001 a bylaw to establish a code of ethics for Council Members be given third and final reading at this meeting and adopted

*CARRIED*

**SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROJECT**

**2021-209 Sorenson**

That we advise Teresa Korol, Facility Planner for the PSSD, that we agree to be financial partners in the enhancement of the new Blaine Lake School design to the library, fitness centre and gymnasium to meet the needs of the community

*Councilor Breland called for a recorded vote*

Councilor Jennifer Gutknecht – No    Councilor Bev Breland – No  
Councilor Melissa Johnson – No    Councilor Rodger Pederson – No  
Councilor Darlene Harder – No    Mayor Al Sorenson - No

*DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY*

**CENTENNIAL SIGN**

**2021-210 Pederson**

That we send a letter to Stan Crowder advising that the Centennial Sign at the shop is not for sale

*CARRIED*

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**2021-211 Breland**

That the following correspondence be accepted as present and filed

Letter – SARM

*CARRIED*

**ADJOURN**

**2021-212 Harder 6:52pm**

That this meeting adjourns

*CARRIED*

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

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Al Sorenson

Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brenda Lockhart