

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF INVERGORDON No. 430**  
**Regular meeting of Council held in the R.M. Council Chambers**  
**7 Danchuk Drive in Crystal Springs, SK**  
**February 8<sup>th</sup> 2023**  
**9:00am**

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<i>Present:</i>	<i>Reeve</i>	<i>Bruce Hunter</i>
	<i>Councillor, Division 1</i>	<i>Kelvin Dutka</i>
	<i>Councillor, Division 2</i>	<i>Keith Thibault</i>
	<i>Councillor, Division 3</i>	<i>Calvin Parsons</i>
	<i>Councillor, Division 4</i>	<i>Kevin Hawreschuk</i>
	<i>Councillor, Division 5</i>	<i>Wayne Bacon (via Zoom)</i>
	<i>Councillor, Division 6</i>	<i>Edwin Rundbraaten</i>
	<i>Administrator</i>	<i>Courtney Beaulieu</i>
 <i>Delegations:</i>	 <i>Sgt. Von Niessen</i>	 <i>Wakaw RCMP</i>
	<i>Chelsea Neuberger</i>	<i>SARM, Plant Health Officer</i>

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A quorum being present, Reeve Hunter called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

Councillor Hawreschuk declared a conflict of interest regarding Agenda Item: Consent to Land Sale.

*Delegation*

Delegate, Sgt. Von Niessen of the Wakaw RCMP Detachment joined the meeting at 9:08am along with Foreman, Myron Toner and Utility Manager, Dean Matkowski.

Sgt. Von Niessen provided an introduction to Council, answered questions and summarized the Detachments staffing and objectives. Sgt. Von Niessen departed the meeting at 10:03am.

Foreman Toner and Utility Manager Markowski departed the meeting at 10:07am.

*Farmstead Exemption Policy Revision*

**016/23 Bacon**

WHEREAS, Policy GG-006 is a policy to specify how the municipality shall apply tax exemptions on qualifying Farmsteads, in accordance with *The Municipalities Act*.

WHEERAS, a revision is required to validate leased lands that are used in applying a tax exemption.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Policy GG-006 be revised to require a copy of the valid lease agreement to be submitted with the annual exemption application for any leased lands used in the exemption;

AND, that a lease agreement is deemed valid if signed and witnessed by a lawyer;

AND, that the revision is effective immediately and shall be required for the 2023 Assessment Roll.

CARRIED

*Set Gravel Price*

**017/23 Dutka**

WHEREAS, the RM performs its own gravel crushing.

WHEREAS, in 2022 the crushing cost increased significantly, as a result of increased fuel prices and equipment repairs.

BE IT RESOLVED, that effective immediately, the sale price for Crushed Gravel be \$17.00 per yard and \$7.50 per yard for Pit Run Gravel.

CARRIED

*Minutes of Regular Meeting*

**018/23 Hawreschuk**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of Regular Meeting held on Wednesday ~~December 14, 2022~~ <sup>January 11, 2023</sup> be approved as read. CB  
BA

CARRIED

*Amend Minutes*

**019/23 Hawreschuk**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of First Meeting held on Wednesday December 7, 2022 be amended on Resolution 414/22 by striking out "900036" and replacing with "900038".

CARRIED

*Statement of Financial Activities*

**020/23 Thibault**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Statement of Financial Activities as at December 31, 2022 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**021/23 Thibault**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Statement of Financial Activities as at January 31, 2023 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

*Hamlet Financial Statements*

**022/23 Thibault**

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with *The Municipalities Act*, Council hereby accepts the presentation of Hamlet Financial Statements for the year 2022 for the Organized Hamlets of Crystal Springs, Meskanaw, Tway and the Special Service Area of Yellow Creek.

CARRIED

*Bank Statement*

**023/23 Parsons**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bank Statement as at January 31, 2023 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

*Payroll Register*

**024/23 Hunter**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Reference No. 000410 to 000424, 900044 and C000002 totaling \$27,771.25 as outlined in the Payroll Register for January 2023 (Period 01 & 02) attached to and forming part of these minutes, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

*Ratify Ch. 3180*

**025/23 Dutka**

WHEREAS, the Tax Enforcement process on 2020 Arrears relating to property that must be submitted to the Provincial Mediation Board following the 6-Month Notice period elapsing requires the payment of \$20.00 per property.

WHEREAS, payment was missed at the previous meeting and files were prepared for submission to the Provincial Mediation Board.

WHEREAS, majority approval from Council was received in writing to Administrator Beaulieu on January 17, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Cheque No. 3180 in the amount of \$60.00 to the Provincial Mediation Board be hereby ratified.

CARRIED

*Authorized Expenditure Report*

**026/23 Rundbraaten**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Cheque No. 3180 and EFT 1946 to 1947 totaling \$672.54, as outlined in the Authorized Expenditure Report attached to and forming part of these minutes, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

*List of Accounts for Approval*

**027/23 Thibault**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Cheque No. 3181 to 3209 and EFT No. 1948 to 1958 totaling \$174,371.69, as outlined in the List of Accounts for Approval attached to and forming part of these minutes, be approved for payment.

CARRIED

*Mastercard Reports*

**028/23 Hawreschuk**

BE IT RESOLVED, that electronic payment in the amount of \$4,120.97 as outlined in the presented February 7, 2023 Mastercard Report be acknowledged as paid under the authority granted in Resolution 148/20.

CARRIED

*Unpaid Taxes Report*

**029/23 Rundbraaten**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Unpaid Taxes Report as at January 31, 2023 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

**030/23 Hunter**

BE IT RESOLVED, that this meeting recess for a lunch break at 11:50am.

CARRIED

Reeve Hunter called the meeting back to the order at 12:27pm. Foreman Toner present at the time the meeting called to order.

Councillor Bacon departed the meeting via Zoom during the lunch break and did not return.

*Staff Reports*

Foreman Toner presented his report to Council and departed the meeting at 1:14pm.

*Delegation*

Delegate, SARM Plant Health Officer Chelsea Neuberger joined the meeting at 1:15pm to discuss the Rat Control, Beaver Control and Invasive Plant Control Programs offered by SARM as well as answer questions relating to clubroot and weed control.

Chelsea Neuberger departed the meeting at 1:44pm.

*Correspondence*

**031/23 Dutka**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Council accept the following correspondence as read:

- Lakeview Pioneer Lodge      Amalgamation Update
- Melfort RCMP                      2022-Q4 Quarterly Report
- SARM                                      2023 Annual Convention Agenda
- SMHI                                      2022 Yearly Claim Letter

CARRIED

*Lease Tender*

**032/23 Parsons**

WHEREAS, as per Resolution 424/22 at the December 14, 2022 meeting, public notice for the request for tenders was posted on January 10, 2023, for the lease of 110 acres on SW 30-44-23-W2.

WHEREAS, a total of four (4) tenders were received by Administrator Beaulieu.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the tender submitted by Scott Macfie in the amount of \$151.00 per acre be accepted;

AND, that a lease agreement be drafted by a lawyer for the March 8, 2022 meeting.

CARRIED

*Tax Enforcement (2022 Arrears)*

**033/23 Parsons**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Policy GG-016, the List of Lands with Arrears has been prepared for the year 2022.

WHEREAS, pursuant to *The Tax Enforcement Act* the List of Lands with Arrears shall not include any parcel with respect to which an interest based on a tax lien has been registered.

WHEREAS, properties on the List of Lands with Arrears which remain in arrears as of 12:00pm on February 7, 2023 shall be advertised in *The Journal* and the cost of such advertisement shall form part of the taxes outstanding.

WHEREAS, total arrears on the advertised List of Lands with Arrears (2022) is \$64,015.77.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Council hereby acknowledge the advertisement of the List of Lands with Arrears (2022) in *The Journal* on Friday February 17, 2023.

CARRIED

*Workers Compensation*

**034/23 Rundbraaten**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2023 Workers Compensation rate of 1.35 for the RM be acknowledged and that all municipal employees and volunteer fire fighters be renewed at their combined anticipated wages for the year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council be renewed at the group coverage amount of \$50,000.

CARRIED

*Staffing*

**035/23 Thibault**

BE IT RESOLVED, that retroactive to January 1, 2023 the annual salary for Kelly Sandelin shall be \$50,000.

CARRIED

*Vacation Payable*

**036/23 Dutka**

BE IT RESOLVED, that \$3,956.04 be paid as wages to Courtney Beaulieu in lieu of vacation and time accrued up to December 31, 2022;

AND, that \$8,228.31 be paid as wages to Myron Toner in lieu of vacation and time accrued up to December 31, 2022.

CARRIED

*Sask Lotteries Policy Revision*

**037/23 Thibault**

WHEREAS, currently Policy GG-018 evenly distributes Sask Lotteries funding amongst local recreational boards, Kinistino Rink Board and Birch Hills recreation board.

WHEREAS, the local recreational boards are unable to spend the funding on eligible expenditures.

WHEREAS, in 2022 and 2021 the RM had to repay a portion of the funding back to Sask Lotteries.

WHEREAS, Administrator Beaulieu consulted the local recreational boards and has presented an agreeable revision to the policy.

BE IT RESOLVED, that a revision to the Sask Lotteries Policy GG-018 be adopted with the following amendment:

Paragraph D "The annual disbursement of funds shall be as follows:

- Struthers Lake Regional Park Board 73.50% (approx. \$2,778)
- Kinistino Rink Board 13.25% (approx. \$500)
- Birch Hills Recreation Board 13.25% (approx. \$500)

CARRIED



**038/23 Hawreschuk**

WHEREAS, the local recreational boards are in need of funding but must be able to utilize the funding on things such as food, prizes, trophies, etc.

WHEREAS, each local recreational board was receiving approximately \$630.00 under the original Sask Lotteries Policy, with the exception of Yellow Creek Parks & Recreation and Yellow Creek Silver Halos who were splitting the share 50/50.

WHEREAS, the Silver Halos are not active at this time.

BE IT RESOLVED, that a revision to the Annual Grants Policy GG-021 be adopted with the following addition:

Paragraph J “Local Rec Boards”

Annual donation of \$630.00 to the following local recreation boards:

- Crystal Springs Recreation Co-op
- Tway Recreation Co-op
- Meskanaw Recreation Co-op
- Yellow Creek Parks & Recreation

Donation funds can be used for any event or to cover any expense the Board deems necessary, however an annual report must be submitted by December 31 of each year indicating how the funds were used.

CARRIED

*Appoint Bylaw Officer*

**039/23 Dutka**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution 462/22 be rescinded;

AND, that effective January 23, 2023 Dean Matkowski be appointed as Bylaw Enforcement Officer for the RM of Invergordon for the year 2023.

CARRIED

*Appoint Weed Inspector*

**040/23 Dutka**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Dean Matkowski be appointed as the Weed Inspector for the RM of Invergordon for the year 2023.

CARRIED

Councillor Hawreschuk declared a conflict of interest and departed the meeting at 3:07pm.

*Consent to Land Sale*

**041/23 Rundbraaten**

WHEREAS, Administrator Beaulieu received an Application To Purchase Agricultural Lease Land from the current lessee of two (2) parcels of crown land.

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Agriculture requires the applicant to obtain approval from the Rural Municipality on the proposed sale.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Council of the RM of Invergordon, No. 430 hereby consents to the sale of SE & SW 34-44-23-W2 by the Ministry of Agriculture to the current lessee.

CARRIED

Councillor Hawreschuk returned to the meeting at 3:11pm.

*Staff Reports*

Utility Manager Matkowski joined the meeting at 3:42pm to present his report to Council.

Foreman Toner entered the meeting at 3:50pm.

Utility Manager Matkowski departed the meeting at 3:52pm.

*Adjourn*

**042/23 Dutka**

BE IT RESOLVED, that this meeting be adjourned at 3:59pm.

CARRIED



Bruce Hunter  
Reeve



Courtney Beaulieu  
Administrator