

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF INVERGORDON No. 430
Regular meeting of Council held in the R.M. Council Chambers
7 Danchuk Drive in Crystal Springs, SK
October 9th 2024
9:00am

<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 (arrived at 9:02am)</i>
	<i>Councillor, Division 6</i>	<i>Edwin Rundbraaten</i>
	<i>Administrator</i>	<i>Courtney Beaulieu</i>
<i>Delegations:</i>	<i>Chris Nameth</i>	<i>MPE Engineering (via Microsoft Teams)</i>
	<i>Chris Bec</i>	

A quorum being present, Reeve Hunter called the meeting to order at 8:58am.

Minutes of Regular Meeting

260/24 Dutka

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday September 12, 2024 be approved as read.

CARRIED

Councillor Bacon joined the meeting at 9:02am.

Statement of Financial Activities

261/24 Hawreschuk

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Statement of Financial Activities as at September 30, 2024 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Bank Statement

262/24 Thibault

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bank Statement as at September 30, 2024 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Payroll Register

263/24 Hunter

BE IT RESOLVED, that Reference No. 000776 to 000795 and No. 900070 totaling \$44,379.80 as outlined in the Payroll Register (September 2024) attached to and forming part of these minutes, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Authorized Expenditure Report

264/24 Parsons

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following authorized expenditures totaling \$428,466.77 as outlined in the Authorized Expenditure Report attached to and forming part of these minutes, be accepted as presented:

- Cheque No. 3770 to 3772;

- EFT No. 2393 to 2396;
- Online Banking No. 2024-48 to 2024-59; and
- Automatic Withdrawal No. 2024-142 to 2024-160.

CARRIED

List of Accounts for Approval

265/24 Rundbraaten

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following payments, totaling \$58,490.16, as outlined in the List of Accounts for Approval attached to and forming part of these minutes, be approved for payment:

- Cheque No. 3773 to 3811; and
- EFT No. 2397 to 2413.

CARRIED

Authorize Agri Drain Invoice

266/24 Hawreschuk

WHEREAS, flap gates for the Waterhen Culverts were sourced from a company, *Agri-Drain Corporation*, based out of Adair, IA.

BE IT RESOLVED, that payment of Invoice 0663655 from *Agri-Drain Corporation* in the amount of \$2,309.14 USD be authorized by Credit Card or Certified Cheque.

CARRIED

Authorize Loader Rental Invoice

267/24 Dutka

BE IT RESOLVED, that *EMSCO Equipment Maintenance & Supply Co.* Invoice T02109 for rental charges of the 2023 HL955A-XT Loader for the month of October, 2024 in the amount of \$10,000.00 plus applicable taxes, be authorized for payment immediately following the adjournment of this meeting.

CARRIED

Unpaid Taxes Report

268/24 Parsons

WHEREAS, total taxes outstanding as of September 30, 2024 are as follows:

- Current: \$750,407.89;
- Grant-In-Lieu: \$7,552.68; and
- Arrears and Interest: \$47,067.49.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Unpaid Taxes Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Yellow Creek Waterworks

269/24 Thibault

WHEREAS, in December 2023 the RM was awarded the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program* (ICIP) funding to upgrade the Yellow Creek Waterworks based on the project outcome of increasing access to potable water to residents in the municipality and to comply with provincial drinking water regulations.

WHEREAS, the funding awarded was for a total project cost of \$1,983,432 wherein the Government of Saskatchewan and Government of Canada together would fund 73.33% and the RM must fund 26.67% of the total cost (\$528,981).

WHEREAS, the proposed upgrade was for the installation of a Reverse Osmosis (RO) modular processing plant and the addition of a truck-fill station.

WHEREAS, the operation of RO plants is very costly and produces a large volume of waste water in the treatment process.

WHEREAS, the RM has explored and researched other upgrade options such as UV light and biofiltration to determine if they are feasible and less costly.

WHEREAS, UV light and biofiltration do not address all regulatory and non-regulatory concerns facing the existing Waterworks.

WHEREAS, there are 31 connections serviced in the Special Service Area of Yellow Creek.

WHEREAS, the addition of the truck-fill station was believed to bring in a source of revenue to the RM but is dependent upon existing consumers in the area altering their buying habits (buying potable water from Yellow Creek as opposed to Wakaw, Birch Hills, Kinistino, Brancepeth, Hagen or St. Brieux).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the RM withdraw the Yellow Creek Waterworks Upgrade project from the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program* (ICIP).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RM apply to *Water Security Agency* to cancel Human Consumptive Use Permit #00002592-05-00 for the Yellow Creek Waterworks;

AND, that the RM apply to *Water Security Agency* for the issuance of a Hygienic Use Permit for the Yellow Creek Waterworks.

CARRIED

Subdivision Application SW 24-44-24-2

270/24 Dutka

WHEREAS, a revised Plan of Proposed Subdivision has been presented to Council showing the requested 6m x 162m Buffer Strip along the west border of Proposed Parcel "D" on the subdivision application of SW 24-44-24-W2 under consideration since August 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED, that in reference to File No. SUBD-003305-2024, Council approves the Subdivision Application of Parcel "D" (4.0 acres) on SW 24-44-24-W2 as drawn on the Plan of Proposed Subdivision dated May 24, 2024 by *Valley Geomatics Land Surveyors*.

CARRIED

Rural MAIP Application

271/24 Parsons

WHEREAS, the Rural (MAIP) Municipal Administrators Internship Program, offered by SARM, is for the training and professional development towards Administrator Certification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the RM of Invergordon apply to the Rural (MAIP) Municipal Administrators Internship Program, administered through SARM, for internship funding for Assistant Administrator, Kelly Sandelin, to be mentored by Administrator Beaulieu such that

Kelly Sandelin may achieve her Rural Class "C" Certification upon the completion of the mentorship period (1800 hours) and remaining two (2) LGA courses by December 31, 2025.

CARRIED

Credit Card Limit

272/24 Hawreschuk

BE IT RESOLVED, that the RM's Affinity Credit Union credit card limit be increased from \$6,500.00 to \$10,000.00;

AND, that application be made for a credit card to be issued to Utility Manager, Dean Matkowski with a credit limit of \$5,000.00.

CARRIED

Boyle ROW Widening Request

273/24 Hawreschuk

WHEREAS, a ratepayer has requested brush be removed to widen the road allowance on a dirt road access to allow larger agricultural equipment to pass through.

BE IT RESOLVED, that *Valley Geomatics Ltd.* survey the road allowance lying between NW 19 & SW 30-45-22-W2 to determine what brush must be removed.

CARRIED

Mansiere ROW Widening Request

274/24 Bacon

WHEREAS, a ratepayer has requested brush and fence line be removed to widen the road allowance on a dirt road to allow larger agricultural equipment to pass through.

BE IT RESOLVED, that *Valley Geomatics Ltd.* survey the road allowance lying between NW 2 & NE 3-44-22-W2 to determine what brush must be removed and to confirm the location of the existing fence line.

CARRIED

Delegation

Delegates, Chris Nameth and Chris Bec of *MPE Engineering* joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams at 11:06am to discuss the Dixon Weir Project relating to a potential increase to the proposed weir elevation.

Chris Nameth and Chirs Bec departed the meeting at 11:28am.

Councillor Parsons departed the meeting at 11:31am and did not return.

275/24 Hunter

THAT, this meeting recess for a lunch break at 11:44am.

CARRIED

Reeve Hunter called the meeting back to order at 12:53pm.

Foreman, Myron Toner present at the time the meeting called to order.

Staff Reports

Foreman Toner began his presentation to Council.

CB
GH

276/24 Dutka

BE IT RESOLVED, that one (1) load of recycled shingles be laid on Main Street in Yellow Creek from the intersection at Railway Avenue for a distance of approximately 60' (to the back alley).

CARRIED

Beaver Dam/Coffer Dam

277/24 Bacon

WHEREAS, the use of a Coffer Dam has been suggested by Water Security Agency in aiding in lake level retention on Dixon Lake while still permitting the RM to remove the beaver dam to entirely to ensure unobstructed passage of water under the Eagle Bay Bridge.

WHEREAS, an Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit (AHPP) has been issued by Water Security Agency for a Coffer Dam in the outlet of Dixon Lake until October 2025.

WHEREAS, the Coffer Dam may be installed as soon as possible to allow the beaver dam release to continue commencement on October 15, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Council approve the installation of a Coffer Dam on the outlet of Dixon Lake as issued on AHPP #2024-NOEA-200.

AND, that as a result of the Coffer Dam approval, Resolution 241/24 to remove approximately eighteen inches of the beaver dam, be rescinded;

AND, that the beaver dam be removed entirely.

CARRIED

Councillor Dutka departed the meeting at 1:21pm and did not return.

Staff Reports – Cont'd

Foreman Toner departed the meeting at 1:23pm.

278/24 Thibault

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Foreman's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Adjourn

279/24 Hunter

BE IT RESOLVED, that this meeting be adjourned at 1:28pm.

CARRIED



Bruce Hunter
Reeve



Courtney Beaulieu
Administrator