

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF INVERGORDON No. 430
Regular meeting of Council held in the R.M. Council Chambers
7 Danchuk Drive in Crystal Springs, SK
January 11th 2023
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 (arrived at 9:11am)</i>
	<i>Councillor, Division 4</i>	<i>Kevin Hawreschuk</i>
	<i>Councillor, Division 6</i>	<i>Edwin Rundbraaten</i>
	<i>Administrator</i>	<i>Courtney Beaulieu</i>
<i>Absent:</i>	<i>Councillor, Division 5</i>	<i>Wayne Bacon</i>
<i>Delegations:</i>	<i>Dean Matkowski</i>	<i>Yellow Creek Utility Operator</i>
	<i>Brent Fenner</i>	<i>RM of Birch Hills</i>
	<i>Steve Tomtene</i>	<i>RM of Birch Hills</i>
	<i>Lotfollah Haji</i>	<i>ECO Engineering Ltd. (via Zoom)</i>
	<i>Deidra Ai</i>	<i>ECO Engineering Ltd. (via Zoom)</i>

A quorum being present, Reeve Hunter called the meeting to order at 9:04am.

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

Staff Reports

Foreman Toner presented his report to Council.

Councillor, Calvin Parsons joined the meeting at 9:11am.

Foreman Toner departed the meeting at 11:32am.

001/23 Hawreschuk

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

CARRIED

RM of Kinistino Snow Agreement

002/23 Dutka

BE IT RESOLVED, that the duly signed agreement with the RM of Kinistino, No. 459 for the provision of 2022-2023 snow removal services by the RM of Invergordon on Weldon Road be acknowledged.

CARRIED

Harmon Fire Invoice

003/23 Dutka

BE IT RESOLVED, that Invoice 2022-00960 be abated by \$1,540.00 on account of all firefighters desiring to donate their wages in responding to a fire on December 4, 2022 at SE 25-43-23-W2.

CARRIED

Minutes of Regular Meeting

004/23 Hunter

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of Regular Meeting held on Wednesday December 14, 2022 be approved as read.

CARRIED

005/23 Hunter

BE IT RESOLVED, that this meeting recess for a lunch break at 11:56am.

CARRIED

Reeve Hunter called the meeting back to the order at 12:26pm.

Bank Statement

006/23 Thibault

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

CARRIED

Payroll Register

007/23 Dutka

BE IT RESOLVED, that Reference No. 000397 to 000409 and 900039 to 900043 totaling \$35,314.62 as outlined in the Payroll Register for December 2022 (Period 23 & 24) attached to and forming part of these minutes, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Authorized Expenditure Report

008/23 Rundbraaten

BE IT RESOLVED, that EFT No. 1927 and Cheque No. 3145 to 3149 totaling \$24,044.39, 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

009/23 Parsons

BE IT RESOLVED, that Cheque No. 3150 to 3179 and EFT No. 1928 to 1945 totaling \$168,114.35, as outlined in the List of Accounts for Approval attached to and forming part of these minutes, be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Mastercard Reports

010/23 Hawreschuk

BE IT RESOLVED, that electronic payments in the amount of \$1,133.90 and \$573.87 as outlined in the presented December 15, 2022 and January 5, 2023 Mastercard Reports, respectively, be acknowledged as paid under the authority granted in Resolution 148/20.

CARRIED

Unpaid Taxes Report

011/23 Rundbraaten

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Unpaid Taxes Report as at December 31, 2022 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Delegation

Delegate, Dean Matkowski joined the meeting at 1:14pm to discuss the position of Utility Manager.

Dean departed the meeting at 1:44pm.

Utility Manager

012/23 Thibault

WHEREAS, Dean Matkowski is the RM's certified Class 1 Operator overseeing the Yellow Creek Waterworks and Sewage Works systems, in accordance with requirements of the Permit To Operate.

WHEREAS, Darren Neale was hired as Utility Manager and started his duties on June 6, 2022 with a three (3) month probationary period.

WHEREAS, following the conclusion of this period, in accordance with Personnel Policy GG-003 a subsequent three (3) month probationary period was implemented in order to further assess improvements and overall suitability for the position.

WHEREAS, a probationary review was conducted by Administrator Beaulieu on January 3, 2023 wherein a letter of termination was served to Darren Neale with an established final day of work as January 20, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the employment of Darren Neal as Utility Manager be terminated as of January 20, 2023;

AND THAT, effective January 20, 2023 Darren Neale be contracted to perform water sampling duties at the Crystal Springs Waterworks on weekends, statutory holidays and as a backup operator in case of illness, vacation or otherwise, at a rate of \$25.00 per day;

AND THAT, the RM hire Dean Matkowski as Utility Manager to commence duties on Monday January 23, 2023 at an hourly wage of \$27.00.

CARRIED

Delegation

Delegate, Lotfollah Haji and Deidra Aitken of ECO Engineering Ltd. joined the meeting via Zoom at 2:05pm to discuss a prepared Yellow Creek Life Cycle Cost Analysis Proposal.

Lotfollah Haji and Deirdra Aitken departed the meeting at 2:37pm.

Tax Enforcement (2020 Arrears)

013/23 Parsons

WHEREAS, tax arrears remain outstanding from 2020, including tax enforcement costs incurred as of the date of this meeting, on properties as follows:

• Yellow Creek:	Lot 9, Block 4, Plan BZ4287	\$938.87
• Crystal Springs:	Lot 10, Block 1, Plan BD2754	\$747.63
• Crystal Springs:	Lot 11, Block 1, Plan BD2754	\$747.63
• Crystal Springs:	Lot 37, Block 1, Plan BD2754	\$745.40

WHEREAS, the required 6-Month Notices (Form "C") were sent by registered mail to the landowner(s) on July 8, 2022 and six (6) months have since passed.

WHEREAS, all properties are valued below a taxable assessment of \$17,500 and that no person is residing on any of the properties.

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 26 of The Tax Enforcement Act the Council of the RM of Invergordon hereby authorize Administrator Beaulieu acting as the Treasurer to apply to the registrar for the registration of a transfer into the name of the municipality, of the following:

- Yellow Creek: Lot 9, Block 4, Plan BZ4287 Title # 152284484
- Crystal Springs: Lot 10, Block 1, Plan BD2754 Title # 147988973
- Crystal Springs: Lot 11, Block 1, Plan BD2754 Title # 147988939
- Crystal Springs: Lot 37, Block 1, Plan BD2754 Title # 147989064

CARRIED

Delegation

Delegates, Brent Fenner, Reeve of the RM of Birch Hills No. 460 and Steve Tomtene, Councillor of the RM of Birch Hills No. 460 joined the meeting at 2:56pm to discuss purchasing gravel from the RM of Invergordon commencing 2024.

Foreman Toner returned to the meeting at 3:24pm.

Brent Fenner and Steve Tomtene departed the meeting at 3:42pm.

Foreman Toner and Councillor Hawreschuk departed the meeting at 3:43pm.

Fidelity Bond

014/23 Dutka

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 113 of *The Municipalities Act*, Council hereby approves the presented Fidelity Bond, at the maximum coverage of \$200,000 which includes \$50,000 registered mail coverage and \$25,000 money & securities coverage, at a premium cost of \$585.00 + PST.


CARRIED

Adjourn

015/23 Hunter

BE IT RESOLVED, that this meeting be adjourned at 3:53pm.

CARRIED



Bruce Hunter
Reeve



Courtney Beaulieu
Administrator