

Rural Municipality of Excelsior No. 166

November 20, 2019

The regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Excelsior No. 166 was held on November 20, 2019 at the municipal office in Rush Lake, Saskatchewan.

Reeve H. Martens called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

PRESENT:

Reeve: Harold Martens
Councillors: Division 3 – Danny Spenst
Division 4 – Harv Schulz
Division 5 – Don Mathies
Division 6 – Bruce Pate
Administrator: Dianne Hahn
Absent: Councillors: Division 1 – Charles Donnelly
Division 2 – Darren Steinley

- 19-217 Agenda Moved by Councillor Mathies:
THAT the agenda for the November 20, 2019 Council meeting be adopted as presented.
CARRIED
- 19-218 Minutes Moved by Councillor Pate:
THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held October 9, 2019 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED
- 19-219 Statement Moved by Councillor Schulz:
THAT the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of October, 2019 be accepted as circulated.
CARRIED
- 19-220 Accounts Moved by Councillor Spenst:
THAT the Accounts, as listed and attached to these minutes be approved and authorized for payment or ratification of payment.
CARRIED
- CORRESPONDENCE:
- 19-221 SARM Res. Moved by Councillor Mathies:
THAT Darren Steinley's name be submitted to SARM as an Expression of Interest in being appointed to the Resolutions Committee.
CARRIED
- 19-222 Ins. Moved by Councillor Schulz:
THAT the RM's limit on Excess Liability Insurance remain at \$3,000,000 and the limit of optional Excess Administrative Errors and Omissions Liability remain at \$500,000.
CARRIED
- 19-223 Gas Tax Moved by Councillor Spenst:
THAT the agreement for Gas Tax Funding be approved and signed by the Reeve and Administrator.
CARRIED

19-224 Mainline Aid Moved by Councillor Mathies:
THAT Councillor Charles Donnelly be appointed on behalf of the RM to Mainline Mutual Aid Committee.

CARRIED

19-225 SaskTel Moved by Councillor Mathies:
THAT approval be given for the request to install a guyed tower and small equipment building at NW34-18-11W3M.

CARRIED

19-226 Subdiv. Moved by Councillor Spenst:
THAT approval be given for the subdivision at NE02-16-11W3 for the purpose of realigning the plan of survey to correspond with the road as is.

CARRIED

19-227 Info Mtg Moved by Councillor Schulz:
THAT Reeve Martens and Councillor Spenst be authorized to attend the RM of Maple Creek Information Afternoon on November 26, 2019 in Maple Creek with expenses paid by the RM.

CARRIED

19-228 Eng Agmt Moved by Councillor Spenst:
THAT the agreement with Stantec for engineering services for bridge repair be approved.

CARRIED

19-229 Martens Moved by Councillor Pate:
THAT the request from Garry Martens for approval of wind farm with the name change from E.ON Climate & Renewables to RWE Renewables Americas LLC be approved.

CARRIED

19-230 Correspond. Moved by Councillor Pate:
THAT the correspondence as listed and attached to these minutes be accepted as presented by the Administrator and filed.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS/ROADWORK:

19-231 Breeding Pas. Moved by Councillor Spenst:
THAT the North Pasture be turned into a breeding pasture with ten ratepayers being chosen for 15 pairs each as per the names drawn below:

Todd Letkeman
Layne Cote
Rose Buckingham
Les Rampton
Charles Gerbrandt

Craig Steinley
Main Centre Hutterite Brethren
Wittman Farm & Ranch
Michael Ruf
Doug Ruf

Alternate: Garth Ruzicka

CARRIED

19-232 Bull Comm. Moved by Councillor Pate:
THAT the Administrator be directed to contact the current Bull Committee members (Darcy Patzer & Nick Rampton) to approach two persons from the new Breeding Pasture patrons to be on the Bull Committee with the names to be ratified by Council at a future meeting.

CARRIED

19-233 Snow Rem. Moved by Councillor Mathies:
THAT the RM staff be advised that snow removal assistance may be given to the Town of Herbert once snow removal has been completed in the RM, and further that the Town of Herbert be charged at regular custom work rates.

CARRIED

19-234 Truck Moved by Councillor Spenst:
THAT the purchase of a Super Duty F-350 DRW Automatic 7.3L 2V gas Ford truck be purchased from Cypress Motors (SC) for \$58,779.00 taxes included.

CARRIED

19-235 Moved by Councillor Spenst:
THAT we authorize new roadwork as presented on Councillor's Project Request forms.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

Corp. Ryan Nicholson, RCMP
Rick Leslie, North Pasture Manager
Arnold Giesbrecht, Pest Control Officer
Stacey Beisel, Foreman

NEW BUSINESS:

19-236 Holidays Moved by Councillor Mathies:
THAT the holiday leave request from Stacey Beisel for December 18 to 31, 2019 be approved.

CARRIED

19-237 Snow Rem. Moved by Councillor Mathies:
THAT we authorize the following snow removal operators for 2019/2020, providing they complete the required agreement, and that each be notified of the requirements of the Occupational Health & Safety Regulations:

R.M. of Excelsior Road Crew (Stacey Beisel, Brian Zilkowsky, Allen Fellingier, Chad Dirkson, Carey Cornelson, Kevin Buller, Tyson Hall, James McCoy, Leroy Martens)

Dallas Braun, Grant Miller, Don Andres, Keith Andres, Michael Unger, Shane Castle, Darren Steinley, Glen Siemens, Garnet Schroeder, Scott Schroeder, Main Center Hutterian Brethren, Brent Klassen, Garth Dueck, Kelly Parsons, Kelly Hogg, Martens Ranch, Waldeck Hutterian Brethren, Danny Spenst, Jordan Miller.

CARRIED

19-238 Bonus Moved by Councillor Schulz:
THAT a \$150.00 bonus be given to all RM staff employed in 2019.

CARRIED

- 19-239 Door Prizes Moved by Councillor Mathies:
THAT four \$50.00 door prizes be purchased for the RM Christmas supper.
CARRIED
- 19-240 Salaries Moved by Councillor Mathies:
THAT a 2% salary increase be given to all staff effective January 1, 2020, with the exception of Pasture Managers which will be reviewed in the New Year.
CARRIED
- 19-241 Dep Reeve Moved by Councillor Mathies:
THAT Councillor Steinley be appointed as Deputy Reeve for the term November 20, 2019, to November 2020.
CARRIED
- 19-242 Sign.Auth. Moved by Councillor Mathies:
THAT the Reeve or Deputy Reeve and the Administrator be authorized to sign documents on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Excelsior No. 166, with Council's approval, for the term November 20, 2019 to November 2020.
CARRIED
- 19-243 WCB Moved by Councillor Spent:
THAT we select Saskatchewan Workers Compensation Board personal coverage for all Council members at the maximum amount in 2020.
CARRIED
- 19-244 Meetings Moved by Councillor Schulz:
THAT the regular Council meetings for December, 2019 to November 2020 be held on the second Wednesday of every month, commencing at 9:00 am at the municipal office in Rush Lake, SK.
CARRIED
- 19-245 Appts Moved by Councillor Mathies:
THAT the following appointments be made for the term November 20, 2019 to November 2020:
Assessor Dianne Hahn
Pasture Supervisors Councillor Steinley (North)
Councillor Donnelly (South)
Office Maintenance Councillors Schulz and Pate
Local EMO Committee Council as a Whole
Poundkeepers:
Division 1: Councillor Donnelly
Division 2: Stuart Wall
Division 3: Curt Chickoski
Division 4: Niel Block
Division 5: Cameron Laing
Division 6: Jordan Wittman
CARRIED
- 19-246 Committee Moved by Councillor Mathies:
THAT we make the following appointments to Committees of Council for the term November 20, 2019 to November 2020, with committee functions as stated, and with the underlined name to be Chairperson:

Road Ban Committee Councillors Mathies, Schulz, Pate
Function: to issue weight restriction orders in accordance with the regulations and terms of Bylaw No. 2-98 of the R.M. of Excelsior No.166

Machine Committee

Councillors Spent, Schulz, Mathies

Function: responsible to liaison with Roadcrew members as follows:

- authorize minor repairs on municipal equipment
- gather data for Council regarding equipment purchases, sales or repairs
- communicate with suppliers as needed to provide information re: invoices, work orders, or any other equipment related issue.

Personnel Committee

Councillors Steinley, Pate, Mathies

Function: responsible to liaison with all municipal employees as follows:

- authorize minor requests for time off (1 day or less)
- receive communication from employees regarding concerns, suggestions or grievances on employment or personal issues
- report all employee issues or requests to Council at the next regular meeting for approval
- interview prospective employees, or meet with current employees to discuss any issues, only as directed by Council at a properly called meeting
- deal appropriately with emergency employee situations, only after consulting with all councillors, and receiving a majority opinion regarding course of action.

CARRIED

19-247 Board Reps Moved by Councillor Mathies:

THAT the following representatives for this municipality be appointed or acknowledged for the term November 20, 2019 to November 2020:

Rush Lake Recreation Board	Councillor Steinley
Herbert Recreation Board	Councillor Donnelly
Main Centre Recreation Board	Councillor Schulz
Prairie Pioneer Independ.Housing	Councillor Pate
Mainline Mutual Aid Area	Councillor Donnelly
Chinook Library	Dianne Fox
Herbert Ferry Regional Park	Councillor Schulz, Richard Crowe
Swift Current Watershed Stewards	Councillors Spent
South Sask. Watershed	Reeve Martens
SouthWest Municipal Govt Committee	Councillor Mathies
SW Transportation Planning	Councillor Donnelly
Rush Lake Irrigation District	Reeve Martens (as required)
Farm & Food Care	Councillor Pate
Weed Inspector	Councillor Pate

CARRIED

19-248 Remun. Cou. Moved by Councillor Schulz:

THAT the remuneration for Council members remain at \$280.00 per meeting with \$0.60 per km rate.

CARRIED

19-249 Remun Lib.. Moved by Councillor Spent:

THAT the remuneration for the Chinook Regional Library representative be set at \$175.00 per meeting and \$0.60 per kilometer for the term November 20, 2019 to November 2020.

CARRIED

19-250 Write-Off Moved by Councillor Mathies:
 THAT the amount of \$6,451.66 owing by CPR for a fire that occurred in 2010 be written off.

CARRIED

19-251 Compliance Moved by Councillor Spenst:
 THAT subject to the receipt of Councillor Steinley and Councillor Donnelly's Annual Public Disclosure Declaration, the Administrator complete the Declaration of Eligibility Requirements for the Municipal Revenue Sharing program as all items will have been complied with.

CARRIED

19-252 Munisoft Moved by Councillor Spenst:
 THAT the Administrator be authorized to attend the Munisoft Conference being held in Regina from September 15 to 17, 2020 with all expenses paid by the RM.

CARRIED

19-253 Plasma Moved by Councillor Spenst:
 THAT Councillor Schulz be authorized to purchase a plasma cutter costing up to a maximum of \$3,000.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

19-254 Moved by Councillor Mathies:
 THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

REEVE

ADMINISTRATOR