

Rural Municipality of Excelsior No. 166

November 07, 2023

The regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Excelsior No. 166 was held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at the RM Office at 310 3rd Avenue, Rush Lake, Saskatchewan at 9:00 am.

PRESENT:

Reeve: Harvey Schulz
Councillors: Division 1 – Shane Castle
Division 2 – Darren Steinley
Division 3 – Danny Spenst
Division 4 – Jordan Miller
Division 5 – Don Mathies
Division 6 – Jim Feil
Administrator: Dianne Hahn
Intern Administrator: Kyla Thomason

- 23-246 Agenda Moved by Councillor Mathies:
THAT the agenda for the November 7, 2023 Council meeting be adopted as presented.
CARRIED
- Conf. of Interest Shane Castle re: Pasture Manager
- 23-247 Minutes Moved by Councillor Spenst:
THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held October 5, 2023 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED
- 23-248 Statement Moved by Councillor Castle:
THAT the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of October, 2023 be accepted as circulated.
CARRIED
- 23-249 Accounts Moved by Councillor Steinley:
THAT the Accounts, as listed and attached to these minutes be approved and authorized for payment or ratification of payment.
CARRIED
- CORRESPONDENCE:
- 23-250 Comm.Plan Moved by Councillor Spenst:
THAT the RM has no concerns regarding the proposed planned subdivision SE ¼ Section of 26-10-11 W3 adjacent to RM of Excelsior No.166.
CARRIED
- 23-251 Comm.Plan Moved by Councillor Mathies:
THAT the RM has no concerns regarding the proposed subdivision located at NW 6-18-11 W3.
CARRIED
- 23-252 Prairie Pion. Moved by Councillor Castle:
THAT a donation of \$5,000 be given to the Prairie Pioneer Housing Authority for their Kitchen Upgrades.
CARRIED

- 23-253 Legion Moved by Councillor Spenst:
THAT a donation of \$75 be given to The Royal Canadian Legion for their Poppy Campaign.
CARRIED
- 23-254 City of SC Moved by Councillor Mathies:
THAT the Rescue Services Agreement with the City of Swift Current be approved and signed by RM Officials.
CARRIED
- 23-255 City of SC Moved by Councillor Steinley:
THAT the Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Swift Current be approved and signed by RM Officials.
CARRIED
- 23-256 FUS Moved by Councillor Castle:
THAT the RM be authorized to sign the petition from the Fire Underwriter's Survey for Volunteer Firefighters to increase tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000.
CARRIED
- 23-257 Sask-Tel Moved by Councillor Spenst:
THAT approval be given for the Cable Installation request from Sask-Tel at NW 14-16-12 W3.
CARRIED
- 23-258 SaskPower Moved by Councillor Castle:
THAT the proposed work for Rural Underground Distribution rebuilds for Sask Power be approved at NW 12-17-10 W3.
CARRIED
- 23-259 WSA Moved by Councillor Steinley:
THAT the Infrastructure Crossing Replacement Program with the Water Security Agency for NE 10-17-11 W3 be approved and signed by RM Officials.
CARRIED
- 23-260 Corres. Moved by Councillor Spenst:
THAT the correspondence as listed and attached to these minutes be accepted as presented by the Administrator and filed.
CARRIED
- OLD BUSINESS/ROADWORK:
- 23-261 LLC Moved by Councillor Spenst:
THAT the RM approve the costs of approximately \$5,000 to \$10,000 to Associated Engineering to survey and prepare information to be Grant Ready for a new bridge at NE 20-16-12 W3.
CARRIED
- 23-262 Gravel Moved by Councillor Castle:
THAT the Administrator be directed to tender for 30,000 yards of road gravel.
CARRIED

23-263 Call to Work Moved by Councillor Castle:
THAT the RM send a letter to seasonal workers regarding the importance of returning to work when called during the off-season.

CARRIED

23-264 Termination Moved by Councillor Castle:
THAT the RM dismiss Alexander Moon from his position as an Equipment Operator, and that Group Benefits conclude on December 31, 2023.

CARRIED

23-265 Div. Rep. Moved by Councillor Mathies:
THAT we authorize new roadwork as presented on Councillors' Project Request forms.

CARRIED

Councillor Castle declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 9:55am

DELEGATIONS

Mark Forsyth – Pasture Manager

Councillor Castle returned to the meeting at 10:15am

DELEGATIONS - continued

Arnold Giesbrecht – Pest Control Officer

Stacey Beisel – Foreman

NEW BUSINESS:

23-266 Cncl Remun. Moved by Councillor Steinley:
THAT the remuneration for Council members remain at \$300 with mileage reimbursement to remain at \$0.70 per km.

CARRIED

23-267 Remun Lib. Moved by Councillor Steinley:
THAT the remuneration for the Chinook Regional Library representative be \$175.00 per meeting and \$0.70 per kilometer for the term November 23, 2023 to November 2024.

CARRIED

23-268 Salaries Moved by Councillor Mathies:
THAT a 4.5% wage increase be given to all RM employees effective with the January 1, 2024 payroll.

CARRIED

23-269 WCB Moved by Councillor Miller:
THAT we select Saskatchewan Workers Compensation Board personal coverage for all Council members at the maximum amount in 2024.

CARRIED

23-270 Sign.Auth. Moved by Councillor Castle:
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 7, 2023 to November 2024 and that Councillor Steinley or Councillor Miller and the Administrator be authorized to sign cheques on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Excelsior No. 166.

CARRIED

23-271 Meetings Moved by Councillor Miller:
THAT the regular Council meetings for December, 2023 to November 2024 be held on the second Wednesday of every month, commencing at 9:00 am at the rural municipal office in Rush Lake, SK.

CARRIED

23-272 Cncl Mtg Moved by Councillor Spenst:
THAT the regularly scheduled December Council meeting be held December 22, 2023.

CARRIED

23-273 Appts Moved by Councillor Steinley:
THAT the following appointments be made for the term November 7, 2023 to November 2024:

Assessor	Dianne Hahn
Pasture Supervisors	Councillor Steinley (North) Councillor Castle (South)
Local EMO Committee	Council as a Whole
Poundkeepers:	
Division 1: Charles Donnelly	Division 4: Niel Block
Division 2: Stuart Wall	Division 5: Cameron Laing
Division 3: Curt Chickoski	Division 6: Jordan Wittman

CARRIED

23-274 Committee Moved by Councillor Steinley:
THAT the RM make the following appointments to Committees of Council for the term November 7, 2023 to November 2024, with committee functions as stated, and with the underlined name to be Chairperson:

Road Ban Committee Councillors Mathies, Feil, Steinley
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 Spenst, Mathies, Miller
Function: responsible to liaison with Road crew 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.

23-279 Weed Report Moved by Councillor Castle:
THAT the Weed Report, as submitted by Suzanne Hogg, be accepted as read.
CARRIED

23-280 Disclosure Moved by Councillor Mathies:
THAT the RM is in compliance with the requirements for Municipal Revenue Sharing as they have: 1) submitted the Audited Annual Financial Statement to the Ministry; 2) is in good standing with respect to the reporting and remittance of Education Property Taxes; 3) has adopted a Council Procedures Bylaw; 4) has adopted an Employee Code of Conduct; and 5) all members of Council have filed and annually updated their Public Disclosure Statements as required.
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

23-281 Moved by Councillor Castle:
THAT this meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

REEVE

ADMINISTRATOR