

**Rural Municipality of Excelsior No. 166**

**September 11, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Excelsior No. 166 was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at the RM Office at 310 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Rush Lake, Saskatchewan at 9:00 am.

**PRESENT:**

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

- 24-158 Agenda Moved by Councillor Spenst:  
THAT the agenda for the September 11, 2024, Council meeting be adopted as presented.  
CARRIED
- Conf. of Interest None.
- 24-159 Minutes Moved by Councillor Castle:  
THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held August 7, 2024, be adopted as circulated.  
CARRIED
- 24-160 Statement Moved by Councillor Mathies:  
THAT the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of August 2024 be accepted as circulated.  
CARRIED
- 24-161 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:
- 24-162 Petition Moved by Councillor Spenst:  
THAT the RM of Excelsior support and encourage others to sign the petition from Jeremy Patzer, MP regarding the border crossing closures.  
CARRIED
- 24-163 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

**DELEGATIONS**

- Ray Blais, Staff Sgt, & Shannon Brower, Sgt, RCMP re: policing update
- Dan & Carol Siebert re: Mennonite Brethren Main Centre church and cemetery

OLD BUSINESS/ROADWORK:

24-164 Capital Gains Moved by Councillor Castle:

WHEREAS the 2024 Federal Budget tabled April 16, 2024, the government announced changes to the capital gains inclusion rate from one half to two thirds for individuals, corporations and trusts. WHEREAS On June 10, 2024, the government tabled legislation that brings these changes to Parliament on a stand-alone basis and not part of any other budget legislation.

WHEREAS a increase in the capital gains inclusion rate from one half of the capital gain to two thirds of the capital gain is effective for gains realized on or after June 25, 2024, and applies to the realized capital gain annual threshold of gains over \$250,000.

WHEREAS the changes to the capital gains inclusion rate raises a concern that it could lead to a reduction in productivity, investing and innovation in the agricultural sector. This change will disincentivize investors and entrepreneurship in this province and the impact will be felt across Canada.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT SARM respectfully urges the federal government to reconsider and rescind the changes to the capital gains inclusion rate that came into effect on June 25, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT SARM request that Federal Government engage in a thorough review of the long-term economic impacts of the proposed changes and consider alternative options that could help achieve their intended tax revenue goals without adversely affecting the Canadian economy and the agriculture industry.

CARRIED

24-165 Div Rep. Moved by Councillor Mathies:

THAT we authorize new roadwork as presented on Councillors' Project Request forms.

CARRIED

24-166 Culverts Moved by Councillor Castle:

THAT the culverts for the five sites (SW 18-16-12 W3, NE 17/NW 16-16-12 W3, NW/NE 16-16-12 W3, SE 23/SW 24-16-12 W3, SW 13/NW 12-16-12 W3) along the Swift Current Main Canal be ordered as soon as the size is determined by GeoVerra and Matrix Solutions and further that they be installed as soon as possible.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

24-167 Holiday Hrs Moved by Councillor Castle:

THAT the RM Office be closed from noon on December 24, 2024, until December 30, 2024 at 9am.

CARRIED

24-168 Rd Maint. Moved by Councillor Spent:

THAT the RM approve the draft road maintenance agreement to be used in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways in 2025 to access their gravel pit located at SW 30-16-12 W3 for the paving of Highway No. 1 project.

CARRIED

- 24-169 SARM Moved by Councillor Miller:  
THAT the RM enter into a consulting agreement with SARM to tender for an engineer for the landfill decommissioning.  
CARRIED
- 24-170 Cncl Mtg. Moved by Councillor Miller:  
THAT the regularly scheduled council meeting for November be held on Friday, November 15, 2024, at 9:00am.  
CARRIED
- 24-171 Gas Tax Moved by Councillor Castle:  
THAT the RM enter into the municipal funding agreement for the Canada Community-Building Fund Program with the Government of Saskatchewan.  
CARRIED
- 24-172 MAIP Moved by Councillor Spent:  
THAT the stipend from the MAIP program issued by SARM be divided and cheques issued to Mark Wilson for \$499 and Dianne Hahn for \$2501.  
CARRIED
- 24-173 Tax Enf. Moved by Councillor Mathies:  
THAT Council accept the list of lands in arrears as presented and exclude from the list of land properties upon which the amount of taxes in arrears does not exceed one half of the immediately preceding year's tax levy.  
  
AND THAT TAXervice be authorized to handle the tax enforcement proceedings respecting these rolls on behalf of the municipality.  
CARRIED
- 24-174 Audit Moved by Councillor Miller:  
THAT the RM terminate audit services with Stark & Marsh and further that MNP be appointed as the RM's auditor.  
CARRIED
- 24-175 Off. Const. Moved by Councillor Mathies:  
THAT the RM hire Ty Banman with Buddy Construction for the office renovation to commence in November 2024.  
CARRIED
- ADJOURNMENT:
- 24-176 Moved by Councillor Mathies:  
THAT this meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED

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ADMINISTRATOR