

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ERIKSDALE

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

July 13, 2010

A regular meeting of Council was held on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, in the Council Chambers #10 Main Street, Eriksdale, MB.

With all members and CAO present, Deputy Reeve Jack Pool called the meeting to order at 8:03 am.

AGENDA

Res. 155/10

Wainwright, Day

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this date be hereby adopted as presented.
Carried

MINUTES

Res. 156/10

Day, Wainwright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of June 8th Regular Meeting and June 23rd & 28th, 2010 Special Meetings be hereby adopted as circulated.

Carried

FINANCE

Res. 157/10

Day, Wainwright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounts Payable for the month of July, 2010 written under Cheque No.'s 15510 to 15578 and totaling \$67,042.15 be hereby approved for payment.

Carried

Res. 158/10

Holmes, Day

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement dated May 30, 2010, be hereby adopted as presented.

Carried

CAO advised on completion of 2009 DFA. Submission #7 not received to date.
Councillor Wainwright brought forth the necessity to file Impact Assessment with EMO.

Res. 159/10

Wainwright, Holmes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve advert for the Annual Creamery Days at cost of \$50.00.

Carried

CAO advises members on receipt of \$3,809.43 from AMM Insurance Program-reflecting a refund from the Self-Insurance Loss Pool to participating R.M.'s.

Res. 160/10

Day, Holmes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve donation of \$100.00 to the Long Point Water Safety Program.

Carried

Res. 161/10

Holmes, Day

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Uni-Jet Industrial Pipe Services Ltd. to vacuum and flush necessary lines on First St., First Ave, and Railway along the hospital.

Carried

Res. 162/10

Day, Holmes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize \$22,000.00 of Equity Funds towards the shared Wellness Centre Multi Purpose Room;

AND FURTHER THAT the remainder of the requested \$50,000.00, being (\$28,000.00) be forwarded to the R.M. of Eriksdale for leasehold improvements within the Centre.

Carried

Res. 163/10

Wainwright, Day

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize purchase pf push mower from Interlake Co-op in the amount of \$169.99 plus taxes.

Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Gail Holmes and CAO attended the District Meeting June 17th in Fraserwood and reported as follows;

- Spoke to the Resolution for Tax Exemption for Animal Hospitals which carried.
- Four year education program coming forward for elected officials.
- Late Reeve McKinnon was remembered as a visionary thinker and instrumental in Economic Development, namely the Wellness Centre.
- Location of future Convention will be decided upon at the next AMM Convention in which a special vote will be held; different from resolution process.
- Gas Tax Agreements are now renewed and permanent.
- Equal rights for Municipal Officials. No Municipal Official could be sued for discussions within Council meetings (similar to Province).
- Lagoon requirements/reporting to government.
- Fire Fighters – huge expense and MOU re: 24 hr service.
- Women in Municipal Government Magazine/report entitled” Ballot Box Barriers”; is composed to identify, promote and educate women into the municipal politics.
- Pension Plan has applied for exemption to the current solvency test. Program is different as municipal employment will always be ongoing.

Councillor Merle Day advised members of Handivan meeting/issues being sorted out and measures being taken to improve service.

Councillor John Wainwright advised on Star Lake AECOM proposals.

Councillor Jack Pool reported on Hall Rd. road works. Project has been longer than expected due to rain.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA

Res. 164/10

Wainwright, Day

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT this Council resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole in Camera to discuss confidential matters.

Carried

Res. 165/10

Holmes, Day

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and that Council reconvene once again;

AND FURTHER THAT in Camera discussions be kept confidential.

Carried

Res. 166/10

Wainwright, Holmes

WHEREAS Grader Operator hours are outstanding at 146 hrs as of July 9, 2010;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT if hours are not recovered by October 1, 2010, the position will no longer be warranted Full Time and become an hourly wage position.

Carried

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

CAO read correspondence from Ted & Linda Watson regarding drainage project on Hall Road and request for gravel on the original colonization road along with a crossing off of Higgins Ave opposite driveway to accommodate movement of cattle, etc. Council concluded some gravel will be applied.

Three tenders were received for drainage works along La Fontaine Road.

Res. 167/10

Wainwright, Holmes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept tender from Interlake Power Line to lower culverts and do necessary ditch cleaning on La Fontaine Road as per profile; 2.6 km to Tegelberg Rd (last crossing north) at cost of \$6,800.00 plus GST.

Carried

Res. 168/10

Day, Wainwright

WHEREAS The R.M. of Eriksdale is in a disastrous agricultural situation due to extreme weather conditions, mainly from excessive rains causing flooding of fields;

AND WHEREAS these excessive rains have created inability to seed crops, and saturation of cropland, pasture and hay;

AND WHEREAS this disaster has created a devastating effect on all facets of the agricultural industry;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council declares an Agricultural Disaster in the R.M. of Eriksdale;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federal and Provincial Governments take immediate action to assist the farmers with this disaster.

Carried

E-mail received from Larry Skwarek, Toromont machine Sales Representative advises on decreased rates for mileage and travel costs associated with warrantable failures.

Correspondence from EMO updates members on requirements for DFA program.

Quotation was received from J.R. Cousins Consultants Ltd. on engineering services for sewer extension for lots on Arras Ave. CAO was directed to contact Pratt Engineering for estimate as well.

Res. 169/10

Day, Holmes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Eriksdale Redi-Mix Concrete to remove and replace 522 ft. of sidewalk from corner of Railway Ave. and Main St. to First St. at cost of \$15,660.00 as per job estimate.

Carried

Request for "Watch for Children" signage from Athena Graham was brought forth to Council. Council concurred signage can be purchased by individual owners and installed in their own property. Caution must be taken in erecting signage where parks & playgrounds are not adjacent to.

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Res. 170/10

Wainwright, Holmes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Members and Staff be authorized to attend the IDC Annual Golf Tournament, August 18, 2010 in Lundar.

Carried

IRHA Annual Whack & Hack was declined by members.

Res. 171/10

Holmes, Day

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize road closure of Station Lane from Hwy #68 to Main St. from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on August 21, 2010 to accommodate Creamery Days activities.

Carried

Res. 172/10

Day, Wainwright

WHEREAS Canada Post plans on cutting thousands of jobs in hundreds of communities across the country by modernizing and reviewing its operations and privatizing philatelic and call centres;

WHEREAS Canada Post is also cutting services by eliminating rural mail box delivery, closing post offices, removing street letter boxes and other means.

WHEREAS these cuts are indicative of a Canada Post that increasingly puts commercial interests before the public interest.

WHEREAS the government's Canadian Postal Service Charter does not adequately protect the public interest or the public nature of our post office, especially when Canada Post is considering cuts to public postal service or privatizing part of its operations (e.g. post offices, call centre, etc.)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Eriksdale write a letter to Rob Merrifield, the Minister responsible for Canada Post and ask that he 1) instruct Canada Post to stop cutting public postal service and jobs and start acting like the public service people want it to be 2) consult with the public, municipalities, members of Parliament, postal unions and other major stakeholders to dramatically improve the Canadian Postal Service Charter.

Carried

E-mail received from Sara Perlmutter, Red River Basin Commission offered to come and give Council members an update on activities. Council declined update as Eriksdale has more concern of Lake Manitoba.

DELEGATIONS

Marcien Bouchard – Prosperous Health Inc. attended the meeting to discuss activities and progress on RM side of Wellness Centre. CAO will compose resolution for agreement of services to offset rent expense of shared Multipurpose Room. Further Mr. Bouchard signed Incentive Agreement on behalf of Prosperous Health Development Inc.

ZONING & SUBDIVISIONS

Res. 173/10

Day, Holmes

WHEREAS Correspondence from Manitoba IGA, Community Planning Branch confirms that condition 1a) of Conditional Approval letter, related to maintaining the mutual separation distance between Dwellings and Livestock Operations does not apply to the Dockside Cove Ltd. subdivision;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 138/10 dated June 8th, 2010 be amended to exclude item 4.

Carried

Res. 174/10

Holmes, Day

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn for Public Hearing scheduled for 11:30 am.

Carried

Deputy Reeve welcomed everyone and CAO read procedures. Raymond Millar from WIPDB provided proof of notice and listing of contacts.

Terry Lindell requested information on costs of septic field/low pressure system, drainage and minimum acreage and frontage for the subdivisions.

Ron & Jean Heroux had concerns on the following;

- Too much congestion by School and Day Care
- Access to their back yard- approach would be necessary
- Other subdivisions from private owners
- No benefits
- Flag up but no survey done to date. Brushing done prior to Res.
- Postpone to after October 2010 Election.

CAO requested to speak from the Chair to clarify a few items as follows;

- Re-zoning had to take place prior to subdivision, draft sketch of lot layout submitted to Community Planning as no use of expenditure for survey prior to approval of subdivision
- Brushing, surveying for the subdivision is included in the 2010 budget
- Council had budgeted to aide Developer on Arras Ave. with sewer in 2009, which developer did not act upon.
- Residential properties have been identified as a priority by many community groups and RM receives numerous inquires in a steady basis.

Res. 175/10

Wainwright, Holmes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Public Hearing now adjourn.

Carried

Res. 176/10

Holmes, Day

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn for lunch 1:56 pm.

Carried

Notice of Public Hearing was received from R.M. of Grahamdale to re-designate parcel from "AG" to "SR" to allow for the establishment of a bible camp.

CORRESPONDENCE

- AMM News Bulletin, June 9 & 30 (copied)
- IRHA- Synergy Newsletter
- Manitoba Water Council – Perspectives on Wetlands
- Office of the Fire Commissioner- Safety Inspection Questionnaire
- IRHA – New Board Members
- CDC- Auditors Report

Minutes Of:

- WIPDB Regular Mtg, June 15, 2010
- CFW May 12, 2010
- Eriksdale Public Library, June 10, 2010
- Eriksdale Chamber of Commerce, July 6, 2010
- IRHA Board Minutes, June 24, 2010
- ITA May 27, 2010

Res. 177/10

Holmes, Day

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting now adjourn; 3:12 pm.

Carried

Deputy Reeve- Jack Pool

C.A.O. Diana Friesen