

MUNICIPALITY OF BIFROST-RIVERTON**MINUTES****REGULAR MEETING****September 6, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office at 329 River Road, Arborg, Manitoba on Thursday, September 6, 2018.

Present were: Reeve: Harold Foster
Councillors: Frode Andersen
Chad Johnson
Morley Nordal
David Shott
Richard Chomokovski
Donald Vigfusson
Colin Bjarnason
CAO: Cindy Stansell
Admin.: Kim Furgala
Absent: Warren Ostertag

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Foster called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Councillor Colin Bjarnason

Councillor Frode Andersen

(1) RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted, as amended, as follows:

12.6 Riverdale Mobility Van Grant

15.2 CDC

15.3 Rates for Election Workers

15.4 EIPD – Violation Letter

CARRIED**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting August 8, 2018
Special Meeting August 22, 2018**

Due to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2018 and the Special Meeting August 22, 2018 having been distributed to Council prior to the Meeting said Minutes were not read.

Councillor Chad Johnson

Councillor Frode Andersen

(2) RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held August 8, 2018 and the Special Meeting of Council held August 22, 2018.

CARRIED

5. RECEPTION OF PETITIONS – none**6. IN CAMERA****6.1 Personnel Matter**

Councillor Richard Chomokovski

Councillor Donald Vigfusson

(3) RESOLVED THAT in accordance with The Municipal Act Section 152(3)

Council do hereby move In Camera;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in accordance with Section 83 (1) (d) of the Municipal Act, any issues that are discussed are kept confidential until discussed at a Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Councillor Colin Bjarnason

Councillor Donald Vigfusson

(4) RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby move out of Camera and resume the regular order of business.

CARRIED

Councillor Chad Johnson

Councillor Frode Andersen

(5) WHEREAS Heavy Equipment Operator Ronald Spring has successfully completed his 6-month probation period;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ronald be reimbursed as per Schedule "A" and that he be included in the MEBP and Blue Cross Program effective August 20, 2018.

CARRIED

Councillor Colin Bjarnason

Councillor Richard Chomokovski

(6) WHEREAS Heavy Equipment (Excavator) Operator Timothy Horvat has successfully completed his 6-month probation period;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Timothy be reimbursed as per Schedule "A" and that he be included in the MEBP and Blue Cross Program effective August 27, 2018.

CARRIED

7. REPORTS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS/COMMITTEES

Councillor Colin Bjarnason

Councillor Donald Vigfusson

(7) RESOLVED THAT the following expenses incurred by Reeve Foster be authorized for payment:

56 km @ \$0.44/km to attend NRW Manufacturing event on June 21, 2018.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Reeve Foster and Councillor Andersen to meet with Minister Jeff Wharton on September 24th and the AMM Asset Management Training on September 12 in Winnipeg Beach and that any associated expenses be authorized for payment.

CARRIED

8. REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**8.1 C.A.O. Activity Report**

CAO Cindy Stansell's report to council on the activities of the municipal offices was presented.

9. BY-LAWS & POLICIES

9.1 By-law 11-2018 – Road Naming (Vigfusson Rd.), 1st Reading **Tabled**

9.2 2018-01 Drug & Alcohol Policy Amendment

Councillor Colin Bjarnason

Councillor Morley Nordal

(8) RESOLVED THAT Drug and Alcohol Policy No. 2018-01 be amended to include Fire Departments. **CARRIED**

10. PLANNING/HEARINGS

10.1 Performance Bond Release RMB-18-07-Jonasson

Councillor Donald Vigfusson

Councillor Morley Nordal

(9) WHEREAS William & Baldur Jonasson have fulfilled all requirements set out in Council resolution # 16 dated April 11,2018 and have met all conditions and terms of the Performance Agreement dated April 12, 2018 between themselves and the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby authorize the CAO to release the Performance bond held for this purpose in the amount of \$1460.00. **CARRIED**

10.2 Performance Bond Release RMB-18-23 (Bartsch)

Councillor Chad Johnson

Councillor Donald Vigfusson

(10) WHEREAS Gerhard & Elizabeth Bartsch have fulfilled a portion of the requirements set out in Council resolution # 17 dated July 11,2018 and have met a portion of the conditions and terms of the Performance Agreement dated July 12, 2018 between themselves and the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton;

AND WHEREAS there remain deficiencies as follows:

- 1) **Landscaping requires completion to have grade sloped away from dwelling; and,**
- 2) **Crawlspace requires vapour barrier on foundation walls and to be sealed to poly ground sheet and top of foundation wall.**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby authorize the CAO to release \$4,000.00 of the Performance bond held for this purpose. **CARRIED**

10.3 Subdivision Application 4105-18-7753 (Riverton-Hnausa Lutheran Church)

Councillor Colin Bjarnason

Councillor Richard Chomokovski

(11) WHEREAS the Applicant, Riverton-Hnausa Lutheran Church, have applied for Approval of Subdivision (SD File # 4105-18-7753), to subdivide a 0.46 acre parcel from a 1.26 acre holding;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT after careful consideration of the application, the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton **APPROVE** Application SD # 4105-18-7753.

Approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Taxes on the land to be subdivided, for the current year plus any arrears, have been paid or that an arrangement satisfactory to Council has been made; and
- 2) The landowner enters into a development agreement with the Municipality to cover matters including but not limited to : all new permanent structures must be raised upon clean, impervious fill to the 200 year flood level, as determined by Manitoba Infrastructure.

CARRIED

10.4 Updated Subdivision Application 4105-18-7726 (Fridfinnson)

Councillor Colin Bjarnason

Councillor Frode Andersen

(12) **WHEREAS** the Applicant, Fridfinnson, has applied for Approval of Subdivision (SD File # 4105-18-7726), to adjust property lines of an existing parcel from 38.8 acres to 29 acre in order to follow an established tree line and facilitate sale and consolidation of cultivated land,

AND WHEREAS Council passed Resolution No. 10 at their Regular Council Meeting on June 13, 2018 with the condition that the parcel size be reduced down from a proposed 29 acre ± to 6 acres ± to reflect the residential site;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT after careful reconsideration of the application, the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton **APPROVE** Application SD # 4105-18-7726.

Approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Taxes on the land to be subdivided, for the current year plus any arrears, have been paid or that an arrangement satisfactory to Council has been made; and
- 2) That the accessory building (shed, wood) has been removed or moved in compliance with the side yard requirement of 25 ft;
OR
That the applicant/owner has obtained a variance to vary the side yard requirement for the accessory building (shed, wood) from the minimum 25ft to 18.4ft±;
- 3) The landowner enters into a development agreement with the Municipality to cover matters including, but not limited to, the use of the subject land and any existing or proposed buildings as per section 135 of the Planning Act.

CARRIED

10.5 2018 Board of Revision for 2019 Roll – 1:00 p.m.

Councillor Donald Vigfusson

Councillor Richard Chomokovski

(13) **RESOLVED** that Council do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council to enter into a Board of Revision.

CARRIED

Chairman Harold Foster called the Board of Revision to order at 1:00 pm.

The following Members of the Board of Revision were in attendance:

Harold Foster, Chairman

Frode Andersen

Chad Johnson

Morley Nordal

David Shott

Richard Chomokovski

Donald Vigfusson

Colin Bjarnason

Cindy Stansell, Board of Revision Secretary

Monika Czurak-Dainard attended on behalf of the Provincial Assessment Branch.

The Provincial Assessor(s) Monika Czurak-Dainard was sworn in / affirmed by Board Secretary Cindy Stansell.

Board Secretary Cindy Stansell outlined the purpose of the Board of Revision:
To sit as a Board of Revision in order to hear complaints against the 2018 Supplementary Taxes and the 2019 Assessment Rolls of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton.

Municipal Act S 326 (1)

Supplementary Taxes: A municipality may correct its tax roll in respect of a property and impose supplementary taxes if, after the tax roll has been completed, the assessor reports to the municipality that

- a) The property is liable to taxation but was not assessed;
- b) The property is liable to taxation due to change in ownership or use;
- c) The assessment of an improvement on the property requires an increase because of a change in the physical condition of the improvement;
- d) A change has been made in the classification of the property under The Municipal Assessment Act; or
- e) The land has been improved or subdivided.

Municipal Act S 326 (1.1)

Supplementary taxes re business

A municipality may correct its tax roll in respect of a business and impose supplementary taxes if, after the tax roll has been completed, the assessor reports to the municipality that

- a) The business is liable to taxation but was not assessed;
- b) The business is liable to taxation due to change in ownership or use; or
- c) The assessment of an improvement in which the business is carried on requires an increase because of a change in the physical condition of the improvement.

Municipal Act S326 (3)

Period for which Supplementary Taxes are payable

Supplementary taxes imposed under subsection (1) or (1.1) are payable for the period

- a) Beginning on the date
 - i. the property or business is liable to taxation under clause 326 (1)(a) or (1.1)(a),

- ii. the change to the property or business occurred, under clause 326 (1)(b), (c) or (d) or clause 326 (1.1)(b) or (c), or
 - iii. the land was improved or subdivided under clause 326 (1) €; but not earlier than January 1 of the year preceding the year in which the assessor's report was received by the municipality; and
- b) ending December 31 of the year in which the assessor's report was received by the municipality.

Persons who appeared in support of their written appeals were sworn in, or affirmed, and heard by the Board: Robert Gillespie.

Those appeals unsupported by personal appearances were dismissed by the Board.

Councillor Richard Chomokovski

Councillor Colin Bjarnason

(14) RESOLVED that the Board of Revision do hereby adjourn and that the Regular Meeting of Council is resumed.

CARRIED

Councillor Colin Bjarnason

Councillor Richard Chomokovski

(15) RESOLVED THAT the 2019 Assessment Rolls of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton as hereby amended, be and are hereby declared to be the Assessment Roll of the Municipality for 2019, subject to changes, if any, ordered by the Municipal Board of the Court of Queen's Bench, ALSO BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts any decisions pertaining to 2018 Supplementary Taxes.

SCHEDULE A FOR DECISIONS.

CARRIED

11. RECEPTION OF DELEGATIONS

11.1 Jason Comeau, Public Works Manager – 9:00 a.m.

i) Lagoon Fencing

Mr. Comeau's report to council on the activities of the Public Works Dept. was presented.

11.2 Manitoba Hydro – 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Mark , Mr. Larry Thorkelson, Mr. Brad, and Mr. Glen Karatchuk discussed with Council the MB Hydro Act, existing hydro infrastructure, and communication between Public Works and Hydro.

12. FINANCE

12.1 Authorization of 2018 Accounts for Payment, Accounts Payable & Payroll

Councillor Nordal excused himself from the meeting.

Councillor David Shott

Councillor Richard Chomokovski

**(16) RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby adopt and approve total payables for general operating expenses in the amount of \$335,516.86;
AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby adopt and approve payroll & council indemnities and expenses for the pay periods ending September 6, 2018 in the amount of \$ 57,769.69;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby adopt and approve total Payroll Deductions in the amount of \$ 20,338.66 for the month of August 2018;
AND FURTHER THAT signing officers be authorized to sign cheques for same.
Cheque #'s 7243-7302 and e-cheques as listed **CARRIED****

Councillor Nordal returned to the meeting.

12.2 Development Tax Incentive Application (0086100)

Councillor Frode Andersen

Councillor Chad Johnson

(17) RESOLVED that Council approve the following application for the Development Tax Incentive Program:

- **Roll 0086100.000 **CARRIED****

12.3 Development Tax Incentive Application (0133100) **Tabled**

12.4 Request for Tax Reduction (0052520/0052530/0052540/0052560)

Councillor Morley Nordal

Councillor Richard Chomokovski

(18) RESOLVED that Council authorize administration to send a letter of support to the Highway Traffic Board supporting the proposed moving of the driveway. **CARRIED**

12.5 Gas Tax Fund Allocation, Riverton Curling Club & Riverton Arena

Council was informed of the organizations' successful Grant Applications.

12.6 Riverdale Mobility Van Grant

Councillor Chad Johnson

Councillor Morley Nordal

(19) RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes a grant of \$1,500 to Riverdale Place Workshop towards the purchase of new mobility van. **CARRIED**

13. CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 The Honourable Jeff Wharton, 2018 Road and Bridges Program Approval
Filed as Information

13.2 City of Selkirk, AMM Emergency Resolution Re: Roads and Bridges Program**Councillor Colin Bjarnason****Councillor Donald Vigfusson****(20) WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has made \$2.25 million available to municipalities in 2018 for the final year of the Municipal Road and Bridge Program; and****WHEREAS \$14 million was available to municipalities in 2017 through the Municipal Road and Bridge Program; and****WHEREAS the Municipal Road and Bridge Program was developed in partnership with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) and provides 50/50 cost-shared funding for municipal road and bridge projects through a single-window application intake with no red tape; and****WHEREAS Manitoba municipalities regard the Municipal Road and Bridge Program as critical, predictable, and effective for budgeting and planning purposes in order to address their infrastructure deficit; and****WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has announced it will terminate the Municipal Road and Bridge Program by reallocating these funds into the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program; and****WHEREAS the Municipal Road and Bridge program allows municipalities to use Gas Tax revenues for their matching dollars while the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program does not, which puts an even greater burden on property taxes;****THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to not proceed with plans to transition the Municipal Road and Bridge Program into Phase 2 of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP2) and fully reinstate the former funding levels for this essential program.****CARRIED****13.3 AMM, Canada-Municipal Job Grant Filed as Information****13.4 Interlake Tourism, Celebration of Stars Awards Dinner****Councillor Frode Andersen****Councillor Donald Vigfusson****(21) RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Colin Bjarnason to attend the Interlake Tourism Celebration of Stars Awards Dinner in Fraserwood, MB on September 20, 2018;****AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT all associated expenses be authorized for payment.****CARRIED****13.5 Interlake Women's Resource Centre, AGM Invitation Filed as Information****13.6 MB Municipal Relations, 2018-19 Community Development Program Result Filed as Information****13.7 MB Sustainable Development, Watershed District Meeting Invitation Filed as Information**

13.8 MB Sustainable Development, Algae Blooms Info for Water Users

Filed as Information

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14.1 Municipal Logo Concepts

Council was presented with three Concepts, and requested additional versions of Concept 1.

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.1 Speed Limit on PTH 8 at Riverton

Councillor Colin Bjarnason

Councillor David Shott

(22) RESOLVED THAT Council apply for the reduction of speed limit on PTH8 at Riverton from 100 km/h to 70 km/h.

CARRIED

15.2 CDC

Council was updated on the CDC status.

15.3 Rates for Election Workers

Councillor Chad Johnson

Councillor Donald Vigfusson

(23) RESOLVED THAT Council hereby do authorize the hiring of Election officials at the rate of 15.50/hour.

CARRIED

15.4 EIPD, Violation Letter

Councillor Chad Johnson

Councillor Richard Chomokovski

(24) RESOLVED THAT Council authorize EIPD to seek legal counsel to send a formal letter to owner of Lot 12, Block 1, Plan 13197 in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton in order to remedy a violation under the requirements of the RM of Bifrost Zoning By-law No. 04-2011.

CARRIED

16. NOTICE OF MOTION


17. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Richard Chomokovski

Councillor Donald Vigfusson

(25) RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby adjourn at 1:32 pm to meet again on October 10, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

CARRIED



Harold J. Foster, Reeve



Cindy Stansell, C.A.O.