



***Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council
of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton***

In the Province of Manitoba, held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020
Commencing at 8:00 AM at the Council Chambers at 329 River Rd. Arborg, MB

PRESENT

Reeve: Brian N. Johnson

Councillors: Frode Andersen, Chad Johnson, Morley Nordal, David King, Gordon Klym and
Colin Bjarnason

Admin: CAO Jordan Willner and ACAO Tanis Johnson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Reeve Johnson called for any additions to the agenda.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 1

Moved by Councillor Klym

Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved that Agenda be adopted, with the following additions:

4.3 Joint Meeting of Councils – May 11, 2020

10.3 April 30, 2020 Financial Statements

13.10 2020 Drainage Priority Lists

13.11 Fish Lake Road Joint Letter

13.12 Street Light Request

13.13 Reserve Bylaw 6-2018

13.14 Sewer Connection Policy

13.15 Donation Request Financials

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution 2

Moved by Councillor Klym

Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved that Council do hereby adopt the following Minutes as presented:

Regular Meeting of Council - April 8, 2020,

Special Meeting of Council - May 5, 2020,

Joint Meeting of Councils – May 11, 2020.

CARRIED

5. REPORT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER & PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

5.1 Public Works Manager Activity Report

Resolution 3

Moved by Councillor King

Seconded by Councillor Bjarnason

Be it resolved that Council accept the Public Works Manager Activity Report for May 13, 2020 as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 CAO Activity Report

Resolution 4

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Andersen

Be it resolved that Council accept CAO Activity Report for May 13, 2020 as presented.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS/COMMITTEES

Resolution 5

Moved by Councillor Klym

Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved that Council accept the verbal reports of elected officials/committees as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution 6

Moved by Councillor Andersen

Seconded by Councillor Klym

Be it resolved that Council authorize the project planning and investigation for a new firehall in Riverton including, but not limited to, surveying and soil testing.

CARRIED

7. RECEPTION OF DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

None

8. PLANNING/HEARINGS

8.1 Subdivision Application #4105-20-7919 (Borgfjord)

Resolution 7

Moved by Councillor Nordal

Seconded by Councillor Klym

Whereas the Applicant, Stefan Borgfjord, has applied for Approval of Subdivision (SD File # 4105-20-7919), with the intent to subdivide a 2.33 acre former farmstead lot from a ± 155.8 acre holding to accommodate sale for non-farm rural residential development.

Now therefore be it resolved that after careful consideration of the application, the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton approve Application SD # 4105-20-7919.

Municipal 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;

CARRIED

8.2 Development Agreement SD#4105-20-7918 (Borgfjord)

Resolution 8

Moved by Councillor Nordal

Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved that Council do hereby authorize the Reeve and CAO to sign the Development Agreement with Karen Borgfjord, the developer, with respect to Subdivision number SD 4105-20-7918.

CARRIED

8.3 Allowance of Additional Dwelling; Performance Bond Application (Firman)

Resolution 9

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Bjarnason

Be it resolved that Council do hereby approve the request from Darvin Firman to allow a third dwelling as part of an agriculture operation on SE 1-23-2E.

CARRIED

Resolution 10

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Klym

Whereas Darvin Firman has applied to Eastern Interlake Planning District for the relocation of an Older Home, currently located in the RM of Armstrong, MB to the proposed location of SE 1-23-2E, 11091 Rd. 132NE, Roll 0124100.000 in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton;

And whereas there are upgrades required to meet Manitoba Building Code as set out in the Older RTM Report prepared by the Eastern Interlake Planning District;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council do hereby enter into a Performance Bond with Darwin Firman for the relocation of an Older Home to ensure that all upgrades and modifications are completed in a timely manner.

CARRIED

9. BY-LAWS & POLICIES

9.1 By-law 2-2020 – Tax Levy

Resolution 11

Moved by Councillor King

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Be it resolved that By-Law 2-2020 for the 2020 Municipal Property and Education Tax Levy be introduced and given first reading.

CARRIED

Resolution 12

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Bjarnason

Whereas the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton has budgeted for the purchase of three new graders;

And whereas through budgetary deliberations, they reviewed price quotes from at least three suppliers as per procurement policy 2012-2;

Therefore be it resolved that Council approve the budgeted purchase of 3 graders from Brandt Tractor Ltd.

CARRIED

9.2 By-law 3-2020 – Cancel Bylaw 18-2017 Borrowing

By-law was not read, therefore not introduced.

9.3 Policy 2020-02 – Road Allowance Vegetation Management

Resolution 13

Moved by Councillor Nordal

Seconded by Councillor Andersen

Be it resolved that Council adopt Policy 2020-02, Road Allowance Vegetation Management.

CARRIED

10. FINANCE

10.1 Authorization of Accounts for Payment

Resolution 14

Moved by Councillor Andersen

Seconded by Councillor Bjarnason

Be it resolved Council do hereby adopt and approve total payables for general operating expenses in the amount of \$164,759.14;

And further resolved that Council do hereby adopt and approve payroll & council indemnities and expenses for the pay periods ending May 13, 2020 in the amount of \$40,133.35;

And further resolved that Council hereby adopt and approve total Payroll Deductions in the amount of \$17,274.26 for the month of April, 2020;

And further resolved that signing officers be authorized to sign cheques for same.

Cheque #'s 8923 - 8979 and e-cheques as listed

CARRIED

10.2 2018 Audited Financial Statement

Resolution 15

Moved by Councillor Nordal

Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved that Council do hereby accept the 2018 Audited Financial Statement prepared by Exchange Group and authorize the Reeve and CAO to sign the Client Representation Letter.

CARRIED

10.3 April 30, 2020 Financial Statement

Resolution 16

Moved by Councillor Nordal

Seconded by Councillor Bjarnason

Be it resolved that Council accept the unaudited April 30, 2020 Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Honourable Rochelle Squires, 2020 Budget

11.2 Public Utility Board, Order 56/20 Pandemic Response

11.3 Town of Arborg, Arborg-Bifrost Parks and Recreation Insurance

11.4 RCMP, Quarterly Mayor's Report for Jan. 1 - Mar. 31, 2020

11.5 Morweena EMC Church, Volunteering

11.6 Arborg-Bifrost Parks and Recreation, 2019 Financial Statements

Resolution 17
Moved by Councillor Nordal
Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved Council do hereby accept the following Correspondence:

Honourable Rochelle Squires, 2020 Budget
Public Utility Board, Order 56/20 Pandemic Response
Town of Arborg, Arborg-Bifrost Parks and Recreation Insurance
RCMP, Quarterly Mayor's Report for Jan. 1 - Mar. 31, 2020
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Arborg-Bifrost Parks and Recreation, 2019 Financial Statements

CARRIED

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12.1 AMM June District Resolutions

AMM is not accepting resolutions for June District, motion granted to remove from Unfinished Business.

12.2 2020 Watershed District Tour

Watershed District Tour cancelled due to Covid-19, motion granted to remove from Unfinished Business.

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.1 Hnaua Provincial Speed Limits

Resolution 18
Moved by Councillor Nordal
Seconded by Councillor Andersen

Be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton support the reduction of the current posted speed limit on Provincial roadways in the Hnaua area, specifically:

- a) Reduce to from 90 km/hr 70 km/hr PR 222 from Road 128N (Magnusville) one mile north; and
- b) Reduce from 90 km/hr to 70 km/hr PTH 68 a half mile west of PR 222.

CARRIED

13.2 Dust Control for Road 12E

Resolution 19
Moved by Councillor Nordal
Seconded by Councillor Klym

Whereas last year dust control was applied on Road 12E between Roads 138N and 139N at the expense of the ratepayer and was graded too early in the autumn;

Therefore be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton agree to supply dust control for Cornelius Sawatzky at a 50% cost for 2020, with the municipality assuming the other 50% expense.

CARRIED

13.3 Tax Roll Maintenance

Resolution 20

Moved by Councillor Klym

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton amend the Tax Rolls as follows:

Tax Roll Number	Amount
114400	- \$ 91.21
437100	- \$ 0.95
407600	- \$ 3,451.80
407700	- \$ 2,156.72
407800	- \$ 2,156.72
421000	- \$ 92.72
440650	- \$ 34.14

CARRIED

13.4 Letter of Support – Bell MTS to CRTC

Resolution 21

Moved by Councillor Nordal

Seconded by Councillor Bjarnason

Be it resolved that Council hereby supply a letter of support to Bell MTS for inclusion with Bell MTS's application to the CTRC for support through the CRTC Broadband Fund.

CARRIED

13.5 IERHA, Peacetime Disaster/Emergency Memorandum of Understanding

Resolution 22

Moved by Councillor Nordal

Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved that Council hereby authorize the Reeve, CAO and Municipal Emergency Coordinator to sign the Peacetime Disaster/Emergency Memorandum of Understanding with Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority.

CARRIED

13.6 Manitoba Water Services Board, 2020 Funding Requests

Resolution 23

Moved by Councillor King

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Be it resolved that Council do hereby authorize the CAO to submit the following projects to the Manitoba Water Services Board:

Riverton Water Expansion

Riverton Lagoon Repairs

CARRIED

13.7 COVID-19 Plan and Strategy

Resolution 24

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Nordal

Whereas the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton has a Covid-19 Continuity Plan and Response Strategy;

And whereas the Municipality is currently operating under the “Moderate” level that includes the 329 River Road Administration Office being closed to public access;

And whereas internal staff and the office space renter have been consulted to ensure there is a level of comfort to potential public exposure;

Therefore be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton accept the administrative recommendation to lower our Municipal Covid Plan Level from “Moderate” to “Low” which includes reopening the administrative office to public access.

CARRIED

13.8 Erosion Control Blanket, Request for Fire Permit

Resolution 25

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Bjarnason

Whereas Resolution No. 5 from the February 13, 2019 Council Meeting determined that the Municipality would not allow a burning permit to be issued for SW 15-23-4E for the burning of waste originating from another location;

And whereas the tenant of the property is requesting that a burning permit be allowed;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby allow a burning permit to be issued, upon the following conditions:

- A larger barrier must be in place between the cell and Rd. 134N. A tilled up perimeter around the burn cell dykes needs to be maintained to eliminate vegetation growth,
- The 3 sided burn cell must be redesigned to stop sparks from escaping out of the open side,
- The height of the burn cell dykes must be increased to above the height of the piles,
- Fire suppression must be located on site, i.e. water storage and pumping station,
- The amount of piles to be burnt at one time must be limited, and
- That all provincial and federal regulations are complied with.

CARRIED

13.9 Roadside Mowing Tender

Resolution 26

Moved by Councillor Nordal

Seconded by Councillor Klym

Be it resolved that Council accept the following Roadside Mowing tenders:

TENDER	CONTRACTOR	Cost per Mile	Price Per Hr for Extra Cutting
1	Silver Dirt Works	\$36.00	\$110.00
2	Silver Dirt Works	\$27.90	\$110.00

CARRIED

13.10 2020 Drainage Priority Lists

Resolution 27

Moved by Councillor King

Seconded by Councillor Bjarnason

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby approve the 2020 East and West Drainage Priority list and project.

CARRIED

13.11 Fish Lake Road Joint Letter

Resolution 28

Moved by Councillor Nordal

Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved that Council do hereby authorize the Reeve to sign a joint letter with the Town of Arborg to request a meeting with Fisher River Cree Nation to discuss the future of Fish Lake Road.

CARRIED

13.12 Street Light Request

Deferred to budget deliberations

13.13 Reserve By-law 6-2018

By-law was reviewed

13.14 Sewer Connection Policy

Deferred to internal staff

13.15 Donation Request Financials

Deferred to budget deliberations

14. IN CAMERA

Resolution 29

Moved by Councillor Klym

Moved by Councillor Nordal

Be it resolved that in accordance with The Municipal Act Section 152(3) Council do hereby close the meeting to the public and move In Camera to discuss a personnel matter at 12:00 PM;

And further be it 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

Resolution 30

Moved by Councillor Nordal

Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved that Council do hereby move out of Camera and resume the regular meeting of Council at 12:50 PM.

CARRIED

15. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 31

Moved by Councillor Nordal

Seconded by Councillor Klym

Be it resolved that Council do hereby adjourn at 12:51 PM, to meet again on June 10, 2020 at 8:00 AM.

CARRIED



Brian N. Johnson, Reeve



Jordan Willner, C.A.O.