



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

In the Province of Manitoba, held on Thursday, July 8, 2021
Commencing at 8:00 AM at the Council Chambers at 329 River Rd. Arborg, MB

PRESENT

Reeve: Brian N. Johnson
Councillors: Frode Andersen, Colin Bjarnason, Chad Johnson, David King, Gordon Klym
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. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution 178-2021

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Bjarnason

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

- Regular Meeting of Council – June 10, 2021

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 179-2021

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Andersen

Be it resolved that the Agenda be adopted and the order of the agenda is authorized to be altered as required.

CARRIED

4. RECEPTION OF DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

4.1 9:05 AM – Bruce and Brodie Ball

Enter: 9:05 AM

Council welcomed Mr. Ball and Mr. Ball into their meeting. They are requesting service lines be connected before the hydrant located at Hwy 68 to service their three buildings in the South Arborg Industrial District.

Exit: 9:15 AM.

4.2 10:00 AM - Evergreen School Division

Enter: 10:00 AM

Council welcomed Board Chair Penny Helgason and Assistant Superintendent Scott Hill into their meeting. They held a presentation on Bill 64 and the B.E.S.T. Strategy with their concerns.

Exit: 10:40 AM

5. REPORTS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS/COMMITTEES

1. Interlake Weed Control, 2020 Financial Statements
2. Riverton-Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission, 2020 Financial Statements

Resolution 180-2021
Moved by Councillor Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Bjarnason

Be it resolved that Council hereby accept the verbal reports of elected official/committees as presented;

And further be it resolved that Council hereby accept the following Committee Minutes and reports:

- Interlake Weed Control, 2020 Financial Statements
- Riverton-Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission, 2020 Financial Statements

CARRIED

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution 181-2021
Moved by Councillor King
Seconded by Councillor Bjarnason

Be it resolved that Council accept the following communications:

- 6.1 Public Works Manager Activity Report for June 2021
- 6.2 Chief Administrative Officer Activity Report for June 2021
- 6.3 Canada Community Revitalization Fund
- 6.4 Dept. of Central Services, 2021/22 Accelerated Gas Tax Funds
- 6.5 Dept. of Agriculture and Resource Development, Treaty Land Entitlement Land Selection
- 6.6 Enabling Accessibility Fund
- 6.7 Riverdale Place Workshop, Funding Thank You
- 6.8 Letter to Council Re: Road Naming
- 6.9 Letter to Council Re: Public Reserve
- 6.10 Letter to Council: Re: Recreation Commission as presented.

And further be it resolved that Council advised the CAO to reply to Letter 6.10.

CARRIED

7. ACCOUNTS

Councillor Johnson declared a conflict of interest because there are family members in the Accounts Payable listing and exited the meeting.

7.1 Authorization of Accounts for Payment

Resolution 182-2021

Moved by Councillor King

Seconded by Councillor Andersen

RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby adopt and approve total payables for general operating expenses in the amount of \$707,066.55;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby adopt and approve payroll & council indemnities and expenses for the pay periods ending July 2, 2021 in the amount of \$46,583.84;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby adopt and approve total Payroll Deductions in the amount of \$21,205.40 for the month of June, 2021;

AND FURTHER THAT signing officers be authorized to sign cheques for same. Cheque #'s 0016 - 0138 and e-cheques as listed.

CARRIED

Councillor Johnson returned to meeting.

7.2 Unaudited General Operating Fund Income Statement of the Municipality as at June 30, 2021

Resolution 183-2021

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Bjarnason

Be it resolved that Council accept the June 30, 2021 Unaudited General Operating Fund Income Statements as presented.

CARRIED

8. BY-LAWS

None

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1 By-law 4-2020 – Road Opening

No action

9.2 Water Utility Expansion Request

Moved to after 10.18 In-Camera - Preliminary discussions.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 Conditional Use Public Hearing – 9:00 AM.

Resolution 184-2021

Moved by Councillor King

Seconded by Councillor Klym

Be it resolved that Council do hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council and enter into a Public Hearing on a Conditional Use application at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED

Resolution 185-2021
Moved by Councillor Johnson
Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved that Council do hereby adjourn the Public Hearing and resume the regular meeting of Council at 9:05 am.

CARRIED

Resolution 186-2021
Moved by Councillor Andersen
Seconded by Councillor Bjarnason

Whereas Samantha Johnson, applicant authorized by the owners of property legally described as Lot 1-29526, Roll 0084625.000 and located in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton, has applied to the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton for approval of a Conditional Use under the Municipality of Bifrost Zoning By-law 04/11;

Provided under Chapter P80 of The Planning Act, Part 7, Conditional Uses, as it applies to the property in order to: Permit for a "Home Based Business," being a Hair Salon;

And after careful consideration of the application and any representations made for or against the Conditional Use sought by the Applicant, the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Conditional Use Board in meeting duly assembled this 8th day of July, 2021, approve the said Conditional Use.

Approval is given subject to the following conditions:

1. Any necessary permits to be obtained from Eastern Interlake Planning District; and
2. All Provincial and Federal Government regulations be complied with,

Approval shall expire if not acted upon within twelve months of the date of the making.

CARRIED

10.2 Performance Bond Application (Guenther)

Resolution 187-2021
Moved by Councillor Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Klym

WHEREAS Jacob & Susana Guenther have applied to Eastern Interlake Planning District for the relocation of an Older Modular Home, currently located in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton, to the proposed location of Lot 2-2-44454, Roll 0195601.080 in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton;

AND WHEREAS there are upgrades required to meet Manitoba Building Code as set out in the Older Mobile Home Report prepared by the Eastern Interlake Planning District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby enter into a Performance Bond with Jacob & Susana Guenther for the relocation of an Older Modular Home to ensure that all upgrades and modifications are completed in a timely manner.

CARRIED

10.3 Subdivision 4105-20-7923 (Nordal) Development Agreement, Proposed Lot and Residual Lot Easement Agreements

Resolution 188-2021

Moved by Councillor Andersen

Seconded by Councillor Klym

Be it resolved that Council authorize the Reeve and CAO to sign the Development Agreement, Parcel A Easement Agreement, and Parcel B Easement Agreement with property owner Christopher Nordal, with respect to the requirements of Subdivision File No. 4105-20-7923.

CARRIED

10.4 Citizens on Patrol Program Requests from June 10, 2021 Reception of Delegation Deferred to Unfinished Business

10.5 Drunken River Status

Resolution 189-2021

Moved by Councillor Bjarnason

Seconded by Councillor Andersen

Whereas the Drunken River drains over 21,000 acres in the Municipalities of Bifrost-Riverton, Gimli and Armstrong;

And Whereas a very light clean out was done on the Provincial Drain Drunken River in the winter of 2020 and in early 2021;

And whereas that clean out is deemed not sufficient for the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton to improve drains west and north of the Drunken River;

Therefore be it resolved that Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton request from Manitoba Infrastructure that they make the portion of the Provincial Drain Drunken River from Hwy 222 to Lake Winnipeg a Capital Project.

CARRIED

10.6 Hecla Grindstone Structural Fire Agreement

Resolution 190-2021

Moved by Councillor Bjarnason

Seconded by Councillor Klym

Be it resolved that Council hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the proposed Hecla Grindstone Structural Fire Agreement and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to sign it on the Municipality's behalf.

CARRIED

10.7 Minister of Municipal Relations, Building Sustainable Communities Approval
Resolution 191-2021

Moved by Councillor Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Bjarnason

Whereas the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton has received conditional approval to receive \$20,568 for the Balaton Beach Park Playground Project under the Building Sustainable Communities Program;

Therefore be it resolved that Council hereby authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to sign all appropriate forms and agreements related to Project 21IL131.

CARRIED

10.8 Closed Road Allowance Seasonal Lease Request
Resolution 192-2021

Moved by Councillor Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Bjarnason

Whereas Kahleigh's Brew Barn has requested:

- 1) use of the Closed Road Allowance next to their restaurant located in Riverton for the summer months; and
- 2) permission to put two small bistro tables with two chairs each on the Main St. side walk along their location frontage;

Therefore be it resolved the Council of Bifrost-Riverton hereby approve request #1 and deny request #2 because their frontage is the Municipal sidewalks;

And further be it resolved that the Road Allowance be rented for an amount of legal costs to draft the seasonal lease agreement.

CARRIED

10.9 Roll 0434100.000 Request to Purchase
Resolution 193-2021

Moved by Councillor Johnson
Seconded by Councillor Klym

Whereas Valorie Ledingham has submitted a request to purchasing 160 King St., Riverton, owned by the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby deny the request.

10.10 Policy 2021-02 Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP)
Resolution 194-2021

Moved by Councillor Andersen
Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Whereas ratepayers of the Municipality requested the option to pay property taxes by doing monthly installment preauthorized payments;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby adopt Policy GG-2021-02 – Tax Installment Payment Plan and for it to be placed in the Policy Manual and on the municipal website;

Further be it resolved that Council authorize the CAO to sign any appropriate documents with Noventis Credit Union in order to provide the monthly service.

CARRIED

10.11 State of Agricultural Disaster

Resolution 195-2021

Moved by Councillor Klym
Seconded by Councillor King

WHEREAS the majority of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton has received insufficient rainfall to allow for crops, hay land and pasture land to grow, therefore our municipality is experiencing a severe drought situation;

AND WHEREAS the recent manifestation of grasshopper population has resulted in severe crop and vegetation damage;

AND WHEREAS agriculture is the main industry within our municipality and this drought and grasshopper destruction is devastating to our entire community;

AND WHEREAS there is a definite severe shortage of feed in our area and the grazing situation is becoming critical;

AND WHEREAS farmers are incurring unplanned expenses to drill additional wells to provide water to their animals because the dugouts have dried up;

AND WHEREAS it will be very expensive for our farmers to purchase feed, hay or straw from other areas including the high cost of freight;

AND WHEREAS farmers are being forced to sell their livestock because of the high cost of providing feed or complete inability to do such;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby declare a State of Agricultural Disaster within the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council requests immediate assistance from the Government of Canada and Province of Manitoba, Department of Agriculture to provide support and Ag Recovery to our farmers for tax deferrals, feed shortages, freight assistance and compensation for additional wells being drilled

CARRIED

10.12 Removed from agenda

10.13 Subdivision 4105-21-8057

Resolution 196-2021

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor King

Whereas the Applicant, Greg Orbanski, has applied for Approval of Subdivision (SD File 4105-21-8057), with the intent to subdivide a ±14.9 acre lot from an existing 158.2 acre property;

Now therefore be it resolved that after careful consideration of the application, the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton approve Subdivision Application 4105-21-8057.

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

10.14 Green Team 2021 Hiring

Resolution 197-2021

Moved by Councillor Klym

Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby hire Brody Maxwell and Corydon Adam as Green Team students at the hourly wage of \$11.95.

CARRIED

10.15 North Crooked Lake Drain Rehab

Resolution 198-2021

Moved by Councillor Klym

Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton is in approval of the proposed drain reconstruction project of Manitoba Water Infrastructure on North Crooked Lake Drain, at west side of PR 326 at Section 14-23-2EPM that will provide drainage/removal of excess flows during spring freshet and/or precipitation events.

CARRIED

10.16 Sponsorship Request

Resolution 199-2021

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby sponsor a hole at the 2nd Annual Reggie Leach Classic Golf Tournament set for August 27, 2021.

CARRIED

10.17 Sandy Bar Beach Sign

Resolution 200-2021

Moved by Councillor Bjarnason

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby approve the Sandy Bar Beach sign to be installed attached to the Welcome to Riverton sign.

CARRIED

10.18 In-Camera - Preliminary

Resolution 201-2021

Moved by Councillor King

Seconded by Councillor Andersen

RESOLVED THAT in accordance with The Municipal Act Section 152(3)(b)(iii) Council do hereby close the meeting to the public and move In Camera at 12:37 p.m.;

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 202-2021

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Andersen

RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby move out of Camera and resume the regular meeting of Council at 12:53 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution 203-2021

Moved by Councillor King

Seconded by Councillor Klym

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton request a letter be sent to our local MLA and the Minister of Infrastructure expressing their concerns over the dangerous situation occurring in the north-side ditch of Rd 138 between Roads 12 & 14.

CARRIED

Resolution 204-2021

Moved by Councillor Klym

Seconded by Councillor Bjarnason

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton authorizes the award of advertised tenders as follows:

Westside #3-2021 to Triline Construction at \$9,000 + GST;

Westside #5-2021 to Triline Construction at \$9,500 + GST.

CARRIED

9.2 Water Utility Expansion Request

Resolution 205-2021

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor King

Whereas Council received a request to expand water utility requests to three buildings in the South-Arborg Industrial Park dated December 3, 2020;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton approve the request presented by Bruce and Brodie Ball on the following conditions:

- 1) A third service line drawing is required for the property owner's third building that they are requesting be connected to water at the same time;
- 2) An agreement between The Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton and the property owner be signed prior to commencement of water utility connections;
- 3) The Town of Arborg Utility will receive application for the project and approval is required.

CARRIED

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

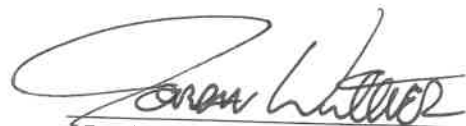
None

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Councillor Johnson at 1:00 p.m.



Brian N. Johnson, Reeve



Jordan Willner, C.A.O.