



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

In the Province of Manitoba, held on Thursday, June 10, 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 156-2021

Moved by Councillor Andersen

Seconded by Councillor Bjarnason

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

- Regular Meeting of Council – May 13, 2021
- 2021 Financial Plan Public Hearing – May 13, 2021

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 157-2021

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Klym

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

- 10.12 TAXervice Reserve Bid
- 10.13 North Crooked Lake Culverts
- 10.14 BAR Waste Co-op Financing Expansion Request
- 10.15 In-Camera – Preliminary

and the order of the agenda is authorized to be altered as required.

CARRIED

4. RECEPTION OF DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

4.1 9:15 AM - Bianca Hamblin & Gerry Maryniuk – COPP Program

Enter: 9:15 AM

Founded Citizens on Patrol Program for the area within the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton. They request from Council: a proclamation from Council in support, annual financial support, and for the Municipality to take the responsibility of permitting/installation of COPP signs.

Exit: 9:50 AM.

4.2 10:00 AM - Lakeshore School Division

Enter: 10:00 AM

Council welcomed: Donald Nikkel, Jim Cooper, Darlene Willetts, and Donny Thorkelsson on behalf of Lakeshore School Division. They made a presentation to Council regarding Bill 64 and the Provincial BEST (better education starts today) recommendations of the Commission on Kindergarten to Grade 12 education in Manitoba.

Exit: 10:50 AM

4. RECEPTION OF DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS (cont.)

4.3 1:00 PM – Fisher River Cree Nation Conservation Areas Initiative

Enter: 1:00 PM

Council connected via zoom with representatives of the Fisher River Cree Nation's Conservation Initiative. The effort is being led by Fisher River Cree Nation with support from the Manitoba chapter of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, with the goal to develop a regionally appropriate and balanced conservation proposal for a study area stretching from Riverton to Kinnow Bay Provincial Park. More information is available online at FRCNConservation.ca

Exit: 2:10 PM

Councillor Johnson excused himself to attend another meeting at 12:51 PM.

Reeve Johnson excused himself to attend another meeting at 1:55 PM. Deputy Reeve Bjarnason assumed the chair.

5. REPORTS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS/COMMITTEES

5.1 BAR Waste Co-op – May 12, 2021, 2020 Financial Statements

5.2 Arborg Fire and Emergency Services – May 17, 2021, May 26, 2021

5.3 Evergreen Regional Library 2020 Financial Statements

5.4 Community Futures East Interlake 2020-21 Performance Results

Resolution 158-2021

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor King

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:

- BAR Waste Co-op – May 12, 2021, 2020 Financial Statements;
- Arborg Fire and Emergency Services – May 17, 2021, May 26, 2021;
- Evergreen Regional Library 2020 Financial Statement;
- Community Futures East Interlake 2020-21 Performance Results.

CARRIED

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution 159-2021

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Andersen

Be it resolved that Council accept the following communications:

6.1 Public Works Manager Activity Report for May 2021

6.2 Chief Administrative Officer Activity Report for May 2021

as presented.

CARRIED

7. ACCOUNTS

7.1 Authorization of Accounts for Payment

Resolution 160-2021

Moved by Councillor Bjarnason

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby adopt and approve total payables for general operating expenses in the amount of \$656,518.94;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby adopt and approve payroll & council indemnities and expenses for the pay periods ending June 4, 2021 in the amount of \$40,241.56;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby adopt and approve total Payroll Deductions in the amount of \$19,664.22 for the month of May, 2021;

AND FURTHER THAT signing officers be authorized to sign cheques for same. Cheque #'s 9937 – 9972, 0001 - 0015 and e-cheques as listed.

CARRIED

7.2 Unaudited Financials of the Municipality as at May 31, 2021

Resolution 161-2021

Moved by Councillor Andersen

Seconded by Councillor Klym

Be it resolved that Council accept the May 31, 2021 Unaudited Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED

7.3 Authorization of Reserve and Account Transfers

Resolution 162-2021

Moved by Councillor Klym

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton approve the MPI MVC reimbursement to Arborg-Bifrost Fire and Emergency Services in the amount of \$943.00 to be transferred to the ABFES Reserve;

Further be it resolved that Council authorize the transfer of the current expenses on the Riverton Fire Department Hall project as at June 1, 2021 in the amount of \$266,822.93 from the Municipal Operating Bank Account to the By-Law 1-2021 Line of Credit Account.

CARRIED

8. BY-LAWS

None

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1 By-law 4-2020 – Road Opening

No action

9.2 Water Utility Expansion Request

CAO to draft another follow-up letter.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 Performance Bond Application (Gislason)

Resolution 163-2021

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Bjarnason

WHEREAS Kristinn Gislason has applied to Eastern Interlake Planning District for the relocation of an Older Home, temporarily located in Arborg, MB to the proposed location of Lot 6-5479, Roll 0422700.000 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;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby enter into a Performance Bond Agreement with Kristinn Gislason for the relocation of an Older Home to ensure that all upgrades and modifications are completed in a timely manner, with the addition of a condition that the areas of damaged siding be improved.

CARRIED

10.2 Performance Bond Application (Ladoski)

Resolution 164-2021

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Bjarnason

WHEREAS Heather Ladoski has applied to Eastern Interlake Planning District for the relocation of an Older Home, currently located in Dugald, MB to the proposed location of Lot 11-4-15812, Roll 0099768.000 in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, after careful consideration of the life safety items and overall condition of the Older Home, Council hereby deny entering into a Performance Bond Agreement with Heather Ladoski for the relocation of an Older Home.

CARRIED

10.3 BAR Waste Co-op Landfill Operator to salary Municipal Employee

Resolution 165-2021

Moved by Councillor King

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Whereas the Board of BAR Waste Co-op has made the recommendation to the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton to employ Roland Sutyla as a full-time Landfill Operator at the salary of \$34,320 and eligible for full municipal benefits as identified in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton's HR 03 Consolidated Hiring and Benefits Policy 2020-07; with the Municipality invoicing BAR monthly for personnel expenses incurred for Roland.

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton approve the recommendation and that Roland Sutyla be hired as a full-time Landfill Operator at the salary of \$34,320 and his expenses be invoiced to BAR monthly.

CARRIED

10.4 Capital Purchase – Transportation Services Truck

Resolution 166-2021

Moved by Councillor Andersen

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Whereas Public Works Manager Jason Comeau has collected price quotes on suitable replacement trucks;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton authorize the purchase of 2014 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 from Viking Motors at the amount of \$29,984.64.

CARRIED

10.5 Dust Control on PR 222

Resolution 167-2021

Moved by Councillor Andersen

Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton supply a letter of support as requested by Deanna Fridfinnson for dust control on PR 222.

CARRIED

10.6 Election Officials Remuneration Rate

Resolution 168-2021

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Andersen

Be it resolved that Council hereby do authorize the hiring of Election officials at the rate of \$16.00/hour.

CARRIED

10.7 Request to Purchase Roll 0163800.000 (Closed Road though NE 3-23-4E)

Resolution 169-2021

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Klym

Whereas Section 250(2)(a) of The Municipal Act authorizes that a municipality may for municipal purposes dispose of land, and Section 288(d) of The Municipal Act states that a municipality may authorize the sale of land on which was located a municipal road that has been closed;

And whereas Policy 2020-04 allows that the CAO may, with the approval of council, award surplus capital assets without competition or auction to any municipality in limited circumstances, as determined and approved by Council;

And whereas the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton has received a request to purchase municipally owned Roll No. 0163800.00, Title No. 22654898, a +/- 5.16 acre road allowance within the NE ¼ of Section 3-23-4E that was closed under Section 290 of The Municipal Act by By-law 14-81;

And whereas the offer to purchase has come from the adjacent land owners whose property is split in half by Roll 0163800.00, and the property is unlikely to hold value for anyone else;

Therefore be it resolved that, after careful consideration, the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton approve the sale of Roll 0163800.000 to Jonathon and Patsy Sigurdson, with the following terms and conditions:

- a) that the sale price shall be the costs of transferring of the property; and
- b) that Roll No. 0163800.000 must be consolidated with Roll 0163700.000 after the purchase.
- c) that the Municipality obtains any required written approval of the member of the Executive Council charged with the administration of The Crown Lands Act as per Section 291(4) of The Municipal Act.

CARRIED

10.8 RM of Gimli, Support for 988 Crisis Line

Resolution 170-2021

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Andersen

Whereas the Rural Municipality of Gimli passed Resolution 2021 375 endorsing the “988 crisis line” initiative and indicating their support to local area municipalities;

Whereas the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

And whereas the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 per cent;

And whereas existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

And whereas in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

And whereas the Municipality recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton also endorse the 988 Crisis Line Initiative; and that the CAO be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MPP), Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and the RM of Gimli to indicate our support.

CARRIED

10.9 Lease Agreement Roll 0098600.000

Because of the uncertainty of the timelines of the Lakeside subdivision, Council is willing to allow the leases to remain but at no cost because of the likelihood of interruption within a potential one-year lease period.

10.10 Policy 2021-01 Transportation Service – Consolidated Operations

Resolution 171-2021

Moved by Councillor Bjarnason

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Whereas the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton has deemed it necessary and desirable to document the current operational policies and procedures for the Transportation Services Department;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton adopt the Transportation Service - Consolidated Operations Policy as Policy Number 2021-01.

CARRIED

10.11 Invoice No. Feb-MBR-2021

Councillor Klym requested a recorded vote.

Resolution 172-2021

Moved by Councillor Bjarnason

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Whereas RM of Bifrost By-law No. 6-91 was passed to establish a public parks and recreation district called Arborg-Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission, and completed an immaterial amendment with By-law No. 1-2003;

And whereas Section 15 of By-law 6-91 states *The Municipality of Bifrost has the privilege to “opt out” of the District with a minimum of three months written notice;*

And whereas at the two Budgetary Joint meetings of Councils with the Town of Arborg in March 2021, the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton advised they were not in favour of the proposed 2021 budget for Arborg-Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission and wanted to give notice of opting out of the Rec Commission with the administration and decision-making going to the Town of Arborg with a provided annual grant from the Municipality to avoid user fees being placed on Bifrost-Riverton ratepayers;

Therefore be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby instruct the CAO to return Invoice No. Feb-MBR-2021 to the Town of Arborg unpaid with written notice of opting out of the Arborg-Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission at December 31, 2021 signed by the Reeve;

And further be it resolved that the Council instruct their CAO to write a letter to the Arborg-Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission with the Town of Arborg and Community appointees cc'ed informing them that for the 2021 operations the Municipality will be providing a fixed annual operating grant of \$135,000 (that includes all expenses including insurance), reimbursing the Recreation Commission of it's 2020 deficit in the amount of \$27,081, will be opting out of the Recreation Commission on December 31, 2021, and have assumed and paid off 50% of the Letter of Comfort debt held by the Arborg-Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission in the amount of \$172,435.80.

Recorded Vote: For: Reeve Johnson, Deputy Reeve Bjarnason, Councillor Andersen, Councillor Johnson, Councillor King.

Against: Councillor Klym. Abstained: Nil

CARRIED

10.12 TAX Service Reserve Bid

Resolution 173-2021

Moved by Councillor Bjarnason

Seconded by Councillor Klym

Whereas pursuant to Section 372 of *The Municipal Act* a municipality may set a reserve bid in the amount of the tax arrears and costs in respect of the property;

Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton place a reserve bid on all 2021 Tax Sale properties in the amount of arrears and costs in respect of each property.

CARRIED

10.13 North Crooked Lake Culverts

Resolution 174-2021

Moved by Councillor King

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Be it resolved that council do hereby support Mr. Dennis Kaprawy's request to Manitoba Infrastructure to add the following to the North Crooked Lake project on the west side of PR326 between Road 134N & Road135N:

1. installation of 2 x 1200mm traps along Road134N to stop excess water from flowing west from the PR326 / Road 134N intersection; and
2. installation of a block crossing with a 450mm culvert with a trap to stop excess water from flowing west from the PR326 / PR329 intersection.

CARRIED

10.14 BAR Waste Co-op Financing Expansion Request

Resolution 175-2021

Moved by Councillor Bjarnason

Seconded by Councillor King

Whereas the BAR Waste Authority Co-op Inc has requested the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton as the majority shareholder to finance the landfill expansion project and directly bill the Town of Arborg for their 33% share in capital expenditures because BAR does not have the financial liquidity to do so itself;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton agrees to finance the BAR Waste Authority Co-op Inc's 2021 landfill expansion project at the quoted price of \$522,900 + engineering and other associated costs.

CARRIED

10.15 In-Camera - Preliminary

Resolution 176-2021

Moved by Councillor Andersen

Seconded by Councillor Klym

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 12:43 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 177-2021

Moved by Councillor King

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby move out of Camera and resume the regular meeting of Council at 12:50 p.m.

CARRIED

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Councillor Andersen at 2:15 p.m.

Because of the Council Meeting, members were not available to participate in the 2021 AMM June District Meeting. Deputy Reeve Bjarnason was awarded a 35-year pin for his years of services as an elected official, an applause was held and ACAO Tanis Johnson presented him with the ceremonial pin.



Brian N. Johnson, Reeve



Jordan Willner, C.A.O.