



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

In the Province of Manitoba, held on Friday, April 22, 2022
Commencing at 4:00 PM in the Council Chambers at 329 River Rd. Arborg, MB

PRESENT

Reeve: Brian N. Johnson Deputy Reeve: Colin Bjarnason
Councillors: Frode Andersen, Chad Johnson, David King, Gordon Klym, Ken Stadnek
Admin: CAO Jordan Willner, ACAO Tanis Johnson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution 070-2022

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 – March 10, 2022

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 071-2022

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 with the following additions:

10.16 Spring 2022 Weather Damages

10.17 Interlake Tourism Assoc. Board of Directors Nomination

CARRIED

4. RECEPTION OF DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

4.1 Sue Bauernhuber & Cory Koomen, Arborg Curling Rink Accessibility - 4:45 pm
Did not appear before Council.

4.2 Al Friederici, PR329 Dust Control Lobbying – 5:15 pm

Mr. Friederici entered the meeting at 5:06 pm seeking support to his lobby efforts to the Province for dust control on PR 329. Council thanked Mr. Friederici for his request and he exited the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Resolution 072-2022

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Klym

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton authorize Reeve Johnson to send a letter to the Department of Infrastructure supporting the addition of PR 329 from PR 326 to PR 233 to the Province of Manitoba's annual Dust Control Program.

CARRIED

4.3 Brian Austfjord, Roll 229700 - 5:30 pm

Mr. Austfjord entered the meeting at 5:30 p.m. with his request to order to obtain Roll 229700, and a cheque for \$3,000 to show good faith. Council thanked Mr. Austfjord for his request and he exited the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Resolution 073-2022

Moved by Councillor Klym

Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved that, after careful consideration, the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton does not approve Brian Austfjord's request for the Municipality to assist him with the purchase of Roll 229700, and direct the administration to return the cheque in the amount of \$3,000.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS/COMMITTEES

Resolution 074-2022

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Stadnek

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

CARRIED

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution 075-2022

Moved by Councillor Klym

Seconded by Councillor Andersen

Be it resolved that Council accept the following communications as presented:

- 6.1 Public Works Manager Activity Report for March 2022
- 6.2 Chief Administrative Officer Activity Report for March 2022
- 6.3 Interlake Weed Control Annual Report
- 6.4 Manitoba Municipal Relations – Board of Revision
- 6.5 Request for Grant – The Creative Cocoon
- 6.6 Request for Sponsorship – Arborg Agricultural Society
- 6.7 Request for Sponsorship – Interlake Outdoors Show
- 6.8 Request for Sponsorship – Reggie Leach Golf Tournament

And further be it resolved the Council approve change order 15 on the Riverton Fire Hall project for an increase in contract price of \$6,763.54 plus GST to a new contract amount of \$991,713.80 and approve the release of funds indicated on invoice 3764 in the amount of \$104,732.29 for Line Items #7, #8, and #11.

CARRIED

7. ACCOUNTS

7.1 Authorization of Accounts for Payment

Resolution 076-2022

Moved by Councillor Andersen

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby adopt and approve total payables for expenses in the amount of \$ 510,472.48;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby adopt and approve payroll & council indemnities and expenses for the pay periods ending April 1, 2022 in the amount of \$82,193.08;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby adopt and approve total Payroll Deductions in the amount of \$25,147.32 for the month of March, 2022;

AND FURTHER THAT signing officers be authorized to sign cheques for same, Cheque #'s 0804 - 0897 and e-cheques as listed.

CARRIED

7.2 Unaudited Financials as at March 31, 2022

Resolution 077-2022

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved that Council hereby accept the March 31, 2022 Unaudited Financial Statements as amended.

CARRIED

7.3 Accounts Receivable Write Off

Resolution 078-2022

Moved by Councillor Bjarnason

Seconded by Councillor Klym

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby write off Invoice 2021-23 to the RM of Fisher for Boundary Road gravelling of 2021 in the amount of \$8,831.50 as uncollectible.

CARRIED

7.4 2022 Operating Line of Credit

Resolution 079-2022

Moved by Councillor King

Seconded by Councillor Andersen

Whereas Section 173(1) of The Municipal Act states: A council may by resolution borrow money for operating expenses during a fiscal year, but the amount borrowed must not exceed the amount collected in taxes and grants in lieu of taxes in the previous fiscal year;

And whereas the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton's 2021 taxes and grant in lieu total was \$3,701,907 with an outstanding amount of \$183,422, providing an available amount of \$3,518,485;

Therefore be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton set the 2022 line of operating credit with Noventis Credit Union Ltd at the amount of \$3,250,000 and authorize the Reeve and CAO to sign a Municipal Pledge of Taxes with the financial institution.

CARRIED

8. BY-LAWS

8.1 By-law 4-2022 Zoning By-law Amendment (AR to GD)

Postponed until the Eastern Interlake Planning District can circulate the required notice of new date and time for the Public Hearing due to April's Council Meeting date rescheduling.

8.2 By-law 6-2022 Use of Municipal Resources in an Election

Resolution 080-2022

Moved by Councillor Klym

Seconded by Councillor Stadnek

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby give second reading to By-Law 6-2022, being a By-law of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton to regulate the use of municipal resources during an election.

CARRIED

Resolution 081-2022

Moved by Councillor King

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby give third and final reading to By-Law 6-2022, being a By-law of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton to regulate the use of municipal resources during an election.

Recorded Vote:

For - All

Against - Nil

Abstained - Nil

CARRIED

8.3 By-law 7-2022 Tax Levy and Financial Plan

Resolution 082-2022

Moved by Councillor Andersen

Seconded by Councillor Bjarnason

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton now introduce and give first reading to By-Law 7-2022, being a by-law to levy property taxes for the year 2022.

CARRIED

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1 Request to Purchase Public Road

9.2 Quarry Lease 3212 on 22-24-4E

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 Variance RMB-22-03V

Item postponed until the Eastern Interlake Planning District can circulate the required notice of new date and time for the Public Hearing due to April's Council Meeting date rescheduling.

10.2 Subdivision Application 4105-22-8145

Item postponed until the Eastern Interlake Planning District can circulate the required notice of new date and time for the Public Hearing due to April's Council Meeting date rescheduling.

10.3 Subdivision Application 4105-22-8149

Resolution 083-2022

Moved by Councillor King

Seconded by Councillor Klym

Whereas the Applicant, Peter Friesen, has applied for Approval of Subdivision (SD File 4105-22-8149), with the intent to subdivide a 0.591 acre parcel from a 149.17 acre property to consolidate the parcel with an adjoining property to enlarge an existing cemetery.;

Now therefore be it resolved that after careful consideration of the application, the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton approve Subdivision Application 4105-22-8149;

Municipal approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Submit written confirmation from the Municipality that:

- a) 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;
- b) The applicant/owner obtain a Conditional Use for a cemetery use on the proposed parcel.

CARRIED

10.4 Minor Subdivision Application 4105-22-8159

Resolution 084-2022

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Andersen

Whereas the Applicant, Barry Barkman, has applied for Approval of Minor Subdivision (SD File 4105-22-8159), with the intent to subdivide a 4.402 acre parcel from a 155.42 acre property to create one additional property with an existing dwelling for residential use;

Now therefore be it resolved that after careful consideration of the application, the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton approve Subdivision Application 4105-22-8159;

Municipal approval is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Submit written confirmation from the Municipality that:

- a) 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;
- b) The applicant/owner obtain a Variance for a second dwelling on the proposed parcel OR remove the second dwelling.

CARRIED

10.5 Temporary Relocation of an Older RTM

Resolution 085-2022

Moved by Councillor Andersen

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Whereas the applicant, Patricia Kowalchuk, has applied for a temporary placement of an Older RTM currently located on Roll 140200 in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton; for the purpose of completing the required renovations prior to the RTM being permanently relocated to a property in the Town of Arborg.

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby approve the Temporary Placement of an Older RTM to roll number 141000 with the following conditions:

- a) That the structure is to be removed by April 14, 2023;
- b) That any necessary permits are obtained from Eastern Interlake Planning District;
- c) That the applicant provides written proof to the municipal office by July 14, 2022 that a contractor has been hired to complete the required renovations.

CARRIED

10.6 Farmland Beaver Damage Control Funding Agreement

Resolution 086-2022

Moved by Councillor Bjarnason

Seconded by Councillor Andersen

Be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into a funding agreement between the Government of Manitoba as represented by the Minister of Agriculture and the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton for the 2022 Farmland Beaver Damage Control program.

CARRIED

10.7 Policy 2022-02 Beaver Damage Control

Resolution 087-2022

Moved by Councillor Klym

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby adopt Policy 2022-02, establishing a policy and procedures for the municipality regarding the farmland beaver damage control program.

CARRIED

10.8 Interlake Weed Control District – Letter of Support

Resolution 088-2022

Moved by Councillor Andersen

Seconded by Councillor Klym

Whereas the Interlake Weed Control District is a regional collaboration between the Rural Municipalities of Armstrong, Fisher, and Gimli, the Town of Arborg and the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton;

And whereas in 2014 the IWCD fulfilled its responsibility in accordance with the Provincial Noxious Weeds Act by performing the necessary noxious weed control on Manitoba Infrastructure rights-of-way;

Therefore be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton authorize the Reeve to sign a letter of support prepared by Interlake Weed Control District for lobbying Manitoba Infrastructure for \$ 9,572.05 in outstanding 2014 invoices.

CARRIED

10.9 PR 326 Road Abandonment and Transfer - Memorandum of Understanding

Resolution 089-2022

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Stadnek

Whereas subject to Ministerial and Cabinet approvals, MI will agree to abandon and transfer the portions of PA 682 and PR 329 as stated (6.36 km) to the Municipality and declare the 3.2 km of Road 11E as stated;

Therefore be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton authorize the Reeve to sign the prepared PR 326 Road Abandonment and Transfer - Memorandum of Understanding, with addendums.

CARRIED

10.10 Recreation Director to salary Municipal Employee

Resolution 090-2022

Moved by Councillor Andersen

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Whereas the Board of Riverton Recreation Commission has made the recommendation to the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton to employ Tyanna Mytz as a full-time Recreation Director at the salary of \$40,352 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 Riverton Rec Commission for personnel expenses incurred for Tyanna Mytz;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton approve the recommendation and that Tyanna Mytz be hired as a full-time Recreation Direction at the salary of \$40,352 and her expenses be invoiced to Riverton Recreation Commission monthly.

CARRIED

10.11 Riverton Co-op – Event Street Closure Request

Resolution 091-2022

Moved by Councillor Bjarnason

Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved that Council authorize the closure of Thorvaldson Street in Riverton on Saturday June 11th 2022 for the Auto Show and Shine.

CARRIED

10.12 Privately Owned Equipment Request for Quotations

Resolution 092-2022

Moved by Councillor Andersen

Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby accept the submitted bids for the 2022-23 Privately Owned Hourly Equipment Rates.

CARRIED

Councillor Stadnek declared a conflict of interest and exited the Council Meeting for agenda item 10.13 at 6:28 pm.

10.13 Survey Services Tender Results

Resolution 093-2022

Moved by Councillor Andersen

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby award the 2022 Survey Services to KS Survey and Consulting.

CARRIED

Councillor Stadnek returned to the meeting at 6:30 pm.

10.14 Tree Pruning Tender Results

Resolution 094-2022

Moved by Councillor Andersen

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby award the 2022 tree pruning tender contract to Krautter Tree and Yard Service.

CARRIED

10.15 Valley Fiber – Letter of Intent, Right of Way, and Development Agreement

Resolution 095-2022

Moved by Councillor Andersen

Seconded by Councillor Stadnek

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby authorize the signing of the letter of intent, right of way, and development agreement with the following conditions:

- 1) That the Municipality provide VF (and subcontractors) a staging area;
- 2) That the Municipality will not provide a 70x70 lot for tower construction;
- 3) That the Municipality not agree to the additional scope

CARRIED

10.16 Spring 2022 Weather Damages

Council discussed preparedness for the Spring 2022 weather events and potential flooding that damage municipal infrastructure, as well as the Manitoba EMO program and supports.

10.16 Interlake Tourism Assoc. Board of Directors Nomination

Resolution 096-2022

Moved by Councillor King

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby nominate Deputy Reeve Colin Bjarnason to the Interlake Tourism Association Board of Directors.

CARRIED

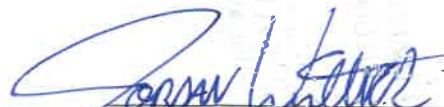
11. NOTICE OF MOTION

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Councillor Andersen at 7:09 PM.



Brian N. Johnson, Reeve



Jordan Willner, C.A.O.