



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

In the Province of Manitoba, held on Thursday, March 9, 2023  
Commencing at 8:00 AM in the Council Chambers at 329 River Rd. Arborg, MB

**PRESENT**

Reeve: Brian N. Johnson, Deputy Reeve: Chad Johnson  
Councillors: David King, Gordon Klym, Shawn Magnusson, Corey Palsson  
Admin: Interim CAO Roger Bouvier, ACAO Tanis Johnson

**ABSENT**

Councillor: Ken Stadnek

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Resolution 058-2023

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Palsson

Be it resolved that Council do hereby adopt the following Minutes as presented:  
Regular Meeting of Council – February 9, 2023; and  
Special Meeting of Council – February 24, 2023.

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Resolution 059-2023

Moved by Councillor Klym

Seconded by Councillor Magnusson

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:

3.1 Councillor Requested Additions:

10.16 Ambulance Service – Councillor Johnson

10.17 Councillor Training Session – Reeve Johnson

10.18 Gala Ticket Purchase – Councillor Klym

10.19 Riverton Water Supply – Councillor Palsson

10.20 In Camera – Personnel Matter – Reeve Johnson

3.2 Administration Requested Additions:

**CARRIED**

**4. RECEPTION OF DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS**

4.1 Fred Paulson, Interlake Weed Control – 9:15am

Entered at 9:12AM. Representing the Interlake Weed Control District, Fred Palsson presented the 2023 program and budget to Council. Council thanked him for attending. Exit at 9:22AM.

4.2 S. Sgt. Gray & Cpl. Spakowski, RCMP – 9:30am

Entered at 9:29AM. Representing the RCMP, S. Sgt. Gray & Cpl. Spakowski appeared before Council. They discussed policing priorities and consulted Council on local concerns. Council thanked the Officers for attending. Exit at 9:48AM.

4.3 Lorne Boundy, Road 130N & 12E Drainage – 9:45am  
Entered at 9:48AM. Representing local property owners, Lorne Boundy and Brian Fridfinnson appeared before Council to discuss drainage concerns. They requested a letter of support from the Municipality. Council thanked them for attending. Exit at 10:00AM.

**5. REPORTS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS/COMMITTEES**

Resolution 060-2023

Moved by Councillor King

Seconded by Councillor Palsson

Be it resolved that Council hereby accept the verbal reports of elected official/committees as presented and accept the following Committee Reports:

- i) Arborg-Bifrost Parks & Recreation – 2022 Profit & Loss Statement
- ii) East-Interlake Watershed District – Executive Board Minutes
- iii) Riverton Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission – Board Minutes **CARRIED**

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

Resolution 061-2023

Moved by Councillor Klym

Seconded by Councillor King

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

- 6.1 Public Works Manager Activity Report for February 2023
- 6.2 Chief Administrative Officer Activity Report for February 2023
- 6.3 BAR Waste – Request to Review Urban Garbage Collection
- 6.4 Eastern Interlake Planning District – 2023 Budget
- 6.5 Evergreen Festival of the Arts – Sponsorship Request
- 6.6 Interlake Veterinary Services District – 2023 Levy Amount
- 6.7 Riverton & District Friendship Centre – 2022 Audit & Food Bank Revenue/Expenses
- 6.8 RCMP – 3rd Quarter Report
- 6.9 Rural Manitoba Economic Development Corp. – Survey Results Meeting
- 6.10 Town of Arborg – Arborg-Bifrost Fire & Emergency Services 2023 Budget
- 6.11 Manitoba Assessment – Board of Revision Date Sep. 14, 2023
- 6.12 Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization – Approval of Emergency Plan
- 6.13 Municipal Operating Grant Estimated 2023 Increase

**CARRIED**

**7. ACCOUNTS**

**7.1 Authorization of Accounts for Payment**

Resolution 062-2023

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Magnusson

Resolved that Council do hereby adopt and approve total payables for expenses in the amount of \$ 141,359.23;

And further be it resolved that Council do hereby adopt and approve payroll & council indemnities and expenses for the pay periods ending February 3, 2023, in the amount of \$84,182.22;

And further be it resolved that Council hereby adopt and approve total Government Remittance in the amount of \$22,599.12 for the month of February, 2023;

And further that signing officers be authorized to sign cheques for same, Cheque #'s 1708 – 1756 and e-cheques as listed.

**CARRIED**

**7.2 Unaudited Financials as at February 28, 2023**

Resolution 063-2023

Moved by Councillor King

Seconded by Councillor Magnusson

Be it resolved that Council hereby accept the February 28, 2023 Unaudited Financial Statements as presented.

**CARRIED**

**8. BY-LAWS**

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9.1 Quarry Lease 3212 on 22-24-4E**

**9.2 Drainage Work Agreement under Licence to Construct Water Control Works 2020-WCW-0321 with Richard Chomokovski – Re: Road 141N between Roads 10E and 11E**

**9.3 Drainage Work Agreement under Licence to Construct Water Control Works 2021-WCW-0029 with Richard Chomokovski**

**9.4 Riverdale Place Workshop Inc. - Additional Funding Request**

**9.5 By-law 1-2023 – Opening of Public Road**

Resolution 064-2023

Moved by Councillor King

Seconded by Councillor Palsson

Whereas Section 289 of The Municipal Act, S.M. 1996, c.58 provides, as follows:

“A municipality may open land for public use as a municipal road by:

(a) passing a by-law opening the road; and

(b) registering the by-law and a plan at the appropriate land titles office”;

And whereas the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton deems it necessary and desirable to open a municipal road over, upon and across the lands hereinafter described;

Be it resolved that Council give second reading to By-law 1-2023, being a by-law of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton to open a municipal road over, upon and across the land described as follows: All that portion of the public road shown on deposit 1153/2022 within the limits of Frac. South 1/2 Section 21, Township 22, Range 4 E.P.M., being Parcel F and Part Parcel G, Plan 32571 WLTO prepared by Dwayne Denchuk, Manitoba Land Surveyor.

**CARRIED**

Resolution 065-2023  
Moved by Councillor Johnson  
Seconded by Councillor Magnusson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby give third and final reading to By-law 1-2023.

Recorded Vote:

For: Brian N. Johnson, Chad Johnson, David King, Gordon Klym, Shawn Magnusson,  
Corey Palsson

Against: Nil

Absent: Ken Stadnek

**CARRIED**

**9.6 By-law 13-2022 – Special Service Levy – Riverton Garbage**

Resolution 066-2023  
Moved by Councillor King  
Seconded by Councillor Klym

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby give third and final reading to By-Law 13-2022.

For: Brian N. Johnson, Chad Johnson, David King, Gordon Klym, Shawn Magnusson,  
Corey Palsson

Against: Nil

Absent: Ken Stadnek

**CARRIED**

**9.7 By-law 2-2023 – Zoning By-law Amendment (AR to GD)**

**10. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**10.1 Variance Public Hearing RMB-23-07V – 9:00am**

*Councillor Palsson declared a Conflict of Interest and exited the meeting.*

Resolution 067-2023  
Moved by Councillor Magnusson  
Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Be it resolved that Council do hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council to enter into a Public Hearing on Variance Application RMB-23-07V at 9:00am.

**CARRIED**

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Public Hearing Minutes  
Variance RMB-23-07V  
9:00 AM

1. Call Public Hearing to Order

Reeve Johnson called the Public Hearing to order at 9:00AM.

2. Notice of Public Hearing

Reeve Johnson reviewed the Notice of Public Hearing that was in accordance with The Municipal Act.

3. Receiving of Variance in Favour or Opposed

In Favour – Kris Thorkelson, Angela Palsson, Corey Palsson.

Opposed – None.

For Information – None.

4. Adjournment

Resolution 068-2023  
Moved by Councillor Johnson  
Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby adjourn the Public Hearing on Variance Application RMB-22-53V at 9:04am.

**CARRIED**

Resolution 069-2023  
Moved by Councillor Johnson  
Seconded by Councillor King

Whereas applicant, 7060106 MB Ltd., regarding property legally described as Lot 4/6-3-2406, Roll 438550.000, and located in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton, has applied to the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton to vary Village of Riverton Zoning By-law #76/80;

And whereas provided under Chapter P80 of The Planning Act, Part 6, Variances, as it applies to the property in order to permit for dwelling units in a building that does not contain a commercial component;

And after careful consideration of the application and any representations made for or against the Variation, the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Variation Board in meeting duly assembled this 9th day of March, 2023, approve the said Variation.

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Palsson returned to his seat at meeting.*

**10.2 Subdivision Application 4105-23-8255**

*Councillor Klym declared a Conflict of Interest and exited the meeting.*

Resolution 070-2023  
Moved by Councillor Magnusson  
Seconded by Councillor Palsson

Whereas Gordon and Valerie Klym have applied for Approval of Subdivision (SD File 4105-23-8255), with the intent to subdivide a 2.633 acre excess yardsite from an approximately 158 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 4105-23-8255;

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.

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Klym returned to his seat at meeting.*

**10.3 Roll 192400 Temporary Placement Extension Request**

Resolution 071-2023

Moved by Councillor King

Seconded by Councillor Palsson

Whereas Resolution 085-2022 approved applicant Patricia Kowalchuk's request for a temporary placement of an Older RTM on Roll 141000;

And whereas that approval was for a one year term expiring April 14, 2023;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby approve an extension of the approved term to April 14, 2024.

**CARRIED**

**10.4 Arborg & District Multicultural Heritage Village, Letter of Support for BSC Grant**

Resolution 072-2023

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Palsson

Be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton supply the Arborg & District Multicultural Heritage Village with a letter of support for their application to the Building Sustainable Communities Program for funding towards refurbishment of the campground washroom.

**CARRIED**

**10.5 AMM Education – Crisis/Media Training**

Resolution 073-2023

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Magnusson

Be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton authorize the following to attend the AMM CRISIS/MEDIA Training for Municipal Officials education session on April 3, 2023 in Winnipeg, MB with eligible expenses covered:

Reeve Brian Johnson

**CARRIED**

**10.6 BAR Waste – Request for Equipment Use**

Resolution 074-2023

Moved by Councillor King

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Whereas the BAR Waste Authority Co-op board has requested the use of the municipally owned dozer for use in their new landfill cell, until such a time that there is sufficient volume in the cell that their packer equipment can complete the work;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby approve the municipal dozer to be used by BAR Waste, for hourly compensation at MHCA rates.

**CARRIED**

**10.7 Citizen Representative Appointment**

Resolution 075-2023

Moved by Councillor Klym

Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved that the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton appoints Wanda Sparkes to the vacant citizen representative position on the Evergreen Regional Library board.

**CARRIED**

**10.8 MMAA Conference and AGM - April 30-May 3, 2023**

Resolution 076-2023

Moved by Councillor Palsson

Seconded by Councillor Johnson

Be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton authorize the following administrative staff to attend the 2023 MMAA Conference and AGM from April 30 – May 3, 2023 in Winnipeg, MB with all expenses covered as per HR 02- Consolidated

Reimbursement Policy:

CAO Larissa Love; and

One additional Staff member.

**CARRIED**

**10.9 Mutual Aid Memorandums of Understanding with RM of Fisher**

Resolution 077-2023

Moved by Councillor Magnusson

Seconded by Councillor Palsson

Be it resolved that Council authorize the Reeve and CAO to sign the Mutual Aid Memorandum of Understanding with the RM of Fisher, to support each other when affected or threatened by an emergency or disaster situation.

**CARRIED**

**10.10 Policy 2023-01 GG Abuse and Molestation – AMM Revision**

Resolution 078-2023

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Palsson

Whereas, acting upon the request from the municipal insurance provider, Council passed Resolution 046-2023 adopting Policy 2023-01 being a General Government Policy for the Municipality on Abuse and Molestation;

And whereas upon further consult with the Province of Manitoba, AMM and legal counsel, a revised policy guideline has been distributed to municipalities;

Therefore be it resolved that Council hereby adopt the revised version of Policy 2023-01 being a General Government Policy for the Municipality on Abuse and Molestation and for the Policy to be updated in the Municipality's Current Policy Manual, and for confirmation of the Policy to be provided to Western Financial Group by their April 1, 2023 deadline.

**CARRIED**

**10.11 Provincial Amendments to the Municipal Gas Tax Agreement**

Resolution 079-2023

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Palsson

Be it resolved that Council authorize the Reeve to sign the Amendment #1 of the Municipal Gas Tax Agreement between Manitoba and the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton, to accommodate the renaming of the program to the Canada Community-Building Fund.

**CARRIED**

**10.12 Reggie Leach Classic – Sponsorship Request**

Resolution 080-2023

Moved by Councillor Palsson

Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved that Council authorize a hole sponsorship for the Reggie Leach Gold Tournament totalling \$200.

**CARRIED**

**10.13 Riverton & District Friendship Centre – Letter of Support for BSC Grant**

Resolution 081-2023

Moved by Councillor King

Seconded by Councillor Palsson

Be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton supply the Riverton & District Friendship Centre with a letter of support for their application to the Building Sustainable Communities Program for funding towards building upgrades and equipment purchase.

**CARRIED**

**10.14 Tender Results – Riverton Tree Pruning**

Resolution 082-2023

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Magnusson

Be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby award the 2023 Riverton Tree Pruning to Krautter Tree and Yard Service at their Request for Quotation bid of \$3,800.00 plus GST.

**CARRIED**

**10.15 Veterinary Services District Agreement**

Resolution 083-2023

Moved by Councillor Palsson

Seconded by Councillor Magnusson

Be it resolved that Council authorize the Reeve and CAO to sign the Veterinary Services District Agreement, to confirm continued participation in the Interlake Veterinary Services District Board.

**CARRIED**

**10.16 Ambulance Service**

Council discussed concerns regarding reduced local ambulance service.

**10.17 Councillor Training Session**

Resolution 084-2023

Moved by Councillor Klym

Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved that Council request that Municipal Service Officers from Municipal Governance and Advisory Services conduct an in-person post-election Council training session on Council Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest, and the role of CAO and Council.

**CARRIED**

**10.18 Gala Ticket Purchase**

Resolution 085-2023

Moved by Councillor Klym

Seconded by Councillor King

Be it resolved that Council authorize the purchase of two tickets to the Arborg-Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission’s Annual Volunteer Gala, for use by the municipal nominee Frank Fiarchuk and his guest.

**CARRIED**

**10.19 Riverton Water Supply**

Council discussed the status of Riverton Water Supply and alternative supply options.

**10.20 In Camera – Personnel Matter**

**In-Camera**

Resolution 086-2023

Moved by Councillor King

Seconded by Councillor Palsson

Be it resolved that in accordance with *The Municipal Act* Section 152(3)(b)(ii) and (iv) Council do hereby close the meeting to the public and move In-Camera at 11:19am

**CARRIED**

Resolution 087-2023

Moved by Councillor Johnson

Seconded by Councillor King

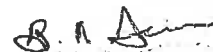
Be it resolved that Council do hereby conclude In-Camera discussions and resume the regular meeting of Council at 11:59am.


**CARRIED**

**11. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Reeve Johnson at 11:59am.

  
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Brian N. Johnson, Reeve

  
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Larissa Love, CAO