



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

In the Province of Manitoba, held on Thursday, May 11, 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, Ken Stadnek  
Admin: CAO Larissa Love, ACAO Tanis Johnson

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Resolution 117-2023

Moved by Councillor Chad Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Shawn Magnusson

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

Regular Meeting of Council – April 13, 2023.

Special Meeting of Council – April 20, 2023

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Resolution 118-2023

Moved by Councillor Gordon Klym

Seconded by Councillor Chad Johnson

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:

12. In Camera - Personnel

3.2 Administration Requested Additions:

10.15 Arborg Bifrost Parks & Rec. Commission, Citizen Representative

10.16 Riverton Bifrost Parks & Rec. Commission, Event Sponsorship Request

10.17 Riverton Recycling Depot Location

10.18 Temporary Placement Request

**CARRIED**

**4. RECEPTION OF DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS**

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

Resolution 119-2023

Moved by Councillor Shawn Magnusson

Seconded by Councillor David King

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

- East Interlake Watershed District, Executive Board Minutes March 16, 2023
- Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority, Steering Committee Minutes March 22, 2023
- Interlake Weed Control, 2023 Budget

**CARRIED**

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

Resolution 120-2023

Moved by Councillor Corey Palsson

Seconded by Councillor Shawn Magnusson

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

- 6.1 Public Works Manager Activity Report for April 2023
- 6.2 Minister of Health, Response to Riverton Ambulance Concerns
- 6.3 Assoc. of Manitoba Municipalities, April 14, 2023 Bulletin
- 6.4 Assoc. of Manitoba Municipalities, April 28, 2023 Bulletin
- 6.5 Assoc. of Manitoba Municipalities, March Interlake Directors Update
- 6.6 Assoc. of Manitoba Municipalities, District Meeting
- 6.7 Assoc. of Manitoba Municipalities, June District Resolutions
- 6.8 Assoc. of Manitoba Municipalities, Operating Funding Escalator and 2023 Municipal Financial Plan Filing Deadline
- 6.9 Assoc. of Manitoba Municipalities, May 5, 2023 Bulletin
- 6.10 Eastern Interlake Planning District, 2022 Audited Financial Statements
- 6.11 Fed. of Canadian Municipalities, Upcoming Events
- 6.12 Fed. of Canadian Municipalities, April 11, 2023 Newsletter
- 6.13 Fed. of Canadian Municipalities, April 17, 2023 Newsletter
- 6.14 Fed. of Canadian Municipalities, Annual Conference Event
- 6.15 Fed. of Canadian Municipalities, May 1, 2023 Newsletter
- 6.16 Fisher Air Cadets, Request for Donation
- 6.17 Green Team, 2023 Grant Approval
- 6.18 Public Utilities Board, Revised Simplified Rate Application Process

**CARRIED**

**7. ACCOUNTS**

**7.1 Authorization of Accounts for Payment**

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

Resolution 121-2023

Moved by Councillor David King

Seconded by Councillor Corey Palsson

Resolved that Council do hereby adopt and approve total payables for expenses in the amount of \$468,196.61;

And further be it resolved that Council do hereby adopt and approve payroll & council indemnities and expenses for the pay periods ending May 5, 2023, in the amount of \$84,038.48;

And further be it resolved that Council hereby adopt and approve total Government Remittance in the amount of \$26,438.97 for the month of April, 2023;

And further that signing officers be authorized to sign cheques for same, Cheque #'s 1837 – 1887 and e-cheques as listed.

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Stadnek returned to his seat at meeting.*

**7.2 Unaudited Financials as at April 30, 2023**

Resolution 122-2023

Moved by Councillor Chad Johnson

Seconded by Councillor David King

Be it resolved that Council hereby accept the April 30, 2023 Unaudited Financial Statements as presented. **CARRIED**

**8. BY-LAWS**

**8.1 By-law 3-2023 Public Hearing – 10:00am**

**By-law 3-2023 Tax Levy and Financial Plan**

Resolution 123-2023

Moved by Councillor David King

Seconded by Councillor Ken Stadnek

Be it resolved that Council do hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council to enter into a Public Hearing on By-law 3-2023, Tax Levy and Financial Plan By-law at 10:00am.

**CARRIED**

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Public Hearing Minutes  
2023 Tax Levy and Financial Plan  
10:00am

1. Call Public Hearing to Order

Reeve Johnson called the Public Hearing to order at 10:00am.

2. Notice of Public Hearing

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

3. Receiving of Presentation in Favour or Opposed

CAO Love presented the 2023 Financial Plan and advised it will be placed on the Municipal website.

In Favour – None

Opposed – None

For Information – None

4. Adjournment

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Resolution 124-2023

Moved by Councillor David King

Seconded by Councillor Ken Stadnek

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby adjourn the Public Hearing on By-law 3-2023, Tax Levy and Financial Plan By-law at 10:17 am.

**CARRIED**

Resolution 125-2023

Moved by Councillor Chad Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Shawn Magnusson

Be it resolved that the Council for the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton do hereby adopt the Bifrost-Riverton Financial Plan for the year of 2023 consisting of: an operating budget, a capital budget, and estimate of revenue and expenditures for the following fiscal year, and a five-year capital expenditure program. **CARRIED**

Resolution 126-2023  
Moved by Councillor Chad Johnson  
Seconded by Councillor Shawn Magnusson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton give second reading to By-Law 3-2023, being a by-law to levy property taxes for the year 2023. **CARRIED**

Resolution 127-2023  
Moved by Councillor David King  
Seconded by Councillor Shawn Magnusson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton now give third and final reading to By-Law 3-2023, being a by-law to levy property taxes for the year 2023.

Recorded Vote:

For – 6

Against - 1

Abstained – 0

**CARRIED**

**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**  
Admin to request an update on cardboard costs.

**10. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**10.1 Variance RMB-23-17V Conditional Use RMB-23-05C Public Hearing – 9:00am**

Resolution 128-2023  
Moved by Councillor Ken Stadnek  
Seconded by Councillor Shawn Magnusson

Be it resolved that Council do hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council to enter into a Public Hearing on Variance Application RMB-23-18V and Conditional Use Application RMB-23-05C at 9:00am. **CARRIED**

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Public Hearing Minutes

Variance RMB-23-07V and Conditional Use RMB-23-05C

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 – Jacob Wiebe, Allan Friesen

Opposed – None

For Information – None

4. Adjournment

Resolution 129-2023

Moved by Councillor Gordon Klym

Seconded by Councillor Corey Palsson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby adjourn the Public Hearing on Variance Application RMB-22-18V and Conditional Use Application RMB-23-05C at 9:05 am.

**CARRIED**

Resolution 130-2023

Moved by Councillor Gordon Klym

Seconded by Councillor David King

Whereas applicant Diemo Machine Works Inc., regarding property legally described as Lot 1-41181, Roll 196825 and located in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton, has applied to the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton to vary RM of Bifrost Zoning By-law 4-2011;

And whereas provided under Chapter P80 of The Planning Act, Part 6, Variances, as it applies to the property in order to reduce the minimum property line setback for the side yard from 25' to 5' for the construction of a new addition to the existing business;

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 11th day of May, 2023, approve the said Variation.

**CARRIED**

Resolution 131-2023

Moved by Councillor Gordon Klym

Seconded by Councillor Shawn Magnusson

Whereas applicant Diemo Machine Works Inc., regarding property legally described as Lot 1-41181, Roll 196825 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 4-2011;

Provided under Chapter P80 of The Planning Act, Part 7, Conditional Uses, as it applies to the property in order to permit for a conditional use for "Manufacturing Light" for an expansion of the existing grandfathered business named "Diemo Machine Works Inc."

And after careful consideration of the application and any representations made for or against the Conditional Use, the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Conditional Use Board in meeting duly assembled this 11th day of May, 2023, 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 on within twelve months of the date of decision, or extended as per The Planning Act.

**CARRIED**

**10.2 Variance RMB-23-18V Public Hearing – 9:10am**

Resolution 132-2023

Moved by Councillor Chad Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Shawn Magnusson

Be it resolved that Council do hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council to enter into a Public Hearing on Variance Application RMB-23-18V at 9:10am.

**CARRIED**

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Public Hearing Minutes

Variance RMB-23-07V

1. Call Public Hearing to Order

Reeve Johnson called the Public Hearing to order at 9:10am.

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 – Thomas Von Stackelberg

Opposed – None

For Information – None

4. Adjournment

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Resolution 133-2023

Moved by Councillor Corey Palsson

Seconded by Councillor Shawn Magnusson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby adjourn the Public Hearing on Variance Application RMB-22-18V at 9:16 am.

**CARRIED**

Resolution 134-2023

Moved by Councillor Gordon Klym

Seconded by Councillor Chad Johnson

Whereas applicant Thomas Von Stackelberg, regarding property legally described as Lot 1-2-13197, Roll 105755 and located in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton, has applied to the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton to vary RM of Bifrost Zoning By-law 4-2011;

And whereas provided under Chapter P80 of The Planning Act, Part 6, Variances, as it applies to the property in order to allow for the placement of a storage shed prior to the construction of the main building, being a dwelling;

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 11th day of May, 2023, approve the said Variation.

**CARRIED**

**10.3 Development Agreement, Subdivision File 4105-22-8223**

Resolution 135-2023

Moved by Councillor David King

Seconded by Councillor Chad Johnson

Be it resolved that Council authorize the Reeve and CAO to sign the Development Agreement with Fridfinnson Enterprises Ltd., with respect to the requirements of Subdivision File 4105-22-8223.

**CARRIED**

**10.4 Assoc. Manitoba Municipalities, 2023 Interlake District Meeting**

Resolution 136-2023

Moved by Councillor Corey Palsson

Seconded by Councillor Gordon Klym

Be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton authorize the Reeve and CAO attend the Assoc. of Manitoba Municipalities 2023 Interlake District Meeting on June 19, 2023 in Stonewall, MB with eligible expenses covered.

**CARRIED**

**10.5 Icelandic River Heritage Sites, Centennial Park Monument Request**

Resolution 137-2023

Moved by Councillor David King

Seconded by Councillor Corey Palsson

Be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton authorize Icelandic River Heritage Sites to install a small informational marker along the graves in Centennial Park.

**CARRIED**

**10.6 Interlake Veterinary Services District, Letter of Support Request**

Resolution 138-2023

Moved by Councillor Chad Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Corey Palsson

Be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton supply the Interlake Veterinary Services District with a letter of support for their application to the Build Interlake Growth Regionally program.

**CARRIED**

**10.7 Public Works Hiring**

Resolution 139-2023

Moved by Councillor David King

Seconded by Councillor Corey Palsson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby approve the hiring of the following seasonal staff:

Brody Maxwell as Green Team at the hourly wage of \$14.40 as a returning employee;

Cyrus Tkachyk as Green Team at the hourly wage of \$14.40 as a returning employee; and

Kris Olafson as Gravel Checker/Mower Operator at Salary Step One;

And further be it resolved that Philip Senga be hired for the permanent Heavy Equipment Operator – Grader position effective April 24, 2023 at Salary Step One.

**CARRIED**

**10.8 Legal Services**

Resolution 140-2023

Moved by Councillor Chad Johnson

Seconded by Councillor David King

Be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton authorize the CAO to retain the legal services of McCandless Tramley for the purpose of agreement/development plan review.

**CARRIED**

**10.9 Land Transfer Agreements, W½ of 15-23-4E Parcelized Closed Road Allowance**  
*Councillor Johnson declared a Conflict of Interest and exited the meeting.*

Resolution Corey 141-2023

Moved by Councillor Corey Palsson

Seconded by Councillor Shawn Magnusson

Be it resolved that Council authorize the Reeve and CAO to sign separate Land Transfer Agreements with Carol & Haraldur Roy Gudmundson, and with Chad Johnson, with respect to the closed road allowance in the west ½ of 15-23-4E.

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Johnson returned to his seat at meeting.*

**10.10 Lot Purchase Request**

Resolution 142-2023

Moved by Councillor Corey Palsson

Seconded by Councillor Ken Stadnek

Be it resolved that the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton declare Rolls 104008, 403300, 431800, 431900 & 434100 as surplus municipal land to be advertised for sale with a closing date of June 6, 2023.

**CARRIED**

**10.11 Manitoba Transportation & Infrastructure, North Crooked Lake Drain culvert  
Replacement on PR 326**

Resolution 143-2023

Moved by Councillor David King

Seconded by Councillor Chad Johnson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton support the Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure project on North Crooked Lake Drain to replace three culverts on PR 326, set to provincial drainage standards.

**CARRIED**

**10.12 Manitoba Transportation & Infrastructure, Culvert Replacement PR 234 and Road 148N**

Resolution 144-2023

Moved by Councillor Gordon Klym

Seconded by Councillor Corey Palsson

Whereas the Washow Bay area surrounding the intersection PR 234 and Road 148N in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton has experienced several overland flooding events that result in road washouts.

And whereas the condition of the Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure culvert through Road 148N at PR 234 has deteriorated to a partial collapse and created a hole in Road 148N;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton requests that Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure replace the damaged culvert through Road 148N at PR 234. **CARRIED**

**10.13 Mutual Aid Memorandums of Understanding with:**

**i) RM of Fisher ii) Town of Arborg iii) RM of Gimli**

Resolution 145-2023

Moved by Councillor Corey Palsson

Seconded by Councillor David King

Be it resolved that Council authorize the Reeve and CAO to sign separate Mutual Aid Memorandums of Understanding with the RM of Fisher, the Town of Arborg, and the RM of Gimli regarding municipal resources during an emergency or disaster situation.

**CARRIED**

**10.14 RM of Montcalm, AMM June District Resolution**

Resolution 146-2023

Moved by Councillor Corey Palsson

Seconded by Councillor Chad Johnson

Be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton co-sponsor the resolution put forward by the RM of Montcalm and the RM of Morris requesting the Association of Manitoba Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to lobby the Provincial and Federal Governments to amend the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements program to include eligibility for Carrying Costs (or interest) as part of the program. **CARRIED**

**10.15 Arborg Bifrost Parks & Rec. Commission, Citizen Representative**

Resolution 147-2023

Moved by Councillor Shawn Magnusson

Seconded by Councillor David King

Be it resolved that the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton appoints Curtis Finsson to the vacant citizen representative position on the Arborg Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission board;

And further be it resolved that Councillor Ken Stadnek be appointed as the Council Member Alternative. **CARRIED**

**10.16 Riverton Bifrost Parks & Rec. Commission, Event Sponsorship Request**

Resolution 148-2023

Moved by Councillor Corey Palsson

Seconded by Councillor Gordon Klym

Be it resolved that Council authorize a sponsorship for the Riverton Bifrost Parks & Rec. Commission's Fundraiser Social event at the Gold level of \$1,000.00.

**CARRIED**

**10.17 Riverton Recycling Depot Location**

Resolution 149-2023

Moved by Councillor David King

Seconded by Councillor Gordon Klym

Be it resolved that the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton temporarily relocate the recycling depot in the community of Riverton to the Curling Rink;

And further be it resolved that Public Works Manager; Mr. Jason Comeau to research appropriate storage.

**CARRIED**

**10.18 Temporary Placement Request**

Resolution 150-2023

Moved by Councillor David King

Seconded by Councillor Corey Palsson

Whereas the applicant, Maria Plett, has applied for a temporary placement of an Older Home currently located on Roll 201900 in the Municipality of Bifrost, for the purpose of storage until a subdivision of the new location is completed and the structure can be placed on a new lot.

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby approve the Temporary Placement of an Older Home to Roll Number 189900 with the following conditions:

- a) that the structure is to be removed or the subdivision approved by May 11, 2024; and
- b) that any necessary permits are obtained from Eastern Interlake Planning District.

**CARRIED**

**11. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**12. IN CAMERA**

Resolution 151-2023

Moved by Councillor Ken Stadnek

Seconded by Councillor Shawn Magnusson

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 10:20 am. to discuss personnel.

**CARRIED**

Resolution 152-2023

Moved by Councillor Chad Johnson

Seconded by Councillor Shawn Magnusson

Be it resolved that Council do hereby conclude In-Camera discussions and resume the regular meeting of Council at 10:36 am. **CARRIED**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Reeve Johnson at 10:37 am.



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Brian N. Johnson, Reeve



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Larissa Love, CAO