



# Municipality OF Bifrost-Riverton

## Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2024 - Regular Meeting - 08:00 AM

Held in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Council Chambers.

### PRESENT

Reeve: Brian N. Johnson Deputy Reeve: Chad Johnson  
Councillor: Shawn Magnusson, Ken Stadnek, David King, Gordon Klym  
Admin: CAO Larissa Love, ACAO Tanis Wyant

### ABSENT

Councillor Corey Palsson

#### 1. Call To Order

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

Resolution No:  
159-2024

#### 2. Confirmation of Minutes

**Moved By:** David King  
**Seconded By:** Shawn Magnusson

Be it resolved that Council do hereby adopt the following Minutes as presented:  
Regular Meeting of Council - June 13, 2024  
Special Meeting of Council - July 3, 2024

Carried

Resolution No:  
160-2024

#### 3. Adoption of Agenda

**Moved By:** Ken Stadnek  
**Seconded By:** Gordon Klym

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:  
10.12 Riverton Parking Lot Project

Carried

#### 4. Reception of Delegations/Petitions

Resolution No:  
161-2024

#### 5. Reports of Elected Officials/Committees

**Moved By:** Shawn Magnusson  
**Seconded By:** Gordon Klym

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

Carried

**Resolution No:**  
162-2024

**6. Communications**

**Moved By:** David King  
**Seconded By:** Ken Stadnek

Be it resolved that Council accept the listed communications as presented.

Carried

**6.1 Public Works Manager Activity Report**

**6.2 Community Futures East Interlake, Annual General Meeting Invitation**

**6.3 MMSM 2023 Annual Report**

**6.4 RCMP, Body-Worn Cameras, Stakeholder Presentation**

**6.5 Arborg Agricultural Society, Speech Request**

**6.6 2024-25 Manitoba Accessibility Fund Grant**

**7. Accounts**

**Resolution No:**  
163-2024

**7.1 List of Accounts for Payment**

**Moved By:** Chad Johnson  
**Seconded By:** Ken Stadnek

Resolved that Council do hereby adopt and approve total payables for expenses in the amount of \$314,864.51;

And further be it resolved that Council do hereby adopt and approve payroll & council indemnities for the pay periods ending July 5, 2024 in the amount of \$93,874.28, and June Government Remittances in the amounts of \$13,457.65 and \$12,768.50;

And further that signing officers be authorized to sign cheques for same, Cheque #'s 2756- 2776 and e-cheques as listed.

Carried

**Resolution No:**  
164-2024

**7.2 Unaudited Financials as at June 30, 2024**

**Moved By:** David King  
**Seconded By:** Chad Johnson

Be it resolved that Council hereby accept the June 30, 2024 Unaudited Financial Statements as presented.

Carried

**7.3 May 2024 Bank Statement**

**8. By-laws**

**9. Unfinished Business**

**10. General Business**

**Resolution No:**  
165-2024

**10.1 BAR Waste Credit Union Account**

**Moved By:** Gordon Klym  
**Seconded By:** David King

Whereas the BAR Waste Authority Co-op Inc. has dissolved;  
And whereas the BAR Waste Facility will be administered through a joint shared service agreement with the Town of Arborg;  
And whereas the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton will now become the Secretary/Treasurer;  
And whereas the Town and Municipality would like operations to be funded out of a

separate chequing account;  
Therefore be it resolved that the BAR Waste Chequing Account No. 940054760019 be hereby closed and transferred under the authority of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton;  
And further be it resolved that a General Reserve Fund be opened in the name of BAR Waste Facility.

Carried

**Resolution No:**  
166-2024

**10.2 BAR Waste Facility Reps**

**Moved By:** Shawn Magnusson

**Seconded By:** Ken Stadnek

Be it resolved that Council for the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton appoint Councillor Gordon Klym and Councillor David King to the BAR Waste Committee.

Carried

**Resolution No:**  
167-2024

**10.3 Email Service Migration**

**Moved By:** Ken Stadnek

**Seconded By:** David King

Be it resolved that Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby approve the quote from MicroAge for the migration of municipal emails to Microsoft 365 Exchange.

Carried

**10.4 Main Street South Drainage**

Tabled

**Resolution No:**  
168-2024

**10.5 MPI Speed Device Loan Agreement**

**Moved By:** Ken Stadnek

**Seconded By:** Gordon Klym

Be it resolved that Council hereby authorize the Reeve and CAO to sign the Speed Device Loan Agreement with Manitoba Public Insurance for the loan of a roadside speed display device.

Carried

**Resolution No:**  
169-2024

**10.6 Request for Dust Control Refund**

**Moved By:** Chad Johnson

**Seconded By:** Ken Stadnek

Be it resolved that Council do approve Del & Pat Barkman's request for refund of their 2024 Dust Control Fee.

Carried

**10.7 Right-of-Way Damage by Tractor**

**10.8 329 River Road Sidewalk Project**

**Resolution No:**  
170-2024

**10.9 Drainage - Arborg-Bifrost Fire & Emergency Services**

**Moved By:** Chad Johnson

**Seconded By:** Gordon Klym

Be it resolved that Council approves a drainage swale between the Arborg-Bifrost Fire & Emergency Services Fire Hall and the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Public Works Shop.

Carried

## 10.10 Arborg-Bifrost Fire & Emergency Services

Be it resolved that Council approves the Chief Administrative Officer to purchase a used Wildfire Truck up to a maximum of \$ to be owned by the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton solely.

Tabled

Resolution No:  
171-2024

## 10.11 Review and Revision of the Municipal Board Mandate, Role, Function, and Practices

**Moved By:** Chad Johnson

**Seconded By:** Shawn Magnusson

WHEREAS the Municipal Board Act, the Municipal Act, the Planning Act, and other legislation sets out the mandate, role, function, and general practices of the Municipal Board; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba recognizes municipalities as a mature order of government; and

WHEREAS Municipalities are experiencing significant and costly delays as a result of outdated, bureaucratic, paternalistic, and wasteful processes in their interactions with the Municipal Board as prescribed in legislation and regulation; and

WHEREAS these delays and processes generate valueless workloads for municipal administration and wasted tax dollars due to redundant work, higher interest rates on borrowing, unnecessary legal fees, and delayed procurement; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has demonstrated its interest in reducing red tape and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of municipalities by creating the Municipal Service Delivery Improvement Program which provides financial support to complete value-for-money service delivery reviews of programs and services to improve service delivery, streamline functions, and find cost efficiencies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to undertake a comprehensive review of the mandate, role, and function of the Municipal Board to evaluate its relevance and actual value in today's municipal sector; and FURTHER THAT the Province of Manitoba complete a third-party value-for-money service delivery review of the Municipal Board processes and undertake process improvements to streamline functions, reduce red tape, and reduce municipal costs; and FURTHER THAT the Province of Manitoba engage AMM and MMA to participate as key stakeholders in the preparation of terms of reference for these efforts and any steering or oversight body for this work.

Carried

## 10.12 Riverton Parking Lot Project

### 11. Notice of Motion

### 12. In Camera

**Moved By:** David King

**Seconded By:** 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 10:15 am to discuss a personnel matter.

Carried

Resolution No:  
172-2024

Resolution No:  
173-2024

### 12.1 In Camera

**Moved By:** Chad Johnson

**Seconded By:** David King

Be it resolved that Council do hereby conclude In-Camera discussions and resume the Regular Meeting of Council at 11:17am.

Carried

### 13. Business Generated from In Camera

**14. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Reeve Johnson at 11:17 am.



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Brian N. Johnson, Reeve



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Larissa Love, CAO