



Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton

Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2024 - Regular Council Meeting - 08:00 AM

PRESENT

Reeve: Brian N. Johnson Deputy Reeve: Chad Johnson
Councillor: Shawn Magnusson (left meeting at 11:14 am), Ken Stadnek, Gordon Klym, Corey Palsson
Admin: CAO Larissa Love, ACAO Tanis Wyant
Present by Communication Facility: Councillor David King

1. Meeting Called To Order

Reeve Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:08 am.

Resolution No:
284-2024

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved By: Chad Johnson
Seconded By: Shawn Magnusson

Be it resolved that Council do hereby adopt the following Minutes as presented:
Regular Meeting - November 14, 2024
Special Meeting - November 28, 2024

Carried

Resolution No:
285-2024

3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: Ken Stadnek
Seconded By: Gordon Klym

Be it resolved that the Agenda be adopted, as amended, and the order of the agenda is authorized to be altered as required.

Carried

4. Reception of Delegations/Petitions

4.1 Grant Melnychuk, Squeal on Pigs - 9:30 am

Mr. Melnychuk and Doug Larcombe presented details on the Manitoba Pork Council and the Squeal on Pigs campaign to Council.

4.2 Kellie Yellowega, FYRST & Re-START Program - 9:45 am

Ms. Yellowega presented on the local FYRST and Re-START programs and made a 2025 budget request.

Resolution No:
286-2024

5. Reception of Elected Officials/Committees

Moved By: Chad Johnson
Seconded By: Corey Palsson

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

Carried

Resolution No:
287-2024

5.1 IMRA Minutes Dec. 2, 2024

6. Communications

Moved By: Chad Johnson

Seconded By: Shawn Magnusson

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

Carried

6.1 Public Works Manager Activity Report

6.2 CAO Activity Report

6.3 Creative Cocoon, Contribution Request

6.4 Morweena New Years Eve Event

6.5 Municipal and Northern Relations, Short-Term Rental Reclassification

6.6 TAXervice, 2024 Tax Arrears Recovery Report

7. Accounts

Resolution No:
288-2024

7.1 Authorization of Accounts for Payment

Moved By: Ken Stadnek

Seconded By: Corey Palsson

Resolved that Council do hereby adopt and approve total payables for expenses in the amount of \$1,153,374.16

And further be it resolved that Council do hereby adopt and approve payroll & council indemnities for the pay periods ending December 6, 2024 in the amount of \$88,587.36, and November Government Remittances in the amounts of \$11,513.34 and \$10,131.36;

And further that signing officers be authorized to sign cheques for same, Cheque #'s 3097 - 3176 and e-cheques as listed.

Carried

Resolution No:
289-2024

7.2 Unaudited Financials as at November 30, 2024

Moved By: Chad Johnson

Seconded By: Ken Stadnek

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

Carried

7.3 Bank Statements

7.4 Budget Control to Date

Resolution No:
290-2024

7.5 2025 Interim Operating Budget

Moved By: Gordon Klym

Seconded By: Corey Palsson

Whereas Section 163 of *The Municipal Act* states that a council may adopt an interim operating budget to have effect only until the council adopts the operating budget for the fiscal year;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby adopt the interim operating budget in the amount of \$3,570,000.00 to be in effect until the 2025 operating budget is adopted, broken down as follows:
General Government Services \$600,000

Protective Services \$200,000
Transportation Services \$2,000,000
Environment Health Services \$200,000
Public Health & Welfare Services \$30,000
Environmental Development Services \$20,000
Economic Development Services \$120,000
Recreation & Cultural Services \$400,000

Carried

Resolution No:
291-2024

7.6 Transfer Utility Account Arrears to Tax Roll

Moved By: Chad Johnson
Seconded By: Corey Palsson

Whereas Section 252 (2) of *The Municipal Act* provides that a charge referred to in clause 252(1)(a) may be collected by the municipality in the same manner as a tax may be collected;

Therefore be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton authorizes the balance of 84 utility accounts with arrears totalling \$10,974.06 to be transferred to the associated tax roll accounts if they remain unpaid at December 31, 2024.

Carried

7.7 Riverton-Bifrost Fire Department

8. By-laws

8.1 Annual Review of By-law 08-2020, Council Code of Conduct

Resolution No:
292-2024

8.2 By-law 05-2024, Amend Zoning By-law SE 10-24-2E "AL" to "GD"

Moved By: Gordon Klym
Seconded By: Corey Palsson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby give first reading to By-Law 05-2024, being a By-law of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton to amend Zoning By-law 04-2024.

Carried

9. Unfinished Business

Resolution No:
293-2024

9.1 Arborg Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission

Moved By: Gordon Klym
Seconded By: Chad Johnson

Whereas the Arborg-Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission has an outstanding GST Account with CRA;
Therefore be it resolved that Council for the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton approve 50% of the GST Payment to a maximum of \$40,000 to the Commission.

Carried

10. General Business

Resolution No:
294-2024

10.1 Enter into Planning Public Hearings

Moved By: Gordon Klym
Seconded By: Shawn Magnusson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council to enter into a Public Hearing on Variance MBR-24-40V at 9:02 am.

Carried

10.1.1 Variance Public Hearing MBR-24-40V (Dueck) - 9:00 am

Public Hearing Minutes

Reeve Johnson called the Public Hearing to order at 9:02 am.

Reeve Johnson confirmed that the Notice of Public Hearing for Variance MBR-24-40V was given in accordance with The Planning Act, and explained the purpose of the hearing.

Representation was received as follows:

In Favour: Byron Dueck, Jacob Weiler.

Opposed: None.

For Information: None.

Reeve Johnson called for adjournment of the Public Hearing at 9:06 am.

Resolution No:
295-2024

10.1.2 Close Planning Public Hearings

Moved By: Ken Stadnek

Seconded By: Gordon Klym

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby adjourn the Public Hearing on Variance RMB-24-40V at 9:06 am.

Carried

Resolution No:
296-2024

10.2 MBR-24-40V Decision

Moved By: Gordon Klym

Seconded By: Corey Palsson

Whereas applicant Byron Dueck, regarding property legally described as Desc. SE 3-24-2E, Roll 0191000.000 in the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton, has applied to the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton to vary Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Zoning By-law 4-2024, provided under Part 6 of Chapter P80 of The Planning Act, as it applies to the property in order to vary Section 8.31.1 by allowing a site for a new single-unit dwelling from cultivated land, as per condition of subdivision;

And, after careful consideration, the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Variation Board in meeting duly assembled this 12th day of December 2024 approve the said Variation.

Carried

Resolution No:
297-2024

10.3 Revised SAM, Subdivision 4105-24-8422

Moved By: Gordon Klym

Seconded By: Ken Stadnek

Whereas the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton acknowledges the receipt of the revised SAM for Subdivision 4105-24-8422, as required by Resolution 261-2024 to increase Proposed Lot 1's site area to 0.70 acres;

Therefore be it resolved that Council hereby deem Condition 2. of Resolution 261-2024 satisfied.

Carried

Resolution No:
298-2024

10.4 Revised SAM, Subdivision 4105-24-8444

Moved By: Gordon Klym

Seconded By: Corey Palsson

Whereas the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton acknowledges the receipt of the revised SAM for Subdivision 4105-24-8444, as required by Resolution 263-2024 to

reduce Proposed Lot 1's site area to 5 acres;

Therefore be it resolved that Council hereby deem Condition 2. of Resolution 263-2024 satisfied.

And further be it resolved that Council also remove Condition 4. requiring a Development Agreement for Flood Protection Measures.

Carried

Resolution No:
299-2024

10.5 Arborg-Bifrost Parks & Rec. Commission, Annual Community Volunteer Recognition Gala

Moved By: David King

Seconded By: Gordon Klym

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton nominate Tim Reimer for the Arborg Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission's Community Volunteer Recognition Gala 2025.

Carried

Resolution No:
300-2024

10.6 Drainage Permit Requiring Municipal Approval

Moved By: Chad Johnson

Seconded By: Corey Palsson

Be it resolved that Council hereby approve the proposed tile drainage project in SE 10-24-3E as presented by Precision Land Solutions on behalf of Evan Smolinski.

Carried

Resolution No:
301-2024

10.7 Municipal Emergency Plan Submission 2025

Moved By: Gordon Klym

Seconded By: Shawn Magnusson

Whereas *The Manitoba Emergency Measures Act* requires municipalities to implement emergency preparedness programs and plans to achieve a state of readiness for emergencies and disasters;

And whereas municipality is a member of the North East Interlake Emergency Measures Board which updates the municipal emergency plan annually;

Therefore be it resolved the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby adopts the 2025 Municipal Emergency Plan for the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton.

Carried

Resolution No:
302-2024

10.8 Snow Removal Agreement, Minister of Infrastructure

Moved By: Chad Johnson

Seconded By: Corey Palsson

Be it resolved that Council hereby authorize the Reeve to sign the Snow Clearing Agreement with the Minister of Infrastructure for the municipal winter maintenance of Manitoba Infrastructure roads within Riverton.

Carried

Resolution No:
303-2024

10.9 2025 Tax Sale Designated Year

Moved By: Gordon Klym

Seconded By: Ken Stadnek

Whereas Section 365(2) of The Municipal Act provides that Council may in any year designate the immediately preceding year, or any earlier year, as the year for which

properties, the taxes in respect of which are in arrears for the year, must be offered for sale by auction to recover the tax arrears and costs;

Be it further resolved that the Designated Year for which properties in arrears be offered for sale by auction, be 2024 (meaning all properties with outstanding taxes from the year 2023 or prior); and

Be it further resolved that in accordance with s. 363 (1) of the Municipal Act, "costs" shall be the actual costs incurred by the municipality for each parcel listed for the tax sale plus an administration fee of \$50.00 per roll as set forth in Manitoba Regulation 50/97.

Carried

A recorded vote was requested.

Resolution No:
304-2024

10.10 Subdivision Application 4105-24-8399 (Notice of Motion given Nov. 14, 2024)

Moved By: David King

Seconded By: Ken Stadnek

Be it resolved that the Council do hereby remove Condition 1 of Resolution 216-2024 which approved Subdivision Application 4105-24-8399.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Brian N Johnson	✓			
Chad Johnson		✓		
David King	✓			
Gordon Klym	✓			
Shawn Magnusson		✓		
Corey Palsson		✓		
Ken Stadnek	✓			

Carried

10.11 Hnausa Lots

10.12 House of Hope Road

10.13 Arborg Bifrost Parks & Rec.; Letter from Town of Arborg

Resolution No:
305-2024

10.14 Veterinary Service District Agreement

Moved By: Corey Palsson

Seconded By: Gordon Klym

Be it resolved that Council hereby authorize the Reeve and CAO to sign the Veterinary Services District Agreement with the Arborg Veterinary Co. for the continued operation of an animal hospital facility.

Carried

Resolution No:
306-2024

10.15 Office Closure

Moved By: Chad Johnson

Seconded By: Shawn Magnusson

Be it resolved that Council for the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton authorize the closure of the Municipal Office to the public from noon on December 24, 2024 to January 2, 2025.

Carried

Resolution No:
307-2024

10.16 Premier and Minister Letter, Flood Letters

Moved By: Gordon Klym

Seconded By: Shawn Magnusson

Be it resolved that Council for the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton supports the Premier and Minister Letter as attached.

Carried

10.17 Okno Municipal Services

11. Notice of Motion

12. In Camera

Resolution No:
308-2024

12.1 Open In Camera

Moved By: Ken Stadnek

Seconded By: Gordon Klym

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 11:12 am to discuss a personnel matter.

Carried

Resolution No:
309-2024

12.2 Close In Camera

Moved By: Ken Stadnek

Seconded By: Gordon Klym

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

Carried

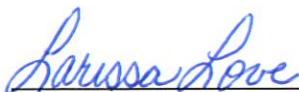
13. Business Generated from In Camera

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Reeve Johnson at 11:21 am.



Brian N. Johnson, Reeve



Larissa Love, CAO

