

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF CUPAR NO. 218

The regular meeting of council of the R.M. of Cupar No. 218 was held on Monday March 11, 2024 at the Municipal Office located at 113 Landsdowne Street in Cupar, Saskatchewan.

PRESENT: Present were Reeve Raymond Orb and Councillors Ron Kish (Division #1), Helena Blaser (Division #2), Daryl Frank (Division #3), Curtis Nakonechny (Division #4), Brennan Leib (Division #6) and Administrator, Nikki Czemerer. Foreman Dana Weisbrod attended a portion of the meeting. Trevor Wagner (Division #5) joined the meeting 9:34 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum being present, Reeve Orb called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. No conflicts of interest were declared at this time.

#37/24 MINUTES:

Blaser – That the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on Friday February 9, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried.

#38/24 CORRESPONDENCE:

Blaser - That the following correspondence having been read, now be filed:

- i. SARM – Irrigation Project
- ii. SARM – Support for Health Care needed
- iii. SARM – More Education for Municipal Leaders
- iv. Municipal Hail – AGM
- v. AG in the Classroom – Directors Needed
- vi. 2024 Weed Inspector and Land Manager Workshops
- vii. Ag Health and Safety Breakfast
- viii. PBI – Newsletter
- ix. RCMP – Community Report
- x. WSP – Hospitality Invite

Carried.

REPORTS:

Councillors Blaser and Nakonechny and Reeve Orb reported on the meeting with the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure on the poor condition of Highway 22 between Marking and Cupar.

#39/24 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS:

Frank – That the Statement of Financial Activities for February, 2024 be accepted as presented. This report shall be attached hereto and form part of these minutes.

Carried.

Councillor Trevor Wagner joined the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

#40/24 LIST OF ACCOUNTS:

Leib - That the list of accounts from cheques # 15038 to #15058 and preauthorized debits to Royal Bank Visa, Agline, Ministry of Finance, Pitney Bowes, Sask Power, Sask Tel and Sask Energy totaling \$60,199.95, plus payroll transactions posted through the Ceridian payroll software in the amount of \$18,604.61 be approved as presented and that the list be attached to and form part of these minutes.

Carried.

#41/24 DEVELOPMENT PERMIT:

Wagner - That the Rural Municipality of Cupar #218 have received a request to amend the Zoning Bylaw from Alton Farms Ltd. The amendment request will allow a commercial subdivision and a residential subdivision on the same quarter sections in an Agricultural district. A bylaw amendment will need to be pursued prior to the approval of the Development Permit.

Carried.

#42/24 HELP PROGRAM:

Kish – That the Rural Municipality of Cupar #218 RM recognizes the central role trees play in wind and snow protection, carbon sequestration, oxygen production, and habitat development and is interested in our rural residents' participation in HELP International's proposed Free Tree/Tree Mulch/Drip Irrigation materials program under the federal government's Two Billion Tree Initiative. Our region is considered semi-arid

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by international rainfall standards. The addition of plastic mulch and drip irrigation would greatly heighten the success in establishing trees and lessen the maintenance burden on landowners. The use of plastic mulch film also eliminates the need for recurrent cultivation and eliminates the need for chemical weed control around the trees. Drip Irrigation for tree installations is as an important water conservation technology that helps preserve limited dugout and well water supplies for humans and livestock.

Carried.

#43/24 DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPEAL:

Nakonechny – Whereas the appeal process has been completed and Saskatchewan Municipal Board has ruled that the Rural Municipality of Cupar #218 has correctly applied the setbacks in the Municipal Zoning Bylaw therefore the appellant shall be advised that they have until August 31, 2024 to remove the cement pad from 150 feet from the centerline of the road.

Carried.

#44/24 2024 WAGES:

Kish – Whereas Kim Back has retired from the foreman position but will return as a seasonal grader operator, be it resolved that his wages for 2024 by \$33 per hour.

Carried.

#45/24 LORAAS GARBAGE BINS:

Blaser – That the Rural Municipality of Cupar #218 get a quote from Loraas Disposal on the price of having garbage available to ratepayers under a group program and how many ratepayers are required to sign up to be part of that program.

Carried.

#46/24 GRAVEL HAULING FOR 2024:

Frank – That the Rural Municipality of Cupar #218 hire Woolsey Enterprises for 2024 gravel hauling with no change to the 2023 pricing.

Carried.

#47/24 BULK OIL PURCHASE:

Leib – That the Rural Municipality of Cupar #218 confirm if Finning Canada would cover the warranty on our Graders if we were to use Shell oil versus Finning oil. If so, the Rural Municipality of Cupar #218 will purchase bulk oil in totes from Catalys Lubricants as it will save approximately \$44 per oil change. Set up with a pump, meter and fifty feet of hose will cost \$2,800.

Carried.

#48/24 EMPLOYEE RECALLS:

Wagner – That the Rural Municipality of Cupar #218 recall employees for spring at the call of the foreman and based on weather.

Carried.

#49/24 INVOICE FOR TREE REMOVAL:

Nakonechny – That the Rural Municipality of Cupar #218 pay invoice number 957 from Jeff Ullman in the amount of \$6300 plus GST for tree removal prior to the next meeting of Council.

Carried.

#50/24 PURCHASE OF LIBRARY BUILDING:

Kish – That the Rural Municipality of Cupar #218 vote in favour of Parkland Regional Library purchasing the building at 362 6th Ave. N. Yorkton for \$710,000 for the main office.

Carried.

#51/24 ACKNOWLEDGE TLE SUMMARY ACCOUNT FOR 2023:

Blaser – That the Rural Municipality of Cupar #218 acknowledge the Annual TLE Account provided by SARM and that no changes be requested at this time.

Carried.

#44/24 STARS DONATION:

Leib – That the Rural Municipality of Cupar #218 donate \$2 per capita to STARS Air Ambulance.

Carried.

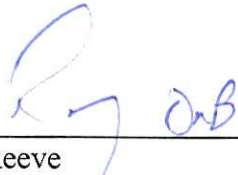
#45/24 SASK POWER RECONSTRUCTION MAP:

Frank – That the Rural Municipality of Cupar #218 have no issues with the installation of three phase power from NE-02-23-17-W2-ro NE-27-22-17-W2.

Carried.

#46/24 **ADJOURNMENT:**
Frank – That the meeting be adjourned at 11:14 a.m..

Carried.



Reeve



Administrator

Next regular Meeting of Council will be April 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.