

RM of Edenwold Meeting Minutes

Communications / Arts, Culture and Recreation Committee Meeting November 27, 2024 - 01:00 PM

Minutes of a Communications / Arts, Culture and Recreation Committee Meeting of the Rural Municipality of Edenwold No. 158 held on Wednesday, November 27, 2024, in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building, located at 100 Hutchence Road, Emerald Park, Saskatchewan, the following were present:

Reeve: Al Trainor

Councillors: Division #1 Carmen Leibel (Chairperson)

Division #3 Nichole Posehn

Chief Administrative Officer: Karen Zaharia Communication Officer: Lee Chambers

Guest: Administrative Assistant: Jessica Schoenroth

Call to Order

The Chairperson Councillor Carmen Leibel called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

Review minutes from October 9, 2024 meeting

The October 9, 2024 minutes were reviewed and no revisions were required.

Christmas Event Update

It was noted by Lee Chambers (Communication Officer) that the Facebook event page for the Regina Tree lighting event featured 1.2K followers. As of this committee meeting, 2351 people are currently following the RM's Christmas Fireworks & Tree lighting event.

It was agreed to have the Christmas shuttle bus stop at the main entrance to Hutchence Road on December 5 rather than pulling into the RM directly for safety.

Councillor Leibel will be attendance with Councillor Brodt to provide free popcorn and an additional hot chocolate urn. The popcorn trailer will be located close to the RM office with set up around 4pm on December 5th. Councillor Posehn will support safety aspects of the firepits and marshmallow roasting during the event.

Ecole White City Sports Field Agreement and Emerald Ridge Elementary School Development Plans

The Prairie Valley School Division is looking to have the RM and White City enter into an joint use and maintenance agreement for the sports field at Emerald Ridge Elementary School similar to the agreement previously made for the use and maintenance of the Ecole White City School sports field.

The agreement would have the RM support labour aspects and maintenance for the planned upgrades to the Emerald Ridge Elementary School sports field. There is also a possible request aspect that may include a request for capital funds.

Councillor Leibel noted that capital requests should be on PVSD, not on the RM. It was suggested that the RM send back to the PVSD for more details on the specifics of their

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request before the request is considered by Council. It was noted that the previous paperwork and cost factors are now ten years old.

Administrative Assistant Jessica Schoenroth joined the committee meeting at 1:31 p.m.

Notice Nature Passport (for Geocaching 2025)

Jessica Schoenroth shared details on the Notice Nature Passport program that administration is considering to support the Noxious Weed Control Policy in 2025. The organization produces small guides on identifying plants or animals that would be a good addition to include in the twelve Geocache boxes in 2025. The Committee recommended considering obtaining copies for the event in 2025.

It was also noted that coins and hot sauces were popular items in the Geocaches that were found by 159 people from June to October 2024.

Request Management Quote

The committee agreed that the RM should proceed with the Standard version of the Catalist program that would replace Service Tracker, as the cost for the upgraded Enterprise version is considerably higher.

Jessica Schoenroth noted that at the moment we are using Service Tracker to it's capacity internally but the program has not been rolled out directly the public. The new Request Management program would produce better reports for staff and Council.

Administrative Assistant Jessica Schoenroth was excused from the committee meeting at 1:43 p.m.

Other Items

The Regina Travel Survey deadline is November 29, 2024 and to date 34 surveys have been completed (a 7.5% response rate on 450 surveys mailed out by the RM). An additional 150 surveys were mailed out directly from the research company to RM ratepayers. Raw data from this survey will be available to the RM in the spring of 2025.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 pm. The next committee meeting date is to be determined.

Chairperson

Administration