

RM of Edenwold

Meeting Minutes

Protective Services Committee Meeting November 28, 2024 - 01:00 PM

Minutes of a Protective Services Committee Meeting of the Rural Municipality of Edenwold No. 158 held on Thursday, November 28, 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 #6 Tim Brodt (Chairperson)

Chief Administrative Officer: Karen Zaharia

CSO Supervisor: Rod Ash

Emerald Park Fire Chief: Kevin Dell

Call to Order

Chairperson Councillor Tim Brodt called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Review minutes from September 18, 2024 meeting

The committee reviewed the September 18, 2024 minutes and no revisions were required.

CSO Department Updates

CSO Supervisor Rod Ash provided updates on two (2) noise complaints and one (1) dog bite complaint that are still open in Service Tracker. The RM is still waiting for the new CSO to receive their special constable appointment from the Ministry. CSO Rampal was on holidays this past week. The agreements for CSO services with the Towns of Balgonie and Pilot Butte and the RM of Lajord will be expiring on December 31, 2024. The committee will recommend to Council to renew the agreements and keep the CSO rates the same as 2024 as the rates were last increased in 2022.

Fire Department Updates

Emerald Park Fire Chief Kevin Dell (Fire Chief) provided an update on the false alarm calls at Communiskate. They were having issues with their alarm system and there had been many false alarm calls since the summer when they began renovations. Kevin advised that there have been several false alarm calls overall in the area the past few months.

The Fire Chief advised that they will be moving to a new training program for their mandatory training in the new year. The cost for 3 fire departments (Emerald Park, Pilot Butte & White City) is approximately \$10,000. Balgonie is not included because they have enough certified instructors in their department. Any members can do the training and don't need a certified instructor. The 1001 training course is being planned for spring. Councillor Brodt had inquired if TSSI grant funding can be applied? Administration will look into this.

The Fire Chief provided an update from the recent Fire Chiefs meeting that took place on November 18, 2024. This was an introduction meeting for the new White City fire chief.

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The Committee discussed White City First Responders when responding to calls within the RM (Emerald Park). They are covered under Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA). They are technically an employee of SHA. SHA covers some cost for supplies but not full costs. The Committee discussed possibly putting some money in the budget to contribute towards supplies as this would show cooperation between the municipalities.

The Fire Chief advised that there has been 71 fire calls for the year for Pilot Butte and Emerald Park so far. He noted that when there is a false alarm call in Pilot Butte, the Emerald Park Fire Department doesn't respond and vice versa.

The Fire Chief advised that he tracks the members attendance at events including fire calls, training sessions, RM events, and other events and the total for the department was 531. There were approximately 69 different events throughout the year that the members attended.

The Fire Chief provided updates on equipment repairs. He advised that the tanker was down due to a leak in a valve. It wasn't able to be serviced at the fire hall and had to be taken to Redhead Equipment for repairs. There may be an increase in expenses due to this repair.

Councillor Brodt provided an update from the SARM midterm convention and a presentation from Saskatchewan Healthcare Recruitment Agency. They have multiple trailers available for screening. Councillor Brodt will be forwarding the information to fire department member M. Wright for the Wellness Expo next year.

EMO & White Butte RCMP Stakeholder Updates

Councillor Brodt advised that the White Butte RCMP will be hosting a tabletop exercise on mass casualties and the White Butte Regional Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) is updating their Terms of Reference. He also advised that the fertilizer spill that occurred on the Balgonie Overpass and Highway 1 in October is now on Crimestoppers.

Communications Officer Lee Chambers joined the committee meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Upcoming RM Events Requiring CSO & Fire Department Members in Attendance

Communications Officer Lee Chambers provided an update on the RM's Christmas Tree Lighting & Fireworks event taking place on December 5, 2024 at the RM Office and Emerald Park Fire Hall which will require the attendance of the CSOs and members of the Emerald Park Fire Department.

Communications Officer Lee Chambers was excused from the committee meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Other Items

Fire Chief Kevin Dell advised that the City of Regina Fire Department is willing to extend the RM's Secondary Fire Services agreement for another year.

Fire Chief Kevin Dell was excused from the committee meeting at 2:02 p.m.

In Camera Session: 2:02 p.m. to 2:19 p.m.

The Committee meeting moved to an In Camera session from 2:02 p.m. to 2:19 p.m. pursuant to clause 120(2)(a) of *The Municipalities Act*, pursuant to clause 16(1)(e) of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to discuss information, including the proposed plans, policies or projects of the local authority, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to result in disclosure of a pending policy or budgetary decision.

Adjournment: 2:19 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m. with our next committee meeting is to be determined.

Chairperson

Administration