Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Edenwold No. 158 held on Tuesday, June 4th, 2019 in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building, 100 Hutchence Road, Emerald Park, Sask., called pursuant to section 123(1) of *The Municipalities Act*, commencing at 10:00 a.m. The following were present at the meeting:

Reeve: Mitchell Huber

Councillors: Division #1 Craig Strudwick
Division #2 Stan Capnerhurst
Division #3 Wayne Joyce
Division #4 Lorne Beer

Division #5 Dwayne Radmacher

Division #6 Tim Brodt

Administrator & CAO: Kim McIvor

Manager of Planning & Development: Jana Jedlic Planner: Jessica Mitchell and Planner: Marcina Hodgins

Quorum

With a quorum present, Reeve Huber called the meeting to order @ 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Agenda

Reeve Huber gave an overview of the agenda items as listed in the special meeting notice each Councillor received thru regular mail & email and the public meeting notice as follows:

- Response to complimentary Resolution request for annexation
- Waste, Recycling Compost bylaw amendment: remove 51% from subdivisions.
- RM office signage price quotes

Councillor Round Table 10:10 to 11:00 am Council Roundtable discussion was in regards to the Emerald Park/White City Business Association Question & Answer open house they held last night for the business community to hear directly from both the Town and the RM on the impact White City's annexation proposal would have on our communities businesses.

Council noted the event had great attendance with lots of important questions asked which demonstrates the keen interest this issue has with the business community. One thing that came through loud and clear during last night's event was there is a growing sense of doubt that annexation is the best path forward for our communities and businesses.

Attendees raised a couple of key concerns they have about White City's annexation plan;

- How can the Town's council who have no experience in attracting, managing, and servicing a diverse mix of residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural lands do better than the RM who has over forty years' worth of experience?
- How can White City promise no tax-loss compensation will be paid despite several SMB decision that show otherwise.
- How can White City promise to lower taxes when they have so many capital project listed and tax loss compensation is not included in their financial impact study?

We heard clearly from the business community that annexation is not the best path forward for our communities; they want cooperation, not annexation.

Delegation 11:00 to 11:50 a.m.

Consultants Joel Peterson and Sean Osmar met with Council to discuss last nights business meeting and the legislative required Public Hearing meeting White City will be holding tomorrow night, June 5th, 2019 in regards to their Annexation Proposal

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WC Annexation Request Official Response of Opposition Councillor Joyce: THAT we hereby respond that we, without reservation, oppose the Town of White City's request for complementary resolution to their formal notice of a boundary alteration dated April 23, 2019 to annex the subdivisions of Emerald Park, Great Plains Industrial Park, adjacent commercial and industrial land, the residential areas of Escott Estates, Deneve Estates, Meadow Ridge Estates and Park Meadow Estates and other agricultural lands.

We do not believe that the request for boundary alteration/annexation serves the best interests of either community, the region or the province. We believe that the unique communities of Emerald Park and White City would be better served if the communities pursued a path of cooperation, seeking to create a "win-win" scenario where both communities mutually benefit. We believe that White City's rationales, as outlined in their proposal, do not present a valid argument to justify our support. Like our neighbour, the RM believes that our region needs to be in a position to support growth, but unlike our neighbour, the RM believes that there are other options available to our communities that have not been fully considered or explored.

Carried.

379/2019 Compost Bylaw Amendment **Councillor Capnerhurst:** THAT we hereby direct administration to remove the 51% requirement clause from the residential subdivision section 2 b) of The Waste Collection Services Bylaw.

Carried.

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RM Office Signage

Councillor Capnerhurst: That we accept the price quote from Indiglow.ca Signs & Graphics for the non-illuminated stainless steel pin mounted RM emblem sign for the east outside wall be accepted in the amount of \$6,512.00; and further, That we accept price quote from Indiglow.ca Signs & Graphics for the non-illuminated stainless steel pin mounted RM wording sign for the north outside wall be accepted in the amount of \$6,281.00;

Carried.

381/2019 Adjourn Reeve Huber: THAT this meeting be hereby adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Carried.

Administrator