



**RM of Edenwold
Meeting Minutes**

Regular Council Meeting September 12, 2023 - 09:00 AM

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Edenwold No. 158 held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building, located at 100 Hutchence Road, Emerald Park, Saskatchewan, the following were present:

Reeve: Vacant

Deputy Reeve: Stan Capnerhurst

Councillors: Division #1 Lisa Peters
Division #3 Alan Trainor
Division #4 Karen Kotylak
Division #5 Dwayne Radmacher
Division #6 Tim Brodt
Division #7 Rod Tuchscherer

Chief Administrative Officer: Karen Zaharia

Manager of Planning and Development: Paige Boha

Manager of Engineering and Public Works: Clark Gates

Financial Officer: Sara Gartshore

Call to Order

With a quorum present, Deputy Reeve Capnerhurst called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Council reviewed the agenda items and no conflicts of interest were declared.

Res. No: Meeting Minutes: August 22, 2023
2023/585 **Moved By:** Councillor Brodt

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 22, 2023 be approved as circulated and presented.

CARRIED

Res. No: Public Hearing Minutes: August 22, 2023
2023/586 **Moved By:** Councillor Tuchscherer

THAT the minutes of the public hearing meeting held on August 22, 2023 be approved as circulated and presented.

CARRIED

Res. No: List of Accounts
2023/587 **Moved By:** Councillor Tuchscherer

THAT the list of accounts consisting of cheques #3040 to #3093, 16 other EFT payments & 3 credit card payments totaling \$1,297,126.70 plus August 16-31, 2023 payroll totaling \$58,759.66 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

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Res. No:
2023/588

Bank Reconciliations: August 2023
Moved By: Councillor Brodt

THAT the August 2023 bank reconciliations be acknowledged as presented.

CARRIED

Financial Officer Report: 9:06 a.m. to 9:12 a.m.

Financial Officer Sara Gartshore presented the Financial Officer Report which provided an update on the municipality's financial activities for August 2023.

Res. No:
2023/589

Statement of Financial Activities & Financial Position: August 2023
Moved By: Councillor Peters

THAT we acknowledge the Statement of Financial Activities and Financial Position for August 2023 as circulated and presented.

CARRIED

Public Works Foreman Rod Benroth joined the council meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Res. No:
2023/590

August 2023 Water Report
Moved By: Councillor Kotylak

THAT we accept the August 2023 Monthly Water Report as presented with it noted that no upset conditions occurred during this period.

CARRIED

Public Works Report: 9:14 a.m. to 9:39 a.m.

Public Works Foreman Rod Benroth presented the Public Works Report on the following topics:

- August 2023 Monthly Water Report;
- update on pipe leak at water treatment plant that occurred on September 9, 2023;
- alternative dust control product, MG30, to be applied as a test section on Grid 624 by TC Energy in September;
- update on the chip sealing of internal roads in Stone Pointe Estates;
- crack sealing in Emerald Park to begin the week of September 18, 2023;
- asphalt pothole repairs will begin September 13, 2023;
- updates regarding ditch mowing and gravelling of roads;
- road shoulder pulls on Grid 624 just south of Piapot entrance to begin on September 18, 2023;
- pathway solar light replacements to begin September 18, 2023;
- four (4) dead trees were removed along Emerald Park Road;
- parks maintenance update;
- washrooms at Kuzmicz Park will be closed October 6, 2023 for the winter;
- fleet management and maintenance program updates;
- water treatment system and wastewater system updates; and
- facilities and municipal buildings maintenance updates.



Engineering Report: 9:39 a.m. to 10:12 a.m.

Manager of Engineering & Public Works Clark Gates presented the Engineering Report on the following topics:

- sewer service repair at Lot 18, Block 11, Plan 102136216;
- closure of Range Road 2184, south of South Service Road;
- update on the chip sealing of the internal road of Stone Pointe Estates;
- rear yard drainage and remediation of Aspen Village Drive lots;
- update on Woods Crescent sewer back incident that occurred on July 3, 2023; and
- update on the elevation and drainage issues of Lot 37, Block X1, Plan 102019643.

Councillor Radmacher joined the council meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Res. No:
2023/591

Lot 37, Block X1, Plan 102019643: Reimbursement for Retaining Wall
Moved By: Councillor Trainor

THAT we approve to reimburse the amount of \$7,642.35 to the registered owners of Lot 37, Block X1, Plan 102019643 which represents 50% of the retaining wall constructed in 2023 as all parties involved did not do their due diligence when the neighbouring lot was developed in 2012 and 2014.

CARRIED

Public Works Foreman Rod Benroth was excused from the council meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Res. No:
2023/592

Recess: 10:12 a.m.
Moved By: Deputy Reeve Capnerhurst

THAT the time being 10:12 a.m. we take a 15-minute recess.

CARRIED

Res. No:
2023/593

Reconvene: 10:27 a.m.
Moved By: Deputy Reeve Capnerhurst

THAT the time being 10:27 a.m. we reconvene our regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Engineering Report (continued): 10:27 a.m. to 10:41 a.m.

Manager of Engineering & Public Works Clark Gates continued the Engineering Report on the following topics:

- proposal evaluation and recommendation regarding the Indigenous Engagement Strategy RFP results;
- proposal evaluation and recommendation regarding the Drainage Study RFP results;
- update regarding the Balgonie Grid clay cap project tender results; and
- Spruce Creek lake dredging update.



Res. No:
2023/594

Indigenous Engagement Strategy RFP
Moved By: Councillor Tuchscherer

THAT we accept the lowest quoted proposal from Seedstone Strategies in the amount of \$25,200.00 plus applicable taxes for consulting services related to the delivery of the Indigenous Engagement Strategy.

CARRIED

Res. No:
2023/595

RM of Edenwold Drainage Improvements RFP
Moved By: Councillor Kotylak

THAT we accept the lowest quoted proposal from AECOM in the amount of \$12,520.00 plus applicable taxes for engineering services related to the preliminary design of three drainage projects within the municipality.

CARRIED

Res. No:
2023/596

Balgonie Grid Clay Cap Project Tender
Moved By: Councillor Brodt

THAT we cancel the tender for the Balgonie Grid Clay Cap project for 2023 and re-tender in 2024.

CARRIED

Planning & Development Report: 10:41 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Manager of Planning & Development Paige Boha presented the Planning & Development Report on the following topics:

- development updates;
- Open House on September 13, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm will be held by the developer in regard to the rezoning of S 1/2 12-18-18 W2 from AR - Agricultural Resource to EHI - Extraction & Heavy Industrial;
- round 5 of yard maintenance inspections;
- new 2023 Business License Bylaw implementation plan; and
- bylaws and policies under review.

Res. No:
2023/597

Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2023-37: 33 Carson Crescent - 1st Reading
Moved By: Councillor Kotylak

THAT Bylaw No. 2023-37 being a bylaw to provide for entering into an agreement for exemption from taxation for 33 Carson Crescent, Lot 4A, Block 2, Plan 102236127, in NW 22-17-18 W2 be given first reading.

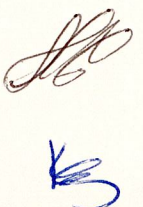
CARRIED

Res. No:
2023/598

Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2023-37: 33 Carson Crescent - 2nd Reading
Moved By: Councillor Trainor

THAT Bylaw No. 2023-37 being a bylaw to provide for entering into an agreement for exemption from taxation for 33 Carson Crescent, Lot 4A, Block 2, Plan 102236127, in NW 22-17-18 W2 be given second reading.

CARRIED



Res. No:
2023/599

Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2023-37: 33 Carson Crescent - 3 Readings
Moved By: Councillor Peters

THAT Bylaw No. 2023-37 being a bylaw to provide for entering into an agreement for exemption from taxation for 33 Carson Crescent, Lot 4A, Block 2, Plan 102236127, in NW 22-17-18 W2 be given three readings at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Res. No:
2023/600

Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2023-37: 33 Carson Crescent - 3rd Reading
Moved By: Councillor Brodt

THAT Bylaw No. 2023-37 being a bylaw to provide for entering into an agreement for exemption from taxation for 33 Carson Crescent, Lot 4A, Block 2, Plan 102236127, in NW 22-17-18 W2 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED

Res. No:
2023/601

Request for Pricing – Real Property Reports & Elevations Certificates to Complete Building Permits
Moved By: Councillor Peters

THAT we accept the lowest price quote from Midwest Surveys Inc. in the estimated amount of \$21,710.00 plus applicable taxes to obtain Real Property Reports and Elevation Certificates for twenty-nine (29) properties within the municipality.

CARRIED

Res. No:
2023/602

Request to Waive OCP Application Fee - NE 17-17-18 W2
Moved By: Councillor Tuchscherer

THAT we authorize Administration to waive the Official Community Plan (OCP) application fee in the amount of \$2,500.00 and the applicant to pay the advertising fee and public notification letter fee for the OCP Future Land Use Map amendment for NE 17-17- 18 W2.

CARRIED

Res. No:
2023/603

"Draft" Memorandum of Understanding for Joint Management Planning Area with Town of White City
Moved By: Councillor Kotylak

THAT we direct Planning and Development and Administration to discuss the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Joint Planning Management Area (JPMA) with the Town of White City.

CARRIED

Res. No:
2023/604

Communiskate - 2023 Education Property Tax Exemption Approval
Moved By: Councillor Trainor

THAT we acknowledge the Ministry of Government Relations' exemption of 100% of the 2023 school tax in the amount of \$32,597.04 for Communiskate, Roll 2080, Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 84R38664.

CARRIED

Res. No:
2023/605

New Hire: Planner I Subdivisions
Moved By: Councillor Kotylak

THAT we acknowledge that Aamna Tahir has been hired as a permanent full-time Planner I: Subdivisions with a starting date of September 11, 2023 at the salary in accordance with the Municipality's 2023 Salary Schedule, contingent upon completion of a 3-month probation period and as per the signed Offer of Employment.

CARRIED

Res. No:
2023/606

Last Working Days for Summer Students
Moved By: Councillor Brodt

THAT we acknowledge the last working days for the following summer students for 2023:

Administrative Assistant Summer Student Parker McCormick: August 23, 2023;
Planning Summer Student Brodie-Lynn Finlayson: August 31, 2023;
Emerald Park Public Works Maintenance Personnel Summer Student Reid Sulymka: August 24, 2023; and
Emerald Park Public Works Maintenance Personnel Summer Student Easton Johns: August 29, 2023.

CARRIED

Res. No:
2023/607

Recess: 12:00 p.m.
Moved By: Deputy Reeve Capnerhurst

THAT the time being 12:00 p.m. we recess for lunch.

CARRIED

Res. No:
2023/608

Reconvene: 1:00 p.m.
Moved By: Deputy Reeve Capnerhurst

THAT the time being 1:00 p.m. we reconvene our regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Res. No:
2023/609

Resolution for SARM Midterm Convention: Coyote Reduction Program
Moved By: Councillor Brodt

THAT we authorize Administration to submit the following resolution regarding Coyote Reduction Program to SARM for the 2023 Midterm Convention in November 2023:

WHEREAS The Province implemented the Saskatchewan Coyote Control Program as a pilot project in 2009-2010 to combat significant increases in livestock losses due to coyotes;

WHEREAS The Province halted the Saskatchewan Coyote Control Program for unknown reasons;

WHEREAS SARM has previously submitted coyote-related motions in 2011, 2012 and 2018, and in 2011 and 2012, the province said it had no plans to re-introduce the coyote control program, in 2018, the province provided no response;

WHEREAS Health Canada has banned strychnine as a poison, increasing Richardson Ground Squirrels populations and thus increasing coyote populations due to an abundance of prey;



WHEREAS There has been a marked increase in coyote populations in Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS Existing coyote programs, including the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program, are reactive in dealing with coyotes and fail to reduce coyote populations;

WHEREAS Existing coyote programs are largely oriented towards the negative effects of coyotes on agricultural producers and do not account for the negative impacts of coyotes on residential areas (including their effect on human safety and domestic animals);

WHEREAS It would be cost-effective to keep coyote populations in check, especially in known coyote hot spots;

BE IT RESOLVED that SARM lobby the Provincial Government to reinstate the Saskatchewan Coyote Control Program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the Provincial Government choose not to reinstate the Saskatchewan Coyote Control Program, that SARM lobby the Provincial Government to explore alternative measures to control coyote populations within Saskatchewan, such as including coyotes as an approved pest under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership cost-share rebate program.

CARRIED

Res. No:
2023/610

Resolution for SARM Midterm Convention: Amendment to The Local Government Election Act, 2015

Moved By: Councillor Kotylak

THAT we authorize Administration to submit the following resolution regarding Amendment to *The Local Government Election Act, 2015* to SARM for the 2023 Midterm Convention in November 2023:

WHEREAS Both rural and urban municipalities are governed by the same legislation, being *The Local Government Election Act, 2015*, and have little need for different election procedures concerning by-elections, or when an incumbent from an even division wishes to run for reeve in a general election for the reeve and odd divisions;

WHEREAS The election procedures differ for by-elections, and general elections for the reeve and odd divisions, in Sections 71(1)(a)(ii), 71(2), 72(1)(b), 72(2), and 72(3)(b);

WHEREAS Requiring current councillors to resign before a by-election, or before running for reeve during a general election for the reeve and odd divisions, is inconsistent with the provisions for urban municipal councillors running for mayor in a mayoral by-election;

WHEREAS Requiring current councillors to resign before a by-election, or before running for reeve during a general election for the reeve and odd divisions, can create a lack of quorum if there is interest amongst multiple current council members;

WHEREAS Requiring current councillors to resign to run in a by-election, or before running for reeve during a general election for the reeve and odd divisions, necessitates that further by-elections must be held to fill council vacancies;

WHEREAS Running numerous successive by-elections is both expensive and time-consuming for a municipality.

BE IT RESOLVED that SARM lobby the Provincial Government to amend section 72 of *The Local Government Election Act, 2015* to include a provision similar to subclause 71(1)(a)(ii) and subsection 71(2) to allow current councillors the ability to run for reeve in a by-election, or for incumbents in even divisions to run for reeve in a general election for the reeve and odd divisions, without needing to resign prior to nomination OR to remove the provisions in subsection 72(2) and clause 72(3)(b)



which force such resignations and amend section 71 to apply to both urban and rural municipalities.

CARRIED

Res. No:
2023/611

Lot 1, Block B, Plan 102094792: Request to Waive Mowing Invoice
Moved By: Councillor Peters

THAT we authorize Administration to reduce Invoice No. 2023-00146 for the property located at Lot 1, Block B, Plan 102094792 by \$350.00 plus PST to reflect the actual cost of the third-party contracted mowing completed in accordance with the RM's 2023 Yard Maintenance Policy.

CARRIED

Administration Report: 1:49 p.m. to 2:13 p.m.

Chief Administrative Officer Karen Zaharia presented the Administration Report on the following topics:

- proposed resolutions for SARM Midterm Convention in November 2023;
- RM will be presenting at the White City Emerald Park Business Association Breakfast on October 11, 2023;
- executed Standard Operating Procedures between White Butte RCMP and RM of Edenwold's CSOs;
- nominations for the Reeve by-election opened on August 31, 2023 and the deadline is Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.;
- request for settlement received regarding spring run-off flood damage that occurred at Lot 1, Block 5, Plan 84R38663 this past spring; and
- Service Tracker reports for the period of August 18 to September 7, 2023.

Council Reports & Roundtable: 2:13 p.m. to 2:14 p.m.

Council presented their reports and roundtable discussion on the following topic:

- chip sealing of internal roads of Stone Pointe Estates.

Communications Officer Lee Chambers joined the council meeting at 2:14 p.m.

Communications Report: 2:14 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Communications Officer Lee Chambers presented the Communications Report on the following topics:

- the RM will be presenting at the White City Emerald Park Business Association breakfast on October 11, 2023;
- 2024 budget survey to be sent out to all RM ratepayers in September and will also be hosted on the YourEdenwold engagement platform;
- Needs Assessment Survey to be sent out to all RM ratepayers in September;
- Halloween themed free public skating at Communiskate on October 9, 2023 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.;
- free public skating times at Communiskate during November 2023 to March 2024;
- social media updates; and
- vandalism at the tennis/pickleball court has been shared with the White Butte RCMP and Crimestoppers for further investigation.



Communications Officer Lee Chambers was excused from the council meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Committee Reports & Roundtable (continued): 2:50 p.m. to 3:09 p.m.

Council presented their reports and roundtable discussion on the following topics:

- Councillor Brodt has been asked to sit on a joint panel for Crimestoppers and Rural Crime Watch at the SARM midterm convention in November;
- White Butte EMO training exercise is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 2023;
- update from the Plains Midstream mock disaster training exercise that took place on September 7, 2023;
- RCMP Regimental Ball is scheduled for November 18, 2023;
- upcoming White Butte RCMP Stakeholder meeting taking place on September 21, 2023;
- Southeast Regional Library Board update; and
- Search and Rescue Regina poster to be shared on social media.

Res. No:
2023/612

Correspondence

Moved By: Councillor Brodt

THAT the following correspondence be hereby acknowledged and filed:

- Southeast Regional Library: 2024 Budget Letter;
- Kronau Fire Department - Fire Call August 23, 2023; and
- Covenant Construction: Introduction Letter & Services Offered.

CARRIED

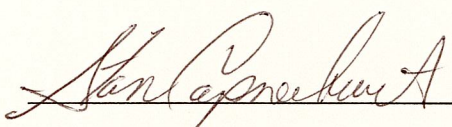
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Adjournment: 3:10 p.m.

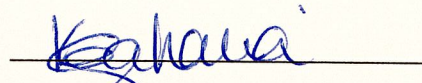
Moved By: Councillor Radmacher

THAT this meeting be hereby adjourned at 3:10 p.m. with our next regular meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 commencing at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED



Deputy Reeve



Administrator