

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the council of the R.M. of Arm River, No. 252 held in Council Chambers at the R.M. Office in Davidson, SK on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 commencing at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Reeve Wayne Obrigewitsch, Councillors Blaine Smith, David Gregor, Brian Schmidt, Kris Williams, Allan McNabb and CAO Yvonne (Bonny) Goodsmann and Assistant Administrator Michelle Bublish
Regrets: Councillor Brian Vibert

117/23 Call to Order: Wayne Obrigewitsch: That as a quorum is present the meeting is called to order.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

118/23 Agenda: Brian Vibert: That the agenda be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No Conflicts of Interest were declared at this time regarding agenda items.

119/23 Minutes: Blaine Smith: That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 7, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. be hereby accepted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

120/23 Correspond: Blaine Smith: That correspondence be acknowledged as received and accepted as presented and be filed:
 1) KalTire Flyer – OTR retread special
 2) Textured Terrain services – concrete and landscaping
 3) Wuqwatr AGM invitation – April 21/23
 4) Highway Bros. Flyer – Spring specials
 5) Ag. In the Classroom Newsletter
 6) Young’s Equip Flyer – DEF pricing
 7) Gov’t of SK – 2023 Education Mill Rate
 8) SK Gov’t – 2023 Policing Costs
 9) Town of Davidson – Spring newsletter
 10) CN – 2023 vegetation management program
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

121/23 Financials: David Gregor: That Accounts Paid, Statement of Financial Activities, and Employee Payroll Summary for the month of March 2023 be hereby approved as presented and are attached to and form a part of these minutes.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

122/23 A/P: David Gregor: That the Accounts Payable and Employee Bi-weekly Pay for the month of April be approved for payment and are attached to and form part of these minutes.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

123/23 Bank Recs: Blaine Smith: That council approves the March 2023 Bank Reconciliation as presented by CAO.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

124/23 SARM: Kris Williams: That council approves 2023 SARM Convention Council Indemnity.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

125/23 “Write-Off”: David Gregor: That council authorizes the “write-off “of the 2014 Konica Minolta Photocopier for \$182.86 provided RM of Willner, No. 253 agrees to same.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

126/23 Gravel: Blaine Smith: That the cost for gravel for 2023 is established at \$22.50 per cubic yard plus haul and road maintenance cost and is to be hauled by the RM’s designated hauler.

Further, that gravel hauls shall be restricted to the ratepayers of the Rural Municipality of Arm River, No. 252 and shall be extended to their private property where situate for 2023. For any such gravel hauled for ratepayers of the municipality that is hauled to their private property located outside the municipal boundaries of RM252 an additional surcharge of \$5.00/cu yard will be charged. The Town of Davidson shall be exempt from this restriction and from the \$5.00/cu yard surcharge and sold gravel at \$22.50 per cubic yard. Further, there shall be no haul to commercial property situated outside the boundaries of RM252. All requests for gravel must be arranged through the municipal office.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

127/23 Personnel: David Gregor: That council acknowledges receipt of an email from a former employee requesting consideration be given for a severance payment.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

128/23 Personnel: David Gregor: That council authorizes establishing wages for seasonal employees for the 2023 season as follows:
D. Cote.....\$30.00 per hour
K. Cote.....\$30.00 per hour
Further, T. Muirhead's wage is to increase to \$30.00 per hour.
All effective April 18, 2023.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

129/23 RIRG: Kris Williams: That council reviewed WSP Engineering Firm's estimate on road refurbishment and clay cap along Grid 653 located W1/2 Sections of 4,9,16,21-26-29 W2 and authorizes administration to proceed with this project application under the 2024-2025 RIRG Grant Application when said grant becomes available.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Doug Patience attended the meeting at 9:23 am.

130/23 Weed Mgmt: Blaine Smith: That council authorizes contracting Doug Patience for the 2023 season. Further, contract pricing to be established at:
Quad Rental.....\$20.00 per hour
Mileage.....\$0.68 per kilometer
Wage\$27.00 per hour
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Patience left the meeting at 9:38 am

131/23 Gravel: David Gregor: That council authorizes gravel be salvaged from the Girvin Grid North of 22,23,24-25-27 W2 prior to commencement of construction. With same to be at the most economical price. Further, if required a contractor may be hired upon prior approval from the Public Works Committee.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

132/23 Job Tracker: David Gregor: That council adopts the usage of job/task tracker sheet. Further, weekly reporting (including job/task tracker and mapping) will be required from outside staff.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Blaine Smith left the meeting at 10:26 am and returned at 10:28 am.

133/23 OWP: David Gregor: That council approves the application for overweight permit submitted by Shamrock Manufacturing/Stuart Dougan (provided it is required) and authorizes the Reeve and Councillor for the division to sign same.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Joint Meeting Report (Town of Davidson, RM of Willner and RM of Arm River) was presented by Councillor Allan McNabb and Yvonne (Bonny) Goodsman.

Councillor Kris Williams left the meeting at 10:45am and returned at 10:47am.

Michelle Bublsh left the meeting at 10:47 am and returned at 10:50 am.

134/23 Report: Blaine Smith: That Joint Meeting Report be accepted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ORC Committee Meeting Minutes were reviewed by Council

135/23 Minutes: David Gregor: That council approves minutes from the ORC Meeting as presented.

Further, council supports recommendations of ORC Committee with council authorizing contracting Donald Wedrick as ORC Attendant for \$16.00 per hour.

The 2023 ORC Season will begin on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 and close October 13, 2023; hours of operation will be Wednesdays and Thursdays 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (closed at lunch) and Fridays 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Further, council authorizes contracting Pat's OffRoad Transport Ltd. for Used Oil and plastics pick up at the ORC: subject to approval of RM 253 and Town of Davidson.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fireboard Meeting Report was presented by Councillor Blaine Smith

- 136/23 **Report:** Brian Schmidt: That council accepts fireboard meeting report as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 137/23 **Girvin Cem:** Blaine Smith: That council authorizes contracting Milltek Surveys Ltd. to survey Girvin Cemetery for the purpose of creating a legal survey map for the site and for registration of the Cemetery with the office of the registrar. The estimate of \$7,000.00 - \$10,000.00 is accepted.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 138/23 **Girvin Cem:** Allan McNabb: That council authorizes Councillor Blaine Smith to request quotes from the following individuals to maintain Girvin Cemetery:
Mr. Grant Scott, Mr. Garth Schollar, and Mr. Joe Kovach **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor McNabb left the meeting at 11:15 am and returned at 11:16 am.

- 139/23 **MA:** David Gregor: That council acknowledges receipt of information on the pending legislative amendments to The Municipalities Act presented by CAO.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 140/23 **SMHI:** Kris Williams: That council approves the 2023 SMHI withdrawal list, with Reeve and CAO authorized to sign same.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 141/23 **Adjourn:** Kris Williams: That the meeting be adjourned at 11:31 a.m. and the next regular meeting of council be at the Call of the Reeve in May 2023 in the RM Office in Davidson, SK.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve

Administrator