

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE R.M. OF SASMAN NO.336 ON WED.,
FEB.21, 2024, IN THE R.M. OF SASMAN OFFICE**

Present:

Reeve- Dwayne Nakrayko

Councillors– Dale Redman, Bryan Myers, Stuart Byman, Patrick Schultz, Nevin Morrow, Jim Lissinna

Administrator– Michael Rattray

The meeting was called to order at 8:58 a.m. by Reeve Dwayne Nakrayko.

AMENDED AGENDA

36/24 Redman- That the R.M. approve the following items be added to or removed from today's agenda:

- Add New Business #26 – Nut Lake Watershed update
- Add New Business #27 – Discuss Sean Wilson gravel

CARRIED

AGENDA

37/24 Morrow- That the Agenda be adopted as presented, subject to late changes. CARRIED

MINUTES

38/24 Myers- That the minutes of the Jan.25, 2024, Regular Meeting be approved as circulated. CARRIED

WADENA FIRE ASSOCIATION

Reeve Nakrayko updated Council on the recent discussions with the Wadena Fire Association.

KELVINGTON VET CLINIC

The Administrator updated Council on the letter that was sent to all the participating municipalities in the Kelvington Veterinary Board. To date there has been no response as to the date of another meeting to discuss this.

RATEPAYER COURT CASE

The Administrator informed Council that legal counsel for the ratepayer has agreed to have the administrative assistant questioned on behalf of the R.M. of Sasman No. 336. Our lawyer Mike Morris will meet with the assistant on Feb.28, 2024, to prepare for questioning on March 6 and possibly March 7.

INTERVIEWS

39/24 Schultz- That the R.M. instruct the Administrator to contact the following people to be interviewed for the administrator position:

- B. D-P – 9:30 a.m.

- N.M. – 10:30 a.m.

CARRIED

REGULAR MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

40/24 Morrow- That effective immediately the Regular Meetings of the Council of the R.M. of Sasman No. 336 for the year 2024 be held as follows:

All meetings are to be held in the R.M. Office in Kuroki on the second Tuesday of each month. If the Monday before the meeting is a holiday, then the meeting will be held on Wednesday of the same week, at the following times:

- January, February, March, November and December – 9:00 a.m.;
- April, May, June, July, August, September and October – 8:00 a.m.

CARRIED

HIRE FULL-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEE

41/24 Schultz- That the R.M. hire C.S. as a full-time seasonal operator at a wage of \$25.00 per hour with a tentative start date of May 1, 2024, weather permitting, and after a three-month probation period Council will review Mr. S's job performance and possible wage increase. Also included will be the Municipal Employees' Pension Plan, the SARM Short Term Disability, Long Term Disability with the employee paying ½ of the premium and Level 2 Family Health and Dental coverage after the 90-day probation period. CARRIED

KUROKI WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The Administrator informed Council that the KGS Group (engineering firm) has sent a proposal form with agreement for the engineering of the proposed Kuroki Water Treatment Plant. Council instructed the Administrator to contact the KGS Group to ask if a Memorandum of Understanding can be signed instead of an agreement as the R.M. is still waiting for the announcement from the federal government on the ICIP Grant funding.

DELEGATION 9:50 – 10:19 A.M.

Foreman D.G. discussed the following with Council:

- snow removal;
- employees;
- bridge removal, replace with culverts ENE 1-34-12-W2;
- seasonal employee resumés;
- possible purchase of road groomer.

BYLAW NO. 1-2024

42/24 Redman- That Bylaw No.1-2024 be introduced as a Bylaw To Manage Vehicle Weights and Routes When Moving Cabins/Houses/RTMs/etc. within the Organized Hamlet of North Shore Fishing Lake and be read a first time. CARRIED

2nd READING

43/24 Byman- That Bylaw No. 1-2024 be given a second reading. CARRIED

CONSENT FOR 3RD READING

44/24 Morrow- That Bylaw No. 1-2024 be given three readings at this meeting.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

3RD READING

45/24 Schultz- That Bylaw No. 1-2024, being a Bylaw To Manage Vehicle Weights and Routes When Moving Cabins/Houses/RTMs/etc. within the Organized Hamlet of North Shore Fishing Lake, be read a third time and finally adopted. CARRIED

DELEGATION 10:37 – 10:59 A.M.

Mr. D.S., representative for Sill and Son Contracting, discussed with Council the current cost of crushing and the possibility of hauling gravel for the 2025 year.

DELEGATION 11:00 – 11:28 A.M.

Ms. M.D., representative from the Special Service Area of Margo, discussed the following with Council:

- Proposed office closure in Margo;
- Board decisions to cut costs on streetlights in Margo;
- garbage/recycle expenses
- land owned near Margo Lake (former sports grounds)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

46/24 Morrow- That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of January 2024 be approved as read. CARRIED

ACCOUNT PAYMENTS

47/24 Schultz- That the current accounts, cheque #s 33016 to 33079 and three other payments, attached to and forming part of these minutes, be hereby approved for payment for a total of \$104,471.23. CARRIED

UNCH BREAK

48/24 Nakrayko- That this meeting break for lunch at 12:02. CARRIED

49/24 Nakrayko- That this meeting resume its deliberations at 1:00. CARRIED

WATER ANALYSIS REPORT

50/24 Schultz- That the R.M. acknowledge the following water analysis reports have been reviewed:

- Kuroki – Jan.24, 2024, and Feb.8, 2024;
- Margo – Feb.7, 2024.

CARRIED

ANNEXATION

51/24 Myers- That the subdivision application pertaining to LSD 6 & 11, section 21, Township 33, Range 11, West of the Second Meridian, proposing 22 new lots be approved under the following conditions:

- Master service agreement;
- Letter of support from developer for annexation into Hamlet;
- Planning fees.

CARRIED

BYLAW NO.2-2024

52/24 Lissinna- That Bylaw No. 2-2024 be introduced as a Bylaw to Amend Bylaw No.3-2017, known as the Zoning Bylaw, and be read a first time. CARRIED

BYLAW NO.3-2024

53/24 Myers- That Bylaw No. 3-2024 be introduced as a Bylaw to Amend Bylaw No. 2-2017, known as the Official Community Plan, and be read a first time. CARRIED

SARM CONVENTION

The Administrator informed Council that Feb.28, 2024, is the deadline to register for the SARM convention.

SMHI 2023 AGM

54/24 Morrow- That the R.M. approve the Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance Association and Additional Municipal Hail Limited AGM minutes from March 14, 2023, as presented to Council. CARRIED

SASKPOWER

55/24 Schultz- That the R.M. approve a request from SaskPower (File Number 20412588) to bore under a municipal road located on the NE 20-34-11-W2. CARRIED

STOP TAX ENFORCEMENT

56/24 Byman- That the R.M. stop tax enforcement proceedings on all properties owned by Mr. & Ms. D.S. CARRIED

DONATIONS

57/24 Schultz- That the R.M. approve the following donation requests:

- National Wall of Remembrance Project - \$299.00 (taxes included)

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED

KELVINGTON LIBRARY

58/24 Lissinna- That the R.M. approve the 2024 Kelvington Library levy with the cost being \$1,032.05. CARRIED

WEATHER STATION

The Administrator informed Council that he had been contacted by Weather Innovations, who were looking to set up a weather station in our municipality (Township 34, Range 12). According to Councillor Byman, Weather Innovations have found a location to set up their weather station.

NORTHBOUND REPORT

59/24 Redman- That the R.M. acknowledge the report from Northbound Planning for the month of January 2024. CARRIED

SARM RESOLUTION

60/24 Schultz- That the R.M. approve a request from S.L. to have the R.M. present a resolution she prepared regarding Water Security Agency fees at the next available SARM Convention.

- A recorded vote was requested prior to the resolution with the following results: In favour – Nakrayko and Lissinna; Not in favour – Redman, Myers, Byman, Schultz, and Morrow. THEREFORE THIS RESOLUTION WAS DEFEATED

WATER SECURITY PERMIT

61/24 Myers- That the R.M. acknowledge a blanket Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit that was prepared and sent out by the Water Security Agency. CARRIED

RCMP REQUEST

62/24 Morrow- That the R.M. support the National Police Federation by writing to the Government of Saskatchewan requesting the hiring of additional RCMP officers in our community and across the province. CARRIED

FLEX-TERM INVESTMENT

A discussion was held regarding the investment of the Organized Hamlet bank accounts. The item was tabled until next meeting.

CANTEEN LEASE

63/24 Schultz- That the R.M. authorize the Administrator to sign a sub-lease agreement with Mr. C.K. (Wadena) for the North Shore canteen for two years from Jan.1, 2024, to Dec.31, 2025, and whereas the R.M. approves the purchase of an air conditioner for the canteen with the expenses coming from the Sasman Park bank account. CARRIED

MARGO ADVISORY MEETING

The Administrator updated Council about a meeting that was held on Feb.15, 2024, with the Special Service Area of Margo Advisory Board.

RECORD RETENTION

64/24 Schultz- That the R.M. approve the following list of items to be purged as per Bylaw 185-06, attached to and forming part of these minutes. CARRIED

MARGO TAX TITLE PROPERTY

The Administrator informed Council that he had talked to our auditor regarding tax title property that was purchased in Margo in 2023. When the audit takes place on March 5, 2024, the Administrator will discuss the possibility of paying proceeds to the previous owner. The Administrator will bring an update to the March meeting.

HAMLET POLICIES

65/24 Morrow- That the R.M. approve Policies #1-2024, #2-2024 and #3-2024, which were prepared by the Administrator for the purpose of having guidelines to reflect recent amendments to the Municipalities Regulations which affect the Organized Hamlets within this municipality. CARRIED

HAMLET OF NORTH SHORE

66/24 Lissinna- That the R.M. approve the Hamlet of North Shore's meeting minutes from Feb.17, 2024, as presented to Council. CARRIED

REQUEST FROM NORTH SHORE RESIDENT

The Administrator informed Council that he had received a request from Mr. B.M. to allow him to take water from Fishing Lake to water his lawn throughout the summer months. The Administrator will contact the Water Security Agency to find out the process regarding this request.

KUROKI DUGOUT WATER

A discussion was held about a concern from some residents in Kuroki due to the possibility of little or no water runoff to fill the dugouts upon which they rely for their main source of water. Options will be reviewed and monitored prior to the spring runoff.

LOT CONSOLIDATION

67/24 Myers- That the R.M. approve the following lot consolidation:

R.S. – Blk/Par B-Plan 101806017 Ext 16 and Blk/Par C-Plan 101806006 Ext 19; The Organized Hamlet of Kuroki board has approved this as well. CARRIED

HERITAGE PROPERTY

A request from a group of residents from the R.M. of Sasman No. 336 was reviewed regarding the proposed designation of a Municipal Heritage Property (the Canadian Northern Train Station) that lays within the Organized Hamlet of Kuroki. The Administrator will contact this group to ask further questions and once these questions are answered he will prepare the proper documentation to start the process to designate the train station as Municipal Heritage Property.

NUT LAKE WATERSHED

Councillor Morrow updated Council on a recent meeting with the Nut Lake Watershed.

GRAVEL

Reeve Nakrayko updated Council on a discussion he had with Mr. S.W. and gravel that he had available to sell.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

68/24 Myers- That the R.M. approve the Administrator's Report for January/February 2024. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

69/24 Byman- That the R.M. acknowledge the correspondence has been reviewed and filed. CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Council Meeting is set for Tues., March 12, 2024, starting at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

70/24 Byman- That this meeting be adjourned with the time being 3:21 p.m. CARRIED