

***THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BROKENHEAD
APRIL 13, 2021 - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING 5:00 PM
MINUTES***

Members Present:	Reeve Councillor	Brad Saluk Sean Michaels Bruce Modrzejewski Luke Ingeberg Jack Kowalchuk
	Chief Admin. Officer Executive Asst.	Sue Sutherland, CMMA Kerry Bialek, CMMA
Regrets:	Youth Member	Aaron Linke

Meeting called to order at 5:24 p.m.

1. Council Indemnities – March 2021

-Indemnity forms will be provided to Council by email after the meeting for expenses incurred in March 2021.

2. Tyndall Elevator Subdivision

-NB Holdings Ltd. is requesting a conditional approval of subdivision for Lot 4, Plan 32829 in Tyndall. The request is for Council to provide approval of the subdivision with a condition being that the Tyndall grain elevator be removed before development takes place. Council has agreed to include the condition when the subdivision is brought to them for approval.

3. Tyndall Soccer Fields

-Volunteer parents from the Tyndall Soccer Association have requested the Municipality to measure and paint three soccer fields for the 2021 season. Administration to check with volunteers if repainting will be required.

4. Municipal Service Delivery Improvement Program

-Manitoba Municipal Relations is offering a Municipal Service Delivery Improvement Program. This program will provide an audit of a municipal service provided to residents from procedures and staffing to expenditures. The result is a report with recommendations to improve the efficiency of the service. Applications can be made to the Province of Manitoba to have this audit performed.

5. Surplus Lands in Garson

-A surplus lot owned by the Municipality is located in Garson on Garson Drive. The property is zoned Commercial in the front third and Residential in the back two-thirds. Council requested that Administration prepare a report of all surplus properties owned by the Municipality.

6. Manitoba Hydro Request for Fire Ban

-Manitoba Hydro is requesting that municipalities implement fire bans as grass fires have been known to cause hydro poles to catch fire, disrupting service to customers. The Rural Municipality of Brokenhead did have a fire ban in place starting April 8th and ending on the 12th after heavy snowfall.

7. Rural Animal Management Services – March 2021 Invoice & Report

-Rural Animal Management Services has provided their report and invoice for the month of March 2021. Council reviewed and received as information.

8. Volunteer of the Year Award

-Council discussed volunteers in the community and had decided to nominate Reg Black for the Volunteer of the Year award held annually by Community Futures Winnipeg River. Administration to prepare the nomination documents for submission.

9. Public Works Project Manager To-Do List

-The Public Works Project Manager provided a list of tasks that need to be completed or are in the process of completion. This list is reviewed with the Chief Administrative Officer and priorities are regularly updated.

10. Municipal Standards – Industrial Development

-The engineers at JR Cousin Consultants Ltd. have provided municipal standards for industrial development. The current municipal standards are for residential or commercial properties, however now that there will be an industrial development built in the municipality standards are required for this classification of land.

11. School Tax Changes for 2021

-The Province of Manitoba will be phasing out education property taxes over a 10 year period. In 2021, the Education Property Tax Credit Advance will be \$525.00, plus property owners of residential or farm property will receive up to an extra 25% back of the gross school taxes by cheque from the government. Property owners cannot receive rebates in the amount of more than what the education taxes are. Owners of other properties, such as commercial, industrial, railway institutional, pipelines and designated recreational, will receive a 10% rebate of both the school division special levy and the education support levy payable. The Manitoba Municipal Administrators Association sent a letter of concern requesting the Province show the complete rebate on the tax bill instead of sending a portion back by cheque as it can cause confusion in situations of estates, property sales, etc.

12. CanWhite Project

-The Rural Municipality of Tache has hired lawyer Orvel Currie to work on a strategy to ban silica sand operations within their municipality. They are asking other municipalities if they would like to be included and band together to take on this case. A virtual meeting will be held April 29th, 2021 to discuss it further.

13. Drainage Tour and Public Works Meeting

-A drainage tour and public works meeting will be held April 30th, 2021 to look at various drainage requests and to discuss priority of projects.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Brad Saluk

Reeve

Sue Sutherland

Chief Administrative Officer