

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BROKENHEAD
AUGUST 10, 2021 - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING 5:00 PM
MINUTES

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

Meeting called to order at 5:22 p.m.

1. Council Indemnities – July 2021

-Council completed their indemnity claim forms for July 2021. Indemnity sheets were returned to Administration for payment.

2. Miscellaneous Reports

-Reports of blading and employee banked/sick/vacation time were presented to Council for review. The reports were received as information.

3. Information About Your Water Source

-The Office of the Drinking Water has issued correspondence regarding the water sources for municipalities and the effect the low precipitation and high temperatures has been having on them. A list was provided for ways to conserve water among residents in urban communities.

-A meeting was held with JR Cousin Consultants Ltd. to discuss the Water Treatment Plan upgrades. The project will be ready to go to tender in March/April 2022. The report from Friesens Drilling indicates that a third well is needed in the immediate vicinity.

4. Master Services Agreement for Noxious Weed Control

-The Province of Manitoba is contracting the Agassiz Weed Control District for the spraying of pesticides on roadsides. The new contract outlines that the Weed District will bill the municipalities and the municipalities will then bill the Province of Manitoba (Manitoba Infrastructure) for reimbursement.

5. Manitoba Hydro – Responses to Agency Circulations

-Municipalities in the Eastman region are concerned with the delay in obtaining responses from Manitoba Hydro regarding planning issues such as subdivisions, development plans, etc. At this time, Council will not be passing a resolution in support of these municipalities.

6. Zebra Mussels

-The RM of Gimli, with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities for support, sent correspondence to regarding the detriment of zebra mussels, an invasive species, infesting Lake Winnipeg. The invasion is not only affecting social, economic and esthetic facets of Manitobans. Responses were provided from the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada stating that they are doing what they can with boat inspection stations as people leave the province of Ontario.

7. Brokenhead River Game & Fish Association – Firing Range

-The Board of the Brokenhead River Game & Fish Association is requesting a letter of support from Council that they can use the facility for a pistol range. The intent is for the range to be used for qualifying officers for pistol certification, with examples being Conservation Officers and RCMP. Administration to write a formal statement that Council is in support of this use. At this time, Council is not wishing to look at the lease agreement as it does not expire until 2035.

8. Brokenhead River Campground

-Upon closer look, it appears the Brokenhead River Campground requires a conditional use for their operation in relation to the area once used as a driving range. This is similar to Great Woods Park in that the operation has intensified over the years. Further inspection is required of the trailers in the campground.

9. MLA Wayne Ewasko

-Chief Administrative Officer Sue Sutherland recommends hosting a meeting with Honourable Wayne Ewasko, MLA. As the largest community within his constituency, and with 775 lots being created within the next 5-10 years in the municipality, it is important to discuss the direction the community is moving in. With the population expanding, there will be more needs for schools, daycare, recreation facilities, health care, etc. A meeting has been scheduled for August 23rd, 2021.

14. Declaring a State of Agricultural Emergency

-Some municipalities in Manitoba are declaring a state of emergency for drought due to low precipitation and heatwaves. Disaster financial assistance has never been issued for drought. There are new regulations for DFA, including a deductible of \$5.01 per person.

15. Bridge Restriction – Road 46E and Mile 83N

-The Province of Manitoba has received complaints that people with heavy trucks more than 5 tonnes are using the bridge located at Road 46E and Mile 83N. A statement has been posted that this poses a safety risk and continued violation of load restrictions could result in closure of the bridge.

16. Mask Protocols

-Masks are no longer required. Staff have expressed that they feel comfortable and safe with not wearing masks in the office. Guests have the option of wearing masks depending on what they feel comfortable with. The plexi-glass barrier will remain up at the counter for a while yet.

17. North Eastman Municipal Forum

-Municipalities from the North Eastman region will be gathering for the North Eastman Municipal Forum held September 13th, 2021. Reeve Brad Saluk and Councillors Sean Michaels, Bruce Modrzejewski and Luke Ingeberg to attend on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Brokenhead.

10. By-Law Amendment - Fireworks

-Letters of complaint have been received by the municipality regarding the use of fireworks in the Local Urban District of Tyndall-Garson. A resident has been setting off fireworks at all times of day and it is having detrimental effects on residents living in the neighbourhood. A suggestion was made for the municipality to amend the by-law putting further restrictions on the use of fireworks. Chief Administrative Officer Sue Sutherland to have the by-law enforcement officer patrol the neighbourhood more often to witness it happening and to talk with the persons involved.

11. 2021 Manitoba Watersheds Annual Conference

-The Northeast Red Watershed invited councils to attend the 2021 Manitoba Watersheds Annual Conference December 6th to 8th. Reeve Brad Saluk and Councillor Bruce Modrzejewski to attend.

12. Rural Animal Management Services – July 2021 Report & Invoice

-A report and invoice for the month of July 2021 have been submitted to the Rural Municipality of Brokenhead from Rural Animal Management Services (RAMS). There animals running at large and residents are reminded to take care keeping their animals on their own property.

13. Prairie By-Law Enforcement – Enforcement Summary Reports

-Enforcement Summary Reports had been submitted to the Rural Municipality of Brokenhead from Prairie By-Law Enforcement Ltd., the company contracted for by-law enforcement services. Reports indicate there was little activity in July 2021.

18. Brokenhead River Recreation Commission – Citizen Representative

-Kaitlyn Einarson has stepped down from her position as citizen representative on the Brokenhead River Recreation Commission. Council discussed other residents who had applied when a call for volunteers was made and have chosen Alice Young as the new citizen representative.

19. Tyndall Splash Pad

-Chief Administrative Officer Sue Sutherland will be issuing a tender for the Tyndall Splash Pad along the lines of the one developed by the RM of La Broquerie. Details to sort out include when the Municipality/Local Urban District of Tyndall-Garson takes over the operation.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Brad Saluk

Reeve

Sue Sutherland

Chief Administrative Officer