

***THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BROKENHEAD
JULY 14, 2020 - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING 4:45 PM
MINUTES***

Members Present:

Reeve
Councillor

Brad Saluk
Sean Michaels
Bruce Modrzejewski
Luke Ingeberg
Jack Kowalchuk

Chief Admin. Officer Sue Sutherland, CMMA
Exec. Assistant Kerry Bialek, CMMA

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Council Indemnities – June 2020

-The Council of the Rural Municipality of Brokenhead completed their indemnity forms for June 2020. There were few additional charges as meetings were just starting up again from a COVID-19 hiatus.

3. Ian Hyslop, The Exchange Group

-Council was attended by Ian Hyslop of The Exchange Group to review the draft 2019 audited financial statement. The Rural Municipality of Brokenhead is in the top 5% for financial stability and integrity. The municipality consistently contributes more money into reserve funds each year for future capital assets and projects. Overall, the Rural Municipality of Brokenhead has sound financial footing.

2. Miscellaneous Reports

-Reports of blading, gravel, and vacation, banked and sick time had been submitted to Council. All reports were reviewed and received as information.

4. Rural Animal Management Services – June 2020 Report & Invoice

-Rural Animal Management Services has provided their report and invoice for the month of June 2020. Council reviewed and received as information.

5. Valley Fiber Internet Service

-Valley Fiber is an internet service provider from Winkler that would like to expand into the Eastman Region. The business has reached out to Community Futures Winnipeg River and has presented to the Eastman Regional Municipal Committee. They are looking for municipalities to support their expansion and secure their services to provide internet service to their residents. The Rural Municipality of Brokenhead already has access to internet providers, some being local. Administration will write a letter of support but will not commit any money to the project.

6. AMM Virtual Conference

-The 2020 Association of Manitoba Municipalities annual convention will be held virtually due to COVID-19 as the event is normally attended by approximately 1,300 people. The conference will be held for one day in November.

7. Properties for Sale in Garson

-At previous meetings, the Council of the Rural Municipality of Brokenhead discussed the possibility of further development in Garson. The properties on the south side of Palas Drive boarder the Rural Municipality of Springfield boundary. Land could be purchased and annexed into the Local Urban District of Tyndall-Garson. Access to this land would be required through Palas Drive. The only two lots available side by side are 38 and 42 Palas Drive. Council to further discuss at a later time.

8. STARS Donation Request

-A request for donations was received from Sarah Normandeau, Recreation Services Manager for the Town of Ste. Anne. She is participating in the STARS Rescue on the Island annual fundraiser and is challenging all municipalities to donate to this worthwhile service. The Rural Municipality of Brokenhead had already budgeted and donated \$2,000.00 to STARS for 2020.

9. Rail Crossings Update

-Transport Canada has implemented new grade crossing regulations that take effect on all federal crossings and must be met by November 2021. Responsibilities are split between the rail authority (CP) and road authority (RM of Brokenhead). The RM of Brokenhead has met most of the federal crossing requirements already and will purchase and install required signage in the future. The municipality will conduct thorough inspections of the provincial crossings with the expectation that some signs will need to be purchased and installed to meet requirements.

10. Traffic Circle and Service Road

-A meeting was held today with the Town of Beausejour and Province of Manitoba Infrastructure to discuss a service road for PR #302 and the proposed traffic circle for the corner of PR #302 and PTH #44.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Brad Saluk

Reeve

Sue Sutherland

Chief Administrative Officer