

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BROKENHEAD
FEBRUARY 9, 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 5:26 p.m.

1. Council Indemnities – January 2021

-Council completed and submitted their indemnity reports for January 2021.

2. Miscellaneous Reports

-Reports for snow clearing, employee banked/sick/vacation time, and service requests were presented to Council for review. Council would like to see a new column added to the service request report that details what actions were taken to solve the problems brought to the municipality's attention.

3. Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority – Rural Medical Week

-The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority is once again planning to hold Rural Medical Week in the region. This event brings first year medical students to hospitals outside Winnipeg to learn about rural medicine and lifestyles. An outdoor evening gathering is requested for one evening in Beausejour/Brokenhead for the students. Councillor Sean Michaels volunteered to help. Administration to respond to request.

4. 2021 Association of Manitoba Municipalities Member Events

-The Association of Manitoba Municipalities sent a calendar of events until mid-2021. Events will be held virtually, including the Spring Convention held April 14-16, 2021. Financial Officer Michelle Ramsden is attending the Annual Municipal General Insurance Renewal Meeting February 11th, 2021 virtually.

5. Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame

-As an agricultural community, Council will continue to pay membership to the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame. Residents are welcome to nominate farmers and innovators in the agricultural field to the Hall of Fame.

6. Lord Selkirk School Division Virtual Presentation

-The Lord Selkirk School Division sent correspondence inviting the Rural Municipality of Brokenhead Council to participate in a virtual presentation of their draft budget on Thursday, February 18th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

7. Office Reopening

-The Rural Municipality of Brokenhead Office will be re-opening to the public Tuesday, February 16th, 2021. Office hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at which time the office will be closed for sanitization.

8. Reinstatement of the 1976 Coal Development Policy

-The Town of High River, Alberta sent a letter requesting the Rural Municipality of Brokenhead draft and sends a letter of support in their attempt to reinstate the 1976 Coal Development Policy. As most of the major coal-burning operations in Manitoba have switched to natural gas, Council did not feel the need to write a letter of support as it does not affect residents or the local economy.

9. Beausejour & District Chamber of Commerce – Local Economic Support

-A written request was sent from the Beausejour & District Chamber of Commerce for financial support to local small businesses affected by COVID-19. Questions arose as to how to determine criteria for who receives funding. Administration to send a letter to the Chamber of Commerce.

10. Museum Drainage

-Drainage at the Pioneer Village Museum has been an issue for a while. As the property is jointly owned by the Town of Beausejour and the Rural Municipality of Brokenhead, the issue needs to be discussed between them and owners of neighbouring properties. This subject is to be added to the next Joint Council meeting agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Brad Saluk

Reeve

Sue Sutherland

Chief Administrative Officer