

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BROKENHEAD
MAY 12, 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
Financial Officer Michelle Ramsden, CMMA

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

4. Tyndall/Garson Utility Rate Study

-Dale Lyle of Way to Go Consulting presented Council, via telephone conference, with his findings from the utility rate study he conducted. A proposal was presented to increase the water and sewer rates and to calculate the customer service rate with alternative methods. The rates proposed take into account consumption of water and wastewater returned to the system, as well as saving for future infrastructure needs. The rates have been set for 2021 to 2023, but could also be postponed one year until the post-COVID-19 economy is stable.

1. Council Indemnities – April 2020

-The Council of the Rural Municipality of Brokenhead completed their indemnity forms for April 2020. There were no additional charges as most meetings were cancelled due to COVID-19.

2. Miscellaneous Reports

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

3. Rural Animal Management Services – April 2020 Report & Invoice

-Report and invoice for animal control services has been submitted for April 2020. Report received as information.

5. 2020 Grasshopper Control Program

-The Province of Manitoba is reaching out with a Municipal Grasshopper Control Assistance Policy for 2020. Municipalities may spray with approved pesticides to control the grasshopper population and reduce crop damage. A rebate can be applied for if an approved chemical from their list is used. This information is to be discussed at the next Agassiz Weed Control District meeting.

6. Procedural and Organizational By-Laws

-Council was reminded that it was time to review the Organizational and Procedural By-Laws. Councillor Sean Michaels suggested implementing a Youth Council Member to gain a new perspective on issues in the municipality. This idea will be revisited once school is back in session. The position should be advertised and made available by application to everyone in École Edward Schreyer School. The Procedural By-Law would require amendments should Council decide to implement a camera system for recording/live streaming council meetings.

7. Annexation of Land to Local Urban District of Tyndall-Garson

-The request for annexation of land into the Local Urban District of Tyndall-Garson has been discussed and the process has been researched. Resolutions have been passed by the Municipality and the LUD of Tyndall-Garson to allow the process to begin.

8. Community Centres

-The Province of Manitoba has allowed recreation centres to re-open in the current phase of lifting COVID-19 restrictions. As recreation facilities in the Rural Municipality of Brokenhead are run by volunteers, and the facilities require constant sanitizing for guests, the facilities will remain closed for the time being.

9. Infrastructure Funding

-The Province of Manitoba is making \$500 million available for infrastructure funding. This funding could be used toward the upgrade or renewal of a road in the municipality. Administration to obtain recommendation from Public Works Supervisor.

10. Heritage Committee Microsite

-The Rural Municipality of Brokenhead Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee has designed a Heritage microsite to be part of the municipal website. Council to view microsite at next meeting.

11. 2020 Budget

-Second and third reading of the tax levy by-law are to take place at the May 26th, 2020 council meeting. \$25,000.00 had been budgeted for aerial photographs of the municipality. The imagery can be done in 2021, with most of the municipality photographed for free as the Province of Manitoba is conducting the work to assist in their reassessment efforts. The rest of the municipality would have to be done, but would be at a cost much less than what had been budgeted.

12. Office Opening to Public

-The Administration Office of the Rural Municipality of Brokenhead will be re-opening to the public commencing Tuesday, May 19th, 2020. The office will take one ratepayer at a time, the restrooms will be closed to the public, and the office will close daily at 4:00 p.m. for disinfecting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Brad Saluk

Reeve

Sue Sutherland

Chief Administrative Officer