

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BROKENHEAD
SEPTEMBER 8, 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.

13. Manitoba Hydro Building

-The Rural Municipality of Brokenhead Council and Chief Administrative Officer held a Zoom meeting with the Town of Beausejour Council and Chief Administrative Officer to discuss the counter-offer provided by Manitoba Hydro for the purchase of their building located on PR #302. Both councils are satisfied with accepting the closure letter upon completion of the environmental impact assessment.

14. Garson Arena

-Members of the Garson Arena board met with Council to discuss opening for the season. A policy is being developed to address the issue of COVID-19 and there are plans to hire a person to work afternoons/evenings to sanitize and assist with enforcing traffic direction within the facility. Ice is planned to be put in September 18th. Sanitizing supplies have all been purchased and are ready for use.

Committee of the Whole was recessed at 6:45 p.m.

Committee of the Whole was reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

1. Council Indemnities – August 2020

-The Council of the Rural Municipality of Brokenhead completed their indemnity forms for August 2020.

2. Miscellaneous Reports

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

-Chief Administrative Officer Sue Sutherland demonstrated a new capability on the CGIS mapping program for tracking service requests and history of work. The program can now be linked with Google Earth. This module will not be used until October 2020.

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

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

4. Staff Barbecue

-A Rural Municipality of Brokenhead staff barbecue will be held 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 2nd, 2020. Council and staff are invited.

5. Eastern Region Immigration Program

-Guillaume Schirru of the Eastern Region Immigration Program contacted the Town of Beausejour and Rural Municipality of Brokenhead and their participation in the Local Immigration Partnership (LIP). Chief Administrative Officers Sue Sutherland and Vee Scromeda will participate. The Program is seeking a resolution of support from both councils.

6. Road Enhancement

-Eight miles had been chosen for road enhancements. To date, six are completed and two are to be finished by the end of the season. More roads were recommended, but with the wet weather and employees on holiday, only the original chosen eight will be enhanced.

7. Tax Sale

-Financial Officer Michelle Ramsden provided Council with a report for the resumption of the tax sale process which is permitted by the Province of Manitoba as of September 22nd, 2020. Council has decided to join the tax sale for properties in arrears for 2017 and 2018 together starting in January 2021 with a tax sale date predicted for December 2021.

8. Tax Payment Deadline

-Council will discuss the tax payment deadline at the next Committee of the Whole meeting with assessment of the amount of taxes paid to date.

10. Purchase of Sander and Dump Box

-A quote had been provided for the purchase of a sander and dump box as outlined in the 2020 Public Works budget. Council reviewed the quote and requested two more quotes to be provided before a decision can be made, as per procedure.

11. Prairie By-Law Enforcement Ltd. – August 2020 Reports

-Summary and Enforcement Summary reports were provided for August 2020. Reports were reviewed and received as information.

12. Council Code of Conduct

-Councils are required to adopt a Code of Conduct which comes into effect November 1st, 2020. A sample template has been provided by the Province of Manitoba for a Council Code of Conduct by-law to establish and regulate a code of conduct for members of council. Council is to review the sample by-law before the next Committee of the Whole meeting and be prepared to discuss all points.

9. CanWhite Sands Corporation

-Correspondence and documentation had been provided from Don Sullivan of What the Frack Manitoba regarding the CanWhite Sands Corporation for the extraction of silica sand from southeast Manitoba.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Brad Saluk

Reeve

Sue Sutherland

Chief Administrative Officer