

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BROKENHEAD
AUGUST 27, 2019 - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING 4:45 PM
MINUTES

Members Present:	Reeve	Brad Saluk
	Councillor	Sean Michaels
		Bruce Modrzejewski
		Jack Kowalchuk
	Regrets	Luke Ingeberg
	CAO	Sue Sutherland, CMMA

Meeting called to order at 4:45 p.m.

1. Delegates – Dianna Belanger and Kenneth Ostryziuk

-It was explained by the delegates that the Municipality agreed to put their property back to its natural state, which would include grass. It was explained by the Reeve that this is what was agreed to and this is what would be done. Due to the dry conditions planting the grass is almost impossible as it probably won't take without constant watering. Sod would also be difficult for the same reasons. It was mentioned that possibly hydroseeding would be the best option as it is a foam that includes grass seed and fertilizer. There is a pile of tree branches that was left on the property and those would be removed, from there the plan would be to cover the area with topsoil and roll it along with the application of hydroseed. It was also stated that the RM will contract someone to complete the works that has small equipment to make sure the property is correctly landscaped and not damage. The contractor will enter from the RM property to complete the works. The landowners agreed with the process and Council stated that an agreement will be entered into once the works were approved by the landowners to protect the RM from any further claims.

2. Traffic and Transportation Modernization Act

-Deadline date is September 1, 2019 this will be deferred to next meeting

3. Connect by All-net

-Tabled to the next meeting

4. Electric Cars

-Information was supplied that there are grants available to install electric car charging stations. Council agreed that would cost a great deal of money and a service would be provide, but there is limited return. It was stated that some shopping centers now have them, but it would attract customers and the stores capitalized by increased revenue. At this point it was determined that it may be a little too premature until more electric cars are on the roadways.

5. Miscellaneous Reports

-Blading reports and holiday and sick time reports were presented to Council, no concerns, received as information.

6. Fire Calls and RM Machinery Callout

-Council determined that no resident should be charged a call out rate for RM Public Works equipment, unless there was extenuating circumstance as to why they should be charged. It is known that in most cases people have insurance and these costs can be claimed on their personal insurance. Council felt that taxes are collected to provide fire suppression service whether it is fire equipment or public works equipment. The CAO brought up a situation in which OFC ordered equipment to further tear down a structure so that they could complete their investigation and therefore not a ratepayer and then would be a charge to the OFC and if they would like to charge it back to the ratepayer that would be up to them. The CAO will determine if a ratepayer should be billed.

7. Association for Community Living Representation

-Council was in agreement to remove Councillor Sean Michaels from the Association for Community Living Board.

8. Request to declare a State of Emergency for Agriculture Production

-Received was an email from the RM of Grahamdale that they would be calling a state of Emergency due to the shortage of rainfall and agricultural crop production. The email requested that if any other municipality would like to join forces they would like to be advised of this. Council agreed that this was not the case in Brokenhead and they are not interested in pursuing a State of Emergency.

9. Manitoba 150

-Administration gave information on a grant that is available to hold an event for the Manitoba 150. There are 4 categories that the grant can be applied for. Discover our Beauty, Meet our People, Experience our Culture and Explore our History. We should start the discussion on ideas and events that we could schedule and apply for a grant.

10. Splash Page for the Websites

-At the current time the “Our Home Your Home” site has a splash page that shows 3 jointly owned entities being, Brokenhead River Planning District, Brokenhead Recreation Commission and Beausejour Brokenhead Development Corporation along with the 2 municipalities. Council agreed that the splash page should have all 5 sites listed for ease of access for people searching on the net. When this splash page was proposed it was only supposed to be for the 3 entities, Town, RM and the BBDC and therefore the need to examine further. The Council agreed that they liked the splash page with the 5 entities. Further discussions will occur with the BBDC.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Brad Saluk

Reeve

Sue Sutherland

Chief Administrative Officer