

# Village of Beechy

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of The Village of Beechy that was held in the Village Council Chambers, Beechy Saskatchewan on December 11th 2024.

**Present:** Mayor Garth Bigler; Councilors: Gloria Prentice, Shelley Stenerson, Sheila Philp and Holly Taylor and CAO Brittany Ringrose

**Absent:**

**Call to Order:** A quorum being present, Mayor Prentice called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

## Consent Agenda

1. **Agenda-reviewed for conflict of interest**
2. **Minutes from Council Meeting from November 15th 2024**
3. **Water Report**
4. **Lagoon Report**
5. **Committee Reports**
6. **Bylaw Officer Report**
7. **Administrator Report**

That the consent agenda be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

**Financial Statement & Bank Reconciliation** That the November Bank Reconciliation and Financial Statement be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

**Accounts for Payment** That the Accounts for Payment be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

**Sea Can Offers of Tender-Acceptance** That the Village of Beechy, together with agreement from the RM of Victory, accept the offer for tender for the 7ft storage container from Darcy Odermatt, in the amount of \$2100.00. Furthermore, that in the event D Odermatt is no longer interested, that the Village will proceed with accepting the second highest tender from Coteau View Farms, in the amount of \$2025.00. Lastly, in the event that neither party is interested in proceeding with the tender offer, that the Village will post the storage container for sale, for the amount of \$3000.00.

**Carried**

**Rescind Resolution 241-24** That we rescind resolution No. 241-24 in regards to withholding lot sales until such time a solicitor's guidance on Bylaw 05-2013 can be obtained.

**Carried**

**Offer to Purchase-Lot 13, Block 18** That the Village of Beechy accept the offer to purchase from Geoff and Cathy Ringrose for Lot 13, Block 18, Plan EX1015 (225 First Ave N) in the amount of \$2500.

**Carried**

**Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant: Declaration of Eligibility** That the Council for the Village of Beechy confirms the municipality meets the following eligibility requirements to receive the Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant:

- Submission of the 2023 Audited Financial Statement to the Ministry of Government Relations by Jensen Stromberg CPAs, on June 13<sup>th</sup> 2024;
- Submission of the 2023 Public Reporting on Municipal Waterworks to the Ministry of Government Relations, to meet public reporting requirements, on July 24<sup>th</sup> 2024;
- In Good Standing with respect to reporting and remittance of Education Property Taxes;
- Adoption of a Council Procedures Bylaw; *Bylaw 05-2024*;
- Adoption of an Employee Code of Conduct; *Bylaw 04-2020*; and
- All members of council have filed and annually updated their Public Disclosure Statements as required, which were filed with the Administrator on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2024; and

That we authorize Administrator Brittany Ringrose to sign the Declaration of Eligibility and submit it to the Ministry of Government Relations.

**Carried**

**2025 Council Remuneration** That council recognize the remuneration for the 2025 year be set as follows: \$150 per council meeting for mayor; \$125 per council meeting for councilor; \$125 for each committee meeting held during the day for mayor and councilor; \$75 for each committee meeting held during the evening for mayor and councilor. Furthermore, that individuals that sit as a Village of Beechy appointees for the Hall, Rec Board, Rink and Library Committees will be paid a per diem at a rate of \$125 for day meeting or \$75 for evening meeting, but only for their respective annual meetings located within the Village of Beechy.

**Carried**

**Appointment of Board of Revision and Secretary to the Board** That pursuant to Subsection 220(1) of *The Municipalities Act*, the Village of Beechy appoints Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. To manage the Board of Revision process for the term January 1 2025, through to December 31 2025, remuneration as set out in Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. Fee schedule, with the following to serve as Members of the Board of Revision: Dave Gurnsey, Dave Thompson, Time Lafreniere, Wayne Adams, Ken Friesen, Femi Ogunrinde, Fife Odunde, Maureen Jickling, Jamie Tiessen, John Krill, Christopher Blueman, Alan Sawatzky, Mike Meleca, Hany Amin, Kimberly Speers, Nick Coroluick, Farrah Ovans, JayDee Mazier, Jordan Boyes, Kenneth Tan, Tyler Shandro and Rick Leigh.

The Chair shall be responsible for naming no fewer than three members for the hearing of any matter. Where the Chair does not include themselves among the appointees, the members appointed for a hearing shall determine the chair of that hearing from among their members. Furthermore, pursuant to Subsection 221(1) of *The Municipalities Act*, the Village of Beechy appoints Nicolle Hoskins with Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. As secretary to the Board of Revision for the term of January 1 2025 through to December 31 2025, remuneration as set out in Western Municipal Consulting Ltd fee schedule. If the secretary is unable to perform secretarial functions for reasons which may include scheduling difficulties WMC may appoint a delegate to perform administrative functions and may appoint a recording secretary for the purposes of any hearing. Carried

**Appointment of Development Appeals Board** That the Village of Beechy appoints Western Municipal Consulting Ltd to the position of Development Appeals Board pursuant to *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to consider any appeals in relation to The Village of Beechy's *Zoning Bylaw, No 03-2013*. Carried

**Utility Arrears Added to Taxes** That the utility arrears for the following property be added to and form part of the taxes if not paid by January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024: Lot 01, Block G Plan CX904. Carried

**2025 Custom Rates** That the 2025 Custom Rates, as described in Schedule "B", attached to, and forming part of these minutes be approved as presented. Carried

**2025 New Administrative Rates** That the 2025 Administrative Rates, as described in Schedule "C", attached to and forming part of these minutes be approved as presented. Carried

**2025 Appointments** That the 2025 Appointments as described in Schedule "A", attached to and forming part of these minutes be approved as presented. Carried

**2025 Municipal Discount Rate** That the 2025 Tax Discount Rate be set as follows: January-August 2025: 5% September 2025: 4% October 2025: 3% November 2025: 1%. Carried

**2024 Beechy Public Library Operating Grant** That the Village of Beechy donate the budgeted amount of \$2400.00 to the Beechy Public Library, with a larger amount to be considered in 2025 as per the Village operating budget. Furthermore, that the amount be included in the accounts for payment. Carried

**Online Payments** That in order to keep accounts current during the Canada Post strike, the administrator be permitted to pay outstanding accounts for payment in the interim, through online banking portals in lieu of mailing cheques, with a second signature from an authorized member of council. Carried

**Bylaw 08-2024: Entering into an Agreement for Fire Protection** That Bylaw 08-2024 be read for a first time. Carried

That Bylaw 08-2024 be read for a second time. Carried

That Bylaw 08-2024 be given three readings at this meeting. Carried Unanimously

That Bylaw 08-2024 be read a third time and adopted. Carried

**Mutual Aid Agreement** That the Village of Beechy is authorized and agrees to sign and enter into an agreement with the RM of Victory No 226 and the RM of Coteau No 225 for the purposes of fire protection. Carried

**Rescind Resolution 124-22** That we rescind resolution 124-22, in regards to Bylaw 03-2022, the *WaterWolf District Planning Bylaw*, being read a second time- due to a clerical error noted in Section 3 of the Bylaw. Carried

**Rescind Resolution 126-24** That we rescind resolution 126-22, in regards to Bylaw 03-2022, the *WaterWolf District Planning Bylaw*, being read a third time-die to the clerical error noted in Section 3 of the Bylaw. Carried

**Bylaw 03-2022: WaterWolf District Planning Bylaw** That Bylaw 03-2022 be read a second time, with the correct changes to Section 3 being made (Bylaw # 11-2021 replaced with Bylaw # 05-2020). Carried

That Bylaw 03-2022 be read a third time and adopted. Carried

**Administrator Holidays** That the Village administrator Brittany Ringrose, be permitted to take holidays on December 12<sup>th</sup> for exams, and December 23-27<sup>th</sup> 2024. Furthermore, that the office be closed accordingly. Carried

**Foreman Holidays** That the Village foreman Roland Vineham be permitted to take holidays on December 13<sup>th</sup> 2024. Carried

**Correspondence** That the schedule of correspondence attached hereto and forming part of these minutes be acknowledged as read and filed. Carried

**Adjourn** That the meeting adjourn at 10:04 pm. Carried

## Notices

**Website** The Village of Beechy has a website! Check it out at Beechy.ca. We also have a Facebook page, to keep residents up-to-date with Village events.

**Office Closed** the Village office will be CLOSED December 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> 2024 for Christmas Holidays.

**EMO Coordinator:** The Village of Beechy and RM of Victory No 226 invites applications for **Emergency Measures Organization Coordinator**. For more information, contact the Village of Beechy Office @ (306)859-2205 or RM of Victory Municipal Office @ (306) 859-2270. Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is found.