

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PLEASANTDALE NO. 398**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**November 2, 2023**

**Council Chambers in the Municipal Office Naicam**

Council Members present:

Reeve	Morgan Leigh	
Division 1	Ernest Pederson	
Division 2	Mark Govan	regrets
Division 3	Jennifer Bushby	
Division 4	Vacant	
Division 5	Helen Meekins	
Division 6	Robert Hutchison	

Staff Present: Acting Administrator Trevor Peterson

Reeve Leigh called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**398/23**      **Adopt Agenda**  
Meekins/Pederson: That Council adopt the agenda as presented.  
Carried

**MINUTES**

**399/23**      **Approval of Minutes**  
Bushby/Leigh: That Council approve the minutes for the regular council meeting held on October 12, 2023.  
Carried

**FINANCIALS**

**400/23**      **Accounts Payable**  
  
Meekins/Hutchins: That cheques 4142-4182 General Payables totaling \$125,736.98; Electronic Payments 2338-2357 totaling \$38,031.25 and Payroll and Council Indemnity totaling \$14,240.37 be authorized for payment.  
Carried

**401/23**      **Financial Statements**  
Meekins/Pederson: That the Statement of Financial Activities ending October 31, 2023 be adopted.  
Carried

**402/23**      **Bank Reconciliation**  
Bushby/Meekins: That Council approve the Bank Reconciliation for October 31, 2023.  
Carried

**REPORTS**

**403/23**      **Reports**  
Meekins/Leigh: That Council accept the following reports as presented: Council Division Reports for Divisions 1, 3, 5 and 6; Reeve Report, Work Orders Report, Acting Administrators Report, and Community Policing Report from Tisdale RCMP Detachment.  
Carried

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

404/23 Leigh/Pederson: That council approves Policy 0001-2023, The Employee Wage Policy, with the intention to review the policy on an annual basis during budget deliberations.

Carried

**NEW BUSINESS**

405/23 **Bylaw 07-2023 A bylaw to Fix and Levy the Annual Mill Rate of Taxation, Mill Rate Factors and Minimum Tax for the Year 2023**

Hutchison/Bushby: That council approve first reading for bylaw 07-2023, A bylaw to Fix and Levy the Annual Mill Rate of Taxation, Mill Rate Factors and Minimum Tax for the Year 2023.

Carried

406/23 Meekins/Pederson: That council approve second reading for bylaw 07-2023, A bylaw to Fix and Levy the Annual Mill Rate of Taxation, Mill Rate Factors and Minimum Tax for the Year 2023.

Carried

407/23 Meekins/Bushby: That council approve having third reading of bylaw 07-2023, A bylaw to Fix and Levy the Annual Mill Rate of Taxation, Mill Rate Factors and Minimum Tax for the Year 2023, at this, the November 2, 2023 regular meeting of council.

Carried Unanimously

408/23 Leigh/Bushby: That bylaw 07-2023, A bylaw to Fix and Levy the Annual Mill Rate of Taxation, Mill Rate Factors and Minimum Tax for the Year 2023, be read a third time and hereby adopted.

Carried

409/23 **Speed Reduction on Township Road 424**

Meekins/Leigh: That council approve the placement of 60 kmph cautionary speed limit signs before the curves along mile 608 and speed limit reduction to 60 kmph along miles 519 and 518 of Township Road 424.

Carried

410/23 **Canada Summer Jobs 2024 for Youth Employment**

Bushby/Meekins: That council approve Administration applying for a Summer Jobs Grant (or similar program should there be program changes), to cover some wages for one seasonal position for the 2024 spring to fall season.

Carried

411/23 **Christmas Hours, Christmas Staff Event and Staff Appreciation**

Leigh/Meekins: That council approve closing the RM office for the Christmas Holidays from December 23<sup>rd</sup> to December 27<sup>th</sup>, and give staff the option to close the transportation shops from December 22<sup>nd</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup> unless there is a weather event.

Carried

412/23 Meekins/Bushby: That council provide seasonal staff with an appreciation gift of \$75 each and full time staff with a gift of \$150 each.

Carried

- 413/23 Leigh/Meekins: That council have staff plan and prepare a Holiday supper and appreciation on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.  
Carried
- SLGA Liquor Retail Store Permit Auction**  
414/23 Bushby/Pederson: That council chooses to let the SLGA auction process take its course.  
Carried
- Melfort and District Trail Rider**  
415/23 Meekins/Bushby: That council approves the Melfort and District Trail Riders Inc. route, as noted in the attached map, for those areas along RM of Pleasantdale land and right of ways.  
Carried
- Town of Naicam Viking Sports Plex**  
416/23 Meekins/Hutchison: That council approves Reeve Morgan Leigh and Acting Administrator Trevor Peterson to meet with representatives from the Town of Naicam to negotiate a long term funding model in respect of the Viking Sports Plex facility.  
Carried
- Engineer Work for RIRG Grant**  
417/23 Meekins/Hutchison: That council approve a request for proposal for the planning and engineering portion of the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth Wensly Bridge project, with a submission deadline of December 29<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.  
Carried
- Road Closure Request**  
418/23 Hutchison/Leigh: That council approves Acting Administrator Trevor Peterson create a draft bylaw for the closure of a roadway at the end of mile 421b, to advertise for 2 weeks, and mail out a letter to affected adjacent land owners, and put a public hearing on the agenda for the December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council.  
Carried
- Correspondence**  
419/23 Meekins/Hutchison: That council accept and file the correspondence as presented.  
Carried
- Adjournment**  
420/23 Bushby/Meekins: That the November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 11:57am.  
Carried



Morgan Leigh  
Reeve

Trevor Peterson  
Administrator

December 14/2023  
Date

