#### RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PLEASANTDALE NO. 398

# **Regular Meeting Minutes** August 8th, 2024

# Council Chambers in the Municipal Office 208 1st Avenue Naicam SK

Council Members present:

Reeve Morgan Leigh Division 1 Ernest Pederson Mark Govan Division 2

Division 3 Jennifer Bushby

Division 4 Mike Patterson

Division 5 Helen Meekins Division 6

Robert Hutchison Staff Present: **Acting Administrator** Tracey Johnstone

Reeve Leigh called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

178/24 Leigh/Bushby: That Council appoint Tracey Johnstone as recording secretary for

the purposes of this meeting.

Carried

regrets

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Leigh/Meekins: That Council appoint Tracey Johnstone as Acting Administrator 179/24

at a rate of \$66,000/annum inclusive of 2080 hours of work. Pending completion of a successful six month probationary period, annual rate will increase to \$68,000/annum. Employee evaluations are to occur at three and six month

intervals.

Carried

Bushby/Meekins: That Council remove Trevor Peterson and add Tracey 180/24 Johnstone to all Affinity Credit Union accounts and the Naicam & District

Intermunicipal Fire, Pleasantdale Cemetery, and any applicable signing authorities//A RM of Pleasantdale No. 398 municipal credit card is to be issued in the name of Tracey Johnstone through Affinity Credit Union with a \$5,000 credit

limit to be used in accordance with Purchasing Policy 278/22.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adopt Agenda

181/24 Hutchison/Meekins: That Council adopt the August 8th, 2024 Agenda as

presented.

Carried

**MINUTES** 

180.1

**Approval of Minutes** 

182/24 Pederson/Leigh: That Council approves the Regular Meeting of Council Minutes

held July 11th, 2024 with amendments to resolutions 159/24, 162/24, 165/24 as

noted.

Carried

183/24 Hutchison/Pederson: That Council approves the Special Meeting Minutes held

July 30th, 2024.

### Carried

### **FINANCIALS**

# **Accounts Payable**

184/24

Hutchison/Pederson: That General Accounts Payable paid by cheque numbers 4447 to 4481 inclusive totaling \$120,188.83 be authorized for payment; that Payroll and Council Indemnity totaling \$24,733.60 for June, that Electronic Payments 2024-0155 to 2024-0180 totaling \$179,871.19 and Mastercard Payments 2024-2070 to 2024-2075 totaling \$237.38 be ratified for payment.

# **Financial Statement**

185/24

Meekins/Bushby: That Council approves the Statement of Financial Activities ending June 30th, 2024 as attached and forming part of these minutes.

Carried

# **Bank Reconciliation**

186/24

Bushby/Meekins: That Council approves the Bank Reconciliation for the ending date of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 as attached and forming part of these minutes.

Carried

### REPORTS

**Division 1:** Ratepayer Praise: compliments from multiple ratepayers regarding gravel efforts

Ratepayer Issues: requests for additional gravel Councilor Concerns: Grass cutting, brush clean up to support widening the road on mile 113

**Division 3:** Ratepayer Praise: multiple groups have expressed gratitude relating to the Community Grant Funds received

Infrastructure Issues: potholes in Lac Vert, ridges left on sides of roads from cutting are holding water, wash boards on numerous roads

Ratepayer Issues: 383 could use more gravel north of town where pavement ends to about the next turn off, pot holes

Councillor Concerns: communication/transparency

**Division 5:** Councilor Concerns: decision making process for determining priority of additional gravel

**Division 6:** Ratepayer Praise: good weather has allowed the graders to get caught up on the roads

Infrastructure Issues: mile 611 Windigo bridge

Ratepayer Issues:

Councillor Concerns: mile 648 low level crossing culvert repair

#### Reports

187/24

Meekins/Pederson: That Council accept the following written reports as presented: Council Division Reports for Divisions 1, 3, 5, and 6, Work Orders Report, Lac Vert Water Report, RCMP Report.

Carried

### **DELEGATIONS**

Nikki Allgrove Project Lead with TTES Consulting Inc. joined Council at 10:00 a.m to present and discuss design options for the Wensley Bridge to culvert conversion project.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

188/24

Meekins/Bushby: That Council approve the RIRG Amendment that SARM shall pay to the Municipality a sum equal to 50 percent of the Eligible Costs up to a maximum of \$500,000.00 for the 2023 Program interval incurred on or before December 31, 2025, submitted to SARM before February 28th, 2026 AND it is understood and agreed that Section 5. PROCUREMENT, Clause 5.6 has been changed as follows: 5.5 Competitions for construction shall be awarded by December 31, 2024.

Carried

189/24

Bushby/Meekins: That Council tender for a contractor to complete all applicable approach work to be completed by October 30, 2024 and a tender closing date of August 30, 2024.

Carried

190/24

Leigh/Bushby: That Council authorizes administration to engage a contractor to excavate the area for the ATL Group to complete the HRIA.

Carried

# **NEW BUSINESS**

Approach Applications NW 06-40-18-W2 and NW 02-40-17-W2

191/24

Meekins/Pederson: That Council approves the approach application for NW-02-40-17 at the expense of the RM of Pleasantdale.

192/24

Bushby/Pederson: That Council approves the approach application for NW 06-40-

18W2 at the ratepayer's expense.

Carried

193/24

Leigh/Meekins: That Council acknowledge the Intermunicipal Tanker Meeting Minutes, 2024 SARM Midterm Resolution Invitation, SAMA 2025 Revaluation. and SaskPower Construction reports file # 20412456 and File # 20418975 as received.

Carried

194/24

Hutchison Leigh/Bushby: That Council approve the abatement of property taxes on Roll 2263 in the amount of \$220.27 and Roll 2222 in the amount of \$132.19.

194,1/24 Leigh/Bushby: That Council table the remaining property tax abatements.

Bushby/Pederson: That Council appoint Tracey Johnstone as Returning Officer and Diane Gilbertson as Deputy Returning Officer for the November 2024 RM Election.

Carried

### CORRESPONDENCE

196/24

Pederson/Hutchison That Council accept and file the correspondence as presented by Acting Administrator Johnstone.

Carried

ADJORNMENT Hulchison/Meekins. Photogram: That the August 8th, 2024 regular meeting of council be adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Carried

SEAL No. 398
Saskatchowan

Reeve

Administrator

September 12, 2024

Date