

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PLEASANTDALE NO. 398

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2023

Council Chambers in the Municipal Office Naicam

Council Members present:

Reeve	Morgan Leigh
Division 1	Ernest Pederson arrived at 9:39
Division 2	Mark Govan
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.

Conflict of Interest to Declare: Councillor Hutchison re: road closure

AGENDA ADDITIONS

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Agenda Additions

Meekins/Bushby: That Council add the following items to the Agenda:

Unfinished Business:	1) Road Closure By-law 05-2023
	2) By-Election Date Correction
New Business:	3) Approach NE 10-42-18 W2
	4) Haul Agreement for Haas Gravel
	Carried

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

327/23

Adopt Agenda

Bushby/Govan: That Council adopt the agenda as amended.
Carried

MINUTES

328/23

Approval of Minutes

Meekins/Leigh: That the minutes of the July 6, 2023 Regular Council meeting be approved as amended.

Carried

329/23

Meekins/Govan: That the minutes of the July 31st, 2023 Special Meeting of Council be approved as amended.

Carried

FINANCIALS

329/23

Accounts for Approval

330 *myl* *J.P.* Meekins/Leigh: That cheques 4019-4058 General Payables \$218,114.60; Electronic Payments 2245-2279 \$49,774.92 and Payroll and Council Indemnity \$20,076.87 be authorized for payment.

Carried

330/23

Financial Statements

331 *myl* *J.P.* Hutchison/Govan: That the Statement of Financial Activities ending July 31/2023 be adopted.

Carried

332 myl
331/23

Bank Reconciliation

Bushby/Meekins: That the Bank Reconciliation be approved for July.
Carried

REPORTS

- Division 1** - Infrastructure Issues: looked at roads with Draude crew to determine culvert sizes needed
- Division 2** - Ratepayer Praise: Grading in the south has improved.
- Ratepayer Issues: When will secondary roads get gravel?
- Can pit run be put on dirt roads in holes?
- Some dirt roads need to be graded
- Councillor Concerns: what is the progress on grass cutting
- Division 3** - Ratepayer praise: Grading is vastly improved.
- Ratepayer issues: Ratepayer at mile 321 has spring flooding issue that needs attention
- Infrastructure issue: Mile 308 has
- Ratepayer Issues: Lack of seeing the grader.
- Comments regarding high blading, Particularly down 349.
- No work being done on soft spots (black dirt).
- Councilor Issues: Lack of communication withing the municipality.
- We are not even maintaining our primary roads, secondary and back roads are bad.
- GFI shows graders going over same roads before grading other roads.
- Other: Dept of Hwy's has filled quite a bit of potholes in LV with cold mix North end still need done. Potholes quite bad, very deep.
- Division 4** - No Report.
- Division 5** - Ratepayer praise: Since the last meeting have only heard good news within the RM.
- Ratepayer issues: A ratepayer, northside of the community pasture, wants to remind the RM that they live year as they are often missed
- Councilor Concerns: Spent time in July driving in other RMs and we don't have the best roads but not the worst roads either. Some have large grade rock as well, every bit as big if not bigger than our grade
- Division 6** - Ratepayer praise: couple of positive comments on roads and a few projects that we had been asked to do
- Infrastructure Issues: Have been asked to tune up the low level crossings on tower road and zosel road before harvest
- Ratepayer Issues: questions about mowing
- questions about RM operators being at the office
- the road coming from NE @ hill 539
- Councilor concerns: old pillars are showing at zosel road low level crossing and culverts pushing up at tower road low level crossing
- Other: Asked for update about SGI sign grant for Kip
- Katie is a great weed identification resource

Reeve:

333 myl sp.
332/23

Reports

Meekins/Bushby: That Council accept the reports as presented.
Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

334 m/j J.P.
333/23

Correction of By-Election Date

Bushby/Pederson: Motion to change the Division 4 By-Election date to Thursday, November 16, 2023 and appoint Acting Administrator Trevor Peterson as Chief Returning Officer and Diane Gilbertson as Deputy Returning Officer.

Carried

Councillor Hutchinson leaves @ 10:41

335 m/j J.P.
334/23

Bylaw No 5-2023 – First Reading

Bushby/Pederson: Motion to have 1st reading of Bylaw 05-2023.

Carried

Councillor Hutchinson returns @ 10:45

NEW BUSINESS

336 m/j J.P.
335/23

Committee and Board Vacancies

Pederson/Meekins: Motion to approve the amended 2023 Council Committee appointments.

Carried

337 m/j J.P.
336/23

SARM Bridge Inspection Report by WSP

Bushby/Govan: Motion to remove the weight restrictions from the bridge at 216-41-20E and to have employees monitor the condition of the bridge on a regular basis.

Carried

338 m/j J.P.
337/23

Approach and Culvert Work RFQ

Leigh/Meekins: Motion to award the RFQ to Draude Construction at the estimated cost of \$85,150.

Carried

339 m/j J.P.
338/23

Road Closure Request

Bushby/Meekins: Motion to pass first reading of Bylaw 06-2023.

Carried

340 m/j J.P.
339/23

Haas Gravel Haul Agreement

Hutchison/Govan: Motion to allow Haas Gravel to use his existing RMA to do the haul for Kinistin along 424 from 2163 to 2170.

Carried

Human Resources

341 m/j J.P.
340/23

In Camera HR Discussion

Meekins/Bushby: Motion to go in camera at 11:40 am.

Carried

342 m/j J.P.
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Return to Regular Meeting

Meekins/Bushby: Motion to come out of camera at 11:58 am.

Carried

343 m/j J.P.
342/23

Grader Operator Job

Bushby/Meekins: Motion to post the grader operators job.

Carried

344 m/j J.P.
343/23

Correspondence

Bushby/Meekins: Motion to receive and file correspondence as presented.

Carried

345 m/j J.P.
344/23

Adjourn

Meekins: That this meeting be adjourned at 11:59 am.

Carried

Hutchison



[Signature]
Reeve

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Administrator

September 14/2023
Date