

The Minutes of the Rate Payers Meeting of the Rural Municipality of Blaine Lake #434 which was held in the Blaine Lake Senior's Center on Friday April 12th, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Chalmers at 1:05 PM.

Present were Reeve William Chalmers, Acting Administrator Jennifer Gutknecht and the following Council Members:

- Walter Kabaroff - Division № 1
- John Serhienko - Division № 2
- Wayne Ratzlaff - Division № 3
- Alan Lavoie - Division № 4
- John Priestley - Division № 5
- Robert Dagenais - Division № 6

There was a total of 33 people present at the meeting, including Reeve and Council, Administration, Employees, Rate Payers and Delegates. Copies of the agenda and minutes from the previous meeting were available at the sign-in table.

2017 Financial Audit Report

DELEGATION: Auditor, Elizabeth Torrens

A presentation was given to those in attendance. A copy of this report is available at the RM Office for viewing.

Reeve's Report

Reeve William Chalmers

Reeve Chalmers gave a report on behalf of the Council for the RM of Blaine Lake #434.

Administration's Report

Acting Administrator, Jennifer Gutknecht

Jennifer addressed the issues raised during the 2018 Rate Payers meeting, which included:

(1) PDAP funding and management: Northbound Planning has been recently began working with/for the RM; they are specialized in managing these projects and will be giving a status report today.

(2) Grading Priority in the RM: This is still a project in progress. It is on the agenda until we reach an effective way of addressing this subject.

(3) Turnover of Administration and Council's inability to work together, and (4) Hiring an HR Consultant: These points were addressed simultaneously as they are related. Council has shown an evidential improvement in working together without conflict; we are ready to move forward. We acknowledge our shortcomings but we are keen to implement the necessary planning to do so.

Looking forward: We are taking the steps deemed necessary to establish the RM's needs, and day by day, we hope that our strengths will be witnessed as we overcome the hurdles that we face in this process.

Jennifer also announced the following upcoming events:

- 1 The RM office will be moving to 118 Main Street; we are hoping to be functional in the new office by August 1st 2019.
 - 2 We are working on a new, stand-alone website, which is intended to electronically keep you up to date on everything in your community. We hope to have this ready at the same time as the new office move. If anyone would like to request anything specific to be added onto the website, please contact the office.
 - 3 We are currently working on the assessment roll; notices should be mailed in May and Tax Notices will be out at the end of August. With these tasks getting completed, we hope to have updated RM maps available for purchase at the office around the same time.
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PDAP Status Report

DELEGATION: Northbound Planning: Yvonne Prusak & Robin Bloski

A handout was given to those in attendance, showing the status of our PDAP reimbursement status. A copy of this handout is available at the office for viewing.

Clubroot Awareness

DELEGATIONS: Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, Crops Extension Specialist, Erin Campbell
Canola Council of Canada, Agronomy Specialist, Ian Epp
SARM, Plant Health Officer, Division 5, Chelsea Baraniecki

A presentation was given to those in attendance. Copies of the handouts given are available at the RM Office for viewing.

RCMP Report

DELEGATION: Sargeant Aaron Kading

Sargeant Kading gave a report on the area activities and calls received by the RCMP.

Open Dialogue Session, Questions from the Floor:

1. Lack of supergrid maintenance and availability of grant funding: Manpower is currently an issue; a recent motion was made in council appointing the Administrator as the dispatcher (ratepayers are asked to contact the office to report any conditions requiring attention)

2. There was a motion a few years back for SAMA to re-assess the entire RM of Blaine Lake, SAMA is still waiting for Council's letter of direction: Currently, there is a motion for all of council to submit their Divisional maps by April 30 2019. We are working with SAMA to get this moving.

3. Time sheets are asked to be made available to Ratepayers, to see where time was spent in the RM: The statistics sought will require implementing an extra data entry step in the office process, wherein manpower is an issue and this is therefore not viewed as a priority at this time. It could be revisited in the future.

Adjourn

The meeting ended at 4:07 PM.

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Reeve

Administrator