

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blaine Lake #434 which was held in the RM’s Municipal Public Works Shop, on Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Chalmers at 1:32pm.

Present at the meeting were Reeve Will Chalmers, Acting Administrator Jennifer Gutknecht, and the following Council Members:

- Walter Kabaroff - Division 1
- John Serhienko - Division 2
- Alan Lavoie - Division 4
- John Priestley - Division 5
- Robert Dagenais - Division 6

- (Vacant) - Division 3

Res#242/20 IN CAMERA **PRIESTLEY:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 go in camera, to discuss the Lamontagne Contract; Legal issues being compliant with s. 120(2) of *The Municipalities Act*; on the basis that the discussions that take place during that meeting apply to s. 16(1) (a),(c) and (e); s. 17(1)(e),(f) and (g); and s. 21 of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; the time being 1:36PM.

CARRIED

Res#243/20 OUT OF CAMERA **CHALMERS:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 move out of camera, the time being 2:14PM.

CARRIED

Res#244/20 ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS **DAGENAIS:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 hereby agree to add the following time-sensitive additions to this meeting agenda, with waiver signed:

1. PDAP Request for Designation
2. Public Works Shop Truck Safety
3. “Reopen Saskatchewan Plan”
4. GIC #00124 CIBC Letter of Direction
5. Union Negotiation
6. “Tree Road” Assess and Repair
7. Appoint Board of Revision
8. Division 1 “Removal of Ditch Blocks”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Res#245/20 PDAP DESIGNATION **SERHIENKO:** That the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blaine Lake #434 apply to the Ministry of Government Relations to be designated an eligible assistance area under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP), which provides financial assistance for restoring essential services and property as a result of substantial damages caused by the Saskatchewan River flooding on the date of Saturday, April 25, 2020.

Council allowed Observer Diana Fedosoff to speak to the situation at her location.

CARRIED

Res#246/20 PDAP DESIGNATION **DAGENAIS:** That the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blaine Lake #434 apply to the Ministry of Government Relations to be designated an eligible assistance area under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP), which provides financial assistance for restoring essential services and property as a result of substantial damages caused by the Rapid Spring Melt on the date of Thursday, April 23, 2020.

CARRIED

Res#247/20 SERVICE TRUCK **SERHIENKO:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 have the Public Works Service Truck sent to Orion to complete the vehicle safety as quoted on Work Order 2-167.

CARRIED

Res#248/20 COVID-19 PPE **CHALMERS:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 purchase the Personal Protective Equipment necessary, with a budget of \$1500.00, for preparation of reopening the RM Office & Shop at a future date, including gloves, masks, hand sanitizer and sneeze guards.

CARRIED

Council allowed Observer Melanie Ciona to speak to volunteering and assisting in obtaining PPE for the RM.

Res#249/20 IN CAMERA **CHALMERS:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 go in camera, to interview a candidate for the Public Works Director position; being compliant with s. 120(2) of *The Municipalities Act*, and on the basis that the discussions that take place during that meeting apply to s. 16(1) (c)&(d) of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the time being 2:59PM.

CARRIED

Res#250/20 OUT OF CAMERA **LAVOIE:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 move out of camera, the time being 3:19PM.

CARRIED

Res#251/20 GIC #00124 **DAGENAIS:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 direct Administration to send a Letter of Direction to our CIBC Account Manager, informing that GIC #00124 be rolled over back into a Flexible GIC at the best rate available for a 12 month period.

CARRIED

Res#252/20 IN CAMERA **DAGENAIS:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 go in camera, to discuss Union Negotiations; being compliant with s. 120(2) of *The Municipalities Act*, and on the basis that the discussions that take place during that meeting apply to s. 16(1) (c)&(d) of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the time being 3:31PM.

CARRIED

Res#253/20 OUT OF CAMERA **CHALMERS:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 move out of camera, the time being 3:49PM.

CARRIED

Res#254/20 UNION NEGOTIATION **PRIESTLEY:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 directs the Union Negotiation Committee to resume Collective Bargaining with the Union; hereby granting signing authority to the Union Negotiation Committee for “Memorandum of Agreements” to indicate agreement on principles, during mediated sessions; however, final wording of clauses will be subject to review by legal counsel, and final ratification rests on the majority vote of council.

CARRIED

Res#255/20 IN CAMERA **SERHIENKO:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 go in camera, to interview a candidate for the Public Works Director position; being compliant with s. 120(2) of *The Municipalities Act*, and on the basis that the discussions that take place during that meeting apply to s. 16(1) (c)&(d) of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the time being 4:00PM.

CARRIED

Res#256/20 OUT OF CAMERA **CHALMERS:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 move out of camera, the time being 4:49PM.

CARRIED

Res#257/20 RECESS **CHALMERS:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 recess for 5 minutes, the time being 4:49PM.

CARRIED

With all of Council present, Reeve Chalmers reconvened the meeting at 4:58PM.

Res#258/20 BOARD OF REVISION **CHALMERS:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 directs Administration to approach the following people and upon their acceptance, be appointed as our Board of Revision for 2020, (with a minimum of 3 persons);

- Godfrey Hollick
- Shirley Markowsky
- Monique Metcalfe
- Terry Lavoie
- Connie Leask
- Hugh Triemans
- Elva Trask
- Wayne Reiter
- AND Alan Tanchak as Secretary-Treasurer.

CARRIED

Res#259/20 WATER SECURITY **LAVOIE:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 directs Administration to coordinate a list of concerns in Divisions 1 and 4 and contact Water Security Agency for advice.

CARRIED

Res#260/20 CASUAL RATE **PRIESTLEY:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 will pay Carl Riben the same rate as the previous year for his Casual Grader Operator hours.

CARRIED

Res#261/20 IN CAMERA **CHALMERS:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 go in camera, to discuss Human Resource issues; compliant with s. 120(2) of *The Municipalities Act*, and on the basis that the discussions that take place during that meeting apply to s. 16(1) (d) of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the time being 5:22PM.

CARRIED

Councilor Priestley left the meeting at 5:40 pm.

Res#262/20 OUT OF CAMERA **CHALMERS:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 move out of camera, the time being 5:55PM.

CARRIED

Councilor Kabaroff left the meeting at 5:55 pm.

Res#263/20 PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR **CHALMERS:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 hire Robert Dewhurst as the out-of-scope Public Works Director as follows:

- 50 hours per week
- \$32.50/hour
- At the end of the probationary period, this position will be discussed further with Robert to review and determine if changes need to be made to the position, including full time/seasonal/permanent status, wage, benefits, etc.

CARRIED

Res#264/20 GRAVEL CONTRACT **DAGENAIS:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 direct Administration to write and send a registered letter to Jeanette Lamontagne as per the directive of Council.

CARRIED

Councilor Serhienko left the meeting at 6:53pm.
Reeve Chalmers left the meeting at 6:54pm, with quorum lost the meeting was adjourned.

REEVE

SEAL

ADMINISTRATOR