

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blaine Lake #434 which was held in the RM’s Municipal Office, at 118 Main Street, on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Chalmers at 8:08AM.

Present in Council Chambers were Reeve William Chalmers, Acting Administrator Jennifer Gutknecht; and the following Council Members were present via teleconference:

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

Absent:

- Alan Lavoie - Division 4
- (Vacant) - Division 3

Res#187/20 URGENT BUSINESS COVID-19 CHALMERS: That due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak, the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 close the Rural Municipal Office and Municipal Works Shop to the public until further notice. CARRIED

Res#188/20 RATE PAYERS MEETING CHALMERS: That due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak, the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 postpone the upcoming April Rate Payers Meeting until situations improve. CARRIED

Res#189/20 DIVISION 3 BY-ELECTION CHALMERS: That due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak, and only upon the Government Relations Minister or the Chief Medical Officer for the Province of Saskatchewan’s approval, the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 sets to delay the upcoming Division Three (3) By-Election until at least June 2020. CARRIED

Res#190/20 BLAINE LAKE WALK-IN CLINIC CHALMERS: That due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak, the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 appoint the Administrator and the Division 5 Councillor John Priestley to approach the Saskatchewan Health Authority with the suggestion to have the Blaine Lake Walk-In Clinic designated, and only for a certain period of the week, as a COVID-19 test centre for the local outlying municipalities, and that this facility be booked for appointment only through the 811 Health Line as is done in other centers. CARRIED

Res#191/20 PUBLIC WORKS LAYOFF SERHIENKO: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 extends the employee layoff of Public Works staff indefinitely, until we arrive at a conclusion of what our needs are. CARRIED

Res#192/20 REDUCE EXPENDI-TURES SERHIENKO: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 make every effort to reduce expenditures in light of COVID-19. CARRIED

Res#193/20 REWORK 2020 BUDGET SERHIENKO: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 rework the budget to try and reduce costs for 2020. CARRIED

Res#194/20 FEB 11 2020 MINUTES PRIESTLEY: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 accepts the February 11 2020 regular minutes as presented. CARRIED

- Res#195/20** COUNCIL: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 accepts the February 18 2020
FEB 18 2020 special minutes with the following amendments:
SPECIAL *Res#156/20 indicate "Thickwood Hills" as the agenda item; and*
MINUTES *Res#158/20 indicate "Letter to the RMAA" as the agenda item.*
CARRIED
- Res#196/20** COUNCIL: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 accepts the February 21 2020
FEB 21 2020 special minutes as presented.
SPECIAL CARRIED
MINUTES
- Res#197/20** DAGENAIS: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 directs Administration to
ROAD HAUL provide a 1st draft of the Road Haul Agreement to Council by March 20, 2020, before
AGREEMENT sending out to the Haulers.
Councillor Serhienko declared a conflict of interest.
CARRIED
- Res#198/20** COUNCIL: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 directs Administration that
ROAD HAUL upon approval by Council, or should any amendments be required, that the amended
AGREEMENT road haul agreement be sent out to haulers as soon as possible.
Councillor Serhienko declared a conflict of interest.
CARRIED
- Res#199/20** DAGENAIS: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 accepts the March 04, 2020
MAR 04/20 special meeting minutes as presented.
SPECIAL CARRIED
MINUTES
- Res#200/20** SERHIENKO: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 direct Administration to
COMMITTEE attach the February 21, 2020 Roads Committee Meeting Minutes and the February 21,
MINUTES 2020 Finance Committee Meeting minutes to the March 17, 2020 Regular Meeting
minutes.
CARRIED
- Res#201/20** CHALMERS: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 accept the "Income
FEBRUARY Statement" bearing Revenues and Expenses, as presented.
2020 CARRIED
FINANCIALS
- Res#202/20** CHALMERS: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 accept the List of Accounts for
ACCOUNTS Approval for payment, including cheques 4466 to 4509 in the total amount of \$90,698.33.
APPROVAL CARRIED
- Res#203/20** SERHIENKO: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 table agenda items: 6.
TABLE *Additional Accounts for Approval, and, 7. Council Indemnities until the April 2020 regular*
ITEMS *Council meeting.*
CARRIED
- Reeve Chalmers declared a conflict of interest due to a closely connected person and removed himself at 10:00AM; Deputy Reeve Priestley assumed the Chair.*
- Res#204/20** SERHIENKO: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 direct Administration to
BUILDING contact Radouga Distilleries in writing to ensure that proper building regulations and code
PERMITS is being followed.
CARRIED

Reeve Chalmers returned at 10:05AM.

- Res#205/20 LEGAL ADVICE** DAGENAIS: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 grants authority to Administration to contact SARM Legal when deemed necessary; upon electronic notification to Council. CARRIED
- Res#206/20 DEVELOPMENT** CHALMERS: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 table the outstanding agenda item *9.2 Subdivision & Development Requests* until the next regular meeting, until Council has been forwarded the documentation for evaluation. CARRIED
- Res#207/20 BYLAWS & POLICIES** CHALMERS: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 table agenda 9.1 Bylaws & Policies to the next regular meeting of Council. CARRIED
- Res#208/20 SPECIAL MEETING CALL** SERHIENKO: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 call a Special Meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 7:00AM. CARRIED
- Res#209/20 ICIP GRANT FUNDING** COUNCIL: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 authorizes Administration to apply for Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Grant Funding to upgrade the Community Well Infrastructure at NE-24-44-07-W3rd. CARRIED
- Res#210/20 TOWN WATER TREATMENT PLANT** CHALMERS: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 appoints Division 5 Councilor John Priestley and Division 6 Councilor Robert Dagenais as RM liaisons with regard to the Town of Blaine Lake Water Treatment Plant. CARRIED
- Councilor Serhienko left the meeting at 10:50AM.*
- Res#211/20 GRADER ISSUES** CHALMERS: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 appoints Division 2 Councilor John Serhienko and Division 5 Councilor John Priestley as RM liaisons with regard to working with Brandt Tractor regarding the new grader's issues. CARRIED
- Res#212/20 COMMITTEES RESIGNATION** CHALMERS: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 accepts the resignations by the Reeve, Will Chalmers, for the duties performed in the following committees:
 1. The Employee Relations Committee;
 2. The Union Negotiation Committee;
 3. The RM/Town Community Committee; and,
 4. The Tendering Committee,
effective immediately. CARRIED
- Res#213/20 UNION NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE** CHALMERS: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 appoints Division 1 Councilor Wally Kabaroff to the Union Negotiation Committee. CARRIED
- Res#214/20 GRAVEL PIT SIGNAGE** CHALMERS: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 purchase the appropriate number and type of signage for the gravel pits both owned and operated by the RM of Blaine Lake #434. CARRIED
- Res#215/20 GRAVEL PIT FENCING** CHALMERS: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 purchase and have installed the appropriate fencing for the gravel pits both owned and operated by the RM of Blaine Lake #434. CARRIED

Res#216/20 DAGENAIS: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 acknowledge and file all
CORRES- correspondence found in agenda items 12.1through 12.13.
PONDENCE CARRIED

Res#217/20 PRIESTLEY: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 amend resolution #304/19 to
AMEND include:
RES#304/19 "...within 3 months, or be forfeited back to the RM."
CARRIED

Councilor Serhienko returned to the meeting via teleconference at 11:27AM.

Res#218/20 SERHIENKO: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 accepts the resignation by
COMMITTEE John Serhienko, Division 2 Councilor, for the duties performed in the Union Negotiation
RESIGNATION Committee.
CARRIED

Res#219/20 KABAROFF: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 adjourn, the time being
ADJOURN 11:42AM.
CARRIED

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REEVE

ADMINISTRATOR

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The meeting was called to order by Reeve Chalmers at 12:30PM.

Present were Reeve William Chalmers, Acting Administrator Jennifer Gutknecht, and the following RM Council Members: Wally Kabaroff, Division 1; John Serhienko, Division 2; Alan Lavoie, Division 4; Robert Dagenais, Division 6. Councillor John Priestley, Division 5 arrived at 1:00PM. (Division 3 remains vacant)

This meeting was called to create a preliminary 2020 draft budget (worksheet results are attached, incomplete, for further review and discussion).

Conversations arising:

- Tax Roll
- Re-evaluation
- Scrap steel
- Fees & Charges price list

The committee recessed at 1:58PM; reconvened at 2:35PM.

Councillor Dagenais left the meeting at 3:40PM.

The Committee resolved that the Administrator complete the highlighted sections needing more input, including searching the 2019 history on some questionable General Ledger entries, and return the document to Council for further action.

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