

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 Thursday, March 19, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Chalmers at 12:07pm.

**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
- Alan Lavoie - Division 4
- Robert Dagenais - Division 6

**Absent:**

- John Priestley - Division 5
- (Vacant) - Division 3

**Res#220/20  
POSTPONE  
DIVISION  
THREE (3)  
BY-  
ELECTION**

**COUNCIL: WHEREAS** the World Health Organization (WHO) assessed COVID-19 as a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS** the Chief Medical Health Officer for the Province of Saskatchewan, directed a number of new orders to control the transmission of COVID-19 on March 17, 2020; and

**WHEREAS** The Government of Saskatchewan declared a provincial State of Emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 18, 2020; and

**WHEREAS** there is currently no effective vaccine or specific treatment (e.g. antiviral medication) for COVID-19, and public health measures will be the only tools available to mitigate the impact of the virus, including social distancing measures such as quarantine and self-isolation at the individual level, community based approaches such as avoiding crowding, school measures and closures, workplace measures and closures and public/mass gathering cancellations; and

**WHEREAS** in the past couple of days the exponential growth of the infected persons in the country is statistically appearing; and,

**WHEREAS** the RM of Blaine Lake #434 Council is following the Government of Canada and Government of Saskatchewan’s directives for flattening the curve; and

**WHEREAS** our top priority is the health of all of our Ratepayers, RM staff and Poll Workers, and as such we are taking precautionary steps to do what we can to ensure everyone’s well-being;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Division Three (3) By-Election in the RM of Blaine Lake #434, including the Saturday, March 21 2020 Advance Poll and Wednesday, March 25 2020’s Election Day be postponed until there is no longer a public health threat.

**CARRIED**

**Res#221/20  
PUBLIC  
NOTICE  
METHODS**

**DAGENAIS: WHEREAS** communicating timely, factual information, guidance and advice during a crisis and as a situation evolves, is necessary for appropriate decision-making for our ratepayers, employees and community;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 direct Administration to urgently create and administer a Facebook Social Media page as a tool to deliver important information, in addition to current Public Notice Methods stipulated in the Public Notice Policy Bylaw 94/2005.

*Recorded (Lavoie):*

DIV 1	DIV 2	DIV 3	DIV 4	DIV 5	DIV 6	REEVE
YES	NO	VACANT	NO	ABSENT	YES	YES

**CARRIED**

**Res#222/20 DIVISION 3 ELECTORS** CHALMERS: That the RM of Blaine Lake #434 inform Division 3 Electors, regarding the delayed Division 3 By-Election, in any manner possible, as soon as possible. **CARRIED**

**Res#223/20 PUBLIC WORKS MANAGE-MENT** **SERHIENKO: WHEREAS** the Premiere of Saskatchewan has declared a COVID-19 State of Emergency; and **WHEREAS** the RM of Blaine Lake #434 has to be cognitive of costs incurred in the 2020 Budget;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** effective Monday March 23, 2020, the RM of Blaine Lake #434 suspend the Public Works Department until Council is able to hire a Public Works Director to coordinate an effective work plan, unless called in by the Administrator for work as directed by Council.

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Dagenais left the meeting at 1:16PM.*

*Councilor Dagenais returned to the meeting via teleconference at 1:30PM.*

**Res#224/20 ADJOURN** KABAROFF: That the RM of Blaine Lake #434 adjourn, the time being 1:35PM.

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REEVE

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ADMINISTRATOR