

# Joint Council Meeting Minutes March 25, 2024 10:00 a.m. Town of Lac du Bonnet Council Chambers

### Attendance:

Mayor Ken Lodge Deputy Mayor Keegan Sveinson Councillor Brian Jack Councillor Scott Veilleux Councillor Greg Short Reeve Loren Schinkel Deputy Reeve Greg Mandzuk Councillor Jeff Easton 10:30 a.m.)

Councillor Vi Enns-Preston Councillor Cindy Kellendonk CAO Marion Grogan ACAO Jackie Duma CAO Sandra Broek DCAO Deanne Duke <u>PW ManagerDirector of PW</u> David Atkins (arrived at

# 1. Call to Order

Mayor Lodge called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

# 2. Utility and other servicing on McArthur (RM jurisdiction)

CAO Grogan advised that there is a utility study taking place so detailing will be available <u>until-once</u> we receive the results of that study, but the intention is for upgraded lines to be installed in 2024. Reeve Schinkel suggested the RM and Town complete a joint lagoon feasibility study.

A few businesses located in the RM's jurisdiction have contacted the Town for garbage pick-up service. The Town wanted to check if this is a service the RM wanted to provide, and if not, if they were comfortable with the Town doing so. The RM Council agreed that it is not a service they are currently considering offering, and the Town was fine to do so.

# 3. Delegation from Farmers Market

Norm Lussier attended as a delegate at 10:28 a.m. to give some updates on the Farmers Market. He advised that the Farmers Market has money put aside to contribute to the paving of the parking lot. However, knowing that the sewer line at the Arena requires replacement prior to paving, he offered for the Committee to donate \$35,000 toward the repairs if Council would commit to paving the parking lot within 2 years. Reeve Schinkel mentioned that a joint application has been made for the arena parking lot paving. Both Councils thanked Norm for his presentation and the generosity of the Committee and the delegation ended at 10:39 a.m.

# 4. Active Transportation

Deputy Reeve Mandzuk discussed creating an Active Transportation Policy and submitted a draft resolution for the RM and Town to consider passing. Reeve Schinkel requested this resolution be amended to reflect the local active transportation plan being developed. This will be rediscussed at a future meeting.

# 5. Trail Feasibility Study Presentation

Kathy Picard along with Darcy and Madeleine from Little Blue Stem began their delegation at 11:00 a.m. An overview of Phase 1 & 2 of the feasibility study was discussed as well as 8 recommendations moving forward. Grant money will cover the cost of the feasibility study but additional funds will be needed to complete the project. Council feedback is required within 2 weeks so they can move forward with the study.

Both Councils thanked Kathy, Darcy and Madeleine for their presentation and Kathy for her hard work and dedication. The delegation ended at 11:25 a.m.

# 6. Lakers Property Timeline

CAO Grogan to write a letter to hydro to move the hydro service off of the Lakers Ski Club building and onto a pole. RM has agreed that they will complete the demolition of the building.

# 7. RM Cost to Accommodate Town of Lac du Bonnet Garbage

PW ManagerDirector of PW David Atkins said the logistics of the Town bringing their garbage to the RM Transfer Station are going well and staff from the both the RM and the Town are present at each dump. RM to complete a fee schedule and determine the best way for Town residents to access the RM Transfer Station and what limitations, if any, will be in place. Reeve Schinkel suggested rolling out the program and then revisiting it once we have some data in 3-6 months.

# 8. RCMP – Staff Sargent Cory Meyers

#### In camera at 12:49 p.m.

Staff Sargent Cory Meyers gave an update on the Lac du Bonnet detachment.

Delegation ended at 1:17 p.m.

### Out of Camera at 1:18 p.m.

### 9. Creating a Development Agreement Template/Single Window Investment

Mayor Lodge, Deputy Mayor Sveinson and Councillor Kellendonk requested developing a package to give to developers when they contact the Town or RM or have one point of contact for cohesiveness. Councillor Kellendonk will send a list to CAO Grogan, with what items could be included. This will be revisited further.

#### **10. Utility Capacity**

CAO Grogan said this matter can't be discussed until we have received the completed study.

### 11. Fire Department Budget

RM and Town discussed the capital purchases for the fire department. CAO Broek will contact Dave Lussier in regards to the capital purchases and will give the Town an update.

### 12. Development Plan Cost Sharing

The Town and RM agree on a 50/50 split for the development plan cost.

#### 13. Two Rivers Handi Van Storage Building and Location

RM and Town Council's agree that a plan in place with costs involved for the Handi Van storage building has to be received before any approvals can be given. Councillor Easton and Councillor Short will advise the committee of this request.

#### 14. Utility Staff

CAO Grogan mentioned that she and CAO Broek had a brief discussion on the possibility of sharing the Utility Operator (Water and Waste Manager) from the RM. This could allow the Operator to work towards his hours, provide the RM with knowledge of the Plant and help the Town with staffing.

#### 15. Adjournment

Mayor Lodge adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.