

**Rural Municipality of Laird No. 404  
Council Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2018**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Laird No. 404, held in the council chambers of the Administration Building, Waldheim, SK on Thursday, January 11, 2018

**Present:** Reeve Terry Knippel, Councillors: Ron Boldt, Sheldon Willems, Arnold Neufeldt, Ken Fehr, Luise Willems, Lorne Grunau and Administrator Paulette Wolkowski.

Road Foreman - George Penner - 10:30 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

**Absent:**

The Reeve called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**01-18 Agenda:** L. Willems That the agenda be approved as presented.  
**Carried.**

**02-18 Minutes:** L. Grunau That the minutes of the regular meeting of council held December 14, 2017 be approved as previously circulated.  
**Carried.**

**Accounts for Approval:**

**03-18** K. Fehr That accounts paid in the amount of \$117,549.83 and payroll in the amount of \$21,599.05 be reviewed and approved.  
**Carried.**

**04-18** S. Willems That the accounts in the amount of \$403,634.76 be approved for payment.  
**Carried.**

**05-18 Financial Statement:** L. Willems That the statement of financial activities and bank reconciliation for the month of December 2017 be approved as presented.  
**Carried.**

**06-18 Correspondence** R. Boldt That the correspondence as previously circulated be acknowledged and filed.  
**Carried.**

**New Business:**

**07-18 HBR Assoc Membership** S. Willems That we pay the Hudson Bay Route Association 2018 Membership fee of \$300.00.  
**Carried.**

**08-18 Insurance** A. Neufeldt That the Office Bond and Property and Liability Insurance Policy's be presented and acknowledged by council.  
**Carried.**

**09-18 WCB for Elected Off** K. Fehr That the RM of Laird elected officials be covered by the Worker's Compensation Board as per the optional personal coverage section at the minimums industrial average wage for 2018.  
**Carried.**

**10-18 Auditor** R. Boldt That we appoint Michael Marchand of Cogent Chartered Professional Accountants LLP as the municipal auditor for 2018.  
**Carried.**

- 11-18 **Amend Res #307-17** K. Fehr That we amend resolution #307-17 by replacing \$26.20 per hour for 2018 (\$47,684.00 per annum) with \$26.34 per hour for 2018 (\$47,938.00 per annum).  
**Carried.**
- 12-18 **SK Hwys Mowing** S. Willems That we advise Sask Highways that the RM of Laird is interested in entering into an agreement to mow the highway ditches at the rate of \$60.00 per hectare, the provincial average or regional average which ever is higher.  
**Carried.**
- 13-18 **Amend Res #315-17** S. Willems That resolution #315-17 be amended to read: "That we advise Darrell Fehr that the RM will cancel the municipal portion of the commercial taxes on property: Pcl B, Pt NE 24-41-6 W3 for the years 2015 and 2016 in the amounts of municipal \$1,560.90 plus \$264.64 penalty interest. That the commercial taxes for 2017 had been cancelled with the results of the Agreement to Adjust through SAMA earlier."  
**Carried.**
- 14-18 **Paperless Meetings** L. Grunau That we instruct the Administrator to obtain quotes/prices on Computer notepads so that council can obtain all meeting information on line and therefore reduce the amount of paper used.  
**Carried.**
- 15-18 **Bylaw 1-2018** R. Boldt First Reading: That Bylaw 1-2018 being a bylaw to license the excavation of gravel from gravel pits be read a first time.  
**Carried.**
- 16-18 A. Neufeldt Second Reading: That Bylaw 1-2018 being a bylaw to license the excavation of gravel from gravel pits be read a second time.  
**Carried.**
- 17-18 L. Grunau That Bylaw 1-2018 being a bylaw to license the excavation of gravel from a gravel pit be given three readings at this meeting.  
**Carried.**
- 18-18 K. Fehr Third Reading: That Bylaw 1-2018 being a bylaw to license the excavation of gravel from gravel pits be read a third time and finally adopted.  
**Carried.**
- 19-18 **Trf to Reserve** K. Fehr That the RM transfer \$10,000.00 from the 2017 Budget year to the reserve account for the Sarilia Community Association Community Centre as per the agreement that the Sarilia Community Association contributes a matching amount every year over a 5 year period.  
**Carried.**
- 20-18 **Council Remun 2018** A. Neufeldt That the 2018 Council Remuneration rates be set as follows:  
Reeve - Council Meetings - \$240.00 per meeting  
Deputy Reeve - Council Meetings - \$220.00 per meeting  
Councillors - Council Meetings - \$200.00 per meeting  
Reeve/Deputy Reeve - Office Supervision - \$160.00 per day  
Committee Meetings - full day - \$200.00; evening \$100.00  
Public Works Supervision - \$200.00 per day  
Delegates at conventions - \$200.00 per day  
Mileage - for all of the above - \$0.45/km necessarily travelled  
Meals - paid by the municipality while attending all regular and special meetings  
Meals and accommodations while attending conventions  
Stipend - \$100.00 per month for all other duties/expenses not outlined in the remuneration schedule.  
**Carried.**

- 21-18 Next Meeting Date** R. Boldt That the next regular meeting of council will be held Wednesday, February 14, 2018 starting @ 9:00 a.m.  
**Carried.**
- 22-18 Road Signs** S. Willems That as we number our roads with TWP and Range that we no longer repair or replace the "named" road signs.  
**Carried.**
- Foreman's Report** George Penner arrived @ 10:30 a.m. to discuss road signing, equipment repairs being done, equipment needed to adequately sand streets at Sarilia Estates, plans for future RM shop.  
Visitor left @ 11:40 a.m.
- 23-18** T. Knippel That we approve the Road Foreman, George Penner's verbal report.  
**Carried.**
- 24-18 Adjourn** K. Fehr That this meeting adjourn @ 11:40 a.m.

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**T. Knippel, Reeve**

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**P. Wolkowski, Administrator**