

**Rural Municipality of Laird No. 404
Council REGULAR Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2023**

The Minutes of the REGULAR Meeting of the Council of Municipality of Laird No. 404, held in the Council Chambers of the RM Office, 3025 Central Avenue, Waldheim, SK on Thursday, November 16 , 2023.

- PRESENT:** Division 1 Ron Boldt
 Division 2 Phil Loewen
 Division 3 Lorne Grunau
 Division 4 Ken Fehr
 Division 5 Trent Ebach
 Division 6 Luise Willems
 Administrator: Bertha Buhler
- ABSENT:** Reeve: Sheldon Willems
- DELEGATES:** Foreman – George Penner
 Northbound Planning - Jared Stephenson (Teams)

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

AGENDA:

- 196.Nov.23 L. WILLEMS:** That the agenda be accepted as presented with the additional items added:
 a. Office cell phone;
 b. SARM Disability-Penner.

CARRIED.

MINUTES

- 197.Nov.23 LOEWEN:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 05, 2023 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

FINANCIALS

- 198.Nov.23 EBACH:** That the Statement of Financials and Bank Reconciliation be approved as presented for the month of October 2023 and hereto attached to these minutes.

CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

- 199.Nov.23 GRUNAU:** That payment of accounts paid with cheque numbers 13836 to 13870 in the amount of \$70,804.68; on-line banking 2023-0172 to 2023-0198 in the amount of \$225,069.00 and Payroll in the amount of \$32,173.03 for a total of \$257,242.03 has been accepted and is approved as presented.

CARRIED.

WINTER WEIGHTS 2023-2024

- 200.Nov.23 BOLDT:** That we follow Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure winter weight Orders 2023-2024, and furthermore, to be reviewed at February 2024 Council meeting for reconsideration.

CARRIED.

UNPAID TAX LISTING 2023

- 201.Nov.23 FEHR:** That we have received the Unpaid Tax Listing for 2023 as of November 1, 2023 and can now be filed with correspondence.

CARRIED.

MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS SNOWRIDGING

- 202.Nov.23 EBACH:** That we have reviewed the request from Ministry of Highways for snow ridging for 2023-2024 winter season and can now be filed with correspondence.

CARRIED.

BOARD OF REVISION APPOINTMENT 2024

- 203.Nov.23 BOLDT:** That the Board of Revision appointments for 2024 be as follows:

- Secretary: Mike ligtermoet
 Panel Members: Timothy Furlong
 Glen Neuert
 Kirby Fesser
 Sabrina Saccucci. **CARRIED.**

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MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING 2023 DECLARATION

- 204.Nov.23 GRUNAU:** That the Council of the RM of Laird No. 404 confirms the municipality meets the following eligibility requirements to receive the Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant which includes the following:
1. Submission of the 2023 Audited Financial Statement to the Ministry of Government Relations (to be submitted after audit date of February 2024 by Auditor);
 2. The Municipality does not run a Municipal Waterworks Systems;
 3. In Good Standing with respect to the reporting and remittance of Education Property Taxes;
 4. Adoption of a Council Procedures Bylaw;
 5. Adoption of an Employee Code of Conduct; and
 6. All members of council have filed and annually updated their Public Disclosure Statements, as required; and
- That we understand if any requirements are not met, our Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant may be withheld until all requirements are met (use only if not all requirements are met); and
- That we authorize the Administrator to sign the Declaration of Eligibility and submit it to the Ministry of Government Relations. **CARRIED.**

Foreman Penner's verbal report was received at 9:58a.m.- 10:41a.m.

STUDENT WORK-EDUCATION

- 205.Nov.23 LOEWEN:** That we authorize Nelson Janzen to, under the School Student Work-Education program, to complete his work-experience hours under the supervision of Foreman Penner.
- CARRIED.**

WALDHEIM SPECIALITY SAND & GRAVEL

- 206.Nov.23 LOEWEN:** That we approve the sale of 1500 tonnes of oversized rock to Waldheim Specialty Sand and Gravel in trade for 40 hours of Track hoe rental from Waldheim Specialty Sand & Gravel.
- CARRIED.**

HUNTING ON N ½ 18-43-05 W3

- 207.Nov.23 LOEWEN:** That effective January 01, 2024, having possession of lands N ½ 18-43-05 W3, no authorized permission shall be granted to any public requests, other than honoring the Sale of Purchase Agreement.
- CARRIED.**

Delegate Jared Stephenson with Northbound Planning attended via Teams from 10:42a.m – 11:05a.m. and reported on the following:

- a. Sawatsky Sub-division; and
- b. Wiebe Sub-division.

SAWATSKY SUBDIVISION

- 208.Nov.23 BOLDT:** That Council not support the proposed subdivision known as Community Planning branch file #SUBD-002159-2023 for reason of non-compliance with the RM's Zoning Bylaw (ZB). The subject land is located in the Agricultural District (AG) with the proposed use being for general agriculture. Sch A 1.5 of the ZB prescribes a minimum site size for the proposed use of 64.80 ha (or equivalent as described in 1.6 1.). Further, there is no policy in the RM's Official Community Plan guiding agriculture subdivision; there is specific policy to guide subdivision for other uses with limited site sizes. The proposed parcel and the residual portion of the source parcel would not achieve the minimum site area. Council discussed the potential of undertaking any necessary amendments to accommodate the proposal but is unwilling to amend its ZB to accommodate the proposal, nor is there any other Zoning District within the ZB which would readily accommodate the proposed use(s) of the subdivided parcels. **CARRIED.**

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WIEBE SUBDIVISION

209.Nov.23 GRUNAU: That Council support the proposed subdivision known as Community Planning branch (CPB) file #SUBD-001327-2023 based on the understanding, and subject to, CPB registering an informational development standard on new titles under clause 130(1)(b) of The Planning and Development Act, 2007, advising any potential future owner of the presence of potential flood hazard lands within the proposed parcels and of the potential requirement to demonstrate suitability at the time of development permitting. Cash-in-lieu of municipal reserve in the amount of \$17,600 has been received by the RM. No servicing agreement is required. Council has no further requirements. **CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE

210.Nov.23 FEHR: Correspondence SARM (FYI)

a. All other correspondence emailed to Council at time received in-office.

Correspondence General (FYI)

- a. Pubworks Time Sheets Oct/Nov 2023;
- b. RCMP Q3 reporting;
- c. Fire Departments info
- d. SAW newsletter

Dev/Bldg Permits Issued from last meeting date:

a. none

NEW TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

a. None

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

211.Nov.23 FEHR: That the Council meeting be adjourned at 11:32a.m.

(SEAL)

Reeve/Deputy Reeve

Administrator

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