

TOWN OF BIENFAIT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
Wednesday, May 26, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Municipal Office at Bienfait, Saskatchewan

PRESENT: Mayor Ken Bonokoski
Councillors Ivan Boyer
Shirley Wheeler
Steven Matthewson - *absent*
Les Christensen
David Johnson
Gerald Resler
Administrator Jessica Franklin

21/05/02-01 Call to Order:

A quorum being present, Mayor Ken Bonokoski called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

21/05/02-02 Delegate

6:01 p.m. Garnett and Niki Balkwill with GMB SouthSask Exterminator & Pest Control met with Council to discuss nuisance animals in the Town of Bienfait. It was discussed that gophers have one (1) litter per year consisting of five (5) to ten (10) offspring. Within three months the offspring are traveling a distance up to three (3) kilometres. It was noted that there is a large gopher inhabitant on the east side of Bienfait which provides the influx of gophers into the ball diamonds and cemetery. It was Garnett and Niki's recommendation to continue sulphur bombing the gopher holes to exterminate the animals. This way of extermination does not cause harm to other animals.

6:20 p.m. Garnett and Niki Balkwill departed the meeting.

21/05/02-04 Minutes:

Resler/Johnson

THAT the minutes of May 5, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council shall be approved as presented.

Carried

Johnson/Boyer

THAT the minutes of May 6, 2021, Water Treatment Plant Committee Meeting shall be approved as presented.

Carried

Johnson/Wheeler

THAT the minutes of May 11, 2021, Public Works Committee Meeting shall be approved as presented.

Carried

Wheeler/Boyer

THAT the minutes of May 12, 2021, Special Meeting shall be approved as presented.

Carried

21/05/02-05 Reports:

Christensen/Boyer

THAT the following reports be accepted as presented:

- a. Verbal Reports
Council Reports
- b. Written Staff Reports – nothing to report
Administrator's Report
- c. Committee and Other
- d. Other Written Reports – nothing to report



Carried

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21/05/02-06 Financials:

a. Bill List No. 1:

Johnson/Christensen

THAT Bill List No. 1 as indicated by cheque #10091 – cheque #10106 in the amount of \$22,448.60 is approved for payment as presented.

Carried

b. Payroll List No. 1:

Wheeler/Christensen

THAT Payroll List No. 1 as indicated by cheque #9949 – cheque #9952 in the amount of \$5,983.15 is approved for payment as presented.

Carried

c. Council Renumeration:

Johnson/Resler

THAT Council Renumeration for the month of May 2021 as indicated by cheque #9957 – cheque #9961 in the amount of \$2,750.00 shall be approved for payment as presented.

Carried

21/05/02-07 Unfinished Business:

a.) Asphalt Crack Sealing

Johnson/Boyer

THAT the Asphalt Crack Sealing be tabled to the next regular meeting of Council to provide further detailed discussion on the equipment required for the Public Works department to complete the task.

Carried

b.) Summer Student Applications

Christensen/Johnson

THAT the hiring of the summer students be tabled to the next regular meeting of Council to ensure the availability of the applicants.

Carried

c.) Approval of Consolidation Lot 16 Block 10 Plan AA6460 and Lot 17 Block 10 Plan AA6460

Resler/Boyer

THAT the approval of the consolidation of lots 16 and 17 Block 10 Plan AA6460 be tabled to the next regular meeting of Council to allow time for the resident to back fill the basement as per the Bienfait Zoning Bylaw 10 (2015).

Carried

21/05/02-08 New Business:

a.) Saskatchewan Federation of Police Officers Annual Crime Prevention Guide

Christensen/Wheeler

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall purchase a 1/15 page, black and white advertisement from the Saskatchewan Federation of Police Officers 2020 Crime Prevention Guide; and that the advertisement shall cost one hundred seventy-six dollars and nineteen cents (\$176.19) plus gst.

Carried

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d.) Application for Business License

Johnson/Christensen

THAT the request to operate Sewing/Mending/Seamstress as submitted by Olena Byelykh be approved as presented; and that it be classified commercial and shall be subject to the current license fee.

Carried

e.) Support for 988 Crisis Line

Wheeler/Boyer

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 percent;

AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Bienfait recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crises and seeking help;

NOW THEREOFRE BEIT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Bienfait endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;

AND that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MPP, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.

Carried

f.) Bienfait Centennial Parks and Recreation Board Advertisement Renewal

Johnson/Boyer

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall purchase one single block add in the Bienfait Centennial Parks & Rec Board Community Spirit Calendar for the cost of one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120.00).

Carried

h.) Loose Dogs at the Blue Jay Ball Diamonds

Resler/Christensen

THAT the Town of Bienfait received a letter regarding loose dogs at the Blue Jay Ball Diamonds while youth baseball teams were in attendance; AND that the Town of Bienfait shall erect a sign at the Blue Jay Ball Diamonds that states all dogs shall be leashed at all times and an additional sign that states dogs are not allowed on the ball diamonds.

Carried

i.) SENSUS Audit Documents

Christensen/Resler

THAT the 2020 draft financial statement of the Town of Bienfait be accepted as presented; and that the signed copy be returned to SENSUS.

Carried

21/05/02-09 Correspondence:

Matthewson/Christensen

THAT the correspondence as listed on the agenda be acknowledged and filed for future reference.

Carried



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21/05/02-10 Other Business:

Complaint Received

Resler/Johnson

THAT the complaint received by acknowledged and kept on file indefinitely; AND that due to the complaint, it shall be discussed with Public Works employees to cut the ditches along Industrial Avenue when traveling with the lawn mowers to the ball diamonds as this is town property.

21/05/02-11 Adjournment:

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Carried

Mayor



Administrator