

TOWN OF BIENFAIT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
Wednesday, May 18, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Municipal Office at Bienfait, Saskatchewan

PRESENT: Mayor Ken Bonokoski
Councillors Ivan Boyer
Shirley Wheeler
Les Christensen
David Johnson
Gerald Resler
Melissa Rensby
Administrator Jessica Franklin



22/05/02-01 Call to Order:

A quorum being present, Mayor Ken Bonokoski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

22/05/02-02 Delegate

6:33 p.m. Bienfait Memorial Arena board members Amanda Pukas, Bill Mann and Jesse Juneau met with Council to discuss the insurance claim for the mechanical breakdown at the ice plant regarding the condenser.

Insurance will only approve 50% as the equipment was older than ten (10) years, therefore the approval was given on Actual Cash Value.

The Bienfait Memorial Arena is not in a financial position to cover the outstanding invoices on the repairs. The arena year end is August 31. In this year's fiscal income statement, the arena shows a revenue of \$104,163.99 and an expense of \$125,928.87. This does not include the Excel Refrigeration regarding the mechanical breakdown invoices of \$25,889.14 and \$16,098.28.

The Bienfait Memorial Arena plans on hosting more appetizer nights and other fundraisers.

The board members are hopeful to get ice plant upgrades purchased and installed during the 2022 summer months. This is expected to cost approximately one hundred eighty-five thousand (\$185,000.00) dollars plus taxes. A letter was prepared and distributed to both the R.M. of Coalfields No.4 and the R.M. of Estevan No. 5. A copy of this letter was presented to Bienfait Town Council.

Tundra Oil and Gas has donated one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) to go towards the purchase of new ice plant upgrades. This donation comes as a grant; therefore, the funds get released when invoices are presented.

6:50 p.m. Amanda Pukas, Bill Mann and Jesse Juneau departed the meeting.

22/05/02-04 Minutes:

Wheeler/Boyer

THAT the minutes of April 19, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council shall be approved as presented.
Carried

Resler/Rensby

THAT the minutes of May 4, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council shall be approved as presented.
Carried



22/05/02-05 Reports:

Boyer/Christensen

THAT the following reports be accepted as presented:

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- 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

22/05/02-06 Financials:

a. Bill List No. 1:

Resler/Johnson

THAT Bill List No. 1 as indicated by cheque #10510 – cheque #10524 in the amount of \$36,669.50 is approved for payment as presented.

Carried

b. Payroll List No. 1:

Christensen/Wheeler

THAT Payroll List No. 1 as indicated by cheque #10144 – cheque #10148 in the amount of \$8,318.13 is approved for payment as presented.

Carried

c. Council Renumeration

Rensby/Resler

THAT Council Renumeration for the month of April and May 2022 as indicated by cheque #10149 – cheque #10155 in the amount of \$5,025.00 shall be approved for payment as presented.

Carried

22/05/02-07 Unfinished Business:

a.) Gravel

Christensen/Wheeler

THAT the purchase of gravel shall be tabled to the next regular meeting of Council for discussion.

Carried

b.) GMB SouthSask Exterminator and Pest Control

Rensby/Wheeler

THAT pest control be tabled to the next regular meeting of Council for the Administrator to gather all applicable information.

Carried

c.) Application for Business License

Johnson/Wheeler

THAT the Application for Business License from TJ Painting Ltd. be tabled to the next regular meeting of Council to ensure Administration can confirm the location of said business.

Carried

d.) Bienfait Memorial Arena Insurance Claim

Boyer/Rensby

THAT the Town of Bienfait Council has agreed to cover two Excel Refrigeration Ltd. invoices for the Bienfait Memorial Arena in the amount of \$25,889.14 and \$16,098.28.

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22/05/02-08 New Business;

a.) Blue Jay Ball Diamond Seasonal Rental

Wheeler/Rensby

THAT the Council for the Town of Bienfait shall grant permission for teams which are members of the Estevan Slo-Pitch Leage to use the Blue Jay Ball Diamonds upon Agreement of the following terms and conditions:

1. The league shall not be charged a rental fee. In exchange for the use of the ball diamonds, the league:
 - a. Shall make a one thousand five hundred (\$1,500.00) dollar donation to the Town of Bienfait prior to the use of the ball diamonds, for use during the 2022 season only;
 - b. Shall ensure that all debris, including cans and bottles are removed from the ball diamond and parking lot areas at the conclusion of each game. If any garbage is left, the league shall be charged a minimum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for cleanup.
2. The league shall be responsible for providing the liability insurance.
3. The League shall not spray any weeds or bait any gophers on any property of the Blue Jay Ball Diamonds.
4. The Town shall be responsible for cutting the grass as needed.
5. All improvements made by the League shall become the property of the Town of Bienfait.
6. The Blue Jay Ball Diamonds shall forever remain the property of the Town of Bienfait.
7. The League shall agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Bienfait from and against any claims, injuries, demands, liabilities, costs or damages related to the use, upgrading, or maintenance of the Blue Jay Ball Diamonds.

Carried

b.) Weed Control

Boyer/Christensen

THAT the weed control be tabled to the next regular meeting of Council to compare costs of contracting the service against licensing a municipal employee and purchasing herbicide to provide the service.

Carried

c.) Town Logos for Equipment

Christensen/Johnson

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall purchase replacement town logo stickers for all municipal vehicles.

Carried

e.) Amalgamation of Lot 11-12 Block 3 Plan K151

Resler/Boyer

The Town of Bienfait has approved the request that Lot 11, Block 3, Plan No. K151, Ext. 0, Bienfait, Sask. shown as Surface Parcel #106885615 may be tied to Lot 12, Block 3, Plan No. K151, Ext. 0, Bienfait, Sask. shown as Surface Parcel #106885402.

Carried

f.) Outdoor Fire Appliance Permit Request

Johnson/Resler

THAT the Outdoor Fire Appliance Permit Request received from 317 Taylor Street be approved as presented.

Carried

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g.) Canada Summer Jobs Grant Approval

Christensen/Johnson

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall sign and submit the approval of the Canada Summer Jobs Grant Agreement project number 0185292147; AND that the grant shall contribute four thousand nine hundred and sixty-four dollars and forty cents (\$4,964.40) for one museum coordinator and two public works labourer summer students.

Carried

h.) Waterworks Compliance Inspection May 3, 2022

Rensby/Resler

THAT the Waterworks Compliance Inspection completed on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, be acknowledged and kept on file indefinitely.

Carried

i.) Complaint - May 16, 2022

Johnson/Boyer

That the complaint received May 16, 2022, be acknowledged and a letter be mailed, and hand delivered to 317 Taylor Street, Bienfait, SK. to substantiate the bylaws regarding dangerous dogs and the severity of the complaint.

Carried

j.) July 1st Fireworks Display

Christensen/Resler

THAT the Council for the Town of Bienfait shall grant permission to the Bienfait Parks and Recreation Board to hold a firework display in conjunction with the 2022 July 1st celebration.

Carried

k.) Temporary Street Closure – July 1st Celebration

Wheeler/Boyer

THAT the Council for the Town of Bienfait as empowered by Section 14 (1) of *The Municipalities Act* shall grant permission for the temporary closure of the following streets to allow for the Bienfait Centennial Parks & Recreation Board July 1st Celebration activities:

- Weldon Road from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. to allow for the staging of the parade;
- Railway Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. to allow for the staging of the parade;
- Carbon Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. to allow for the staging of the parade;
- Carbon Avenue from the Young Street intersection to the White Street intersection to allow for safe passage of pedestrians;
- White Street from the Carbon Avenue intersection to the Highway No. 18 intersection to allow for safe passage of pedestrians;

Carried

l.) Resident Request – May 18, 2022

Resler/Christensen

THAT the resident request regarding tree roots causing clogging problems with the sewer line at 318 Taylor Street be acknowledged, and that the Town of Bienfait shall ensure the location of the problematic trees to ensure the said trees are on municipal property prior to removal; AND if the trees are on municipal property, Public Works employees shall be directed to contact Tyros Tree Service to remove the trees.

Carried



m.) Grad Salutes

Wheeler/Rensby

THAT the Council for the Town of Bienfait shall approve the advertisement for the 2022 Town Salute for Bienfait on Rock 106 radio station; and that the cost of the town salute shall be one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00).

Carried

n.) Lift Station Sensor Quote

Resler/Johnson

THAT the Town of Bienfait approves the purchase and installation of a lift station level sensor to track the acceleration and fluid levels in the lift station to alleviate the risk of high fluid volume back pressuring into the municipal sewer drains and ensure a quick response time if required; AND that the cost of this sensor shall be approximately three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) from Rethink Automation and Nix 6 Electric.

Carried

o.) Bienfait-Coalfields Historical Museum and Locomotive Grant – Tender

Resler/Johnson

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall send out invitational tenders for the restoration of the Bienfait Locomotive including but not limited to sandblasting, prime, paint, replacement of rotten wood, general iron and wood repairs; AND the invitational tender shall be sent to:

- R&R Tank and Equipment Rentals Ltd.
- Double J Oilfield Construction Ltd.
- Pukas Welding Ltd.

AND that the closing date for the tender is Friday June 17, 2022.

Carried

p.) Firehall Grant - RFP

Resler/Boyer

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall submit a Request for Proposal (RFP) on Sasktenders.ca requesting the design and construction services of a new five thousand (5000) square foot Fire Hall.

Carried

22/05/02-09 Correspondence:

Boyer/Wheeler

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

Carried

22/05/02-10 Other Business:

Temporary Public Works Employee

Resler/Johnson

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall advertise looking for one (1) position of Temporary Public Works Employee on Saskjobs.ca.

Carried

Lift Station Manhole Cover

Resler/Christensen

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall replace the manhole lid in the lift station with an aluminum manhole lid; AND that the manhole lid shall be placed so that the lid opens against the outer wall.

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Change of Regular Council Meeting Dates – June 2022

Wheeler/Boyer

THAT the Council for the Town of Bienfait shall change the time and the dates for the following June 2022 Regular Council Meetings:

1. THAT the regular council meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday June 8th, 2022, shall be changed to Wednesday June 1st, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
2. THAT the regular council meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday June 22nd, 2022, shall be changed to Wednesday June 22nd, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Carried

22/05/02-11 Adjournment:

Bonokoski/Christensen

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Carried



Mayor



Administrator