

TOWN OF BIENFAIT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
Wednesday, May 3, 2023 6:00 p.m.
Municipal Office at Bienfait, Saskatchewan

PRESENT: Mayor Ken Bonokoski
Councillors Ivan Boyer - *absent*
Shirley Wheeler - *absent*
Les Christensen
David Johnson
Gerald Resler
Melissa Rensby – *arrived at 6:23 p.m.*
Administrator Jessica Franklin

23/05/03-01 Call to Order:

A quorum being present, Mayor Ken Bonokoski called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

23/05/03-02 Delegate

6:04 p.m. Stephen McCabe and Conrad Meili met with Council to discuss GFL operations and resident garbage cart pick up.

Mayor Ken Bonokoski had informed Stephen and Conrad that the loose garbage from the landfill is causing a detriment to neighboring livestock. Livestock have been found dead recently, and these particular animals are worth a large sum of money that the farmer has to take as a loss.

Landfill manager Mike Fullawka is planning to place snow fence in areas where the litter blows away. He checks the fence lines daily and records his findings.

Stephen mentioned that the landfill fence will be installed in the coming months. A date will be set and the town will be notified.

Stephen mentioned that the farmer should contact Mike Fullawka directly if they see any loose refuse or problems with garbage.

Stephen said that as soon as the draft landfill agreement gets sent to them, their legal team will review for approval.

The scale at the landfill is in poor shape, it has not been weighing accurately. Industrial Scale from Regina, SK. came in to clean the scale, but they will not certify it as the metal on the deck is falling apart and the scale is splitting in half. It is important that the scale be replaced in a timely manner as it is required to have a certified for trade scale. The cost of this purchase is not set out in the prior agreement; therefore it is upon negotiation for which entity pays what costs. The approximate cost is two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00). It is paramount that the renewed agreement has something in place for replacement of the scale.

Stephen mentioned that there should be another meeting in the near future for the decision on this purchase. There is a scale in Regina, Sk. waiting for approval to be delivered.

Conrad broached the subject of garbage pick up. He said that GFL can offer twenty percent (20%) lower rates than what was previously proposed. The rates are as follows:

\$5.10 per cart monthly with a weekly pick-up schedule.

\$4.60 per recycle cart monthly with a biweekly pick-up schedule.

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Conrad said that he has driven around the streets of Bienfait, SK. and he sees no issues as to front yard garbage pickup service.

Conrad mentioned, that as Jessica requested previously, they will exchange the recycle bin at the end of Main Street for a larger one with a sliding door.

Conrad stated that if the town so chooses to go with GFL garbage pickup, the bins would be delivered to each household at no cost.

6:31 p.m. Stephen and Conrad departed the meeting.

6:51 p.m. Sherri Sutter met with Council to discuss the 2023 Operations of the Bienfait Swimming Pool as well as her opinion on the Town of Bienfait hiring a Recreation Director.

Sherri started by saying this is her 20th year on the Bienfait Swimming Pool Board. The board has three new members.

The pool plans to open two weeks before their usual start date, being June 14, 2023. It has been proposed that the school may have their final day of school at the pool.

The dates for swimming lesson registrations are May 28, May 31, and June 1.

The board hired a manager to work 20 hours a week.

Public swim will have different times this year, the pool will be open to the public 1p.m. – 9 p.m. on weekdays and 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. on weekends.

The pool will offer family passes for \$260.00, individual passes for \$100.00, and pool punch cards again this year.

The board is planning several different fundraisers this year, starting with a 50/50, 2 CO-OP barbeques, 2 movie nights, and a possible foam swim at the end of the season.

In 2022 the cost to operate the pool was \$65,495.90.

Sherri confirmed that hiring a Recreation Director would be very beneficial to the pool for looking and applying for grants and could also complete the hiring of pool staff every year.

7:07 p.m. Sherri departed the meeting.

7:16 p.m. Mike Miller with the Bienfait Curling Club met with Council to discuss the curling rinks opinion on hiring a Recreation Director.

Mike said that the benefit for the curling rink would be to help search and apply for grants.

7:20 p.m. Mike Miller departed the meeting.

23/05/03-04 Minutes:

Resler/Rensby

THAT the minutes of April 26, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council shall be approved as presented.

Carried

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23/05/03-05 Reports:

Johnson/Rensby

THAT the following reports be accepted as presented:

- a. Verbal Reports
 Council Reports
- b. Waterworks Operational Records – April 2023

Carried

23/05/03-06 Financials:

a. Bill List No. 1

Johnson/Resler

THAT Bill List No. 1 as indicated by cheque #10949 – cheque #10964 in the amount of \$20,068.19 is approved for payment as presented.

Carried

b. Payroll List No. 1:

Resler/Rensby

THAT Payroll List No. 1 as indicated by cheque #10322 – cheque #10325 in the amount of \$6,349.19 is approved for payment as presented.

Carried

23/05/03-07 Unfinished Business:

a.) Recreation Director

Rensby/Christensen

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall request a meeting with the R.M. of Coalfields No. 4 for opening dialogue regarding sharing costs of hiring a Recreation Director for the benefit of both urban and rural residents.

Carried

b.) Pavement Repairs

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall request quotes for pothole repairs, as well as quotes for pavement on White Street, Railway Avenue from Main Street to Railway Street; AND that these quotes shall be brought back to a regular meeting of Council for discussion.

Carried

c.) Industrial Drive Streetlight Application

Johnson/Christensen

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall submit a plan to SaskPower for two (2) streetlights on Industrial Drive.

Carried

23/05/03-08 New Business:

b.) Resident Request April 20, 2023

Christensen/Johnson

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall send a letter to Jim King and request to share the cost of the removal of two (2) trees on the boulevard in front of 402 Young Street, Bienfait.

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c.) Trailer Quotes

Resler/Johnson

THAT the Town of Bienfait received the following trailer quotes from Prairie Dawg Sales and Rentals:

- 2023 Double A EQ147-18 18'	\$9,940.00
- 2023 Double A CT147-22 16'	\$14,290.00
- 2023 Double A ECH107-20 18'	\$7,999.00

THAT the Council for the Town of Bienfait approves the purchase of the 2023 Double A EQ147-18 for a cost of nine thousand nine hundred forty dollars (\$9,940.00) plus applicable taxes.

Carried

d.) Weed Control

Rensby/Christensen

THAT the Town of Bienfait received the following weed spraying quotes:

- Pride Upkeep	\$95.00/hour	\$350.00/cube herbicide
- RPG Spraying	\$175.00/hour	\$.625-\$.875/litre herbicide.

THAT the Town of Bienfait approves Pride Upkeep to complete the 2023 weed spraying.

Carried

e.) Shop Roof Quotes

Resler/Johnson

THAT the Town of Bienfait received the following quotes for roof repairs:

- Acadien Construction	Weatherskin Membrane	\$11,814.72
	1" Overhang	\$2,085.79
- Red Diamond Exteriors	Replace Tin ½ Roof	\$13,706.28
- BDM Roofing	Replace Tin Full Roof	\$86,400.00
- BDM Roofing	Replace Screws, Silicone	\$4,608.00

THAT the Town of Bienfait approves BDM to replace all the screws on the roof of the Public Works Shop, remove all sealant and place caulking around vents, and cover all existing holes with flatstock and silicone for a cost of four thousand six hundred and eight dollars (\$4,608.00) plus applicable taxes.

Carried

23/05/03-09 Correspondence:

Christensen/Rensby

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

Carried

23/05/03-10 Other Business:

Green For Life Environmental Inc. Residential Cart Garbage Pick Up

Rensby/Johnson

THAT the Town of Bienfait approves the residential cart garbage pick up from GFL for a cost of five dollars and ten cents (\$5.10) monthly per resident.

Carried

Bienfait Swimming Pool Donation

Johnson/Rensby

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall donate five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to the Bienfait Swimming Pool for start up operational costs.

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Bienfait Fire Department Purchase of Protective Suits
Resler/Christensen

THAT the Town of Bienfait approves the allocation of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) towards new fire protective suits for the Volunteer Fire Department members.

Carried

Bienfait Memorial Arena Loan
Christensen/Resler

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall write off the existing loan amount one hundred and five thousand dollars (\$105,000.00) to the Bienfait Memorial Arena in the 2023 Audit year.

Carried

23/05/03-11 Adjournment:

Bonokoski/Rensby

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Carried



Mayor



Administrator