

TOWN OF BIENFAIT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
Wednesday, January 11, 2023 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

23/01/11-01 Call to Order:

A quorum being present, Mayor Ken Bonokoski called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

23/01/11-02 Delegate

5:58 p.m. Public Works Shelley Trobert and Chris Smyth met with Council to discuss the operations of the Public Works department for the Town of Bienfait.

It was mentioned that the equipment the town owns is not adequate in capabilities for snow removal. Chris and Shelley, as well as Councillor Ken and Gerald went to Arcola, SK. to inquire on the equipment that municipality utilizes. Their opinion on the loader that the municipality has would have a good return on investment. Both employees Chris and Shelley have had experience operating loaders and are confident with the size of the machine. That municipality also has a four-way articulating blade which acts like a grader wing and can be utilized for snow removal and grading roads.

This year's snow fall has had record amounts, the employees noted that there is a lot of catching up. The employees recommended renting a loader for the short term to remove the piles of snow and clear up hazardous intersections.

The snowblower is currently getting repaired at Richards Welding Inc. there are cracks and structural concerns that continue to get worse.

Carbon Avenue boulevards are full, the snowblower would help illuminate that problem.

The snow push on the skid steer has been recently fixed. It was found to be twisted and the cutting edge was broken.

Alleys have been opened, although residents have been blowing their snow into the alleys which creates more work and causes additional work when it comes time for garbage pickup.

Council had mentioned to the Public Works employees that they receive concerns regarding the employees not having enough completed. It was noted that being visible to the public makes a big difference. Shelley and Chris understand that perspective, they responded that some of their time has been utilized inside of the shop repairing the equipment.

6:19 p.m. Shelley Trobert and Chris Smyth departed the meeting.

23/01/11-04 Minutes:

Johnson/Rensby

THAT the minutes of December 20, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council shall be approved as presented.

Carried

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23/01/11-05 Reports:

Wheeler/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
- e. Waterworks Operational Records – November and December 2022

Carried

23/01/11-06 Financials:

a. Bill List No. 1:

Wheeler/Boyer

THAT Bill List No. 1 as indicated by cheque #10778 – cheque #10802 in the amount of \$104,655.53 is approved for payment as presented.

Carried

b. Payroll List No. 1:

Resler/Johnson

THAT Payroll List No. 1 as indicated by cheque #10269 – cheque #10272 in the amount of \$10,307.47 is approved for payment as presented.

Carried

c. Payroll List No. 2:

Resler/Johnson

THAT Payroll List No. 2 as indicated by cheque #10273 – cheque #10276 in the amount of \$5,672.62 is approved for payment as presented.

Carried

23/01/11-07 Unfinished Business:

7:05 p.m. Administrator Jessica Franklin left the meeting.

7:19 p.m. Administrator Jessica Franklin returned to the meeting.

a.) Cost of Living Wage Increase

Boyer/Wheeler

THAT the Council for the Town of Bienfait shall approve the following wage increase for the Town of Bienfait staff:

| | | |
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| Carri Clarke | \$4.00 | \$30.00/hour |
| Jessica Franklin | \$4.75 | \$41.00/hour |
| Shelley Trobert | \$2.00 | \$28.00/hour |
| Chris Smyth | \$3.00 | \$28.00/hour |

Carried

b.) 2023 Appointments

Johnson/Christensen

THAT the Council for the Town of Bienfait 2023 Board Appointments hereby be approved and attached to and forming a part of these minutes.

Carried



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23/01/11-08 New Business:

a.) PBI Certificate of Appointment

Resler/Rensby

THAT the Council for the Town of Bienfait, in accordance with the service agreement with Professional Building Inspections, Inc., the Town of Bienfait hereby resolves to issue a Certificate of Appointment for Dustin Masuk, Douglas Mulhall, Virginia Shepley, Bobby Baker, Amanda Kaufmann, William Hudema, Walter Schroeder, David Kindred and Joshua Nitz, the Licensed Building Officials who is a resident of the Province of Saskatchewan.

Carried

b.) GFL Recycling Bin

Wheeler/Christensen

THAT the GFL Recycling Bin be tabled to the next regular meeting of Council; and that the Administrator shall inquire on the cost difference for a larger recycle bin for further discussion.

Carried

c.) Bienfait Coalfields Memorial Arena Association Sign Rental

Christensen/Johnson

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall purchase a 2022-2023 sign rental from the Bienfait Coalfields Memorial Arena Association for a cost of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00)

Carried

d.) Signal Direct Surveillance Camera Quote

Rensby/Boyer

THAT the Town of Bienfait approves the quote from Signal Direct Communications Ltd. to purchase and install a camera on the outside entrance for the west side door of the public works shop for a total of one thousand three hundred seventy-three dollars (\$1,373.00) plus applicable taxes.

Carried

e.) MNP Community Fund Grant to Bienfait Memorial Rink

Johnson/Resler

THAT the Town of Bienfait accepted the grand funds from MNP Community Fund Grant on behalf of the Bienfait Coalfields Memorial Arena; and that the Town of Bienfait shall issue a cheque to the Bienfait Coalfields Memorial Arena in the amount of the grant for sixteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$16,500.00).

Carried

f.) Bienfait Fire Department Application

Johnson/Resler

THAT Council for the Town of Bienfait approves the Application for Chris Smyth to become volunteer fire fighter members of the Bienfait Fire Department.

Carried

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g.) Quotes for Loader

Boyer/Resler

THAT the Town of Bienfait received the following quotes for loaders:

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| Redhead Equipment | 2023 Case 521G Loader | \$232,000.00 |
| Nelson Motors | John Derre 5090M | \$112,565.00 |
| | Monthly Lease | \$1,590.50 |
| Conquest Equipment | 2022 Case 321F Compact | \$135,000.00 |
| | Monthly Rental | \$5,000.00 |
| Finning Canada | 2021 908M | \$160,000.00 |

THAT the Council for the Town of Bienfait approves the monthly rental of the 2022 Case 321F Compact Loader from Conquest Equipment for a monthly cost of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00); AND that the Town of Bienfait shall request tender bids on SaskTenders for a 521G Loader.

Carried

i.) Bylaw No. 1 (2023) Tax Incentives & Penalties

Wheeler/Johnson

THAT Bylaw No. 1 (2023) being a Bylaw to Establish Property Tax Incentives and Penalties be introduced and read for the first time.

Carried

Resler/Boyer

THAT Bylaw No. 1 (2023) be read for the second time.

Carried

Wheeler/Christensen

THAT the third and final reading of Bylaw No. 1 (2023) be permitted at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously

l.) Bylaw No. 2 (2023) Regulate Snow Removal

Rensby/Christensen

THAT Bylaw No. 2 (2023) being a Bylaw to Regulate Snow Removal be introduced and read for the first time.

Carried

Resler/Wheeler

THAT Bylaw No. 2 (2023) be read for the second time.

Carried

Boyer/Johnson

THAT the third and final reading of Bylaw No. 2 (2023) be permitted at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously

k.) Policy S – Snow Removal

Johnson/Boyer

THAT the Policy S – Snow Removal, be amended and approved as presented and attached to, forming part of these minutes.

Carried

l.) Fidelity Bond

Boyer/Resler

THAT the Fidelity Bond be hereby approved for 2023 as presented.

Carried

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m.) Resident Concern – January 10, 2023

Rensby/Christensen

THAT the concern dated January 10, 2023, be acknowledged, and placed on file.

Carried

n.) Bienfait Fire Department Election Results

Johnson/Boyer

THAT the Bienfait Fire Department Election Results be acknowledged as presented; AND that the Council for the Town of Bienfait approves Jen Malnprize as appointed Fire Chief.

Carried

o.) Resident Request – Blocked Sewer Line

Resler/Boyer

THAT the Administrator shall contact the resident to request they inquire on a sewer reline; AND that the resident shall be in contact with the town once further inquiries have been met regarding options and cost.

Carried

23/01/11-09 Correspondence:

Christensen/Rensby

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

Carried


23/01/11-10 Other Business:

23/01/11-11 Adjournment:

Bonokoski/Boyer

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Carried



Mayor



Administrator