

TOWN OF BIENFAIT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
Wednesday, December 13, 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

23/12/13-01 Call to Order:

A quorum being present, Mayor Ken Bonokoski called the meeting to order at 5:56 p.m.

23/12/13-02 Delegate

5:56 p.m. Stephen McCabe met with Council to discuss the GFL Environmental Inc. Agreement.

There are three items to be discussed, the purchase and ownership of the scale, the payment terms, and the possibility of an extension of the current agreement.

The scale is weighing accurately but cannot have calibration certifications due to the condition of the scale.

While a new scale is being installed, the options are to build the scale in a different location and utilize the existing scale or rent a scale during installation.

The scale and installation quote should not have any hidden costs, prior to the approval, Stephen will request an up-to-date quote to ensure no monetary changes.

The installation should take place in the spring of 2024.

The landfill actual year to date profit is -\$265,000.00. This does not include capital asset purchases of equipment and the fence.

The landfill could have further expansion, there would need to be water management and engineered berms in place.

The landfill currently only takes dry waste and non-hazardous waste, but the double liner that was installed is built to the standards of a hazardous waste facility.

The landfill contract expires and is due for renewal December 31, 2023. If this is not enough time to agree and sign the new agreement, Stephen proposed sending a written letter requesting a three (3) month extension to provide further time to agree to the terms of the newly proposed agreement.

7:45 p.m. Stephen McCabe departed the meeting.

23/12/13-04 Minutes:

Resler/Rensby

THAT the minutes of November 29, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council shall be approved as presented.

Carried

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23/12/13-05 Reports:

Resler/Wheeler

THAT the following reports be accepted as presented:

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

Carried

23/12/13-06 Financials:

a. Bill List No. 1

Christensen/Rensby

THAT Bill List No. 1 as indicated by cheque #11224 – cheque #11247 in the amount of \$333,504.22 is approved for payment as presented.

Carried

b. Payroll List No. 1:

Johnson/Boyer

THAT Payroll List No. 1 as indicated by cheque #10435 – cheque #10439 in the amount of \$9,030.16 is approved for payment as presented.

Carried

c. Council Renumeration:

Resler/Wheeler

THAT Council Renumeration for the months of December 2023 as indicated by cheque #10440 – cheque #10445 in the amount of \$1,575.00 is approved for payment as presented.

Carried

23/12/13-07 Unfinished Business:

a.) GFL Environmental Inc. Agreement

Johnson/Rensby

THAT the Town of Bienfait shall send a letter to GFL Environmental Inc. requesting the original Coal Creek Landfill Corporation Agreement dated September 2, 2015, remain in place for three (3) additional months to ensure adequate time for the new agreement to be agreed and signed.

Carried

b.) Volunteer Fire Department Application Policy

Johnson/Boyer

THAT the Policy V – Volunteer Fire Department Application, being a Policy for the approval process of new volunteer members, be approved as presented and attached to, forming part of these minutes.

Carried

23/12/13-08 New Business:

a.) Weldon Road Clay Cap – SSEP Application

Johnson/Resler

THAT the Administrator shall request quotes for paving Weldon Road North; and submit the quote for a grant application to SSEP in partnership with the R.M. of Coalfield No. 4's request to clay cap the remainder of the road.

Carried

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b.) Application for Business License – Bienfait Café and Pizza

Johnson/Rensby

THAT the request to operate a restaurant under the business name of Bienfait Café and Pizza as submitted by Harwinder Singh Kaur be approved as presented; and that it be classified commercial and shall be subject to the current license fee.

Carried

c.) Order to Remedy – 329 White Street

Wheeler/Resler

THAT the town public works shall create a list of all properties not abiding by the Nuisance Abatement Bylaw No. 6 (2011) of messy yards; and the Administrator shall write warning letters to the properties provided requiring the homeowners to clean their yards by a specific date; All properties that do not abide by the bylaw or requests, shall then have further bylaw enforcement proceedings.

Carried

d.) Staff Christmas Gift Cards

Boyer/Wheeler

THAT the staff for the Town of Bienfait shall receive one hundred dollar (\$100.00) prepaid VISA gift cards as a holiday bonus.

Carried

e.) Fire Hall Interior Design Change Request

Johnson/Wheeler

THAT the Council for the Town of Bienfait shall approve the fire department members request to install two (2) windows in the mezzanine of the new fire hall, overlooking the inside of the fire hall bays at a cost of one thousand three hundred four dollars and sixty cents (\$1,354.60) plus the cost of labor.

Carried

f.) Fire Hall SaskPower

Boyer/Rensby

THAT the Council approves SaskPower to trench power between the Public Works Shop and the newly constructed firehall which allows for removal of the two (2) power poles and overhead lines between the buildings.

Carried

23/12/13-09 Correspondence:

Resler/Christensen

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

Carried



23/12/13-10 Other Business:

Bienfait Memorial Arena

Resler/Rensby

THAT the administrator shall request a quote for a new building to replace the existing barn over the ice at the Bienfait Memorial Arena.

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Sewer Lift

Christensen/Wheeler

THAT the administrator shall contact KGS to inquire the steps to request a quote on replacing the bottleneck sewer line that runs from the sewer lift to the lagoon that is bored underneath the train tracks as it is currently a 6" line.


Carried


23/12/13-11 Adjournment:

Bonokoski/Resler

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Carried



Mayor

Administrator