

**RM OF MOOSE CREEK NO. 33**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Moose Creek No. 33 which was held in the RM office, 118-5<sup>th</sup> Street, Alameda, SK on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 8:00am.

**PRESENT:** Howard Sloan, Jeremy Nielsen, Reed Gibson, Kim Dietze, Phil Yanchycki, Jeff Humphries, Kelvin Luedtke  
Chief Administrative Officer Sentura Freitag, Office Assistant Jennifer McNabb  
Foreman Kirk Brooks

**CALL TO ORDER:**

This meeting was called to order by the Reeve at 8:04A.M.

**BOND:** The CAO presented the Bond for the office, the insurance policies and the Short Term Disability Policy to Council. A copy of each will be filed.

Councillor Yanchycki arrived at 8:25am.

**FOREMAN UPDATE 8:05 – 8:45 am:**

- SPWA Conference
- Grader Blades
- New Shop Committee update

*Vibrator*      **01/19 Dietze:**  
*End Dump*      That the RM shall obtain another vibrator on the new end dump trailer.      **CARRIED**

*Grader*      **02/19 Dietze:**  
*Blades*      That the Foreman shall obtain quotes on a larger order of grader blades. If the quoted amount is less than \$500.00/blade he shall order them.      **CARRIED**

*SPWA*      **03/19 Sloan:**  
*Conference*      That the Foreman shall attend the Saskatchewan Public Works Association Conference in Saskatoon on February 26-28 at a cost of \$420.      **CARRIED**

**DELEGATE –**

1. **Katie Makohoniuk, CCA, Plant Health Officer, SARM Division 1 – 9:00am-9:15am**
2. **Dean Copeland, Manager and Devan Brisbois, Manager of Operations, Prairie Pride Credit Union 9:15-9:30am**

*RM*      **04/19 Gibson:**  
*Credit Card*      That the RM shall cancel their CUETS Credit card, and obtain a PPCU Platinum Business Card with points with a credit limit of \$10,000.00 in Sentura Freitag's name. Furthermore, points shall be used to obtain prizes for different events held by the RM or offered in the community.      **CARRIED**



**WAGES 2019**

The office staff were asked to leave the council chambers for a discussion regarding staff wages at 10:20am. All members of council were in attendance for this discussion.

Councillor Dietze left the council chambers at 11:00am

Councillor Nielsen left the council chambers at 11:05am

The office staff and Councillors Dietze and Nielsen returned to the council chambers at 11:16am.

*Cost of Living Increase*      **05/19 Yanchycki:**  
That all staff receive 2.4% cost of living increase to their wage rounded up to the nearest \$0.05 effective January 1, 2019.

Kirk Brooks	\$38.20 per hour
Chris Fee	\$33.20 per hour
Larry Schnell	\$29.80 per hour
Wade Duncan	\$29.80 per hour
Shanise Sloan	\$24.50 per hour
Slade Burnett	\$23.40 per hour
Wayne Valentine	\$23.45 per hour
Jennifer McNabb	\$26.30 per hour
Sentura Freitag	\$80,502.00 yearly salary

**CARRIED**

*Regular Minutes*      **06/19 Nielsen:**  
That the minutes of the regular meeting of December 12, 2018 shall be adopted as read.

**CARRIED**

*December Statement*      **07/19 Yanchycki:**  
That the detailed financial report for the month of December shall be approved as read, and attached.

**CARRIED**

*Accrual Acct Payable*      **08/19 Gibson:**  
That the following 2018 accrual accounts as submitted shall be paid, and a list shall be attached to the minutes.

**CARRIED**

*Accounts Payable*      **09/19 Humphries:**  
That the statement of payments being, cheques #5322 – 5341 in the amount of \$374,430.38 and online payments in the amount of \$18,208.40 for a total of \$392,638.78 shall be paid and be attached to the minutes.

**CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*A/R Abatements*      **10/19 Sloan:**  
That the RM shall write off the water token invoice in the amount of \$40.00 for Eric Steffenson as the water well is no longer used by him.

**CARRIED**

*A/R Abatement*      **11/19 Gibson:**  
That the RM shall write off the remainder of fire invoice #20180069-006 in the amount of \$127.63 to SGI as their rates do not cover this amount.

**CARRIED**





- Weed Inspector*      **21/19 Yanchycki:**  
That Slade Burnett shall be appointed Weed Inspector for the year 2019.      **CARRIED**
- Solicitor*      **22/19 Humphries:**  
That John Billesberger, Billesberger Law Firm, 1017-3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Estevan, SK S4A 0R4 shall be appointed as solicitor for the year 2019.      **CARRIED**
- Auditor*      **23/19 Luedtke:**  
That the RM shall appoint Cogent Business Consulting of Weyburn, SK as auditor for 2019.      **CARRIED**
- Appeals Committees*      **24/19 Sloan:**  
That the RM shall appoint Gord Krismer and Associates (Chair: Clint Krismer, Vice Chair: Gord Krismer, Board Members: Jeff Hutton, Kirby Bodnard, Charmaine Luscombe, Brenda Lauf, Cameron Duncan, David Lang, Gail Wartman, Secretary: Aileen Swenson) as Assessment Appeals Board and Development Appeals Board for 2019.      **CARRIED**
- CAO*      **25/19 Humphries:**  
That Sentura Freitag shall be hired as Chief Administrative Officer, Returning Officer, Assessor, Treasurer for the year 2019 with a cost of living increase of 2.4%, \$80,502.00 plus membership in the RMAA.      **CARRIED**
- NEW BUSINESS:**
- Sask Lotteries*      **26/19 Yanchycki:**  
That the Saskatchewan Lotteries TIP Allocation for 2019 shall be turned over to the Town of Alameda.      **CARRIED**
- EI rate*      **27/19 Luedtke:**  
That the RM shall acknowledge 2019 reduced EI rate of 1.181.      **CARRIED**
- SARM*      **28/18 Nielsen:**  
That the RM shall pay the following 2019 SARM accounts (plus taxes):
- Membership \$3,381.27
  - Bond for Office \$100.00
  - Self Insurance \$2,184.30
  - Excess Liability \$5 million - \$1,664.00
  - Short term Disability \$11,017.21 (Council coverage of up to 50K each)
  - Long term Disability - \$7,340.87
  - Extended Health & Dental Benefits Plan - \$49,870.97
  - Property Insurance \$10,598.78
  - Group Life \$889.68
  - Optional Life Insurance (Freitag) \$343.35
  - Optional Life Insurance (McNabb) \$83.93
- CARRIED**

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*Memberships* 29/19 Yanchycki:

That the RM shall pay the following 2019 memberships:

- RMAA (Freitag) \$455.00
- SETPC upon invoice
- Sask Parks and Recreation upon invoice
- Redcoat Waste upon invoice
- Agriculture in the Classroom upon Invoice
- Saskatchewan SPCA upon invoice
- Saskatchewan Emergency Planners Association \$250.00

**CARRIED**

*GIC* 30/19 Nielsen:

*PPCU*

That the RM shall invest \$2.0M into a 5 year locked in GIC at a 3.1% interest rate, and \$2.5M shall remain in the redeemable GIC with Prairie Pride Credit Union, Alameda provided that the RM Maximizer account interest rate remains at prime less 2%.

**CARRIED**

*Corresp.* 31/19 Humphries:

- SARM:
  - The 2019 SARM Annual Convention - election for President and Vice President as well as an election in Division 2, 4, 6 for Division Directors
  - 2019 Membership Fees - 3% increase from 2018
  - The deadline for submitting resolutions the upcoming 2019 Annual Convention is **Friday, January 25, 2019** end of day
  - Ray Orb – seeking re-election as SARM President
  - Carmen Sterling – seeking re-election as SARM Vice President
- FCM – booklet about changes to council income tax - In March 2017, the federal government passed Bill C-44, eliminating the one-third exemption for elected officials, effective January 1, 2019. The change applies to all elected provincial and municipal officials in Canada and will result in substantive changes to their after-tax compensation. (I provided you this booklet in December meeting)
- Crime Stoppers Partner Newsletter

That the correspondence having been read shall be filed.

**CARRIED**

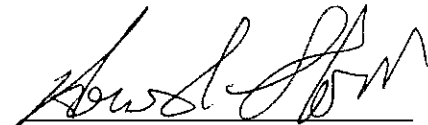
*Adjourn*

32/19 Gibson:

12:25pm

That this meeting shall adjourn.

**CARRIED**

  
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CAO