

## Rural Municipality of Battle River #438 Council Meeting Minutes, January 5, 2023

- Present:** Reeve Stewart Mitchell & Council Members; Roland Radchenko (1), Pat Scherman (2), Jason Russell (3), Allan Rumpf (4), Jaden Jamieson (5)  
Administrator Betty Johnson & Administrator Trainee Aspen Johnson.
- Absent:** David Blais (6)
- Order:** Reeve MITCHELL called the meeting to order at 9:05 am
- Delegation:** Tony Thompson, Foreman's Report
- Minutes:** 1.23 RUMPF: That the December 1st, 2022 Minutes be adopted as circulated to Council. CARRIED
- Yearly Business:**
- Appointments** 2.23 SCHERMAN: That the 2023 Appointments & Committee's be approved as attached. CARRIED
- Workers Comp** 3.23 RUMPF: That Workers Compensation coverage for council remain at \$24,000 ea. CARRIED
- Bond** 4.23 RADCHENKO: That the SARM Administrators bond remain the same at \$100,000 coverage for the year as presented to Council. CARRIED
- Remuneration** 5.23 RUMPF: That Council remuneration remain as follows:  
     Council Meetings                 \$ 200.00/day  
     Supervision                     \$ 50.00/month/Council, \$100/Reeve  
     Mileage                         \$ 1/km. SMG rate, subject to increases.  
     Convention                     \$ 250/Day, expenses paid by delegate.  
     Other Meetings                 \$ 50/meeting CARRIED
- Meetings** 6.23 RUSSELL: That the regular meetings of council remain the first Thursday each month at the RM office in Battleford starting at 9:00am, unless otherwise agreed upon, council to discuss changing a couple meetings a year to start at 4pm for 2024. CARRIED
- Custom Work** 7.23 RUSSELL: That custom work rates for all equipment be set at \$250/hour, with a 1 hour minimum charge, no custom work in fields due to club root, etc. CARRIED
- Wages/Salary/Benefits:**
- Employees** 8.23 SCHERMAN: That the Employees Wages and Salaries be set as follows:  
     Tony Thompson \$40.58/hour, Jacy Kahl \$37.38/hour, Lloyd Johnson \$32.04/hour  
     Riley Higgs: \$35.24/hour Teresa Ducharme: \$35.24/hour, & Winter layoff month \$2,200.  
     Administrator Betty Johnson \$91,999/year, Aspen Johnson \$4005/month  
     Plus SARM benefits for all employees or cash in lieu at year end if covered by spouse,  
     plus phone compensation of \$60/month unless using an RM owned phone. CARRIED
- Other Business:**
- Hail Withdraw** 9.23 RUSSELL: That council approve the SMHI Withdrawal List presented. CARRIED
- Development** 10.23 SCHERMAN: That council approve the development application from Ashton Bernier  
**Ashton Bernier** NE-02-42-17 W3 for a new garage, approx value \$50,000. CARRIED
- Subdivision** 11.23 RADCHENKO: That we advise Cindy Southgate that her subdivision request does not meet  
**Cindy Southgate** access requirements, year round road improvements would be required at her cost. CARRIED

Correspondence & Reports:

- a) Foreman Tony Thompson met to discuss equipment, snow removal and servicing, snow blower options, Jaden will check into information, need V-plow to widen ridges, & confirm Triod Blade order.
- b) RM Curling- Unity February 3rd, Stewart, Jaden, Aspen & Betty will attend.
- c) Sask.AG Plant Health Officer- Colleen Fennig sent info regarding webinars.
- d) FPS Fire Protection Services - Meeting December 16th, 2022, minutes presented to council.
- e) RM Contact List - Updated.
- f) Jeff Newman - Presented lease agreement, send letter to advise of animal numbers requirement, for usable land.
- g) Next Meeting: Thursday, February 2nd, 2023.

Resolution	12.23 RUSSEL: That the above correspondence & reports be listed in these minutes and be dealt with as directed and filed.	CARRIED
Finances:		
Statement	13.23 JAMIESON: That Council approve the Statement of Receipts & Payments as circulated.	CARRIED
Accounts	14.23 RADCHENKO: That the account listing as attached be approved & paid as follows: Chq.19105 to 19127 for \$48,099.94 & Chq.s 19128 to 19149 for \$133,355.20	CARRIED
Signing Authority	15.23 SCHERMAN: That we add Aspen Johnson to signing authority along with Reeve, Stewart Mitchell, Deputy Reeve Pat Scherman, and Administrator Betty Johnson, need 2 signatures: 1 of Reeve or Deputy and 1 of Administrator or Acting Administrator.	CARRIED
Adjourn	16.23 SCHERMAN: That the meeting adjourn, 11.25 a.m.	CARRIED

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Reeve

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Administrator