

## Rural Municipality of Battle River No.438\* Council Meeting Minutes \* November 2nd, 2023

**Present:** Reeve, Stewart Mitchell & Council Members; Roland Radchenko (1), Pat Scherman (2), Jason Russell (3), Allan Rumpf (4), Jaden Jamieson (5)  
Acting Administrator, Aspen Johnson.

**Absent:** David Blais(6)

**Delegation:** Foreman Tony Thompson - reported to council.  
10:00 am - Nick & Henry Buchko, Access to NW & SW 19-42-15-W3  
10:30 am - Donna McBain, Hamlet of Delmas Board Member  
11:00am - Gary Newman, Access to NE & SE 20-42-15-W3

**Order:** Reeve MITCHELL called the regular meeting to order at 9:10am.

**Minutes:** 128.23 JAMIESON: That the October 5th, 2023 Minutes be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

**Business:**

DH Vegetation Control 129.23 SCHERMAN: That Council hire Dale Howry for weed spraying in the 2024 season. CARRIED

Maintenance Operator, Wohlberg 130.23 RUMPF: That we offer Operator, Allan Wohlberg a return to work date and wage increase to \$32/hour commencing May 2024. CARRIED

Road Maintenance Agreement 131.23 RUSSELL: That we approve the presented Road Maintenance Agreement Template between the RM of Battle River No.438 and any parties who intend to haul on municipal roads. CARRIED

Approach Standards Policy 132.23 JAMIESON: That council bring into effect the Approach Standards Policy #132.23 to clarify specifications and need for culverts when constructing new approaches. CARRIED

Development Applications 133.23 RUMPF: That we approve Ryan Mann's Development Application on SW 02-44-18-W3 for an RTM valued at approximately \$300,000. CARRIED

134.23 RUSSELL: That council approve Walter Kluser's development application on SE 12-43-17 W3 for 2 sheds valued at approximately \$2,500-\$6,000. CARRIED

Gravel Inventory Acquisition 2024 135.23 JAMIESON: That we request to obtain gravel from Ryan Mann for the 2024 season at \$17/yd and enter into an agreement with the seller. CARRIED

Parcel Tie Removal 136.23 RADCHENKO: That we approve the Parcel Tie Removal request by Battle River Law on behalf of O'Driscoll and Mackrell on NE pt 30-42-15-W3. CARRIED

SMHI Withdraw 137.23 RUMPF: That council approve the presented Withdrawal List from Sask Municipal Hail Association and remove owners for next years hail season. CARRIED

Acting Administrator Salary Increase 138.23 RUSSELL: That we increase Acting Administrator, Aspen Johnson's salary to correlate with RMAA 2024 Salary Schedule (Tier 1) at \$65,026/year or \$5418.83/month. CARRIED

Delmas Hall Insurance 139.23 RADCHENKO: That Council approve the premium increase and Replacement Cost Coverage for the Delmas Hall from \$234,230 to \$547,230. CARRIED

Delmas Cemetery	140.23	JAMIESON: That the Whittaker's shall purchase a plot at the Delmas Cemetery.	CARRIED
Table Mountain Park	141.23	JAMIESON: That Council allow Table Mountain Regional Park to continue operating as a Non-Accredited Regional Park.	CARRIED

**Correspondence & Reports:**

- a) Foreman Tony Thompson met to discuss general operations, tractor needing new tires, blasting dam's in Div. 1 & 4. Councillor Jason obtained quote for suggested road improvements on NE 30-43-17 W3, Tony and Jason will discuss with Wes Turuk first.
- b) Nick & Henry Buchko brought concerns to council regarding road allowance near NW 19-42-15-W3, Tony will erect proper signs to publicize temporarily closed road due to unfavourable conditions. Council will further address concerns when appropriate maintenance concludes.
- c) Donna McBain, Hamlet Board member came to discuss a nuisance property in Delmas that has rats, the RM will notify Sask. Health Authority. Speeding through Delmas is unruly and she requests to put speed bumps or stop signs. Also suggests Tax Share with Delmas increase from 50%. Donna requesting to do her own Road Maintenance, approval providing written permission from adjacent land owner, Gord Lacoursiere.
- d) Gary Newman discussed options for access to his newly purchased parcels in 20-42-15-W3. He requested to lease approx 2 miles of old Saskatoon Trail to allow for access. Council will discuss further once presented with a lease agreement by the Administrator and SARM legal counsel containing liability provisions.
- e) Lack of Signs, concerns from residents in Divisions 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6. Draft a Sign Policy regarding allowable signs at the approval of council and at the cost of resident as council does not want an abundance of signs throughout the RM's Road Allowance due to maintenance purposes. Hunting on road allowance is NEVER permitted.
- f) Overweight Permit acknowledgement between the RM of Battle River and Kelvin Heidle, Peter Lascelle & Curtis Construction to haul South on Grid 656, East on TWP RD 430 to Hwy 4.
- g) Council & Staff Christmas Party booked for November 24th, 2023 at 6pm, upstairs of Pennydale's.
- h) Next Meeting - Thursday, December 7th, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Correspondence Resolution	142.23	RUSSELL: That the above correspondence & reports be listed in these minutes and be dealt with as directed and filed.	CARRIED
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**Finances:**

Statement	143.23	RUMPF: That Council approve the Revenue & Expense Statement as distributed.	CARRIED
Accounts	144.23	RADCHENKO: That the accounts, being chq's 19560 to 19607 for \$259,001.52 be approved and paid.	CARRIED
Adjourn	145.23	RUMPF: That the meeting adjourn, 12:45 pm.	CARRIED

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Reeve

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Acting Administrator