

# Rural Municipality of Battle River No.438\* Council Meeting Minutes \* January 4th, 2024

**Present:** Reeve, Stewart Mitchell & Council Members; Roland Radchenko (1), Pat Scherman (2), Jason Russell (3), Allan Rumpf (4), Jaden Jamieson (5), and David Blais (6) Acting Administrator, Aspen Johnson.

Absent:

**Delegation:** Foreman Tony Thompson - reported to council.  
Viewer's Gallery : Deb Southgate

**Order:** Reeve, MITCHELL called the regular meeting to order at 9:05 am.

**Minutes:** 1.24 BLAIS: That the December 7th, 2023 Minutes be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

## Yearly Business:

Appointments 2.24 SCHERMAN: That the 2024 Appointments & Committee's be approved as attached. CARRIED

Workers Comp 3.24 RUSSELL: That Workers Compensation coverage for council remain at \$24,000 ea. CARRIED

Remuneration 4.24 RADCHENKO: 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

Hamlet 2024 WW Strategy 5.24 BLAIS: That we approve the Organized Hamlet of Delmas Water Works Strategy for 2024 as required by Sask Municipal Government. CARRIED

Wages/Benefits: Employees 6.24 RUSSELL: That the listed, Employees Wages Increase by 3.2% and be set as follows:  
Tony Thompson \$41.88/hour, Jacy Kahl \$38.58/hour, Riley Higgs: \$36.37/hour  
Teresa Ducharme: \$36.37/hour, and Gord Anderson: \$33.02/hour.  
Plus SARM benefits for all employees or cash in lieu at year end if covered by spouse, and including phone compensation of \$60/month unless using an RM owned phone. CARRIED

## Regular Business:

J & D Roofing Shingle Quote 7.24 RUSSELL: That we approve the Quote for Shingles on the office and shop Roof from J & D Roofing at \$19,251.48, in which includes; material, labour, gst&pst, dump fees, and Any Repairs are \$6 Extra as per Quote. CARRIED

Development Applications 8.24 RUSSELL: That Council approve Kluser's permit for a Quonset on SE 12-43-17 W3 valued at \$30,000 as dated Dec.12th, 2023 and prior to New Building Standards Bylaw. CARRIED

9.24 JAMIESON: That Frolek's Development Application for a Farm Building valued at \$125,000 on SW 22-44-17 W3 be approved as dated Dec.12,2023 and prior to New Building Standards Bylaw. CARRIED

10.24 RADCHENKO: That Council refuse the Development Application by Newman for a house & garage valued at \$150,000 on NE & SE 20-42-15 W3 considering it's proximity to the property line. Council suggests Newman have the Parcels Tied by land titles in order to approve as is. CARRIED

Tax Enforcement Costs Added to Tax Roll	11.24	BLAIS: That we add Tax Enforcement costs to the appropriate Tax Roll Accounts as per Battle River Law's Invoice, according to Section 281 of <i>The Municipalities Act</i> , and pursuant to Section 19 (1)(a)(v) of <i>The Tax Enforcement Act</i> .	CARRIED
Application to Purchase Crown Lease Land	12.24	JAMIESON: That Council approve the request to allow H.Cave to apply to Government of Sask to purchase Crown Lease Land parcels # 1, 2 & 4 of 11-44-17 W3 which includes 118.01 total acres.	CARRIED
Operator's Month-Off Policy	13.24	SCHERMAN: That there be a Policy drafted in regards to each Operator being granted One Month OFF work in the Winter Season, paid at \$2,200 after tax. To deter the RM from seasonal lay-off's; in which often results in the loss of a good employee, and/or in the unpredictable event that there is many snow falls in any given year.	CARRIED

**Correspondence & Reports:**

- a) Foreman Tony Thompson met to discuss general operations, rebuilding arm & gearbox, keeping snow machinery on our Current graders until Capital.I comes in February to service the New 2024 Grader that Brandt is keeping at their location until Tony advises. Dealing with dry, sandy roads that crumble with too many passes, and end up worse than previous state. Washboards are worse in high-traffic areas, but need moisture and freezing temperatures to help compact roads. Teresa sorted and cleaned all nut & bolt bins. RM administrator will construct a new Time Sheet for all Operators to include road descriptions & further details.
- b) SW 19-42-15 W3 Road allowance near Buchko's, replacing culvert's and some mulching.
- c) RMA's with Lineup Resource Corp & Alsace Energy Inc have been signed and all parties will discuss the road conditions at the June 2024 council meeting with possibility of extension.
- d) Gravel Agreement with R.Mann Aggregates - waiting for signature of compliance.
- e) Old RM Maps located at the Fred Light Museum in the back of the Fire Hall.
- f) RMAA Div.6 Annual Curling Bonspiel to be held on January 26th, 2024.
- g) Delmas Residents to discuss alternate Mail Box solutions at their 2024 Annual General Meeting, no date as of yet.
- h) Regular Council Meetings to remain the first Thursday of each month, at 9 am in the RM Office located in Battleford, unless otherwise agreed upon.
- i) Custom Work Rates remain \$250/hour with 1 hr minimum charge.
- j) Next Meeting - Thursday, February 1st, 2024 at 9:00 am.

Resolution	14.24	BLAIS: That the above correspondence & reports be listed in these minutes and be dealt with as directed and filed.	CARRIED
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**Finances:**

F.Statement	15.24	JAMIESON: That Council approve the Receipts & Payments Statement as circulated.	CARRIED
Accounts	16.24	RADCHENKO: That the accounts, being chq's 19653 to 19686 for \$133,210.04 be approved and paid.	CARRIED
<b>Adjourn</b>	17.24	RUMPF: That the meeting adjourn, 11:30 am.	CARRIED

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Acting Administrator