TOWN OF LAFLECHE

MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

March 15, 2023

The Town of Lafleche Municipal Council convened its regular meeting in the Council Chambers of the Lafleche Municipal Office located at 35 - 2nd Ave E, on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 6:55 p.m. with Mayor Lincoln Harding presiding.

Present:

Mayor: L. Harding

Councilors: B. Burton, R. Langman, J. March, J. Spence (arrived at 7:14 p.m.)

Administration: B. Clampitt; P. Driedger; S. Caister

Regrets: J. Williams

1. Call to Order

L. Harding called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

2. Review of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and no amendments were made.

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

R. Langman declared a conflict of interest regarding Item 10.8 AP Batch 2023-00039

4. Adoption of Minutes

2023-042 B. BURTON / R. LANGMAN – That the minutes of the February 9, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council be approved. **CARRIED**

2023-043 B. BURTON / R. LANGMAN – That the minutes of the March 2, 2023 Special Meeting of Council be approved. **CARRIED**

5. Delegations

Cornet Agencies Inc. (Beau Cornet) did not attend the meeting.

6. Staff Reports

2023-044 B. BURTON / R. LANGMAN – That the rural water consumption rate increases from \$23.75 per 1,000 gallons to \$25.00 per 1,000 gallons effective on the April 2023 Utility Invoicing. **CARRIED**

The CAO brought to Council's attention that Bylaw No. 492-17 – Waste Management, states that the Commercial Garbage rate will increase to \$15.00 per month. The June 2017 Newsletter contained an announcement of this increase. The increased rate is not reflected in the utility billing software, so the increase will be implemented on the April 2023 utility billing.

2023-045 J. SPENCE / J. MARCH – That the CAO Report be accepted as presented by B. Clampitt, attached to and forming part of these minutes. **CARRIED**

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2023-046 B. BURTON / R. LANGMAN – That the Public Works Report be accepted as presented by P. Driedger, attached to and forming part of these minutes. **CARRIED**

2023-047 J. MARCH / J. SPENCE – That the Water Treatment Plant Reports be accepted as presented by S. Caister, attached to and forming part of these minutes. **CARRIED**

P. Driedger and S. Caister left the meeting at approximately 7:44 p.m.

7. Mayor and Councilors' Forum

J. March provided a Thomson Lake Regional Park Authority update.

8. Unfinished Business

2023-048 B. BURTON / J. MARCH – That, upon the advice of Ben Boots, Administration contact Stan Torgunrud from Associated Engineering to issue the Certificate of Total Performance on the Small Communities Fund (SCF) Project Number 20170251 – Water Treatment Plant Upgrade/Expansion. **CARRIED**

2023-049 R. LANGMAN / J. SPENCE – That Administration sign the formal engagement letter with McDougall Gauley LLP to have Angela Stolz represent the Town regarding environmental issues regarding contaminated soil on Town property. **CARRIED**

2023-050 J. SPENCE / J. MARCH – That Bylaw No. 519-23 being *A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR ENTERING INTO A FIRE PROTECTION & SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES CONCERNING THE COST OF FIRE PREVENTION, SUPPRESSION & EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES* receive 2ND reading. **CARRIED**

2023-051 B. BURTON / R. LANGMAN – That Bylaw No. 519-23 being *A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR ENTERING INTO A FIRE PROTECTION & SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES CONCERNING THE COST OF FIRE PREVENTION, SUPPRESSION & EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES* be allowed a third reading at this meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2023-052 J. SPENCE / J. MARCH – That Bylaw No. 519-23 being *A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR ENTERING INTO A FIRE PROTECTION & SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES CONCERNING THE COST OF FIRE PREVENTION, SUPPRESSION & EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES* receive a 3rd and final reading. **CARRIED**

9. New Business

2023-053 J. SPENCE / B. BURTON – That the By-election be held on Monday, May 29, 2023. **CARRIED**

2023-054 J. MARCH / R. LANGMAN – That Administration sign the TAXervice Engagement Letter for a three-year term ending December 31, 2025. **CARRIED**

2023-055 J. SPENCE / B. BURTON – To appoint Mayor L. Harding and Councilor R. Langman to the Gravelbourg-Lafleche Regional Alliance (GLRA). CARRIED

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2023-056 J. MARCH / J. SPENCE – That the Town support Derek Tallon's request with Administration sending a letter to the province requesting the traffic safety on highway 13 be improved to include no passing from the intersection of highway 13 and highway 58 (*south*) to at least the intersection of highway 13 and highway 58 (*north*). **CARRIED**

2023-057 B. BURTON / J. MARCH – From the list of outstanding utility accounts provided to Council, that the following utility account balances be transferred to the applicable tax roll: **CARRIED**

Account #	<u>Over 90</u>	
0226 0000	513.45	
0283 0010	448.79	
0196 0010	429.07	
0324 0010	423.20	
0245 0010	418.50	
0085 0000	361.17	
0192 0000	321.09	
0164 0000	247.50	
0355 0000	243.32	
0004 0000	216.02	
0217 0000	200.21	
0250 0000	161.83	
0032 0030	150.80	
0134 0010	139.50	
0144 0000	137.02	
0228 0000	127.00	
0197 0020	92.50	
0178 0000	80.18	
0379 0010	68.63	
0180 0000	50.98	
0252 0010	30.00	
0218 0000	20.00	

2023-058 B. BURTON / J. MARCH – That Bylaw No. 520-23 being *A BYLAW GOVERNING THE HOOKUP, USE & RATE FOR RAW WATER* receive 1ST reading. **CARRIED**

2023-059 J. SPENCE / R. LANGMAN – That Bylaw No. 520-23 being *A BYLAW GOVERNING THE HOOKUP, USE & RATE FOR RAW WATER* receive 2ND reading. **CARRIED**

2023-060 J. MARCH / R. LANGMAN – That Bylaw No. 520-23 being *A BYLAW GOVERNING THE HOOKUP, USE & RATE FOR RAW WATER* be allowed a third reading at this meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2023-061 B. BURTON / J. SPENCE – That Bylaw No. 520-23 being *A BYLAW GOVERNING THE HOOKUP, USE & RATE FOR RAW WATER* receive a 3rd and final reading. **CARRIED**

10. Financials

R. Langman left the meeting at 9:22 p.m. (Conflict of Interest Declaration)

2023-062 B. BURTON / J. MARCH – That the following Accounts Payable Batches be approved for payment and signed by the Mayor and CAO. **CARRIED**

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AP Batch 2023-00024	(CAFT Feb 17/23 Bi-weekly Payroll #4)	\$6,768.80
AP Batch 2023-00026	(18637 to 18657)	\$31,461.74
AP Batch 2023-00028	(CAFT Feb 2023 Monthly Payroll)	\$565.62
AP Batch 2023-00030	(EFT – MEPP)	\$3,841.44
AP Batch 2023-00032	(CAFT Mar 3/23 Bi-weekly Payroll #5)	\$7,047.79
AP Batch 2023-00035	(EFTs)	\$10,357.75
AP Batch 2023-00037	(EFTs)	\$8,279.28
AP Batch 2023-00039	(18658 to 18672)	\$23,725.70

R. Langman returned to the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

2023-063 J. SPENCE / **R. LANGMAN** – That the February 2023 Financial Reports be accepted as presented by the CAO, attached to and forming part of these minutes. **CARRIED**

11. Correspondence

2023-064 J. SPENCE / R. LANGMAN – That the following correspondence has been reviewed by Council and Administration, and can be filed. CARRIED

Old Wives Watershed Association (OWWA) RCMP – Occurrence Stats Report (Feb 2023) Chinook Regional Library 2023 SUMA AGM Package – Notice to SUMA Members SWTPC – February 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes 101052644 Sask. Ltd. – 2023 AGM

12. In Camera

2023-065 B. BURTON – That the Council meeting moves in-camera. CARRIED

Meeting moved in-camera at 9:31 p.m.

2023-066 J. SPENCE - That the Council meeting moves out of in-camera. CARRIED

Meeting came out of in-camera at 9:50 p.m.

13. Adjournment

2023-067 B. BURTON – That the meeting be adjourned at 9:51 p.m. CARRIED

ADMINISTRATOR

The next Regular Meeting of Lafleche Town Council is Thursday, April 13, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.