

TOWN OF LAFLECHE
MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

May 11, 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 Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Lincoln Harding presiding.

Present:

Mayor: Lincoln Harding

Councilors: Barb Burton, Ryland Langman (*entered meeting at 7:56 p.m.*), Joe March, Joëlle Spence, Julianne Williams

Administration: Brenda Clampitt; Peter Driedger; Scott Caister

Delegation: Sgt. Aaron Simard, Detachment Commander, Gravelbourg RCMP, Mauro Meden

Gallery: 1 person

1. Call to Order

Lincoln Harding called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Review of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and no amendments were made.

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Adoption of Minutes

2023-095 BARB BURTON / JOE MARCH – That the minutes of the April 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted. **CARRIED**

5. Delegations

Gravelbourg RCMP Detachment Commander, Sgt. Aaron Simard, spoke about the upcoming community Bar-B-Q in support of the Better Together Initiative and asked Council what the Town wanted the RCMP to focus on to help build the Detachment's priority list.

Sgt. Aaron Simard left the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Mauro Meden addressed Council regarding some troubles the Chinook Regional Library (CRL) are facing that might result in issues with our local library.

6. Staff Reports

Julianne Williams stepped out of the meeting from 7:50 p.m. to 7:57 p.m.

2023-096 JOE MARCH / JOËLLE SPENCE – That the Public Works Report be accepted as presented by Peter Driedger, attached to and forming part of these minutes. **CARRIED**

2023-097 BARB BURTON / JULIANNE WILLIAMS – That the Water Treatment Plant Reports be accepted as presented by Scott Caister, attached to and forming part of these minutes. **CARRIED**

2023-098 RYLAND LANGMAN / JOËLLE SPENCE – That the CAO Report be accepted as presented by Brenda Clampitt, attached to and forming part of these minutes. **CARRIED**

Peter Driedger and Scott Caister left the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

7. Mayor and Councilors' Forum

- Barb Burton provided a Lafleche & District Museum Board update.

8. Unfinished Business

2023-099 JOE MARCH / BARB BURTON – That cheque #18731 payable to Hipperson Construction in the amount of \$1,433.31 be signed and forwarded to Hipperson Construction. **CARRIED**

2023-100 BARB BURTON / JOE MARCH – That Administration invoice the RM of Wood River #74 for their share of the costs of preparing the land and potable water infrastructure for the Fire Hall addition, up to and including the discovery of the contaminated soil, legal costs, and final land leveling. **CARRIED**

2023-101 JULIANNE WILLIAMS / JOËLLE SPENCE – That the 2023 Operating Budget with total revenues from operations of \$1,010,727.00 and total operating expenses of \$1,010,727.00 be approved. **CARRIED**

2023-102 JULIANNE WILLIAMS / RYLAND LANGMAN – That the following Resolutions be repealed, as SMB will not support a further increase to rural water rates due to the fact that the Town is not charging the rates that were last approved in March of 2014: **CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2022-055:

That the water usage rate increase from \$0.019 per gallon to \$0.021 per gallon and for Administration to complete and submit the Local Government Committee Application Form.

Resolution No. 2022-076:

That Resolution No. 2022-055 be amended to read as follows, *“That all water usage rates contained in Schedule “A” of Bylaw No. 471-13 increase by \$0.002 per gallon and for Administration to complete and submit the Local Government Committee Application Form”*.

Resolution No. 2022-109:

That all Base Rates contained in Schedule “A” of Bylaw No. 471-13 increase by \$2.00 per month.

2023-103 JOE MARCH / RYLAND LANGMAN – That By-law No. 518-22, which received 3rd reading on July 20, 2022, be repealed, as it was never submitted to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board for approval. **CARRIED**

2023-104 JOE MARCH / BARB BURTON – That the following Utility Rates increase effective the first Utility Billing of 2024. **CARRIED**

Water Base (Urban)	from \$19.00/month	to \$23.00/month
Water Consumption (Urban)	from \$.019/gallon	to \$.023/gallon
Water Base (Rural)	from \$26.75/month	to \$28.00/month
Water Consumption (Rural)	from \$.025/gallon	to \$.028/month
Water Base (Utility Boards)	from \$26.75/month	to \$28.00/month
Water Consumption (Utility Boards)	from \$.025/gallon	to \$.028/month
Sewer	from \$12.00/month	to \$15.00/month
Sewer Apts (Centennial)	from \$42.00/month	to \$52.50/month
Sewer Apts (Wheatland)	from \$120.00/month	to \$150.00/month
Sewer (Car Wash)	from \$102.00/month	to \$127.50/month
Sewer (Hospital)	from \$52.00/month	to \$65.00/month
Sewer (Hotel/Motel)	from \$32.00/month	to \$40.00/month
Sewer (Garage/Service Station)	from \$22.00/month	to \$27.50/month
Sewer (School)	from \$37.00/month	to \$46.25/month

9. New Business

The discussion on Taxable Assessment of moveable sheds/garages was tabled to a future meeting.

10. Financial

2023-105 JOËLLE SPENCE / JULIANNE WILLIAMS – That the April 2023 Financial Reports be accepted as presented by the CAO, attached to and forming part of these minutes. **CARRIED**

2023-106 JOËLLE SPENCE / JOE MARCH – That the following Accounts Payable Batches be approved for payment and signed by the Mayor and CAO. **CARRIED**

AP Batch 2023-00051	(CAFT)	\$8,614.77
AP Batch 2023-00053	(18752 to 18763)	\$5,193.65
AP Batch 2023-00055	(CAFT & EFTs)	\$11,476.45
AP Batch 2023-00057	(18764 to 18784)	\$26,173.81
AP Batch 2023-00059	(CAFT & EFTs)	\$26,328.02

11. Correspondence

2023-107 BARB BURTON / JOE MARCH – That the following correspondence has been reviewed by Council and Administration, and can be filed. **CARRIED**

TLRP Regular Meeting Minutes (March 22, 2023)
South Central Protective Services – AGM Minutes (December 8, 2022)
South Central Protective Services – Board Meeting Agenda (April 20, 2023)
Acknowledgement of Piano Scholarship (Anya Willis)
Anonymous Open Letter to Governments of Canada

12. In Camera

2023-108 JOE MARCH – That the Council meeting moves in-camera.

Meeting moved in-camera at 11:11 p.m.

2023-109 JULIANNE WILLIAMS – That the Council meeting moves out of in-camera. **CARRIED**

Meeting came out of in-camera at 12:06 a.m. on Friday, May 12, 2023

13. Adjournment

2023-110 JULIANNE WILLIAMS – That the meeting be adjourned at 12:06 a.m. on Friday, May 12, 2023. **CARRIED**

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR

The next Regular Meeting of Lafleche Town Council is Thursday, June 8, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.