## TOWN of LAFLECHE

# MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

## September 14, 2023

The Town of Lafleche Municipal Council convened its regular meeting in the Council Chambers of the Lafleche Municipal Office located at 35 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave E, on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 7:01 p.m. with Mayor Lincoln Harding presiding.

#### Present:

Mayor: Lincoln Harding

Councilors: Jeannette Bouvier, , Ryland Langman, Joe March, Julie Williams, Barb Burton

Administration: Scott Caister, Peter Driedger, Joan Corneil, Malcolm Bucholtz

### 1. Call to Order

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

#### 2. Review of Agenda

**2023-195 COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS/ COUNCILLOR LANGMAN:** That the agenda as amended be approved.

### 3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Langman declared a conflict on cheque number 18903.

#### 4. Adoption of Minutes

**2023-196 COUNCILLOR BOUVIER / COUNCILLOR MARCH** – That the minutes of the August 10, 2023 Regular Meeting, the minutes of the August 17, 2023 Special Meeting, and the minutes of August 31, 2023 of Council be adopted as corrected. **CARRIED** 

## 5. Delegations

#### 6. Staff Reports

**2021-197 COUNCILLOR MARCH/COUNCILLOR BURTON:** That the Public Works report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED** 

**2023-198 COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS / COUNCILLOR BOUVIER** – That the Water Treatment Plant Reports be accepted as presented by Scott Caister. **CARRIED** 

2023-199 COUNCILLOR LANGMAN / COUNCILLOR MARCH – That the verbal CAO Report be accepted as presented by Joan Corniel. CARRIED

#### 7. Mayor and Councilors' Forum

#### 8. Unfinished Business

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2023-200 COUNCILLOR LANGHAM/ COUNCILLOR MARCH – That the UMAAS membership for mentor Joan Corniel and CAO Malcolm Bucholtz be paid. CARRIED

2023-201 COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS / COUNCILLOR BURTON – That administration is authorized to purchase a town cell phone for CAO. CARRIED

**2023-202 COUNCILLOR BURTON / COUNCILLOR BOUVIER** — That the Building Together Initiative funding be moved from general revenue to a dedicated Reserve account. **CARRIED** 

#### 9. New Business

**2023-203 COUNCILLOR BOUVIER/COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS**— That the by-election for Councillor be scheduled for Wednesday, November 22, 2023. **CARRIED** 

**2023-204 COUNCILLOR BURTON/COUNCILLOR MARCH-** That the resignation of Joan Corneil, CAO, effective September 17, 2023 be accepted with reluctance. **CARRIED** 

**2023-205 COUNCILLOR BURTON/COUNCILLOR MARCH** – That Malcolm Bucholtz be appointed Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the Town of Lafleche effective September 18, 2023. **CARRIED** 

2023-206 COUNCILLOR BOUVIER / COUNCILLOR BURTON That effective September 18, 2023 Town administration is to proceed to remove Joan Corneil from signing authority and Member Direct access at the Lafleche Credit Union for all bank accounts held by the Town of Lafleche and to give Malcolm Bucholtz signing authority and full access to Member Direct. CARRIED

**2023-207 COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS / COUNCILLOR LANGMAN** That effective September 18, 2023, Town administration is to proceed to remove Joan Corneil from signing authority at the Gravelbourg TD Trust for all bank accounts held by the Town of Lafleche and to give Malcolm Bucholtz signing authority. **CARRIED** 

2023-208 COUNCILLOR MARCH/ MAYOR HARDING That effective September 18, 2023 Town administration is to proceed to remove Joan Corneil from signing authority and Member Direct access at the Lafleche Credit Union for the Lafleche Community Centre bank account and to give Malcolm Bucholtz signing authority and full access to Member Direct. CARRIED

**2023-209 COUNCILLOR BOUVIER /COUNCILLOR BURTON** That effective September 18, 2023, Town administration is to proceed to remove Joan Corneil from the Town's Authorized Business Representative and designate Malcolm Bucholtz as the new Authorized Business Representative to manage the Town's Mastercard Account with Collabria. **CARRIED** 

**2023-210 COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS/ COUNCILLOR MARCH** That administration be authorized to register Malcolm Bucholtz in the Munisoft software training at a cost of one-thousand-and-fifty dollars (\$1050.00). **CARRIED** 

2023-211 COUNCILLOR MARCH/ COUNCILLOR BOUVIER That Council accept the list of lands in arrears as presented, and to exclude from the list of lands, properties on which the amount of taxes in arrears does not exceed one-half of the immediately preceding year's tax levy. CARRIED

2023-212 COUNCILLOR MARCH/ COUNCILLOR BOUVIER That TAXervice be authorized to handle the Tax Enforcement proceedings on behalf of the municipality. CARRIED

2023-213 COUNCILLOR MARCH/ COUNCILLOR BOUVIER That TAXervice arrange for the list

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of lands to be published in the Gravelbourg and District Tribune. CARRIED

2023-214 COUNCILLOR BOUVIER/ COUNCILLOR BURTON That the Fine Options contract be received and filed. CARRIED

COUNCILLOR LANGMAN left the meeting at 9:50 pm

# 10. Financial

**2023-215 COUNCILLOR BOUVIER / COUNCILLOR MARCH** – That the following Accounts Payable Batches be approved for payment and signed by the Mayor and CAO.

2023-00097 in the amount of \$5,781.08, 2023-00099 in the amount of \$17,070.28, 2023-00101 in the amount of \$8618.35, 2023-00103 in the amount of \$865.87, 2023-00105 in the amount of \$735.92, and 2023-00107 in the amount of \$17,121.36 for a total of \$50,192.86. **CARRIED** 

COUNCILLOR LANGMAN returned to the meeting at 9:52 pm

**2023-216**— **COUNCILLOR BOUVIER/ COUNCILLOR MARCH** That the August 2023 Financial Reports be accepted as presented by the CAO, attached to and forming part of these minutes. **CARRIED** 

## 11. Correspondence

**2023-217 COUNCILLOR BURTON/ COUNCILLOR LANGMAN** – That the correspondence from Moose World Inc., RCMP, Thomson Lake Park, and the Thank You letter to Public Works be received and filed. **CARRIED** 

# 12. In Camera

**2023-218 COUNCILLOR BURTON / COUNCILLOR MARCH** – That the Council meeting moves incamera to discuss employee matters and strategic planning at 9:56 p.m. **CARRIED** 

2023-219 COUNCILLOR BURTON / COUNCILLOR MARCH – That the Council meeting reconvenes to Council at 11:20 p.m. CARRIED

**2023-220- COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS / COUNCILLOR MARCH -** That the Sick Leave policy as amended this date be adopted. **CARRIED** 

## 13. Adjournment

2023-221 COUNCILLOR BURTON - That the meeting be adjourned at 11:20 p.m. CARRIED

The next Regular Meeting of Lafleche Town Council is Thursday, October 12, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

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