

TOWN of LAFLECHE

MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

November 9, 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, November 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Lincoln Harding presiding.

Present:

Mayor: Lincoln Harding

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

Administration: Scott Caister, Peter Driedger, Malcolm Bucholtz

1. Call to Order

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

2. Review of Agenda

2023-245 COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS/ COUNCILLOR BURTON: - That the agenda as amended to include item 9.18 – joint meeting date with RM #74 be approved. **CARRIED**

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

COUNCILLOR LANGMAN – payable item on A/P Batch 00125

4. Adoption of Minutes

2023-246 COUNCILLOR LANGMAN / COUNCILLOR BURTON – That the minutes of the October 12, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted as corrected. **CARRIED**

5. Delegations

Town resident Brian Wegner addressed Mayor and Council and presented his concerns over a recent incident with a dangerous dog.

Councillor Bouvier updated Mayor and Council on the recent meeting with the Southwest Transportation Committee.

6. Staff Reports

2021-247 COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS/COUNCILLOR BURTON: - That the Public Works report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

2023-248 COUNCILLOR BURTON / COUNCILLOR BOUVIER – That the Water Treatment Plant Reports be accepted as presented by Scott Caister. **CARRIED**

2023-249 COUNCILLOR LANGMAN / COUNCILLOR BOUVIER – That the CAO Report be accepted as presented by Malcolm Bucholtz. **CARRIED**

7. Mayor and Councilors' Forum

Councillor Burton cited visitor statistics for the Lafleche Museum for the Summer of 2023. Museum organizers are seeking ideas for 2024 special events.

Councillor March presented details from the recent Thomson Lake Regional Park regular meeting.

8. Unfinished Business

Efforts at establishing a charitable entity called Growing Lafleche are proceeding. This entity will be modelled on the highly successful Farm It Forward entity in the Mossbank area.

Voter materials for the November 2023 byelection have been received. The advance poll will be held November 16, 2023 and the regular poll on November 22, 2023.

A motion concerning the proposed frisbee golf project will be brought to the next Council meeting.

9. New Business

A revised *Bylaw Respecting Buildings* to replace Bylaw 446-10 was presented to Mayor and Council for further consideration.

A revised *Bylaw to Deal With Regulating Dangerous Animals Including Dogs* to replace Bylaw 396-04 was presented to Mayor and Council for further consideration.

A *Bylaw to Permit the Operation of a Golf Cart on Roadways within the Limits of the Town of Lafleche* was presented to Mayor and Council for further consideration.

A *Bylaw Respecting Snow Removal* was presented to Mayor and Council for further consideration.

2023-250 COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS/COUNCILLOR MARCH - That Professional Building Inspections Inc. (PBI) be retained as the "Building Official" for the Town of Lafleche for calendar year 2024. **CARRIED**

2023-251 COUNCILLOR BOUVIER / COUNCILLOR BURTON – That Bylaw No. 524-23 being *A BYLAW TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE LAFLECHE CURLING CLUB INC.* receive 1ST reading. **CARRIED**

2023-252 COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS / COUNCILLOR LANGMAN – That Bylaw No. 524-23 being *A BYLAW TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE LAFLECHE CURLING CLUB INC.* receive 2ND reading. **CARRIED**

2023-253 COUNCILLOR MARCH / COUNCILLOR BOUVIER – That Bylaw No. 524-23 being *A BYLAW TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE LAFLECHE CURLING CLUB INC.* be allowed a third reading at this meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2023-254 COUNCILLOR MARCH / COUNCILLOR BOUVIER – That Bylaw No. 524-23 being *A BYLAW TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE LAFLECHE CURLING CLUB INC.* receive 3RD and final reading. **CARRIED**

2023-255 COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS / COUNCILLOR LANGMAN - That Gross Electric be retained to undertake and complete work to update the electrical plug-ins in the Public Works Shop with an invoice to be dated in January 2024. **CARRIED**

2023-256 COUNCILLOR LANGMAN / COUNCILLOR BOUVIER - That M. Bucholtz be appointed Returning Officer (RO) and Deputy Returning Officer (DRO) and S. Tholenaer be appointed Poll Clerk for the November 2023 byelection. **CARRIED**

2023-257 COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS / COUNCILLOR MARCH – That correspondence be sent to RM #74 Wood River indicating two November 2023 possible dates for possible joint meeting. **CARRIED**

10. Financial

Councillor Langman left the meeting at 9:17 p.m. (Conflict of Interest Declaration) and returned to the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

2023-258 COUNCILLOR BURTON / COUNCILLOR MARCH – That the following Accounts Payable Batches be accepted.

EFT Payments of \$7659.00, AP Batch 2023-00120 of \$20,340.61, and AP Batch 2023- 0125 of \$27,300.67

2023-259 COUNCILLOR BOUVIER / COUNCILLOR BURTON – that these Accounts Payable Batches be approved for payment and signed by the Mayor and CAO. **CARRIED**

11. Correspondence

2023-260 COUNCILLOR BURTON/ COUNCILLOR MARCH – That all correspondence be accepted and filed. **CARRIED**

12. In Camera

2023-261 COUNCILLOR MARCH / COUNCILLOR BOUVIER – That the Council meeting moves in-camera to discuss employee matters at 9:20 p.m. **CARRIED**

2023-262 COUNCILLOR BURTON / COUNCILLOR MARCH – That the Council meeting reconvenes to Council at 10:13 p.m. **CARRIED**

2023-263 COUNCILLOR BOUVIER / COUNCILLOR BURTON– That 2023-237 be rescinded. **CARRIED**

2023-264 COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS/ COUNCILLOR LANGMAN– That 2023-238 be rescinded. **CARRIED**

2023-265 COUNCILLOR MARCH / COUNCILLOR BOUVIER – That 2023-241 be rescinded. **CARRIED**

2023- 266 COUNCILLOR BURTON / COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS – That an ad be posted in the Assiniboia Times seeking a short-term office assistant at a wage of \$19.50 per hour. **CARRIED**

2023-267 COUNCILLOR BOUVIER / COUNCILLOR MARCH – That Peter Driedger be offered the position of TOWN MAINTENANCE FOREMAN at a wage of \$27 per hour with a 3-month probationary

period. **CARRIED**

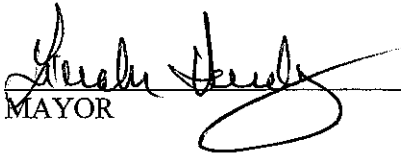
2023-268 COUNCILLOR BURTON / COUNCILLOR BOUVIER – That Dale Groves be reduced to casual status effective November 8, 2023 **CARRIED**

2023-269 COUNCILLOR LANGMAN / COUNCILLOR BURTON – That the CAO send a letter by registered mail to Town resident Kevin Robertson ordering him to permanently remove his dangerous dog from within Town limits. **CARRIED**

2023-270 COUNCILLOR MARCH / COUNCILLOR BURTON – That the owner of the property listed as Lots 10-11, Block 19, Plan CX958 be given an order to clean up the accumulation of unsightly debris in accordance with Bylaw 404-05 (Section 11).

13. Adjournment

2023-271 COUNCILLOR BURTON – That the meeting be adjourned at 10:35 p.m. **CARRIED**


MAYOR


ADMINISTRATOR

The next Regular Meeting of Lafleche Town Council is Thursday, December 14, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.