

**TOWN of LAFLECHE**  
**MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**March 14, 2024**

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, March 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Lincoln Harding presiding.

**Present:**

Mayor: Lincoln Harding

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

Administration: Scott Caister, Peter Dreidger, Sherry Tholenaer

**1. Call to Order**

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

Julie Williams arrived 7:04 pm

**2. Review of Agenda**

**3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

COUNCILLOR LANGMAN – payable item in Batch 2024-00022

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

**2024-061 COUNCILLOR MARCH / COUNCILLOR BOUVIER** – That the minutes of the February 8, 2024 Regular Meeting be adopted. **CARRIED**

**2024-062 COUNCILLOR BURTON / COUNCILLOR LANGMAN** – That the minutes of the February 29, 2024 Special Meeting be adopted. **CARRIED**

**5. Delegations**

Aaron Simard, Gravelbourg RCMP addressed Mayor and Council on the 5-year Occurrence Statistics (2019-2023) as well as the 2024 priorities.

**6. Staff Reports**

**2024-063 COUNCILLOR MARCH / COUNCILLOR BURTON:** - That the Public Works report be accepted as presented by Peter Dreidger. **CARRIED**

**2024-064 COUNCILLOR LANGMAN / COUNCILLOR BOUVIER** – That the Water Treatment Plant Reports be accepted as presented by Scott Caister. **CARRIED**

**2024-065 COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS / COUNCILLOR BURTON** – That the CAO Report be accepted as presented by Sherry Tholenaer. **CARRIED**

**7. Mayor and Councillors' Forum**

COUNCILLOR MARCH updated Mayor and Council on Thompson Lake

**8. Unfinished Business**

Disc Golf tabled to April 11, 2024 regular meeting.

**9. New Business**

**2024-066 COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS / COUNCILLOR BURTON** – That the Administrator is authorized and directed to send a formal request for a joint meeting in the Spring of 2024 to RM of Wood River #74. **CARRIED**

**2024-067 COUNCILLOR BOUVIER / COUNCILLOR BURTON** That Bylaw 527-24 being A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A BASE TAX receive a first reading. **CARRIED**

**2024-068 COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS / COUNCILLOR LANGMAN** – That Bylaw 527-24 being A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A BASE TAX receive a second reading. **CARRIED**

**2024-069 COUNCILLOR ROWE / COUNCILLOR MARCH** – That Bylaw 527-24 being A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A BASE TAX be allowed to receive a third reading. **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**2024-070 COUNCILLOR ROWE / COUNCILLOR BOUVIER** – That Bylaw 527-24 being A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A BASE TAX receive a third and final reading. **CARRIED**

**2024-071 COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS / COUNCILLOR MARCH** – That the Mill Rate for 2024 be set to 10.5. **CARRIED**

**2024-072 COUNCILLOR BURTON / COUNCILLOR MARCH** – That the 2024 Operating Budget with total revenues from operations of \$1,109,460.85 and total operating expenses of \$1,090,422.93 and reserves of \$31,403 be approved. **CARRIED**

**2024-073 COUNCILLOR LANGMAN / COUNCILLOR MARCH** – That Bylaw 528-24 being A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH COMMUNITY STANDARDS receive a first reading. **CARRIED**

**2024-074 COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS / COUNCILLOR MARCH** – That Bylaw 528-24 being A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH COMMUNITY STANDARDS receive a second reading. **CARRIED**

**2024-075 COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS / COUNCILLOR BURTON** – That PINTER & Associates Ltd. be retained to conduct the 2024, 2025 and 2026 groundwater monitoring and sampling at the municipal nuisance ground. **CARRIED**

PINTER proposes a total fixed-fee cost of \$18,990.00 (exclusive of taxes) per year. The total cost for three years, assuming the scope of work remains the same for the second and third year is therefore \$56,970 (exclusive of taxes).

**10. Financial**

**COUNCILLOR LANGMAN** left the meeting at 9:18pm

**2024-076 COUNCILLOR ROWE / COUNCILLOR BOUVIER** – That the following Accounts Payable Batches be accepted:

AP Batch 2024-00017	(EFT)	\$7,476.44
AP Batch 2024-00020	(EFT)	\$3,566.12
AP Batch 2024-00022	(cheque)	\$37,864.57
AP Batch 2024-00029	(cheque)	\$1,480.49

AP Batch 2024-00031	(EFT)	\$9,872.49
AP Batch 2024-00033	(EFT)	\$206.87

**CARRIED**

**2024-077 COUNCILLOR BURTON / COUNCILLOR MARCH** – that these Accounts Payable Batches be approved for payment and signed by the Mayor and CAO. **CARRIED**

**COUNCILLOR LANGMAN** returned to the meeting at 9:20pm

**11. Correspondence**

**2024-078 COUNCILLOR BURTON / COUNCILLOR MARCH** – That all correspondence be accepted and filed. **CARRIED**

**12. In Camera**

**2024-079 COUNCILLOR BURTON** – That the Council meeting moves in-camera to discuss employee and budgetary matters at 9:24p.m. **CARRIED**

**MAYOR HARDING** left the meeting at 9:24pm

**MAYOR HARDING** returned to the meeting at 9:33pm

**COUNCILLOR LANGMAN** left the meeting at 10:31pm

**COUNCILLOR LANGMAN** returned to the meeting at 10:43pm

**2024-080 COUNCILLOR BURTON** – That the Council meeting reconvenes to Council at 10:44p.m. **CARRIED**

**MAYOR HARDING** left the meeting at 10:45pm.

**COUNCILLOR MARCH** stepped in as the Deputy Mayor in Mayor Harding’s absence.

**2024-081 COUNCILLOR ROWE / COUNCILLOR MARCH** – That the Administrator be authorized to act on behalf of the Town in negotiations to purchase an industrial building (Listing SK956066) with a minimum bid of \$85,000 and a maximum bid of \$100,000. **CARRIED**

**MAYOR HARDING** returned to the meeting at 10:45pm.

**2024-082 COUNCILLOR BURTON / COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS** – That the Administrator hire summer employment relief staff at a rate of \$17/hour. **CARRIED**

**2024-083 COUNCILLOR ROWE / COUNCILLOR LANGMAN** – That Cathy Harding be hired at a rate of \$22/hour and 3 months’ probation. **CARRIED**

**13. Adjournment**

**2024-084 COUNCILLOR LANGMAN** – That the meeting be adjourned at p.m. **CARRIED**

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MAYOR

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ADMINISTRATOR

The next Regular Meeting of Lafleche Town Council is Thursday, April 11, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.