

R. M. OF COLDWELL
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 14,2025

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Coldwell held in the Council Chambers, Friday, February 14, 2025 at 9:00 am.

Present: Virgil Johnson, Reeve
 Bill Eyolfson, Deputy Reeve
 Grant Sigfusson , Councillor
 Gary Sherbeth, Councillor
 Celynne Miller, Councillor

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman

Agenda

Motion
22/25

Moved by: Grant Sigfusson Seconded by: Celynne Miller
BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted as prepared and circulated and amended.

Carried

b) Review of Action Items from December meeting:

- Grant & Gary were to get scope of work for grubbing road allowance; Lystmyre will be 40-50 hrs\$8500, RD 19 Sof 229 will be 40-50 hrs , Rd 21 30 hrs, Martin’s Rd- Jim going to talk to him; RM should rent a cat for this as cheaper to do ourselves
- Nicole was to get DF numbers- Approx \$110,000 still outstanding, just received reasons for deferring so need to go through it.(Celynne will assist with this)
- Gary was to do a cost estimate of Road Brushing(above)
- Grant to talk to Blaine about weed control at Ball Diamonds

Bill mentioned an item listed in AMM newsletter regarding Small Communities Infrastructure Support- CAO to look into as not sure about reference.

Minutes

Motion
23/25

Moved by: Gary Sherbeth Seconded by: Bill Eyolfson
BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of January 10 & 24 be adopted as prepared and circulated.

Carried

Council reports

Grant Sigfusson

- Mtg on the 10th & 24th
- Built hill at rink

Bill Eyolfson

- 20th- WIPD mtg
- 24th- RM Planning mtg
- CEWDG was postponed
- 11th- LUD mtg as invited , interesting and advised anyone who has questions as to the LUD to attend

Virgil Johnson

- 13th Foundation mtg
- 15th- LCRC
- 23rd- Credit Union mtg
- Fire Truck Meeting with Fire Chiefs
- Checked on Goulet Lake drain water issues
- 24th- Planning/Budget mtg
- 29th- Vet Brd Mtg
- Feb 3rd- Picked up Handivan after exhaust was fixed
- 5th- read to Kids at Daycare for I love to Read Month,
- EMO mtg with Dianne and Provincial person
- 6th- RM website mtg

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- 7th – read to Hockey Academy class- for I love to Read Month
- 11th- LUD mtg
- 12th- met with Library board to discuss Foundation info
- 13th- Foundation mtg
- Reviewed invoices at office

Celynne Miller

- 6th- Website mtg
- Slowly getting back into things and catching up

Gary Sherbeth

- Talked to Craig Miller, Fred Brandson, Lary McCaulley about brushing and piling on land- got papers signed
- Changed tires on Grader and over to the loader
- Fixed cylinder on loader
- Dealing with roads
- Library mtg.

CAO

- Airport Grant was filled out as the Municipality being the commission as I did not receive any of the information needed to fill out the application. There is also a Federal Labour report that needs to be filed- I will do that one as well.
- Northwest Interlake Health Group- what are intentions with a secretary/ recorder
- The inside cover of the Interlake Tourism book was booked, you will need to collect new photos if you want it changed.
- Attended the Aquatic Invasive Species summit- there are some requirements that will be handed down to Municipalities, but they are not finalized yet, there will be more information in the future. Will partner with Municipalities to create inspection stations but there are technicalities to it, looking at creating a unified bylaw that all municipalities will follow.
- Still have not heard back from Access Credit Union as to the possibility of ATM being left in Lundar.
- Kevin G marked a map to show areas of controlled burn for winter burn off
- Attended the Accessibility Manitoba Workshop- compliance deadline is May of 2025- we are compliant for the most part but there is more we could be doing. Applied for a grant to have an Accessibility Technician that would find all the areas that need improving in the community and create a strategic plan and budget to move forward.
- Reminder of the compliance items at the Arena for the insurance
- DFA claim has been paid except for the deferred items that we need to review – approx. \$110,000 needs clarification
- Met with the Manitoba EMO would like to set up a meeting to Introduce and discuss with all of Council. Mentioned that if there were a Regional event he felt that Lundar would be the EOC site location as we have proven we can manage it; Should have a volunteer manager as you never want to turn volunteers away; and DFA program is changing in April; suggested Federal Gov't funding for Fire Smarting; reminded to keep the RCMP updated on any of our contact changes(MEC)

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Delegations

10:00 AM Ducks Unlimited- Scott H.

- Appeared before Council to introduce the conservation Program and present a proposal of creating a conservation area within Coldwell
- Lands are pretty much already being used for that purpose but being offered to DU to create a conservation area.
- Would like to establish a cattle grazing/haying area to optimize the use of the land
- Historically DU allows public access to their properties so see no reason why the current use of land would change
- This is a possible location for Wetland/Waterfowl research
- Would like to keep current caretaker as he has history/knowledge
- This would be largest purchase of its kind in Manitoba
- It is a historical piece that is inline with DU
- In order for DU to own the land , Farm Industry Board requires municipal sign off
- Council is in agreeance and also open to a project like Oak Hammock Marsh.

Payroll
Motion
#24/25

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson Seconded by: Grant Sigfusson
BE IT RESOLVED that the January 24 payroll in the amount of \$10,123.16 and the February 7 payroll in the amount of \$9,300.95 be accepted as paid.

Carried

Acc's Payable
Motion
#25/25

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson Seconded by: Gary Sherbeth
BE IT RESOLVED that the January 9- February 11 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$128,776.67 being cheque #6554-6613, and online Payments 2025-03-2025-05 in the amount of \$13,453.22 be approved as listed and paid.

Carried

Financials
Motion
#26/25

Moved by: Gary Sherbeth Seconded by: Celynne Miller
BE IT RESOLVED that the January Budgetary controls, Income Statement and Balance Sheet be accepted as presented.

Carried

Correspondence for Action

U13 Tourn.
Motion
#27/25

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson Seconded by: Celynne Miller
BE IT RESOLVED that the RM donate \$500 to the U13 Hockey Tournament and \$500 to the Gord Johnson U18 Hockey Tournament.

Carried

Discussed that all tournaments will receive \$500 to encourage recreation.

Carnival Brkfst
Motion
#28/25

Moved by: Celynne Miller Seconded by: Bill Eyolfson
BE IT RESOLVED that the RM supply and cook the pancake breakfast for the Annual Winter Carnival in March .

Carried

Ice Fishing Tourn
Motion
#29/25

Moved by: Celynne Miller Seconded by: Bill Eyolfson
BE IT RESOLVED that the RM support the Annual Ice Fishing Tournament in the amount of \$ 500.00.

Carried

PJ Library Member
Motion
#30/25

Moved by: Virgil Johnson Seconded by: Gary Sherbeth
BE IT RESOLVED that Darlene Burke be appointed to the Pauline Johnson Library Board to replace Millie Mackie who has resigned.

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- e) History Book Reprint will cost \$149.20-\$120.20 dependent on ordered amount. ; need to put out request for interest, maybe do presales.
- f) Manitoba Water Services Board- 5 Year capital project grant applications- Will apply for lift station upgrade in 2026 for sure, look into feasibility study , make a list of definite areas that need addressing once Kevin can inspect the lines with new camera.
- g) CUPW(Canadian Union of Postal Workers – request to support their initiatives. Tabled for Council to review .

LSD V&V mtg

Motion
#31/25

h) IERHA Survey on the Eriksdale Emergency Room upgrade- Council will advise people of the survey should they wish to participate. There is already a lot of community knowledge on this.

Moved by: Celynne Miller Seconded by: Bill Eyolfson
BE IT RESOLVED that any member of Council be authorized to attend the Lakeshore School Division Vision & Voice meeting Feb 25th.

Carried

Hometown highlight

Motion
#32/25

Moved by: Grant Sigfusson Seconded by: Gary Sherbeth
BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Coldwell participate in the CFRY Hometown Highlights at a cost of \$ 1320 for the year.

Carried

M'ship renewals

Motion
#33/25

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson Seconded by: Virgil Johnson
BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Coldwell renew its Annual memberships with MB Aviation, Northern Woods& Waterways, Hudson Bay Route, MB Good Roads Association, Interlake Tourism, & AMM .

Carried

Aviation Confrnc

Motion
#34/25

l) Interlake Municipal Curling Bonspiel- no interest

Moved by: Virgil Johnson Seconded by: Bill Eyolfson
BE IT RESOLVED that Grant Sigfusson be authorized to attend the Manitoba Aviation Conference, one day session on Rural Airports, Feb 26th at a cost of \$55.

Carried

n) EMO Spring Seminars- No one available to attend in person will try to attend the virtual one.

Correspondence for Information Only – copies available on request

- a) # AMM newsletters- emailed & copied ,
- b)* RCMP Policing report- unavailable.
- c) # WIPD –minutes – Jan
- d) #CEWDG – unavailable
- e) * MTL- Budget & 5yr Capitol Plan
- f) MNR- News Bulletin- Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit
- g)# Canadian CED Network- A guide to Tax Credits

**** All filed****

By-laws/ Policies

- none

Unfinished Business

Access SE14-18-3W

Motion
#35/25

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson Seconded by: Celynne Miller
BE IT RESOLVED that Road Access to SE 14-18-3W as requested by Property owner for a basic access be denied by Council at this time due to cost.

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General Business

- a) LUD requested Council request crosswalks at the arena and the school. Council previously passed resolution for a Cross Walk at the Arena- CAO to follow up with MTL and see if rules have changed, Estimated cost was \$1,000 a few years ago; get the count done to determine numbers & maybe speed zone can be changes as well. Will try to repaint the lines and put up better signage for the one by the school.

Safety radios
Motion
#36/25

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson Seconded by: Grant Sigfusson
BE IT RESOLVED that 3 safety radios be purchased from Prairie Mobile Communications in the approximate cost of \$ 804 per radio to allow our public works to stay in contact with each other at all times.

Carried

- c) Invoice for flood protection was discussed, however Council did not request the work be performed therefore not a municipal expense. Letter will be sent to resident with an explanation.
d) Fire Smart Assessment was provided to Council and discussed – this is a means of making communities more resilient against wildfires. There is a small amount of funding for a community to acknowledge being Fire Smart. No funding to implement Fire Smarting.
e) Road Concerns- advised Council of the concern regarding sharp edges when cleaning town streets from street to backlane; need a Dry rate for equipment to rent to perform roadside brushing as mentioned in the list of action items.
f) Set up a meeting to meet the Provincial EMO person for Jan 28th at the Planning meeting if possible.

Adjourn
Motion
#37/25

Moved by: Grant Sigfusson Seconded by: Celynne
BE IT RESOLVED that we adjourn. Time 3:07pm. Carried



Nicole Christensen, C.M.M.A.
Chief Administrative Officer



Reeve Virgil Johnson