

REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 RM OF MCKILLOP #220

The **meeting** was called to order by Reeve Arndt at **8:04 am**. Administrator, **Jane Laich**, was the **recording secretary**. All councilors were in attendance. No councilor conflicts were declared.

At 8:08 am, since **20 ratepayers** were **present to observe council proceedings**, the **meeting was moved to the basement** and reconvened at 8:12 am.

1:8:13 am-8:29 am: Bo Black, the **water plant operator** at **Sun Dale Resort**, gave a **verbal report** on the **current status of the water plan operation** and **work done on the system by Municipal Utilities**.

- The screens at the inlet were cleaned.
- The suction line from the lake to the pumps is partially plugged with caked silt.
- Pumping capacity is currently about 150 US gpm.
- Usage from the water plant has been about 289,600 gals in the past 3 months.
- Due to the lower lake level part of the suction line is nearly exposed and could freeze again this winter.

2:8:29 am-8:32 am: Travis Herman, the RM maintenance manager, **submitted a written report**. A **60 ft X 80 ft heated shop** is **available for rent**. No decision was made by Council.

3. Five requests to have **residential lots consolidated** were **approved**.

4. The owner of property where the garbage bins for the OH of Alta Vista are situated, **wants to sell the property**.

5. A letter from Occupational Health and Safety requesting that, due to the interim position of the administrator, Jane Laich, she **cannot be the person appointed to the safety committee**. A **council member will have to be assigned** prior to the training session on October 11 & 12, 2018. **Council decided to defer assignment until the Thursday, September 27, 2018 meeting**.

6. A motion to **dissolve the finance committee** was **carried**. **Opposed** were **Councilors Wild and Helgeson**.

7. A motion to **dissolve the human resources committee** was **passed**. **Opposed** were **Councilors Wild and Helgeson and Reeve Arndt**.

8. A motion was **passed** to **pay** previous Administrator/Development Officer, **Crystal Mytopher, \$1,516.88**. Crystal had been on sick leave and the RM had no job position for her to return to.

9. An invoice was **submitted from Michele Cruise-Pratchler** in the amount of **\$5,950.34** for **early termination from her contract**. **Reeve Arndt** has **frequently stated** that **there was no signed contract, only a verbal agreement** for Michele Cruise-Pratchler's service. **Suddenly, when a signed contract was produced, Reeve Arndt stated, "I forgot I signed it."** **Payment** will be **withheld pending more investigation** into the matter.

10. The administrator read aloud a **letter** council received from **MLT Aikens LLP**. The letter **discussed options that council could pursue to quash the tax bylaws which were passed**. A **letter of response from RM legal counsel, Merrilee Rasmussen**, was **not read aloud**.

11. At 9:30 am Bob Schmidt and Garry Dixon addressed council with their **concerns regarding the high taxes being imposed on residential properties**. **Mr. Schmidt** reiterated the **options**, suggested in **MLT Aikens LLP's letter**, that are **available for council to take the opportunity, on their own, to quash the tax bylaws**.

Mr. Dixon emphasized that, because of a **submitted petition**, **RM council is required, by legislation, to appoint a firm to perform a forensic financial audit of the RM**.

12. At 9:52 am, Mark Strong, the **developer** wanting to develop a **campground** know as **Rowan's Ridge** addressed council. **Mr. Strong** **submitted a proposal 6 years ago** and **still has not been able to get a development permit approved by the RM**.

13. Councilor Kuderewko questioned the current status of:

- a **contract** with a company supposedly hired **to conduct an enumeration** in the RM to **determine voter population.**
- the **contract** to McNair Business Development, a firm **hired to investigate revenues versus service for different sectors of the RM.**

None of the councilors knew the status or the expenses of either of these contracts.

14. The advance poll for RM of McKillop #220 councilor and referendum voting will be:

**Saturday, October 13, 2018
Comfort Suites, 4300 Diefenbaker Drive, Regina
9:00 am to 8:00 pm**

15. Next RM meeting: Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 8:00 am

16. Meeting adjourned: 10:44 am

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about my report.

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Garry Dixon, RM of McKillop #220 ratepayer