


Minutes of the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 Annual Ratepayers' Meeting

Date: Thursday April 11, 2024, Livelong Community Center

- Call to Order: Harry Lake, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.
Chairperson Lake thanked everyone for attending the 2024 Annual Ratepayers' Meeting. He proceeded to thank Livelong and District Recreation Association for the excellent meal that was served.
- Chairman Harry Lake requested a motion to approve the agenda of April 11, 2024 Annual Ratepayers' Meeting.
- Agenda: SELLERS, ROD / CONACHER, DALE: That the April 11, 2024 Annual Ratepayers' Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED
- Chairman Lake then invited Chief Administrative Officer Shiloh Bronken to read the minutes of the 2023 Annual Ratepayers' Meeting.
- Minutes: HEGGSTROM, IAN / PILLING, JOE: That the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes be adopted as read by Chief Administrative Officer Shiloh Bronken. CARRIED
- Presentation: Chairperson Harry Lake introduced Wade Peterson and Wendy Hoffart of Access Communications Co-operative Limited to the April 11, 2024 Annual Ratepayers' Meeting at 7:29 p.m.
- Chairperson Harry Lake thanked Access Communications Co-operative Limited for attending the 2024 Annual Ratepayers' Meeting and providing information about the installation of fibre optic line into the Hamlet of Horseshoe Bay at 7:41 p.m.
- Municipal Business: Reeve Gerry Ritz thanked Harry Lake for accepting the duties of Chairperson and the Sponsors for providing door prizes. Reeve Ritz provided a verbal report with a PowerPoint presentation regarding municipal business over the last year that included the following:
- Introductions of Council, Office Staff, Outside Staff, and Protective Services
 - 2023 Completed
 - Development
 - Gravel Maintenance
 - Road Maintenance [Milling, Oil, Shearing]
 - Proposed 2024
 - Road Maintenance [Oiling, Milling, Build Up]
 - Revenues
 - Expenses
 - Projects
 - Milling, Oiling, Gravel Crushing, Bellanger Bridge Update, IT Bridge [Protective Services]
 - Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw

- Turtle Lake Water Study
- Permit Fee Study
- Phase II of the Regional CSO Program
- Equipment Purchases
 - Grader
 - Trailer
 - Mulcher Head
 - Smooth Drum Packer

Reeve Gerry Ritz thanked everyone for attending the meeting and opened the floor to any questions regarding municipal business.

Questions:

1. What is the current status of the disposal site for industrial waste?
Working with the Province to ensure that the decommissioning is taking place in accordance with the regulations.
2. Where is the sand [industrial waste] currently being taken to?
Mitchell Bros. has the contract for hauling the material to Lloydminster.
3. What is the cost of milling 100m of roadway?
RM requires 2024 data for the proper cost analysis; approximately 2 miles were milled in 2023.
4. Is a portion of the 796 Grid going to be paved this year?
Not currently in the budget as it was estimated at \$1.5M; road has gravel lock applied; the Road Committee utilizes data from the 'Armadillo' trackers to determine the best-case scenario from the base up.
5. What are the boundaries for the Community Safety Officer?
Authority is within the Rural Municipality of Mervin municipal boundaries currently; engaged in a Regional CSO – Phase II Pilot Project.
6. What was the amount of fine revenue in 2023?
\$9,000.00
7. Are the fines generated from tickets enough to offset the expenses?
2023 Financial Statement has not been finalized
Revenue - \$9,000 [Fines]
Expenses - \$170,161 [Wages, Training, Membership, Utilities, Maintenance]
Capital - \$42,085 [Radar for CSO Vehicle, IT System]
8. Does the CSO have the authority to administer a 'Breathalyzer'?
Not at this time; RCMP would be engaged at the consideration of the CSO to administer a breathalyzer; there is no longer the requirement of a 'rationale'.
9. Where is the RM at with the RV Development?
New 5-year transition permit which allows a 1-Year discretionary use permit and can be renewed up to four times for a total of five years; the permit is attached to the parcel; RM reduced the required size of principal use buildings. A number of permits have been reviewed with respect to RV use.

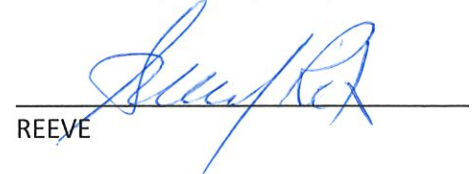
Chairperson Harry Lake brought an upcoming event to the attention of the attendees – Senior Safety Fair on May 4, 2024 at the Turtleford Fire Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a focus on fire extinguisher training, fire and falls protection, recognizing strokes and other issues, and fraud prevention awareness.

Adjournment: LARRE, LEONARD: That the 2024 Annual Ratepayers' Meeting be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

CARRIED

Date of Adoption: April 17, 2025


ADMINISTRATOR


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