

Rural Municipality of Hamiota

Minutes of the 1st Special Meeting of Council of the R.M. of Hamiota held on Tuesday November 29, 2005 commencing at 7:00 pm. Reeve Gurr and Councillors Cochran arrived at 7:15 pm, Angus, English, Kirk, Bridge and Lints were also present with the Reeve in the Chair.

1. Tax Sale Date

#1 Bridge – Lints

Resolved that Council of the Rural Municipality of Hamiota set May 10, 2006 as the Tax Sale Auction Date for the designated 2004 Tax Sale Year.

For: 6

Against: 0

Carried.

2. VOIP Phone System

Staff is currently looking at upgrading the phone system when the new office opens. The VOIP system allows a reduction of phone lines to our existing system and allow a wider variety of options like voice mail and call forwarding without the additional cost that is currently being paid. The system can be purchased outright or amortize it over a period of time that would net the same operating costs.

3. CN Railway Resolution

#2 Cochran – Angus

WHEREAS CN Railway is considering the extension of 0.9 miles of siding eastward at Oakner in the RM of Hamiota.

AND WHEREAS this extension would create a two track crossing which could create safety risks at that crossing and therefore CN has asked for the crossing to be closed.

AND WHEREAS the municipality deems it necessary for farmers to have adequate access to the loading area for producer cars.

Therefore Be It Resolved That the RM of Hamiota supports CN's plans to close public crossing number 158.78. Under the condition that CN will develop a new acceptable entrance to the producer car loading area. And that the RM has no plans to develop the unopened road allowance between Sections 9 & 10 Twp 13 Range 23.

For: 7

Against: 0

Carried.

4. Patrol Operators 2006 Wage Increases

#3 Kirk – English

Resolved that the 2006 salaries for Butch Kirk and Murray Knight be increased by the average Consumer Price Index

For: 7

Against: 0

Carried.

5. Custom Work Policy Review

Council discussed the issue of custom work and invoicing. It was agreed a policy should be prepared that indicates one invoice be sent for custom work. 90 days after that the amount should be entered on the tax roll as arrears. The policy should identify custom work rates as well. The policy should be prepared for the next regular meeting of Council.

6. Grader Tenders

Council was presented with proposals for the purchase of new graders in 2006. Each reviewed and discussed and it was suggested that the Volvo representative be invited to the next meeting of Council to discuss tires and previous warranty issues.

7. Long Term Road Reconstruction Projects

Tabled

8. Drainage

Council reviewed a draft policy and agreed with the text except that Manitoba Conservation is now Manitoba Water Stewardship and Clause 5 should require contractors to verify licensing when required.

The final policy should be brought to the next regular meeting of Council.

#4 Angus – Lints

Resolved that Council do now adjourn at 10:10 pm.

For: 7

Against: 0

Carried.

REEVE

Chief Administrative Officer