

7. CAO Reports:

- RM of Miniota – PR 264 Upgrades
- New Grader Operator
- Review Flood Situation and Request for DFA
- 2011 Gravel Budget

#4 Madsen – Lawn

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Hamiota has suffered excessive damage due to heavy rainfall associated and runoff that commenced May 31, 2011.

AND WHEREAS the heavy rainfall has damaged municipal and private property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality request to the Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization and the province of Manitoba that municipal and private property located in this municipality be eligible for Disaster Financial Assistance.

For: 6

Against: 0

CARRIED

#5 Arnold – Brown

WHEREAS overland flooding in Manitoba has become the most serious problem for the majority of Manitobans due to the millions of dollars lost each year whether by damage to personal and business property or the loss of production on agricultural lands;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are faced with the task of working with local landowners to come up with solutions to this problem while at the same time complying with legislation and regulations that the Federal and Provincial Governments are insisting on;

AND WHEREAS it is more common for feasibility studies containing technical information that can only be done by professional consultants to be required before a Water Rights License can be obtained to do any work;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Hamiota request AMM to lobby the Federal and Provincial Governments to create a fund that would be made available to municipalities to undertake feasibility studies for the purpose of obtaining Water Rights Licenses.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the proposed funding would be made available on a cost sharing basis.

For: 6

Against: 0

CARRIED.

#6 Lawn – Arnold

WHEREAS the regulatory body for pesticide (chemical & non chemical) in Canada is Health Canada's pesticide Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA). PMRA puts all pesticides through a rigorous scientific assessment process to ensure their safety for Canadians of all ages. Science is the basis for all Health Canada regulatory decisions for pesticides

AND WHEREAS a pesticide can only be registered or remain registered in Canada if any associated risks have been determined with reasonable certainty that no harm to human health, future generations or the environment when used as directed.

AND WHEREAS the 8 most commonly used Home & Garden active ingredients have undergone a rigorous re-evaluation process recently in Canada, European Union and the United States without significant changes in their use.

AND WHEREAS the Study most often quoted with regards to human health and cancer is the Ontario College of Family Physicians report of April 23, 2004. This study has been determined by several noteworthy science based organizations to not stand up to scientific rigor.

AND WHEREAS in other Provinces the ban has made an underground trade in pesticides and homeowners are forced to break the law by buying products from across the border or from their rural friends. This would lead to the possibility of greater use of unregistered products and a greater likelihood of unsafe pesticide applications.

AND WHEREAS bans that ignore the scientific evidence that existing federal regulations are based on can actually jeopardize the health & safety of the very people a government says they are trying to protect. Untested, unregistered and potentially unsafe products will be used. Infusions of rhubarb leaves or tobacco leaves in water sprayed in the garden are commonly made. This homemade pesticide is also toxic to humans and in most cases more toxic than the pesticides they are replacing.

AND WHEREAS an increase in weed populations and resulting pollen have been reported to adversely affect people with allergies and adding to health care costs.

AND WHEREAS according to a May 27, 2011 CBC story, the Manitoba Roundtable for Sustainable Development has recommended a ban to the Minister of Conservation. It was reported by CBC said that the Roundtable April report said Manitoba should prohibit “the non-essential cosmetic use of chemical insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides for residential, institutional and recreational facilities near water and all urban and rural areas”.

AND WHEREAS a cosmetic pesticide ban would adversely affect municipalities in Manitoba by increasing the cost of noxious weed control required under the Noxious Weeds Act. Also weeds in urban areas act as an abundant seed bank to infest surrounding agricultural and other natural areas. Sports fields & parks in particular would become difficult to maintain to a safe standard which would lead to sports injuries and personal injury claims.

AND WHEREAS a cosmetic pesticide ban would also adversely affect producers as their costs would also increase from additional weed infestations from these urban areas. Additionally as pesticides are continued to be used by producers but pesticides are considered, but not proven, to be “unsafe” for people, producers would be negatively impacted.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of Hamiota request that the Provincial Government not implement legislation on a Cosmetic Pesticide ban as they are not based on scientific knowledge and have a high likelihood of having a greater adverse impact on the residents of Manitoba.

For: 6

Against: 0

CARRIED.

#7 Brown – Lawn

RESOLVED that Council donate \$50.00 to the Relay For Life at Hamiota Collegiate on June 10 & 11, 2011.

For: 5

Against: 0

CARRIED.

8. Committee Reports:

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| Drainage | Lints | Assiniboine Health Comm. | Lints |
| Highways 21-24-83..... | Lints | EMO | Lints |
| Community Policing | Lints | Health Stakeholders | Lints |
| Education Stakeholders | Lints | | |

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| Agricultural Society | Angus | Joint Council Operations | Angus |
| Handi Transit | Angus | Municipal Park | Angus |
| Community Centre | Angus | | |

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| Aquatic Centre | Brown | Public Works..... | Brown |
| Hamiota Sportsplex | Brown | UARC | Brown |
| Parkland Library..... | Brown | | |

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| Rollingdale | Bridge | Sen. Citizens Park Residence | Bridge |
| District Weed Board..... | Bridge | Finance..... | Bridge |
| Age Friendly..... | Bridge | Community Foundation | Bridge |

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| Volunteer Committee | Lawn | Vet Clinic | Lawn |
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Midwest Recreation

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| Economic Development..... | Arnold | | |
| Planning District..... | Arnold | Highways 355 | Arnold |

Health Stakeholders

- Rural Week was successful again
- Trying to get EMS building underway

Community Centre

#8 Lawn – Madsen

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the hiring of Kevin Mathison as Seasonal Grader Operator effective June 6, 2011 at a rate of pay of \$16.00 per hour plus applicable benefits at their effective dates.

For: 6

Against: 0

CARRIED.

Municipal Park

- Getting repairs done in the Park

Aquatic Centre

- Opened on June 3, 2011

Public Works

- New mower hitch is being built

#9 Angus – Brown

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the cairn mowing rates for 2011 as per the attached listing.

For: 6

Against: 0

CARRIED.

#10 Lawn – Madsen

RESOLVED THAT Council appoint Brian Kirk as Citizen Representative to the Hamiota Community Centre Board of Directors.

For: 6

Against: 0

CARRIED.

Hamiota Sports Complex

- AGM is on Wednesday June 8

9. Notes and Comments:

10. Adjourn:

#11 Angus – Lawn

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Hamiota do now adjourn at 2:55 pm to meet again on July 13, 2011 at 9:00 am.

For: 5

Against: 0

CARRIED.

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Chief Administrative Officer