

MINUTES OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MERVIN #499 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: April 13th, 2021

PRESENT: Reeve Gerry Ritz (Zoom), Councillors Jim Range (1), Lyle McKee (2), Gordon Spencer (3), Ron Gramlich (4), Dave Krywchuk (5), Victor Hamm (6), and Administrators Pat Guenther and Prabhjot Lashar

DELEGATIONS: 9:30 a.m. Kerry Robertson, Foreman
10:00 a.m. Trevor Bygrove, Brad Schiller, Cameron Nedelec, Jason Wilson, Cenovus Energy (Zoom)
1:00 p.m. Yvonne Prusak, Northbound Planning Ltd. (Zoom)
1:30 p.m. Public Hearing Zoning Bylaw Amendment (Zoom)
4:00 p.m. Clayton Drewlo, Urban Systems (Zoom)

CALL TO ORDER: Deputy Reeve Gramlich called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

AGENDA: 169-21 SPENCER: That the agenda be accepted for reference. CARRIED

MINUTES: 170-21 McKEE: That the March 30th meeting minutes be adopted as circulated and read. CARRIED

BUSINESS:

Buggy Sale 171-21 KRYWCHUK: That we authorize Ritchie Brothers auction to sell the 2006 627G buggy on their online auction platform for a maximum of 2 timed auctions with a minimum of [REDACTED] bid accepted. CARRIED

Asbestos Quote 172-21 HAMM: That we acknowledge and approve the additional testing required for the Livelong Hotel, Lots 5 & 6 Plan AF4248 for a final quoted price of \$3127.95. CARRIED

Meeting with Oil Companies 10:00 a.m.: Deputy Reeve Gramlich welcomed Trevor Bygrove, Brad Schiller, Cam Nedelec and Jason Wilson from Cenovus Energy to the meeting. Discussion was held with respect to planned new drilling for Cenovus. It was indicated that due to depressed oil prices that Cenovus had no plans for drilling new traditional wells and that possibly some shut ins may remobilize. The thermal site at SPLK central will start up this fall. The second thermal plant partially constructed is on hold. If prices stay at present rates they may become more aggressive with production. They will gravel approaches as needed. They will not be providing sales oil anymore to the R.M.

Masks Outside Staff 173-21 HAMM: That we approve the purchase of 40 masks from MOBO Promotional Solutions at \$10.95 each plus GST and shipping and a \$25.00 set up fee, for outside seasonal staff. CARRIED




Brayden Smith Holdback	174-21	SPENCER: That we approve the release of the remainder of the holdback for Brayden Smith's development of \$1,220.00 as reviewed and discussed.	CARRIED
NCS Request	175-21	HAMM: That log hauling on the R.M. grid roads be allowed to resume only after freeze up, as reviewed and discussed.	CARRIED
Internship Planner	176-21	Ritz: That Council approve Reeve Ritz and the CAO to interview applicants for a planner internship position and hire an appropriate candidate.	CARRIED
Building Inspector	177-21	GRAMLICH: That we appoint Jeff Sydoruk as a residential building inspector for the R.M. of Mervin for 2021.	CARRIED
Grain Bag Recycling	178-21	KRYWCHUK: That we contact Tammy Shields from Clean Farms to attend a council meeting via zoom to discuss grain bag recycling options to enable the R.M. to provide the service to farm operations.	CARRIED
Mitchell Development Permit	179-21	McKEE: That we acknowledge the following development permit be acknowledged as approved or rejected. Mitchell/Foss, Parcel A, NW 31-53-19W3 – RTM and decks	APPROVED CARRIED
Kanmar Subdivision MR	180-21	McKEE: That we approve the proposed MR for Kanmar Resources to be located adjacent to R4 and R5 reserves, Kopps Kove as agreed upon by the hamlet board and as reviewed and discussed.	CARRIED
Zoning Bylaw Amendment Request	183-21	McKEE: That the Zoning Bylaw 94-4 shall continue to consider retaining walls as a structure, as structures are defined in the Zoning Bylaw, and thereby shall abide by all requirements for structures within the RM of Mervin.	CARRIED
Swimming Lessons Request	184-21	SPENCER: That the R.M. of Mervin sponsor the following swimming lessons: * Crystal Bay Sunset View - July 19 – 23 and July 26-30; instructors Harley Phillips and Bodi Laviolette. This is on the condition of the instructor providing proof of certification to the Municipality prior to the start of swimming lessons.	CARRIED
Councillor Range declared a conflict of interest and left council chambers at 4:11 p.m.			
Fuel Tender	185-21	KRYWCHUK: That we accept the fuel tender from the Turtleford Co-op at 1.0714 cents/litre for unleaded fuel, G.S.T. not included, for 2021.	CARRIED
Councillor Range returned to the council chambers at 4:15 p.m.			

BSRP Request	186-21	McKEE: That we advise the Bright Sand Regional Park that we will contact members of our Assessment Appeal Board and give them the information with respect to the Bright Sand Regional Parks request to use them for their Development Appeal Board. Furthermore, that it will be up to the individual board members to decide and notify the Bright Sand Regional Park directly if they are interested in acting on their behalf. Further, that we do not provide them with our Development Appeal Board Secretary to be their board Secretary.	CARRIED
Aquatic Permits	187-21	RANGE: That the following Water Security Agency Permit be approved for the Hamlet of Crystal Bay Sunset: Boat launch located at R1 between Lots 13 and 14 Block 1, Lakeshore Drive, Crystal Bay Sunset for the moving of cement pads to a new location based on an Aquatic Habitat Protection permit application made to the Water Security Agency. Approval is granted based on the permit being approved and that the applicant abides by the requirements of the Water Security Agency as indicated in their approval.	CARRIED
EMO COURSE	188-21	RANGE: That we approve the new council members to attend the EMO Introductory course that will be offered online at no cost.	CARRIED
Kanmar Resources Ltd. Subdivision	189-21	GRAMLICH: That the application from Kanmar Resources Ltd. be tabled until further information is provided on SW-35-52-19-W3M, Lots 1 & 2.	CARRIED
Acting Administrator	190-21	RITZ: That we appoint Prabhjot Lashar as Acting Administrator for the R.M. of Mervin No. 499. Furthermore, that we approve the application to the Rural Administrators Association requesting the length of time for the Acting Administrator position be extended to one year.	CARRIED
Mentor Agreement	191-21	SPENCER: That we approve the agreement with Ken Kolb to provide mentor services to Prabhjot Lashar, as reviewed and discussed.	CARRIED
Policy Amendments	192-21	RANGE: That the updated Regional Park Policy, Tangible Capital Asset Policy, and Cattle Guard Policy are approved as presented.	CARRIED
Water Operator Logs	193-21	SPENCER: That we acknowledge the March water operator logs for the Hamlets of Livelong, Spruce Lake and Evergreen Acres, Turtle Lake, as presented.	CARRIED
Mervin Cemetery Request	194-21	SPENCER: That we fund the Mervin Cemetery for the cost of 3 mowings for 2021.	CARRIED



Transfer Site Attendant	195-21	McKEE: That we approve a salary increase for Dale Drechsel, the Transfer Site Attendant, to \$18.00 per hour effective April 13 th , 2021. CARRIED
Cost of Living Raise	197-21	HAMM: That effective January 1 st , 2022, the transfer site attendants receive the yearly cost of living raise determined by council for the salaried and hourly R.M. staff. CARRIED
Correspondence	198-21	SPENCER: That the list of correspondence as attached, be acknowledged and filed. CARRIED
FINANCES:		
Receipts & Payments	199-21	McKEE: That the statement of receipts and payments for March be approved as circulated and read. CARRIED
Accounts Payable	200-21	RANGE: That the accounts payable list being Chq. #22206 to Chq. #22249 in the amount of \$177,746.99 be approved and paid. CARRIED
ADJOURN:	201-21	SPENCER: That the meeting be adjourned. 6:06 p.m. CARRIED

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