The R.M. of Ellice - Archie Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 8th, 2021 at the McAuley Municipal office.

Present:

Reeve: Barry Lowes

Councillors: Melissa Pateman JP Chartier

Angelo Fouillard Gab Huberdeau

Marla Dyke Devon Gurniak

CAO: Trisha Huberdeau

Regrets: Cheryl Kleemola

Reeve Barry Lowes called the meeting to order at 8:59 am

**Foreman Report**

*Roland: picking up construction fence from for the Simard Ave project – beginning Monday; Town truck – transfer case is shot, truck needs replaced; Skidsteer to go in for servicing/repair work; Purchased another rim and hitch for the Shulte mower; Road 166W had water go over with that big rain; Ditch cutting will begin last week of July.*

*Jaret: Mowing has begun in the South; Eaves are done on the new shop; Water leak in town is narrowed down, hope to have vac truck here next week to try and pin point it; Thrift store roof leaked during the big rain, need to inspect it yet; Loadout pump arrived and should be replaced tomorrow; Gravelling almost complete, another couple of weeks.*

**Agenda**

Resolution 160-21 (A. Fouillard / M. Dyke)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

**Minutes**

Resolution 161-21 (D. Gurniak / G. Huberdeau)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adopt the minutes from the Regular Meeting held June 10th, 2021.

CARRIED

**Accounts**

Resolution 162-21 (A. Fouillard / J. Chartier)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Ellice-Archie approves the Bank Reconciliation and cheques #7458-7559 & Direct Deposits #261 - #262 totalling $218,735.29 for the month of June 2021 be passed and paid as presented.

CARRIED.

Resolution 163-21 (D. Gurniak / M. Dyke)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council approves the Budgetary Control Status Report as of June 30th, 2021.

CARRIED

Resolution 164-21 (G. Huberdeau / A. Fouillard)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the indemnity and mileage for the Reeve and Council for the month of June 2021 be paid inclusive as the amount submitted.

CARRIED

**Committee of the Whole**

**Delegations**

**Public Hearing**

**Unfinished Business**

Resolution 165-21 (A. Fouillard / D. Gurniak)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the CAO to accept the quote from 3CTech for setting up a Network Back-up and Monitoring System as per quote sent June 14th, 2021.

CARRIED

Resolution 166-21 (G. Huberdeau / D. Gurniak)

WHEREAS the Council of the Rural Municipality of Ellice – Archie received a letter from the Russell & District Veterinarian Services Board to request the provincial government review the funds allocated towards rural veterinarians and rural veterinarian boards;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Ellice – Archie hereby supports the Russell & District Veterinarian Services Board in providing an essential and necessary service to our rural veterinarians in Manitoba;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Ellice – Archie supports the Russell & District Veterinarian Services Board to request the provincial government to create the Rural Veterinarians Enticement Fund with the view to enhance the Provincial Rural Veterinarian Services.

CARRIED

Resolution 167-21 (G. Huberdeau / M. Dyke)

WHEREAS it has been determined the trees need to be scrubbed and the fence removed from along Rd 86N and 173W in preparation for tendering the road resurfacing project on 173W;

AND WHEREAS the council is in compliance with their Tendering and Procurement Policy 3(a);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council hires Canart Backhoe for the removal of the trees and fence project in preparation for the road resurfacing project.

CARRIED

**General Business**

Resolution 168-21 (M. Dyke / G. Huberdeau)

WHEREAS The Mosaic Company has submitted a letter stating they are exercising their right and privilege to renew the Subservice Mineral Lease dated July 27th, 1966 for a further five years commencing July 27th, 2021;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council authorizes the CAO to sign and return the Mineral Lease renewal for The Mosaic Company.

CARRIED

Resolution 169-21 (M. Pateman / A. Fouillard)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council approves the CAO to hire Elmer Fleury for the 2021 season to maintain the Ste-Madeleine Cemetery for a lump sum payment of $700 for the year.

CARRIED

Resolution 170-21 (M. Pateman / A. Fouillard)

WHEREAS Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 20 to 26, 2021;

AND WHEREAS it is in the public’s interest to raise citizens’ awareness of the dangers of ignoring safety warnings at level crossings and trespassing on rail property to reduce avoidable deaths, injuries and damage caused by incidents involving trains and citizens;

AND WHEREAS Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

AND WHEREAS CN has requested the Council of the Rural Municipality of Ellice – Archie to adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Ellice – Archie supports national Rail Safety Week to be held from September 20 to 26, 2021.

CARRIED

Resolution 171-21 (M. Pateman / G. Huberdeau)

WHEREAS the RM of Ellice – Archie has established an incentive program to attract new residents and businesses to the area (By-Law #06-2015);

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Act, Section 261.2(1) states a council may by by-law establish a financial assistance program;

AND WHEREAS financial assistance means a tax credit for municipal taxes or a grant;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the application for Incentive Program Tax Credit to Roll #236850, as per application received June 10th, 2021.

CARRIED

Resolution 172-21 (A. Fouillard / M. Dyke)

WHEREAS the RM of Ellice – Archie has established an incentive program to attract new residents and businesses to the area (By-Law #06-2015);

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Act, Section 261.2(1) states a council may by by-law establish a financial assistance program;

AND WHEREAS financial assistance means a tax credit for municipal taxes or a grant;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the application for Incentive Program Tax Credit to Roll #98500, as per application received June 15th, 2021.

CARRIED

Resolution 173-21 (A. Fouillard / G. Huberdeau)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council authorizes the CAO to grant $205.00 to the MB/NW Ontario Command The Royal Canadian Legion for the Military Service Recognition Book.

CARRIED

Resolution 174-21 (M. Pateman / A. Fouillard)

WHEREAS Resolution No. 150-21 was passed and carried approving Subdivision File No: 4101-21-8265 subject to the applicant receiving all other permits and approvals required including a Variation Order for increasing the maximum site area from 10 acres to 22.2 acres and reducing the minimum parcel width from 200 feet down to the proposed 50 feet;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba Municipal Relations has requested approval from the council for the conditional use portion of the subdivision application;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council approves Subdivision File No: 4101-21-8265 as Zoning By-Law #05-2019 allows non-farm dwellings to exist within the “AG” Zone as a conditional use.

CARRIED

Resolution 175-21 (M. Dyke / J. Chartier)

WHEREAS School Boards are an important part of Canada’s political landscape and have helped build a universally accessible, publicly funded education system that is among the best in the world;

AND WHEREAS School Boards offer communities the opportunity to engage directly with local representatives and to participate in setting a vision for education. Communities can advocate for their educational values and can hold the representatives directly accountable for student achievement and a focus on equitable access to education;

AND WHEREAS School Boards reflect the values of the local community through essential programming, services and supports offered to the population they serve. Their operations are transparent and through community involvement and open dialogue they can build the trust that is necessary for good governance;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba’s proposed Bill 64 will eliminate School Boards and the critical role they play in local voices making local choices and our communities’ democratic participation in public education;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Ellice – Archie opposes the Province of Manitoba’s plans, within Bill 64 – The Education Modernization Act, to remove local democratic accountability from public education;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT it urges the Province of Manitoba to amend Bill 64, so that its legislation will maintain the right of the community to democratically elect its Local School Boards.

CARRIED

*Councillor A. Fouillard declared a conflict of interest with Agenda item 9.18 and stepped out of the meeting.*

Resolution 176-21 (J. Chartier / D. Gurniak)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council approves the construction of a machinery approach onto section SE-28-17-28 from road 100N. The Municipality will provide the culvert required with all other costs of construction to be the sole responsibility of the landowner.

CARRIED

*Councillor A. Fouillard returned to the meeting.*

**By-Laws & Policies**

**Citizen Complaints**

1. S. Pepin Hayden: The CAO presented council with complaints regarding grass, sewer line, ditch, CAO as per emails sent by S. Pepin Hayden. The CAO updated the council on her response to said emails addressing her concerns and asked council if there was any further direction from them in response to the complainant at this time.

**Committee Reports**

Fire Chief Reports / Incident Reports were reviewed and discussed.

**Communications**

FROM DISPOSITION

1. Gas Tax Fund Accelerated Payment NOTED & FILED
2. MTCML Rebate NOTED & FILED
3. NCC 2020 Projects/Tasks NOTED & FILED
4. CN News Release NOTED & FILED
5. Thank-You: Yellowhead Hockey Sponsorships NOTED & FILED

**Adjournment**

Resolution 177-21 (D. Gurniak / A. Fouillard)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn. The RM of Ellice-Archie is to meet in regular session on Thursday, Aug 12th, 2021 at 9:00 am at the Municipal Office located in McAuley, MB.

CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at: 11:50 AM

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Barry Lowes, Reeve Trisha Huberdeau, CAO