

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Russell, held in the Council Chambers, Russell, Manitoba on Monday, May 22nd, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Merril Kiliwnik presiding and Councillors Bonita Bily, Eldon Montgomery, Willis Pushka and Chris Radford in attendance.

Resolution #99/06

Moved by Councillor Bily

Seconded by Councillor Pushka

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Russell required a change in their meeting date and time for the second meeting of May;

AND WHEREAS all Councillors were provided with notice of the changed meeting date and time;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Russell approve the change in the regular meeting schedule and that the Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 23rd, 2006 be changed to Monday, May 22nd, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Carried.

Resolution #100/06

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

Seconded by Councillor Radford

WHEREAS a copy of the minutes of the last regular meeting dated May 9th, 2006 have been provided to each member of Council;

AND WHEREAS a copy of the minutes of the last regular of the Town of Russell have been posted in the municipal office;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the last regular meeting dated May 9th, 2006 be adopted as presented and amended.

Carried.

Resolution #101/06

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

Seconded by Councillor Radford

The Council of the Town of Russell approves payment from the Town of Russell General Account, at the Vanguard Credit Union Ltd., Russell Branch, of Cheque #14695 to Cheque #14743 inclusive in the amount of \$51,352.39.

Carried.

Resolution #102/06

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

Seconded by Councillor Bily

THAT By-law No. 1464/07/06 of the Town of Russell to establish a Public Recreation Commission and to repeal By-law No. 1451/02/05 be introduced and read a first time.

Carried.

Resolution #103/06

Moved by Councillor Bily

Seconded by Councillor Radford

That the Council of the Town of Russell accept the tender of Russell Redi-Mix Concrete dated May 16th, 2006 to supply and stockpile 1000 cubic yards of crushed Traffic Gravel, Class "A" at a price of \$11.50 per cubic yard, to supply and stockpile 400 cubic yards of winter sand at a price of \$10.00 per cubic yard and to supply and stockpile 100 cubic yards of crushed rock at a price of \$22.00 per cubic yard plus applicable taxes.

Carried.

Resolution #104/06

Moved by Councillor Radford

Seconded by Councillor Pushka

WHEREAS it is necessary for the Town of Russell to hire certain seasonal and casual employees for 2006;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council approves the hiring of the following persons and their rate of remuneration:

Mitchell Kuhl	Grounds Maintenance	at a rate of \$8.10/hr.
Christine Huberdeau	Grounds Maintenance	at a rate of \$8.10/hr.
		Carried.

Resolution #105/06

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

Seconded by Councillor Pushka

WHEREAS the Manitoba Water Services Board has requested the Town of Russell for a list of projects for consideration by Manitoba Water Services Board over the next 5 years;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Russell continues to have maintenance problems with its primary source of water i.e. the Town wells;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Russell sewage lagoon requires an expansion and upgrade;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Russell requires that its water plant be expanded and upgraded;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Russell provide the following projects and estimated costs to Manitoba Water Services Board for the next 5 year period:

1. Lagoon renovation & expansion for a total cost of \$300,000.
 2. Replacement of town well for a total cost of \$50,000.
 3. Water plant upgrade & expansion for a total cost of 1.1 million.
- Carried.

Resolution #106/06

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

Seconded by Councillor Bily

That the Town of Russell approve the request of Lana Miller for permission to close Mather Street from Centennial Crescent on the west end to Scarth Street on the east end on Wednesday, June 21st, 2006 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Carried.

Resolution #107/06

Moved by Councillor Bily

Seconded by Councillor Montgomery

WHEREAS scleroderma is a mystery disease that affects thousands of Canadians; and

WHEREAS scleroderma can disfigure, disable and kill; and

WHEREAS featuring June as Scleroderma Awareness Month raises public awareness about the disease and the need for research to eradicate it;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Merril Kiliwnik, Mayor on behalf of the Council of the Town of Russell hereby proclaims June as Scleroderma Awareness Month in Russell, Manitoba.

Carried.

Resolution #108/06

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

Seconded by Councillor Radford

That the Town of Russell accept the resignation of Cheryl Pushka as Animal Control Officer for the Town effective June 30th, 2006 with regret.

Carried.

Resolution #109/06

Moved by Councillor Pushka

Seconded by Councillor Radford

WHEREAS the Town of Russell has adopted By-law No. 1366/09/98 to regulate nuisances and derelict, abandoned and unsightly property;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 2(a) of the By-law states that Council may by resolution authorize notice in writing to be provided to individuals contravening the by-law;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Russell instruct the C.A.O. to provide notice to the following property owners:

John Carr 133 Prospect Avenue

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the notice indicate that clean up must be completed by May 26th, 2006 or it will be subject to Subsection 2(c) and 2(d) of By-law No. 1366/09/98.
Carried.

Resolution #110/06

Moved by Councillor Pushka

Seconded by Councillor Radford

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AND WHEREAS Subsection 2(a) of the By-law states that Council may by resolution authorize notice in writing to be provided to individuals contravening the by-law;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Russell instruct the C.A.O. to provide notice to the following property owners:

Mark Nernberg 200 Russell Street E.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the notice indicate that clean up must be completed by June 2nd, 2006 or it will be subject to Subsection 2(c) and 2(d) of By-law No. 1366/09/98.
Carried.

Resolution #111/06

Moved by Councillor Bily

Seconded by Councillor Pushka

WHEREAS a number of small urban communities currently operate lime soda ash filtering water plants;

AND WHEREAS the complexity of the chemical process involved in the operation of lime soda ash plants has resulted in many of the facilities being designated as Class 3 or Class 4 water treatment facilities as per provincial legislation;

AND WHEREAS training on Class 3 or Class 4 facilities is not being provided by Red River Community College or Assiniboine Community College;

AND WHEREAS municipal employees have expertise and ability in operating lime soda ash plants sufficient to create consistent potable water for communities but may not have the educational and theoretical background to pass certification exams;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AMM lobby provincial government to ensure that training beyond courses designed to pass certification exams be offered so that Class 3 or Class 4 water plant operators can obtain sufficient background and knowledge to effectively and efficiently operate the facilities.

Carried.

Resolution #112/06

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

Seconded by Councillor Bily

WHEREAS provincial legislation mandates that municipalities are required to ensure that all staff dealing with water distribution and sewage collection systems are certified in order to be able to work on water line and sewer line repairs;

AND WHEREAS employees working as public works labourers involved with sewer and water repairs tend to be entry level employees and thus more transient than supervisory positions;

AND WHEREAS training costs are significant especially in rural Manitoba where travel, accommodations and tuition can result in total costs of over \$1,000 per person per course;

AND WHEREAS private contractors hired by the municipality to complete sewer line or water line repairs are not required to be certified nor are they required to employ certified labourers to work on the job site;

AND WHEREAS supervision by the municipality of a job site is sufficient to meet provincial legislative requirements with regards to private contractors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AMM be requested to lobby the provincial government to change the requirement that all municipal employees involved in sewer line and water line repairs be certified and that the need for certification be limited to a municipal supervisor on the job site.

Carried.

Resolution #113/06

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

Seconded by Councillor Radford

That the financial statement for the month of April, 2006 as submitted to and examined by Council be approved.

Carried.

Correspondence was then read and considered.

Council adjourned.

Adopted this 13th day of June A.D., 2006.

Mayor, Town of Russell

C.A.O., Town of Russell