

THE VILLAGE OF MACOUN

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MACOUN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Tuesday June 13, 2023

Mayor Suzanne Kuchinka

Councillor Vince Martin

Councillor Dave Schindel

Councillor Judy Sovdi

Councillor Frank Schaefer

CAO Carmen Dodd-Vicary

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Kuchinka called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda:

MOTION 2023/80 by Sovdi THAT, the agenda is approved as presented. Seconded by Kuchinka. CARRIED

3. Delegations:

Discussion was held with Todd Dougall regarding widening his driveway.

Discussion was held with Marnell Eagles regarding her outstanding utility bill for her property at Lot 13-14 Block 21 Plan T549 as well as her request for an exemption to the reconnection fee outlined in Bylaw No. 1.23.

Annie Fehr not in attendance.

MOTION 2023/81 by Kuchinka THAT, Todd Dougall be allowed to widen his driveway to his property at Lot 1 Block 26 Plan T549 with Village Foreman supervision, Village will provide culvert. Seconded by Martin. CARRIED

MOTION 2023/82 by Sovdi THAT, Council forgive November 1 – December 31, 2022 utility bill and interest for Lot 13-14 Block 21 Plan T549. DEFEATED

MOTION 2023/83 by Martin THAT, Council forgive all interest accrued, \$32.16, on the November 1, 2022 - February 7, 2023 utility bill for Lot 13-14 Block 21 Plan T549. CAO draft letter to property owner confirming new balance owing and stating no exemption will be given to Bylaw No. 2.23 Section 1 as the water service was on so fee for services remains owing, outstanding balance is due by June 30, 2023 or interest will begin accruing once again. Seconded by Sovdi. CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes and Bills to be Paid:

MOTION 2023/84 by Kuchinka THAT, the May 9, 2023 meeting minutes be approved as presented and the May 31, 2023 bills in the amount of \$79,242.10 are approved as presented. Seconded by Sovdi. CARRIED

5. Policies and Bylaws:

MOTION 2023/85 by Kuchinka THAT, Council approve the Village Safety Policy and Safety Manual as presented as working documents. Seconded by Schaefer. CARRIED

6. Unfinished Business:

MOTION 2023/86 by Martin THAT, Council approve building permit for a shed to be built on Lot 3-4 Block 17 Plan T549, as presented, no building inspector required. Seconded by Sovdi. CARRIED

TABLE SUMA Benefit Update for July Meeting.

MOTION 2023/87 by Sovdi THAT, a yield sign be placed on Michel Ave at the Appleton Ave intersection. Seconded by Martin. DEFEATED

MOTION 2023/88 by Schaefer THAT, Council approve putting the following items in the Estevan Motor Speedway Auction June 17, 2023: 2011 Road Boss Grader, 2018 Pendulum Spreader, Gas Ice Auger, Fire Extinguishers, Scot Air Packs, extra parts from water plant. Seconded by Schindel. CARRIED

TABLE Fire Pit for July Meeting.

MOTION 2023/89 by Kuchinka THAT, Council not allow an exemption to Bylaw No. 1/06 regarding overgrown grass and weeds at Lot 1-5 & 13-18 Block 22 Plan T549 and Lot 1-6 Block 27 Plan T549. No Seconder. DEFEATED

MOTION 2023/90 by Sovdi THAT, CAO send letter to owner of Lot 1-5 & 13-18 Block 22 Plan T549 and Lot 1-6 Block 27 Plan T549 stating that grass must be cut or bailed, bails to be removed immediately, no later than June 30, 2023. Seconded by Schaefer. CARRIED

TABLE Apple Shot Archers SaskLotteries request for funding for a decision at the July 2023 meeting.
Councillor Martin declared Conflict of Interest in the matter of Town Hall Funding Request. Council Martin left the building while discussion was taking place.

MOTION 2023/91 by Kuchinka THAT, Council offer 4 hours of admin office time to research grant opportunities for the Town Hall to be used for renovations to the front stairs and possible accessibility upgrades. Seconded by Sovdi. CARRIED

TABLE Ditch/Culvert to Appleton Ave/John St. for July meeting with a written plan.

TABLE South Wall until the Foreman and Councillor Martin can open it and take a better look.

MOTION 2023/92 by Kuchinka THAT, CAO send a copy of the legal agreement for the well to the land owner where the well is located and a letter stating that if they have water pressure issues, contact the neighbor directly north of them first to see if they are also having pressure issues, if they are not, call the Village office and leave a message for personal to look into the matter at their earliest convenience. Seconded by Schaefer. CARRIED

7. New Business:

TABLE Village Cutting Grass on Non-Developed Roadways for July Meeting.

MOTION 2023/93 by Kuchinka THAT, Village contract out the grass cutting to Lot 1 Block 31 Plan 101260639, Lot 1-4 Block 19 Plan T549, Lot 1-5 Block 29 Plan T549, Lot 1, 2, 5, 6 Block 30 Plan T549, Lot 10-11 Block 12 Plan T549 and Lot 3-4 Block 30 Plan T549. CAO draft letter to owner of Lot 3-5 Block 18 Plan T549 stating that weed whipping must be completed no later than one week after letter date. Seconded by Sovdi. CARRIED

Mayor Kuchinka declared Conflict of Interest in the matter of Flowers for Planter Boxes. Mayor Kuchinka left the building while discussion was taking place.

MOTION 2023/94 by Sovdi THAT, Council approve donating \$300.00 to Colleen Fox to purchase flowers for beautification in Macoun. Seconded by Martin. CARRIED

MOTION 2023/95 by Kuchinka THAT, Council hire Lucas Neufeld for the summer maintenance worker position at minimum wage, duties and hourly schedule to be decided between Forman, CAO and Mayor Kuchinka. Seconded by Schindel. CARRIED

TABLE Gravel on O'Connor Ave/Youngberg Ave until grading of all streets has been completed.

MOTION 2023/96 by Kuchinka THAT, Council approve the Vicary Family Reunion to be held in the Rec Hall August 5-7, 2023 with non-sales of alcohol during the weekend long event. Seconded by Schaefer. CARRIED

MOTION 2023/97 by Kuchinka THAT, Council hire Carey Eagles with TRZ Tree Care and Landscaping, under the Foreman's supervision, to remove the tree stumps and dead caraganas from the Macoun Cemetery. Seconded by Schaefer. CARRIED

8. Correspondence:

TABLE Building Inspector appointments until July meeting.

TABLE Midale Daycare for Fall 2023.

MOTION 2023/98 by Sovdi THAT, Council approve sending Mayor Kuchinka to the Mayor Summit being held in Regina August 17-18, 2023, cost of registration and travel expenses covered by the Village. Seconded by Martin. CARRIED

9. Adjournment:

MOTION 2023/99 by Kuchinka THAT, meeting is adjourned at 9:10pm. CARRIED

Mayor

Administrator