

TOWN OF NIVERVILLE

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Niverville Town Council held on October 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the West Ballroom of the Niverville Heritage Centre. In attendance were Mayor Myron Dyck, Deputy Mayor John Funk and Councillors John Falk, Kevin Stott, and Chris Wiebe.

Res#297-15 J. Funk – C. Wiebe
In Camera BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 152(3) of the Municipal Act, that council meet in camera.
“Carried”

Res#298-15 J. Falk – K. Stott
Resume BE IT RESOLVED that the committee meeting of the Council in camera be adjourned;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council while in camera met with Staff Sgt. Ron Poirier who provided an update on policing activities within the Town.
“Carried”

A delegation from Recreation Hockey met with Council to discuss the merits of moving forward as an organization, separate from the current parent group – Clipper Ice Sports (CIS). Council advised that should that avenue be pursued, to consider seeking the counsel of individuals who have already started an organization. Several contact names were also provided.

Mayor Myron Dyck on behalf of Town Council and Mel Buhler on behalf of the Niverville Chamber of Commerce were pleased to award the Volunteer Appreciation Award for the month of October 2015 to John, Bonnie and Tom Schmitke. The Schmitkes, owners of Niverville Bigway, as true community supporters generously volunteer their products for fundraisers, school programs, charities, and local community events, contributing to the success of projects that help make Niverville such a great place to live.

Res#299-15 C. Wiebe – J. Funk
Agenda BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be approved as presented subject to the following addition:
New Business – Organization of Council
“Carried”

Res#300-15 C. Wiebe – J. Falk
Minutes BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular council meeting held on October 6, 2015 be accepted as presented.
“Carried”

A Public Hearing was held at 7:14 p.m. regarding Conditional Use application C7-15, an application from Niverville Community Fellowship Church (NCF) to allow the installation of an illuminated double-sided identification sign displaying the church name and logo, together with a double sided LED display sign. The sign is proposed to be located in the SW parking lot, along the west property boundary adjacent to 2nd Avenue S., on Lot 15, Block 7, Plan 19956, civically known as 85 2nd Street S. CAO Jim Buys provided an overview of the proposal.

Lee Ann Giesbrecht, resident of 73 2nd Avenue S., brought forward a letter of opposition outlining her concerns for public safety and quality of life. Representatives from NCF advised that the Church will have control over the level of brightness/timing and that the sign will not encroach on Town air space. Council concurred to table this decision until further research can be completed.

Res#301-15 J. Funk – J. Falk
Added Taxes BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 326 of The Municipal Act, that supplementary taxes as provided by the Manitoba Assessment Services dated October 6, 2015 is hereby added to the Tax Roll.
“Carried”

Res#302-15 J. Funk – J. Falk
Advertising BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the purchase of two Christmas advertising packages to be broadcast/posted during the upcoming holiday season as follows:
a) Mix 96 – thirty six–10 second Christmas Greetings within Christmas Unwrapped, airing December 1-25, 2015 at a cost of \$300 plus applicable taxes; and
b) SteinbachOnline.com – text greeting and linking of Town logo featuring exposure in rotation on the Homepage, Weather Page and Local News pages (approx. 30,000 impressions) during November 30-December 26, 2015, at a cost of \$300 plus applicable taxes.
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a \$50 discount be applied to the purchase of these greeting packages as per Golden West Radio’s promotion package.
“Carried”

Council concurred to the following:
1) That authorization for installation of a culvert along the CPR tracks, west of the Prairie Crossings development be tabled until 2016; and
2) That Council members may choose to attend the RM of Hanover Festive Meet and Greet on December 3, 2015.

Res#303-15 J. Falk – C. Wiebe
Authorize BE IT RESOLVED that a member of Council is authorized to attend the 40th Annual Manitoba Conservation Districts Conference on December 7-9, 2015 in Brandon.
“Carried”

Res#304-15 J. Funk – J. Falk
Accounts BE IT RESOLVED that cheques nos. 32762 to 32884 totalling \$2,446,423.36 be hereby approved for payment.
“Carried”

Res#305-15 J. Falk – C. Wiebe
August F.S. BE IT RESOLVED that the August 31, 2015 Financial Statement be accepted as presented.
“Carried”

Council concurred that their 2016 Planning Session will be held on January 15-16, 2016 in Winnipeg.

Res#306-15 K. Stott – J. Falk
Auditor WHEREAS the Municipal Act Section 184(1) requires Council to annually appoint an auditor to carry out the duties of an auditor with respect to the municipality;
AND WHEREAS The Exchange has provided Auditing Services for the Town since 2004 and are requesting an extension of their current contract to include the three years ending December 31, 2015, 2016, and 2017;
AND WHEREAS the three year extension of the existing terms of the audit engagement would be subject to fee increases to \$8,285 in 2015, \$8,525 in 2016, and \$8,775 in 2017 plus 5% administrative charge and applicable taxes;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town extend the Audit Contract with The Exchange for three years ending December 31, 2015, 2016, 2017 in the amount of \$8,285 for 2015, \$8,525 for 2016, and \$8,775 for 2017 plus 5% administrative charge and applicable taxes, based on the continuity of service.
“Carried”

Members of Council completed the Disclosure of Personal Interest.

Council concurred to table the organization of Council portfolios until the November 3, 2015 Council meeting.

Council took a short recess.

Res#307-15 K. Stott – J. Funk
In Camera BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 152(3) of the Municipal Act, that council meet in camera.
“Carried”

Res#308-15 J. Falk – C. Wiebe
Resume BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting of the Council in camera be adjourned;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council while in camera discussed development and personnel matters respecting long term plans for the development of the community.
“Carried”

Res#309-15 J. Funk – K. Stott
Adjourn BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned. (10:10 p.m.)
“Carried”

Mayor

CAO