

The regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blucher, #343 was held in the Municipal Office, Village of Bradwell, on March 16, 2005 commencing at 8:00 a.m.

Those in attendance were Reeve Dan Greschuk, Councillors Gary Garman, Quintin Senger, Terry Fonstad, Dale Chysyk, Lin Mitchell and Francis Boehm.

77-2005 - Chysyk

Minutes

That the minutes of the previous regular meeting held February 9, 2005 be adopted as read.

Carried.

Discussion Arising out of Minutes

? ? E. Hill disability update

? ? Spring Ratepayers Meeting

? ? Gebhard Street Closure – PCL G Hamlet of Blucher

Ratepayer
Supper

78-2005 - Fonstad

Further to Resolution 58-2005 that we also invite a representative from the Sask Ag, Agri-business development branch to speak on Sask Ag's Business Advisory and Business Plan Service.

Carried.

Kannigan
Subdivision

79-2005 - Senger

Further to Resolution 72-2005 passed February 9, 2005, that we approve the subdivision of PCL G, Block 2, Hamlet of Blucher.

Carried.

Monthly
Statement

80-2005 - Garman

That the statement of Assets, Liability, Revenues and Expenditures for the month of February, 2005 be approved as read.

Carried.

Bills

81-2005 - Fonstad

That we approve for payment, the following bills and accounts:

Cheque	Name	Account	Amount
Dir Pay	Jim Duncan	Salary	1,065.39
Dir Pay	Dave Harbinson	Salary	720.71
Dir Pay	Christina Jensen	Salary	595.98
Dir Pay	Henry Latta	Salary	1,352.96
Dir Pay	Robert Thurmeier	Salary	1,839.02
1232	Canada West Truck Centre	Cap Exp – Gravel Trailer	48,676.86
1233	SGI	Plates for Gravel Trailer	878.00

Dir Pay	Mark Adam	Salary	160.13
Dir Pay	Jim Duncan	Salary	1,065.39
Dir Pay	Dave Harbinson	Salary	800.50
Dir Pay	Christina Jensen	Salary	595.98
Dir Pay	Henry Latta	Salary	1,463.56
Dir Pay	Robert Thurmeier	Salary	1,839.02
1234	Edna Manz	Janitorial	350.00
1235	Revenue Canada	Benefits	6,442.69
1236	Municipal Employees Pension Plan	Benefits	2,024.86
1237	Saskatoon East School Div.	Collections	2,509.61
1238	Sask. Municipal Hail Association	Collections	879.60
1239	Sask Power	Power & Energy	1,121.87
1240	Sask Tel	Phone	526.25
1241	Rogers AT&T	Cel Phone	121.98
Dir Pay	Mark Adam	Salary	160.13
Dir Pay	Jim Duncan	Salary	1,203.95
Dir Pay	Dave Harbinson	Salary	720.71
Dir Pay	Christina Jensen	Salary	595.98
Dir Pay	Henry Latta	Salary	1,291.90
Dir Pay	Robert Thurmeier	Salary	1,839.02
1242	Sask Power	Power	83.30
1243	Village of Bradwell	Water & Sewer	183.32
1244	Robert Thurmeier	Meetings	2,862.77
1245	Julie Poelzer	Casual Labour	100.00
1246	SAMA	Registration Fee	120.00
1247	Success Office Systems	Office Supplies	108.97
1248	Sask Gazette	Assm't Roll Advertising	30.00
1249	Queen's Printer Revolving Fund	Sask Gazette Subscription	133.75
1250	MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman	Legal Fees - Decert	449.67
1251	Danka Office Imaging B9226	Copier Maintenance	105.76
1252	Robertson Stromberg	Legal Fees – Sun Est	98.67
1253	Glen Graham Dean	Audit Fees	2,850.00
1254	R & M Computer Systems	Computer Software	1,140.00
1255	Agricultural Health & Safety Network	Membership Fees	936.00
1256	Sask Workers' Comp Board	WCB	2,709.29
1257	Rogers	Cel Phones	121.98
1258	Hank's Service Ltd.	Bylaw Enforce Truck Repair	9.51
1259	MuniCode Services Ltd.	Plan Reviews – File # 694505	353.10
1260	Brandt Tractor Ltd.	644 E Loader Repair	890.22
1261	Sharp Auto Trim Saskatoon Inc.	Western Star Truck Repair	57.00
1262	Jubilee Ford	Foreman Truck Repair	578.39
1263	Redhead Equipment Ltd.	Truck Repair	615.26
1264	Canada West Truck Centre	Western Star Truck Repair	203.61
1265	Kleysen Transport Ltd.	Truck Repair	2,975.49
1266	Admore Coop	Oil	75.22
1267	Clark's Supply and Service Ltd.	Shop Supplies	137.79
1268	First Filter Service	Filters	74.10
1269	SGI	License Plate Renewal	588.00
1270	Industry Canada	Radio License Renewal	639.00
1271	Ter Ray Services	Shop Maintenance	58.85
1272	Canadian National	Crossing Maintenance	1,284.21
1273	Shelley Boyenko	Waste Site Supervision & Supplies	983.03
1274	Town of Allan	Waste Site Charges	225.50
1275	Loraas Disposal	Waste Site Collection	2,252.30
1276	Aim Electric Ltd.	Sunset Tankfill Repair	833.47
1277	Minister of Finance	Water Testing	80.25
1278	Sask Water	Water	16,988.21

1279	Adele Medernach	Meeting Expense	80.00
1280	Petty Cash	Petty Cash	95.25
1281	Citi Commerce Solutions	Office Supplies	185.54
1282	RM of Lost River # 313	Grader Supplies	900.00
			<u>Carried.</u>

Administrator's Report

- ? ? 2004 Audit
- ? ? Cellular Telephones Policy 3.8.1
- ? ? February 28, 2005 Fire District Meeting
- ? ? First Responders
- ? ? March, 2005 SARM Convention
 - ? ? Education Tax on Ag Property
 - ? ? Clear the Path Committee
 - ? ? Rodent Control
- ? ? Employee Agreement
- ? ? Road Closure SSW 25-36-3 W3
- ? ? Snow Plow Agreements
- ? ? O/S business licenses
- ? ? Water rates – Bylaw 4-2005
- ? ? Office Clock

2004 Audit

82-2005 - Garman

Pursuant to a recommendation from our auditor, that the following outstanding cheques be written off and credited to misc. revenues:

Chq # 7525	April 13, 1999	\$ 50.00
Chq # 8610	Nov 15, 2000	\$163.17

Carried.

Cellular Telephone Policy

83-2005 - Mitchell

That we amend the following policy effective March 16, 2005:

- ? ? Policy 3.8.1 Cellular Telephones

Carried.

First Responders

84-2005 - Boehm

Further to Resolution 29-2005 passed January 5, 2005 that we delete Les and Linda Alm from the Allan First Responder List.

Carried.

Federal Celebrate Sask Funding

85-2005 - Fonstad

That we make application for “Canada Celebrate Saskatchewan” funding to be used for improvements to fire halls servicing the RM

Carried.

Employee Committee

86-2005 - Chysyk

That we authorize the employee committee to meet and attempt to negotiate a collective agreement with the outside employees, as represented by the Operating Engineers, and then bring the agreement back to Council for ratification.

Carried.

87-2005 - Boehm
 Temporary Closing of Road Further to Resolution 171-2001 and 35-2003, that we request Sask Highways extend the road closure SSW 25-36-3 W3 for another 2 year period.
Carried.

88-2005 - Senger
 Snow Plow Agreements That the Reeve and Administrator be authorized to sign the following snow plow agreements:
 ? ? Herb Hunt
Carried.

89-2005 - Fonstad
 Bylaw 4-2005 That a Bylaw be introduced to amend Bylaw 3-95 being a Bylaw with respect to water services by the Rural Municipality and to fix the tariff of charges and the general terms and conditions on which water service will be supplied by the Rural Municipality of Blucher, No. 343.
Carried

90-2005 - Garman
 Bylaw 4-2005 That Bylaw 4-2005 being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 3-95 being a Bylaw with respect to water services by the Rural Municipality and to fix the tariff of charges and the general terms and conditions on which water service will be supplied by the Rural Municipality of Blucher, No. 343 be read a first time.
Carried

91-2005 - Mitchell
 That Bylaw 4-2005 be now read a second time.
Carried.

92-2005 - Chysyk
 That Bylaw 4-2005 be given three readings at this meeting.
Unanimously Carried

93-2005 - Boehm
 Bylaw 4-2005 That Bylaw 4-2005 as annexed hereto and forming a part of these minutes be now read a third time;
 and further, that Bylaw 4-2005 being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 3-95 being a Bylaw with respect to water services by the Rural Municipality and to fix the tariff of charges and the general terms and conditions on which water service will be supplied by the Rural Municipality of Blucher, No. 343 as annexed hereto and forming a part of these minutes be now adopted, sealed and signed by the Reeve and Administrator.
Carried.

Tankfill
Rates

94-2005 - Garman

That we set the following rates at the Municipal tankfill:

- ? ? tankfill serviced by Sask Water \$ 8.50/1,000 gallons
- ? ? tankfill not serviced by Sask Water \$ n/c/1,000 gallons

Carried.

Correspondence

95-2005 - Garman

That the following correspondence, having been read, now be filed:

- a) G. Dean, Auditor – 2004 financial statements
- b) Prime Minister – reply to Resolution #324-04 declaring a disaster area
- c) Federal Minister of Ag
? ? reply to Resolution #324-04 declaring a disaster area
- d) Alice Allen – Christ Church-Patience Lake improvement
- e) Town of Allan – Allan 2005 event
- f) SARM – Home map project
- g) Sask Gov't Relations – Res Subdivision PCL A & B NW 6-35-3 W3
- h) Sask Justice – 2005 RCMP rates
- i) Sask Ag – Weed Inspector Clinic
- j) Sask Power – power line W22, WSW 27-35-1 W3
- k) Donna Haupauer, MLA
? ? community volunteer medal
? ? crystal meth petition
- l) CFIA – BSE surveillance testing
- m) Beef Initiative Group - beef processing facility
- n) NFU – farm organization support
- o) APAS – Newsletter
- p) V & E Falkenberg – domestic rat production
- q) Ducks Unlimited – forage program
- r) L. Yelich, MP – 2005 federal budget speech
- s) Center for Labour – Discipline & Discharge Workshop
- t) Skill Path Seminars – Manager & Supervisor Conference

Carried.2004
Audit

96-2005 - Senger

That the Reeve and Administrator be authorized to sign the letter of understanding with our auditor, Mr. Glen G. Dean, with respect to this RM's 2004 audit.

Carried.

- RM
Audit
- 97-2005 - Mitchell
Pursuant to Section 7 a) of the RM Act, that we accept the 2004 Auditor's Report and Financial Statements as presented by the Reeve.
Carried.
- Christ Church
- 98-2005 - Boehm
That this RM approve the upgrading of the windows and doors to the Christ Church-Patience Lake Heritage Property.
Carried.
- Sask Power
Crossing
- 99-2005 - Mitchell
That Sask. Power be granted permission to install a power line on municipal right of way at the following locations:
 ? ? W 22-35-1 W3
 ? ? WSW 27-35-1 W3
Pursuant to the following:
 ? ? In such cases where it is necessary to bury the said power line in a municipal road allowance or cross a municipal road allowance, that Sask. Power invest the entire cost of any future alteration to the said power line in order to facilitate rural municipal road improvement or reconstruction.
Carried.
- BIG Proposal
- 100-2005 - Garman
Whereas it is recognized by all levels of government within Canada that Canada presently lacks sufficient capacity to slaughter and process the cattle produced in Canada;
And Whereas all levels of government within Canada, as well as Canadian beef producers and consumers, recognize that it is not in the long-term economic interests of the Canadian economy in general and the Canadian beef industry in particular to rely on foreign-owned packers to slaughter and/or process Canadian cattle;
And Whereas various levels of government within Canada have allocated in excess of 2.5 billion dollars in order to assist the Canadian cattle industry to overcome the adverse effects of the BSE crisis;
And Whereas despite such unprecedented levels of financial support, no new, Canadian owned, high volume cattle slaughter facilities have been constructed in Canada since the BSE crisis commenced;
And Whereas the BSE crisis has had a devastating economic and social impact upon communities throughout Saskatchewan and Canada;
And Whereas as a result of the adverse effects of the BSE crisis, Canadian cattle producers presently lack the financial resources to construct a high-volume beef slaughter facility in Canada;
And Whereas Beef Initiative Group – Canada has proposed a producer-owned beef processing facility to be centrally located in Western Canada;
Now Therefore, Be It Resolved That
The Rural Municipality of Blucher, #343 hereby supports Beef Initiative Group in their efforts to have a producer-owned, high volume beef slaughter and processing facility established in Western Canada and urges the Government of Canada to provide appropriate levels of financial assistance, in such form and manner as shall be necessary, to accomplish the construction of such a facility.
Carried.

Crime
Stoppers

101-2005 - Mitchell
That we participate in Crime Stoppers & Sask Tip for 2005.

Carried.

Bylaw Enforcement/Pest Control Officer Report

- ? ? Bylaw Enforcement/Sign Maintenance
- ? ? Pest Control
 - ? ? yard visit update

Councillor's Report

Reeve Greschuk

- ? ? Foreman's performance evaluation March 4, 2005
- ? ? Spring snow removal off back roads
- ? ? RM 313 parts purchase
- ? ? Degelman Mower invoice
- ? ? Convention report
 - ? ? Disappointed in SARM Convention
 - ? ? No Coordination
 - ? ? No vision nor direction
 - ? ? Non government parties permitted campaign time
 - ? ? Road Boss scraper
- ? ? 257 exchange

Councillor Garman

- ? ? J. Hewitt Fence Line ENE 3-34-1 W3
- ? ? Convention Report
 - ? ? Hudson Bay Route Association
 - ? ? Milligan bio-diesel fuel conditioner

Councillor Senger

- ? ? Summer road sign – E 16, 21-34-2 W3
- ? ? Increasing fuel prices

Councillor Fonstad

- ? ? Highway 16 twinning route
- ? ? Wind River Servicing Agreement
- ? ? Wobbly packer rental
- ? ? Waste material gasifier pilot project

Councillor Chysyk

- ? ? Spring road damage
- ? ? Prairie Home road maintenance

Councillor Mitchell

- ? ? Convention Report
- ? ? Foreman's performance evaluation report

Councillor Boehm
 ? ? Waste transfer station operations

257
 Exchange

102-2005 - Fonstad
 In order to facilitate economic development in the municipality, that we request Sask Tel include the “257” Allan exchange in the greater Saskatoon exchange thereby removing the onerous long distance charges that are deterring new businesses from locating in the RM.

Carried.

Hudson Bay
 Route
 Association

103-2005 - Boehm
 That we participate in the Hudson Bay Route Association.

Unanimously Carried.

Foreman’s Report

- ? ? March 15, 2005 Occupation Health & Safety workshop inspection
- ? ? Road Maintenance
- ? ? Divisional tour with Councillors
 - ? ? each councillor to prepare a list of work in their divisions
 - ? ? copy of the list to be given to the foreman and a list to be presented at the next council meeting for ratification
- ? ? Employees
 - ? ? Employee recall
- ? ? Equipment Maintenance
 - ? ? Gravel truck safety inspections
- ? ? 2005 Gravel
 - ? ? 51,500 yds of base on hand

Employee

104-2005 - Senger
 That the following employees be hired full time, at the wage category, terms and effective date as follows:

<i>Employee</i>	<i>Effective Date of Recall</i>	<i>Wage</i>	<i>Job Description</i>	<i>Terms</i>
Mark Adam	April 4, 2005	16.16	Equipment Operator III	
James Dueck	April 4, 2005	16.16	Equipment Operator III	
Dennis Lark	April 4, 2005	16.16	Equipment Operator III	
Henry Latta	April 4, 2005	17.90	Equipment Operator IV	
Robert Robertson	April 11, 2005	15.76	Equipment Operator III	First operating season probation

Carried.

Interviews:

- ? ? Residential Subdivision & Development Application
 - ? ? G. Nemetchek – PCL A & B NW 6-35-3 W3
 - ? ? G. Nemetchek in attendance
 - ? ? no objections

? ? Allan Churko, Sask Highways

- ? ? Highway #16 Twinning at Clavet
- ? ? Sask Highways has recommended option 2D

- ? ? Paul Leblanc
- ? ? Yard access construction W 24-36-1 W3
- ? ? Summer 2005 construction
- ? ? \$8,000 estimate to extend access road south 0.5 km

- ? ? Bond Custom Mowing
- ? ? Custom mowing

- ? ? Phippen Services Ltd.
- ? ? Custom mowing

Subdivision
NW 6-35-3 W3

105-2005 – Fonstad
 Pursuant to Part III, Section 2 and Schedule A, Section A.2 (d) i) & B 1 (b) of Zoning Bylaw 4-2001 and Section 2.3 (c) of the Municipality’s Basic Planning Statement Bylaw 3-2001, that since public notice was given and no objections received, that Gary Nemetchek’s multi parcel country residential discretionary use application and application to subdivide a 39.79 acre PCL A and a 39.79 acre parcel PCL B from the NW 6-35-3 W3 be approved providing as follows:
 ? ? cash in lieu of \$100 for Parcel B is received,
 ? ? fire protection development levy of \$1,000 per parcel is received
 ? ? recreation services development levy of \$500 per parcel is received

Carried.

Highway #16
Twinning

106-2005 – Fonstad
 Further to Resolution 267-2004 that we advise Sask Highways that if the Highway 16 twinning at Clavet functional planning study option 1b is not an option for approval by Sask Highways, and only option 2c & 2d are being considered, that this municipality prefers option 2d.

Unanimously Carried.

Custom
Mowing

107-2005 – Garman
 Due to Bond Custom Mowing only being available before July 25, August 10-15 and late October, 2005, that Resolution 55-2005, passed February 9, 2005 be rescinded;
 And further that we contract B. Phippen Services Ltd., Saskatoon, Sask., to perform ditch mowing services for this municipality at the following rates:
 ? ? \$56.00 per mile 1 pass each side
 ? ? \$98.00 per mile 2 passes each side
 ? ? \$134.00 per mile 3 passes each side
 providing the full cut operations are commenced and completed in mid-late September, 2005.

Councillor Boehm requested a recorded vote:

- Div 1 – In Favour
- Div 2 – In Favour
- Div 4 – In Favour
- Div 5 – In Favour

Div 3 – Opposed
Reeve – In Favour

Div 6 – Opposed

Carried.

Adjourn

108-2005 - Fonstad
That this meeting of Council adjourn.

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator